



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court August 25, 2026 Voting Session

**Minutes Prepared by the Travis County Clerk
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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on August 25, 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:
Laura Seaton, Administrative Associate, Technology and Operations
Shannon Steele, Benefits Manager, Human Resources Management Department

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: There were no County Announcements.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Items 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15. a-d; f-g., 16, 17. a-f., h-i., 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 26, 27. a-b., 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36. a-g., 37, and 38.

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

Public Hearings

1. Receive comments on District Clerk's Fiscal Year 2027 Records Management Plan. (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

2. Receive comments regarding setting the salaries of elected officials for Fiscal Year 2027. (Commissioners Travillion & Morales)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.

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

Members of the Court heard from:

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

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

Resolutions & Proclamations

3. Approve a proclamation honoring Medical Mission at Home for its exceptional community service and dedication to providing healthcare resources to Travis County residents. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

4. Consider and take appropriate action on a Resolution regarding Travis County's concerns about the quality of drinking water provided to the Austin Colony Subdivision. (Commissioner Morales)

Members of the Court heard from:

Emily Auckland, Division Director, Transportation and Natural Resources
Kiersten Ivy, Environmental Program Manager, TNR
Bianca Guerrero, Travis County Resident
Susana Almanza, Executive Director, PODER

MOTION: Approve Item 4.
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

Auditor

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

6. Receive revenue and expenditure reports, and other statutorily required reports, for the month of June 2026 from the County Auditor's Office. The reports are submitted electronically as allowed by local government code §114.023 (a) and prescribed by the County Auditor. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Emergency Services

7. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following:

A. Outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Travis County

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

- 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)

Members of the Court heard from:

Gary Howell, Fire Marshall, Emergency Services

Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, Transportation and Natural Resources

Judge Brown announced that Item 7.b. would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

8. Consider and take appropriate action to approve an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (ILA) and pLTE Service Addendum with Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) to provide County access to LCRA's private LTE network for control and monitoring of stream gauges, sirens, and other equipment related to the County's compliance with Senate Bill 3. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

9. Receive a briefing from Travis County Emergency Services District Fire Chiefs and Travis County Emergency Management on wildfire mitigation, preparedness, and response, ahead of the 2026 wildland fire season. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services
Robert Abbott, Chief, Emergency Services District #6 (ESD#6)
Ken Bailey Chief, Emergency Services District #11 (ESD #11)
Nick Perkins, Chief, Emergency Services District #2 (ESD #2)
Tony Haden, Assistant Chief, Emergency District #8 (ESD #8)

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Health & Human Services

10. Consider and take appropriate action to approve and ratify Modification 10 of the interlocal agreement with the Ray Marshall Center at the University of Texas for workforce development evaluation services. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

11. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the Consent by Lien Holder, for Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation ("TSAHC"), a Texas nonprofit corporation, to grant a Replacement Electric Distribution Utility Easement to the City of Austin, on that property being described as Lot 8, FRANK STARK SUBDIVISION, a subdivision in Travis County, Texas, according to the map or plat of record in Volume 4, Page 199, of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, SAVE & EXCEPT that 0.148 acre tract described in Document No. 2023046520, Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas. Being the same property described in Special Warranty Deed recorded in Document No. 2023084858, said Consent as required pursuant to the subaward to FC Juniper Creek Housing LP for the Juniper Creek Apartments SHIP Development (Contract Number 4400007106). (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

12. Consider and take appropriate action to approve an extension of the Interlocal Agreement between Travis County and the City of Austin for the provision of Public Health Services, Contract #4400001726 through September 30, 2026, to allow continuation of services and contract negotiations (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

13. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the renewal of the Travis County CDBG Home Rehabilitation Program Subrecipient Agreement ("Contract") with Meals on Wheels and More, Inc., dba Meals on Wheels Central Texas ("MOWCTX"), funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

14. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the standard Homeowner Agreement for the HUD-funded CDBG Owner-Occupied Septic System Rehabilitation Program and authorize the TCHHS County Executive or designee to execute agreements with eligible homeowners. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Intergovernmental Relations

15. 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 Fiscal Year 2027 Children's Mental Health Initiative grant within Health and Human Services
 - B. Modification request from Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources for the Fiscal Year 2023 Safe Streets for All grant program
 - C. Modification request from the Travis County Sheriff's Office for the Fiscal Year 2026 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority grant program
 - D. Award Agreement for the Fiscal Year 2027 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority grant within the Travis County Sheriff's Office

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- E. Award Agreement for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, DR-4485 solicited by the Texas Department of Emergency Management

Members of the Court heard from:

Dashiell Daniels, Travis County Grants Administrator, Intergovernmental Relations Office
Gabe Mahlum, Parks, Assistant Director, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)
Clay Bales, Part Forester, TNR

MOTION: Approve Item 15.e.

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

F. Modification request from Health and Human Services for the Fiscal Year 2025 Weatherization Assistance Program

G. 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

Planning & Budget

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

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

- A. Request from Juvenile Probation to establish a New Budget in Fund 2060 of \$10,073,290.10 for revenue received by Juvenile Probation related to funds from the Texas Juvenile Justice Department for State Fiscal Year 2027
- B. Request from Juvenile Probation to establish a New Budget in Fund 2060 of \$97,500.92 for revenue received by Juvenile Probation related to the Regionalization Program for Fiscal Year 2026 eligible expenses
- C. Request from Health and Human Services to Establish a New Budget in Fund 2034 of \$4,678.61 for Revenue Received by Health and Human Services Related to the Texas Gas Service – Share the Warmth Program

- D. Request from Transportation and Natural Resources and the Auditor's Office to Transfer \$555,389.87 from the Allocated Reserve of Fund 4083 to the Department to allow for a technical reclassification of expenses
- E. Request from Transportation and Natural Resources to transfer \$30,000 from a \$243,000 Earmark Against the Allocated Reserve for a Grant Match related to the FEMA Wildfire Mitigation Grant and use the remainder \$213,000 of the Earmark, \$213,000 for a Fiscal Year 2027 Earmark against the Allocated Reserve for Phase Two of this grant that will be placed on future changes list for the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget
- F. Request from Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR) to transfer \$426,496.83 for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2026 in Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) park fees to the General Fund (0001), representing net park fees as included in the annual revenue estimate provided by the County Auditor's Office

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- G. Request from Health and Human Services (HHS) to Create 1.0 SPW Executive Director for the Family Justice Center effective August 25, 2026, to support the program funded from an ILA with the City of Austin approved on July 28, 2026, that will reimburse annual expenses up to \$250,000 with eligible expenses initially covered by HHS's existing budget

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)
 Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
 Elizabeth Whited, Division Director, Travis County Attorney's Office (TCAO)
 Drew Tonjes, Analyst, PBO
 Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, Health and Human Services
 Lucio Del Toro, Deputy Chief, TCAO
 Delia Garza, Travis County Attorney, TCAO

MOTION: Approve Item 17.g.
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

- H. Request from the Facilities Management Department (FMD) for \$1,685,037.94 from the Capital Acquisition Resources (CAR) Reserve to replace project funds that were inadvertently liquidated and added to the CAR Reserve

- I. Request from the Technology and Operations Department (TOPS) for \$198,545 from the Allocated Reserve within the Justice Court Security Fund (0136) to purchase baggage screening devices for Justices of the Peace, Precincts 1-4 (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

18. Receive an update on the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (LFRF) program and consider and take appropriate action regarding the transfer of project savings (*This item may be taken into Executive Session under Government Code section 551.071*). (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

19. Receive budget agenda worksheet for Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Mark-up, and set a deadline for submission. (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 19.

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

Purchasing

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Approve exemption and Contract No. 4400008809, with Council on At-Risk Youth, in the amount of \$350,000.00, for Violence Prevention Services. (Juvenile Probation Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

22. Approve contract award for FY2024 and FY2025 High Density Mineral Bond, IFB No. 207-PH, in the amount of \$1,915,404.80, to the low bidder, Andale Construction, Inc. (Transportation and Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Declare items surplus property and sell at public auction pursuant to Local Government Code, Section 263.152(a)(1). (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

24. Approve contract award for Traffic Control Services, IFB No. 226-BH, as needed, to the low bidder, Superior Traffic Control, LLC. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

25. Approve Modification No. 1 to Contract No. 4400007520 with Reliance Architecture, LLC, in the amount of \$634,670.00, for the ADA Transition Plan for Retrofits. (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

26. Approve exemption and Contract No. 4400008881, with Austin Enterprise DC LLC, in the amount of \$1,386,121.09, for Lease Space for Redundant Co-Location for Backup Data Storage. (Technology & Operations) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

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

- A. Routine Personnel Actions
- B. Non-Routine Personnel Actions (Commissioners Travillion & Commissioner Morales)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

