



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court August 11, 2026 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on August 11, 2026, in the Travis County Administration Building, Commissioners Courtroom, 700 Lavaca Street, 1st Floor, Austin, TX, Dyana Limon-Mercado County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Alicia Tovar.

Present: County Judge Andy Brown
Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
Commissioner Precinct 4 George Morales

Public Communication

Members of the Court heard from:

Ryan Poppe, Legislative Director, CWA Local 6154
Susan Welbes, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources
Management Department (HRMD)
Shannon Steele, Benefits Manager, HRMD

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: Judge Brown wished happy birthday to staff member, Sara Groff.

Clerk's Note: Commissioner Howard extended the invitation to all county employees, friends, and family to the Round Rock Express Baseball Game happening on August 12th, 2026.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Items 2, 3, 5, 7, 8. a-e., 9, 12, 13. a-g., 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23. a., 24, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 a-d., and 33.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, George Morales

Resolutions & Proclamations

1. Approve a proclamation recognizing Prairie A&M University on its 150th Anniversary celebrating its historic legacy. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

Maggie Johnson, County Extension Director, Prairie View A&M University
Peter Agboola, County Extension Agent, PVAM
Gregory Bowens, Alumni, PVAM
Scott Dye, Alumni, PVAM
Dallas Bailey, Health and Human Services
Tony Hansen, Alumni, PVAM

MOTION: Approve Item 1.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, George Morales

Auditor

2. Approve payment of claims by the County Treasurer. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

3. Receive Fiscal Year 2025 financial audit reports for Emergency Services Districts 8, 13 and 16. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Emergency Services

4. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following:

- A. Outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Travis County

Members of the Court heard from:

Gary Howell, Fire Marshall, Emergency Services

MOTION: Approve an order prohibiting outdoor burning effective until September 29, 2026.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 George Morales
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, George Morales

- B. County response to natural disaster or other emergencies, including but not limited to necessary measures and actions related to the disaster or emergency, including Travis County's response, operations, policies, emergency assistance, agreements, preparedness for future flood events and other disasters, and measures necessary to preserve public health and safety and rehabilitation of property, and applicable orders, declarations or resolutions, and authorization for expenditure of funds and contracts related to disaster response, preparedness and recovery efforts (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 4.b. would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

5. Consider and take appropriate action approving the Interlocal Agreement between the County of Travis, the County of Williamson, the City of Austin, the City of Georgetown, Emergency Services District 1, and Emergency Services District 2 for automatic emergency medical services aid. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

6. Consider and take appropriate action on the appointment of Kristy Quigley to the Emergency Services District (ESD) Board of Commissioners #8. (Commissioner Howard)

MOTION: Approve Item 6.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, George Morales

Health & Human Services

7. Consider and take appropriate action to approve and ratify Amendment 4 to the Fiscal Year 2026 interlocal agreement with Integral Care for substance use disorder managed services (SAMSO). (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Intergovernmental Relations

8. Consider and take appropriate action on the following grant Letters of Intent, contracts and related special budgets, and permissions to continue:
- A. Award Agreement for the 2026-2027 Americorps grant within Health & Human Services
 - B. Application request from Travis County District Attorney's office for the Improve the Criminal Justice Response to Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program (ICJR) solicited by the Office of Violence Against Women
 - C. Application from Travis County Juvenile Probation Department (TCJPD) for the FY2027 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (ILA) with Integral Care for the Community Partners for Children Program
 - D. Award Agreement for the 2026-2027 National School Lunch/Breakfast Program and USDA Commodity Program grant within the Travis County Juvenile Probation Department
 - E. Any other necessary grant applications, letters of support or grant awards attached to Commissioners Court backup for this Agenda item (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

9. Consider and take appropriate action on appointments to the Travis County Children's Protective Services Board. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

10. Consider and take appropriate action on the draft Grants Administration Policy governing the application for, and use of, grant funds by Travis County offices and departments. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Julie Wheeler, Officer, Intergovernmental Relations Office (IGR)
Dashiell Daniels, Travis County Grants Administrator, IGR

MOTION: Approve Item 10.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 George Morales
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, George Morales
ABSENT: Brigid Shea

Innovative Justice & Program Analysis

11. Update to the Court on the Diversion Center/Central Intake Design Project. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Laura Peveto, Director, Office of Children Services, Health and Human Services (HHS)

Courtney Lucas Bissonnet, Strategic Advisor, HHS

Deborah Ann Cohen, Research Associate Professor, University of Texas at Austin

Danny Smith, Behavioral and Health Program Director, Travis County Sheriff's Office

Dawn Handley, Chief Operations Officer, Integral Care

Tyronne Jolly, Program Manager Senior, Justice Planning

Hans Maverick, Policy and Research Organizer, Grassroots Leadership

Melissa Shearer, Public Defender Mental Health, Travis County Public Defender's Office

