



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court January 5, 2021 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on January 5, 2021, in the Travis County Administration Building, Commissioners Courtroom, 700 Lavaca Street, 1st Floor, Austin, TX, Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Gillian Porter.

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

Signature Motion

Clerk's Note: The members of the Commissioners Court discussed the voting session being held by video conference and that several Commissioners are not physically present.

MOTION: Each Commissioner not physically present delegates the authority to the County Judge to sign any documents, including orders related to items before the court today on their behalf.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Consent

- C1. Receive bids from the County Purchasing Agent.
- C2. Approve payment of claims by the County Treasurer. (Judge Brown)
- C3. Authorize the County Treasurer to invest County funds. (Judge Brown)

MOTION: Approve Items C1-C3.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Second Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Agenda Items 4, 5, 6, 7.a-b, 8, 10.a-b, 12.a-b, 12, 14.b&c, 15, 16, 20, and 21.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Public Hearings

1. Receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate public utility and drainage easements located at the common lot line of Lots 5 & 6, Block 43, Austin Lake Hills Section 1, a subdivision in Precinct Three.
(Commissioner Daugherty) (Related to Item 18)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Members of the Court heard from:

Anna Bowlin, Division Director, Development Services and Long Range Planning, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Emergency Services

2. Consider and take appropriate action regarding:

- A. Travis County's response to and recovery from COVID-19, including but not limited to an update from Dr. Escott or his designee at Austin/Travis County Public Health
- B. Other necessary measures and actions related to COVID-19, including Travis County's operations, policies, emergency assistance, measures necessary to preserve public health and safety, and applicable orders, declarations or resolutions, including communications from the State.
- C. Vaccine Distribution Briefing (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Dr. Mark Escott, Interim Health Authority, Austin Public Health and Health Authority,
Austin-Travis County
Stephanie Hayden, Director, Austin Public Health
Chelsea Brass, Travis County resident
Arthur Graves, Travis County resident
Zenobia Joseph, Travis County resident
Janis Bookout, Co-Founder, Community Resilience Trust
Paul Saldàna, Coordinator, Austin Latino Coalition
Scott Cobb, Travis County resident

RESULT: DISCUSSED

- 3. Consider and take appropriate action regarding outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Travis County. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Health & Human Services

- 4. Consider and take appropriate action to approve Resolution concerning Strategic Housing Finance Corporation of Travis County Multifamily Housing Governmental Notes (Austin Manor Apartments) Series 2020B. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 5. Consider and take appropriate action to approve Resolution concerning Strategic Housing Finance Corporation of Travis County Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Canyon Ridge Apartments) Series 2020. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 6. Consider and take appropriate action to approve Resolution concerning Strategic Housing Finance Corporation of Travis County Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Parkside Crossing Apartments) Series 2020. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

7. Consider and take appropriate action to:
- A. Authorize execution and delivery by County Judge of Certificate of Governing Body and
 - B. Approve Resolution concerning Strategic Housing Finance Corporation Multifamily Housing Governmental Notes (Wildhorse Flats Apartments) Series 2021A and 2021B. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

8. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the appointment of Anna Lisa Conlin to the Early Childhood Council. (Commissioners Gómez and Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning & Budget

9. Consider and take appropriate action on budget amendments, transfers, and discussion items. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

10. Consider and take appropriate action on the following grant programs, applications, contracts and related special budgets, and permissions to continue:

- A. Annual application to the Texas Department of Transportation for the TXDOT Selective Traffic Enforcement Program in the Sheriff's Office.
- B. Annual contract with the United Way for the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program in the Health and Human Services Department. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

11. Consider and take appropriate action to provide a letter of no objection to the application of Colorado River Project LLC (Tesla) for Foreign Trade Zone designation for its facility at 13101 Harold Green Road. (Commissioner Travillion)

Judge Brown announced that Item 11 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation and Gov't. Code Ann 551.087, Economic Development Negotiations .11

Members of the Court heard from:

Diana Ramirez, Director, Economic Development & Strategic Investments,
Planning and Budget Office (PBO)
Ben Ramirez, Administrator, Foreign Trade Zone of Central Texas Inc

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Purchasing

12. Consider and take appropriate action on the following:
- A. Approve order exempting a purchase from CML Security LLC of a Security Control System Upgrade from the competitive procurement process, pursuant to County Purchasing Act § 262.024 (a)(7)(A) & (D).
 - B. Authorize Purchasing Agent to issue purchase order. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

13. Approve contract award for Development Review Process and Fees Consulting Services, RFS No. 2006-005-KD, to the most highly qualified respondent, Berry Dunn McNeil & Parker, LLC., dba BerryDunn. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

14. Consider and take appropriate action on:
- A. Proposed new job postings
 - B. Proposed personnel actions – elected & appointed officials departments

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- C. Proposed personnel actions – Commissioners Court departments

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- D. Non-routine personnel actions and items for discussion (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

15. Receive update on Travis County Employee Health Care Fund for the period October 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

16. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to use a Cash Security Agreement for fiscal security associated with The View at Estancia, a site project in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Daugherty)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

17. Consider and take appropriate action regarding approval of a License Agreement with Manor Independent School District to use two (2) Travis County Parks athletic fields outside of the court-approved playing season and convert a senior league baseball field at East Metropolitan Park to accommodate UIL Softball regulations. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, TNR
Speyrer, East District Parks Manager, TNR

MOTION: Approve Item 18.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

18. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate public utility and drainage easements located at the common lot line of Lots 5 & 6, Block 43, Austin Lake Hills Section 1, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Daugherty) (Related to Item 1)

Members of the Court heard from:

Anna Bowlin, Division Director, Development Services and Long Range Planning, TNR

MOTION: Approve Item 18.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

19. Consider and take appropriate action on proposed bylaws changes for the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and Travis County's representation on the CAMPO Transportation Policy Board (TPB). (Commissioners Travillion & Shea) *(This item may be taken into Executive Session under the Consultation with Attorney exception.)*

Judge Brown announced that Item 19 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation.

Members of the Court heard from:

Sarah Black, Travis County resident

RESULT: DISCUSSED

20. Consider and take appropriate action on the appointment of the County Judge to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) Transportation Policy Board. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Consider and take appropriate action on the appointment of Commissioner Precinct 3 to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) Transportation Policy Board. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

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

22. Receive legal briefing in *Emily Borchardt v. Travis County, Texas, et al.*, Cause No. 1:19-CV-00891-LY.¹ (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

23. Receive legal briefing in *Amy Smith, et al. v. City of Austin, et al.*, Case No. 1:18-CV-5051.¹ (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

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

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

RESULT: DISCUSSED

25. Consult with County Attorney, appoint a representative for mediation and/or take appropriate action in Cause No. D-1-GN-19-006200 *Bradley B. Clark, Individually and as Next Friend on Behalf of LKC, a Minor Child, vs. Travis County, Texas, and John and Jane Does 1-10, in their Official and Individual Capacities*; In the 419th Judicial

District Court, Travis County, Texas. ¹ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 25 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation and Gov't Code Ann 551.089, IT Security.

MOTION: Appoint William Patterson as Travis County's representative for mediation in this case with settlement authority 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, Margaret Gómez

Adjourn

Minutes approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, Travis County Judge