28. Consider and take appropriate action on a license agreement with Worthy Voices, a Texas non-profit corporation, to periodically use two offices at the County-owned Ray Martinez Building located at 4011 McKinney Falls Parkway, Austin, Texas 78744. (Commissioner Morales)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

29. Consider and take appropriate action on change in signatories for TexPool Investment and Tax Office Chase Accounts Resolution amending authorized representatives. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Morales)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

30. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the license agreement between Travis County and Disco Presents Inc to use the County property located at the Exposition Center on 7311 Decker Lane, Austin, Texas. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

31. Consider and take appropriate action on an automobile total loss claim recommendation for the date of loss of July 22, 2026. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

32. Consider and take appropriate action on an automobile total loss claim recommendation for the date of loss of June 16, 2026. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

33. Approve setting a public hearing on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, to receive comments regarding the temporary detour and restriction of all traffic near the intersection of Old San Antonio Road and Puryear Road beginning on or about Wednesday, September 16, 2026, and continuing through Sunday, February 21, 2027, or until work is complete in Precinct Three. (Commisioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

34. Consider and take appropriate action on the Amendment of the Construction and Traffic Mitigation Agreement between SRPF E/Elroy 130, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, and Travis County for the traffic mitigation associated with the proposed Elroy 130 development, in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Morales)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

35. Approve the corrected minutes for the July 22, 2025 Voting Session due to a scrivener's error. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

36. Consider and take action to approve seven license agreements for use as Early Voting and Election Day polling sites for the November 3, 2026 Joint General and Special Elections:

- A. Balcones Bingo
- B. Christ Episcopal
- C. Peace Lutheran Church
- D. Round Rock ISD
- E. Shops at Arbor Walk
- F. Westlake United Methodist Church
- G. Westoak Woods Baptist Church (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 37. Consider and take appropriate action to approve Amendment One to Contract No. 22-C-0083, a contract extension of the Integrated Child Support System Cooperative Agreement between the Office of the Attorney General and the Travis County Domestic Relations Office for Child Support Community Supervision Services. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 38. Consider and take appropriate action to approve Amendment Two to the Integrated Child Support System Agreement 22-C-0089, a contract extension to the Cooperative Agreement between the Office of the Attorney General and the Travis County Domestic Relations Office for Child Support Community Supervision Services. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Clerk's Note: The Court held a moment of silence for Dolly Parton.

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

39. 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 39 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

40. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding the acquisition of approximately 3.46 acres of land in connection with the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan in Precinct Three.^{1&2} (Commissioner Howard)

Judge Brown announced that Item 40 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: Accept an offer received for purchase of approximately 3.46 acres of land in connection with the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan located in Precinct 3 as 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

41. Receive legal briefing and authorize County Attorney and/or Risk Manager to accept, reject, or counter settlement offer, and take appropriate action in Cause No. D-1-26-000940, *Rafael Reyes v. Travis County*; In the 126th District County, Travis County, Texas.¹ (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

42. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action to authorize the Travis County Attorney to initiate legal action, intervene in pending litigation, or file amicus briefs, as appropriate, in connection with any lawsuit, Executive Order, regulation, mandate, or policy issued by the Executive Branch of the federal government, the State of Texas, or their respective officers, relating to the 2026 Election.¹ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 42 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

MOTION: Authorize the Travis County Attorney to initiate legal action, intervene in pending litigation or file amicus briefs as appropriate in connection to any lawsuit, executive order, regulation, mandate or policy issued by the executive branch of the federal government, the State of Texas, or their respective officers relating to the 2026 election.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

43. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding mediation results in Civil Action: 1:24-CV-144-RP, *Philip Nadeau, et al. v. Travis County, Texas, et al.*; In the Western District of Texas, Austin Division.¹ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 43 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

MOTION: Approve the mediator's settlement proposal of \$515,000 and authorize the risk manager to sign and execute settlement documents on behalf of the Commissioners Court in Civil Action: 1:24-CV-144-RP, *Philip Nadeau, et al. v. Travis County, Texas, et al.*

RESULT: **APPROVED-UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

44. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding Cause No. D-1-GN-25-009885, *Shane Saum et al vs. The Travis County Commissioners Court et al*; In the 98th Judicial District Court, Travis County, Texas.¹ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 44 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

45. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding Section 1.021 of the Travis County Code, including but not limited to section 1.021(c) Criteria for Qualifying Names, regarding the Renaming of County Parks.¹ (Commissioners Travillion & Morales)

Judge Brown announced that Item 45 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