Sonja Burns, Advocate

Antonio Renaud, Advocate, Grassroots Leadership

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Planning & Budget

12. Authorize the County Treasurer to invest County funds. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

13. Consider and take appropriate action on budget amendments, transfers and discussions items, including but not limited to the following listed items, and any other necessary budget amendments and transfers attached to Commissioners Court backup for the agenda item:

- A. Request from Transportation and Natural Resources to establish a new budget of \$1,322,325 in the General Fund (0001) for revenue related to tree mitigation

- B. Request from Juvenile Probation to establish a new budget in Fund 2060 of \$166,347.28 for revenue received by Juvenile Probation related to the Regionalization Program
- C. Request from Juvenile Probation to establish a new budget in Fund 2060 of \$11,352 for revenue received by Juvenile Probation related to the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program
- D. Request from the Facilities Management Department (FMD) to transfer \$1,300,000 of realized vacancy savings from the personnel budget to the Department's Maintenance and Operations Division operating budget so that maintenance services can be provided to County facilities for the remainder of the fiscal year
- E. Request from the County Clerk's Office for \$1,120,797 from an Earmark against the Allocated Reserve to cover estimated start-up costs for the November 2026 General Election
- F. Request from the County Auditor's Office for \$3,931,410 from a \$4,185,648 Earmark against the Allocated Reserve to fund the implementation cost of the second phase of the SAP migration to cloud
- G. Request from the Planning & Budget Office for \$75,000 from the Allocated Reserve to fund an economic analysis and feasibility study related to a request from the City of Austin to participate in a TIRZ for the proposed Dogs Head development in southeast Travis County (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 14. Consider and take appropriate action on an order accepting and approving a service plan update to the 2026 amended and restated service and assessment plan, specifically, an updated Improvement Area #1 Assessment Roll for the Longview 71 Public Improvement District. (Commissioner Morales)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 15. Consider and take appropriate action on an order accepting and approving the annual service plan update to the 2024 amended and restated service and assessment plan, including an updated assessment roll and updated buyer disclosures for the Bella Fortuna Public Improvement District. (Commissioner Morales)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 16. Consider and take appropriate action to approve text of notice of 2027 Tax Year (Fiscal Year 2026) proposed tax rate for Travis County. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

MOTION: Approve Item 16.

RESULT: **APPROVED – UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 George Morales

AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, George Morales

17. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to approve the Northeast Community Advisory Committee charge, design, composition, selection process, CAC recruitment outreach strategy and use of allocated project budget for the procurement of a facilitator to support the project. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing

18. Receive bids from County Purchasing Agent. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

19. Approve Modification No. 2 to Contract No. 4400007956 with Austin Mac Haik Ford Lincoln LTD dba Mac Haik Ford Lincoln, estimated requirements, for auto parts, repair, and maintenance. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. Approve contract award for Implementation Services SAP System Migration to S/4HANA with Rise, RFP No. 126-LC, in the amount of \$3,931,410.00, to the highest-ranked respondent, Phoenix Business, Inc. dba Phoenix Business Consulting. (Auditor's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Approve Modification No. 5 to Contract No. 4400005066 with Guidehouse, Inc., in the deductive amount of \$247,512.15, for COVID-19 Management & Grant Compliance Consulting Services. (Planning & Budget Office) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

22. Approve termination of Contract No. 4400008293 with Gulf Coast Trades Center, for Residential Treatment Services. (Juvenile Probation) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

23. Consider and take appropriate action on the following Personnel Amendments:

A. Routine Personnel Actions (Commissioners Travillion & Morales)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

24. Approve Interlocal Agreement between Travis County and The University of Texas at Austin ("UT"), in the amount of \$40,095.00, for internet connectivity services.
(Commissioners Travillion & Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

25. Consider and take appropriate action on Fiscal Year 2027 employee compensation.
(Commissioners Travillion & Morales)

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, Planning and Budget Office

Susan Welbes, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources
Management Department

Nathan Fernandes, Planning Project Manager, Health and Human Services

David Cruz, Member, AFSCME 1624

Brian Summer, President, AFSCME 1624

Ben Suddaby, Member, AFSCME 1624

RESULT: DISCUSSED

26. Consider and take appropriate action related to elected official salaries and approval of advertisement for Proposed Changes to Elected Official Salaries for Fiscal Year 2027.
(Commissioners Travillion & Morales)

Members of the Court heard from:

Susan Welbes, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources
Management Department

MOTION: Approve this advertisement.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, George
Morales

27. Determine the composition of Elected Officials Salary Grievance Committee for Fiscal Year 2027, as required by Texas Local Government Code §152.014 & §152.015. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Rebecca Zapata, Chief Deputy, Records, Travis County Clerk's Office
(TCCO)

Deborah Mendez-Rendon, Chief Deputy, Courts, TCCO

Susan Welbes, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources
Management Department

MOTION: Approve a committee composed of the Sheriff, County Tax-Assessor Collector, County Treasurer, County Clerk, District Clerk, County Attorney or Criminal District Attorney, and three public members.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 George Morales

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, George Morales

Transportation & Natural Resources

28. Consider and take appropriate action on the Fiscal Year 2027 Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (CapMetro) for transit services in the unincorporated urbanized areas of the County. (Commissioners Travillion & Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

29. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to use a Cash Security Agreement for environmental fiscal security for the FM 812 Market Expansion project, in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Morales)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

30. Consider and take appropriate action on comments for submission to the Environmental Protection Agency regarding proposed revisions to Minor New Source Review Program Air Permitting Public Participation Requirements for State Implementation Plans. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

31. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to use a Cash Security Agreement for environmental fiscal security for the Electric Avenue Phase 3 project, in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

32. Consider and take action to approve four license agreements for use of Early Voting and Election Day polling sites for the November 3, 2026 Joint General and Special Elections:
- A. Ben Hur Shrine Center
 - B. Genesis Presbyterian Church
 - C. Riverbend Centre
 - D. Westminster Presbyterian Church (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

33. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the license agreement to use Sawyer Hall as an election worker training site for the November 3, 2026 Joint General and Special Elections. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

34. Approve the minutes for the July 7, July 14, July 21, and July 28, 2026, Voting Sessions. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

35. Consider and take appropriate action on board and committee assignments and appointments for Commissioners Court members. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Kate Garza, Chief of Staff, County Judge's Office

Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, Health and Human Services

MOTION: Approve these appointments as provided on backup with the following changes 1) CAPCOG will change from Judge Brown to Commissioner Shea for appointee one 2) CAPDS (Oversight Board) will change from open to Commissioner Morales 3) Capital Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS) will change from open to Commissioner Travillion 4) CUC will change from open to Commissioner Shea, CUC TechShare will change from open to Commissioner Shea. Corporations will be President (Judge Brown), Vice-President (Commissioner Travillion), Secretary (Commissioner Howard), Treasurer (Commissioner Morales), Assistant Secretary (Commissioner Shea). Sobering Center will go from open to Commissioner Morales.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, George Morales

MOTION: The two members of the Purchasing Board are Commissioner Travillion and Commissioner Shea.

RESULT: **APPROVED-UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 George Morales
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, George Morales

36. Consider and take appropriate action on a Written Agreement regarding services between the City of Austin and Travis County relating to the City's annexation of right-of-way, including portions of Hergotz Lane, Thompson Lane, Edwin Lane, Dalton Lane, and Ramirez Lane, that are contiguous to or connect to the recently annexed Dog's Head area, in Precinct Four (*This item may be taken into Executive Session under Texas Government Code sections §551.071, Consultation with Attorney and §551.072, Real Property exceptions*). (Commissioner Morales)

Judge Brown announced that Item 36 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Gov't. Code Ann. 551.072, Real Property.

MOTION: Approve Item 36.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 George Morales
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, George Morales

Executive Session

The Commissioners Court will consider the following items in Executive Session. The Commissioners Court may also consider any other matter posted on the agenda if there are issues that require consideration in Executive Session and the Commissioners Court announces that the item will be considered during Executive Session.

Note 1: Gov't Code Ann 551.071, Consultation with Attorney

Note 2: Gov't Code Ann 551.072, Real Property

Note 3: Gov't Code Ann 551.074, Personnel Matters

Note 4: Gov't Code Ann 551.076, Security

Note 5: Gov't Code Ann 551.087, Economic Development Negotiations

Note 6 Gov't Code Ann 551.089, IT Security

Note 7: Gov't Code Ann 551.0745, Deliberation by Commissioners Court about County Advisory Body

Note 8: Gov't Code Ann 551.089, security personnel/critical infrastructure

37. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding Travis County security and information security issues.^{1,4 & 6} (Commissioner Travillion & Howard)

Judge Brown announced that Item 37 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, Gov't. Code Ann. 551.076, Security, and Gov't Code Ann 551.089, IT Security.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

38. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding a letter of intent related to a possible acquisition of a property in North Austin, Texas.^{1&2} (Commissioner Shea)

Judge Brown announced that Item 38 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Gov't. Code Ann. 551.072, Real Property.

MOTION: Approve a non-binding letter of intent related to a possible acquisition of a property in North Austin, Texas for the County Judge's signature as discussed in executive session.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, George Morales

39. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding offers received from private property owners for the sale of real property and easement rights affiliated with various parcels of land necessary for infrastructure improvements planned to Juniper Trail in Precinct Three.^{1&2} (Commissioner Howard)

Judge Brown announced that Item 39 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Gov't. Code Ann. 551.072, Real Property.

MOTION: Authorize TNR (Transportation and Natural Resources) to further negotiate with private property owners for the sale of real property and related access rights affiliated with 5 parcels of land necessary for infrastructure improvements planned for Juniper Trail located in Precinct Three and authorize TNR staff to execute the agreements up to the limits discussed in executive session.

RESULT: APPROVED – UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, George Morales

Clerk's Note: Commissioner Howard clarified that this is in the Sandy Creek Area.

40. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding Del Valle Independent School District Subawards No. 4400006293 and 4400007302 for the provision of the Dual Language Pre-Kindergarten Program.¹ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 40 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge