



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court February 2, 2021 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on February 2, 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 J. 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 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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 2 Brigid Shea

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

Second Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Items 7.a, 8, 9.a, 11, 12, and 13.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

Emergency Services

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Clerk's Note: The County Judge announced that by taking no action, the prohibition against outdoor burning remains lifted.

2. Receive an update from Executive Director Betty Voights, Capital Area Council of Governments, as part of CAPCOG's 50th anniversary celebration, 1970-2020. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Betty Voights, Executive Director, Capital Area Council of Governments
(CAPCOG)

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Intergovernmental Relations

3. Consider and take appropriation action on an appointment to the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority Board of Directors. (Judge Brown)

MOTION: Appoint Nikelle Mead to the CTRMA Board of Directors.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

4. Consider and take appropriation action on an appointment to the Austin-Travis County Emergency Services Advisory Board. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Julie Wheeler, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, Intergovernmental Relations Office (IGR)

MOTION: Appoint David Williams.
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 Gomez

5. Consider and take appropriate action on legislative matters. (Commissioners Shea and Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

Julie Wheeler, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, IGR

MOTION: Approve a resolution in support of Texas Parks.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gomez
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gomez

Planning & Budget

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

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)
Stephanie Hayden-Howard, Director, Austin Public Health
Dana DeBeauvoir, Travis County Clerk

MOTION: Approve Item 6.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gomez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

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

- A. Annual contract with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to continue the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) for FY 2021 in the Health and Human Services Department (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing

- 8. Approve Modification No. 2 to Contract No. 4400004022 with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., in the amount of \$14,519.24 for the design of the Wyldwood Road Drainage Improvements. (Transportation and Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

- 9. Consider and take appropriate action on the following items for Human Resources Management Department:
 - A. Proposed Routine Amendments (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 10. Receive briefing from the Travis County Archivist on History Day events. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Christy Costlow, Travis County Archivist, CARS

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Transportation & Natural Resources

- 11. Approve setting a public hearing on March 2, 2021, to receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a drainage easement located along the rear lot line of Lot 14, Block H, Wells Branch, Phase E, Section 3, a subdivision in Precinct Two. (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 12. Consider and take appropriate action for approval of an amended Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between Travis County and the Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District (District). (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

13. Consider and take appropriate action on the reappointments of The Honorable Robert Perkins, James “Bob” Ward, Gilberto Rivera, Kelly Russell, and Joe M. Ramirez to the Travis County Historical Commission to be effective immediately through January 31, 2023. (Commissioner Gomez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Executive Session

14. 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

15. Receive legal briefing in *Amy Smith, et al. v. City of Austin, et al.*, Case No. 1:18-CV-051.1 (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Added Items

- A1. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the January 26, 2021, communication from Pflugerville City Council to Travis County Commissioners Court, including but not limited to their request that Travis County perform a financial and operational audit of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 2. (Commissioners Travillion & Shea)

Judge Brown announced that Item A1 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov’t. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation.

Members of the Court heard from:

Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services

MOTION: Under the current circumstances, Travis County is not authorized under the Health and Safety Code, Section 775.082, to perform the audits as requested by the Pflugerville City Council. Request that Travis County draft a letter that provides the proper statutory language and also conveys to Pflugerville City Council that we will make available the audit provided by ESD 2 as of June 2019, and when the next required audit by the Health and Safety Code is received by Travis County, we will make that available to the Pflugerville City Council.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Adjourn

**Minutes Approved by the
Commissioners Court**

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge