



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court February 19, 2021 Special Voting Session

Minutes Prepared by the Travis County Clerk
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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on February 19, 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

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 4 Margaret Gomez

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

ABSENT: Jeffrey Travillion

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)
- C4. Approve the minutes for the Commissioners Court Voting Sessions of January 5, 12, and 26, 2021, and the Special Joint Sessions of January 19 and 26, 2021.

MOTION: Approve Items C1-C4.
RESULT: **APPROVED – UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gomez
AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gomez
ABSENT: Jeffrey Travillion

Second Consent Motion

Members of the Court heard from:

David Greear, Assistant Director, Public Works and Capital Improvement
Projects, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)
Ann-Marie Sheely, Division Director, Travis County Attorney's Office

MOTION: Approve Items 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.a, 15, 16, 17, 18,
20, 21, 22, 23, and A1.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gomez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gomez
ABSENT: Jeffrey Travillion

Public Hearings

1. Receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a public utility easement located along the common lot lines of Lots 89 & 94, Edgewater Beach, Section 2, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard) (Related to Item 19)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gomez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gomez
ABSENT: Jeffrey Travillion

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**
OVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gomez
AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gomez
ABSENT: Jeffrey Travillion

Resolutions & Proclamations

2. Ratify approval of proclamation honoring the life and recognizing the contributions of former Travis County Commissioner Ron Davis. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

3. Approve resolution of support for a national mobilization on climate and recovery. (Commissioner Shea & Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Auditor

4. Receive revenue and expenditure reports, and other statutorily required reports, for the month of December 2020 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

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Justice Planning

6. Consider and take appropriate action to accept a donation to the Travis County Sheriff's Office from IJK USA Foundation in the amount of \$5,000. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning & Budget

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing

8. Approve Modification No. 3 to Contract No. 4400004251 with HVJ South Central Texas - M&J Inc., in the amount of \$1,137.50, for construction materials testing for the Hamilton Pool Road Safety Improvements, Phase I project. (Transportation and Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

9. Declare executive chair and height adjustable desk as surplus and authorize sale via competitive sealed bid, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code § 263.152(a)(1) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

10. Approve termination of Contract No. 4400002963 with Dr. Howard Ramey, D.D.S. for dental services. (Juvenile Probation Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

11. Approve Modification No. 2 to Contract No. 4400004515 with Vickrey & Associates, LLC, in the amount of \$50,963.00, for the Circle Drive/Thomas Springs Bicycle Safety Project. (Transportation and Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

12. Approve Exemption and Contract Award of Contract No. 4400005557, an as needed contract, for Communications Consultant with Juliet V. Barbara. (District Attorney's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

13. Approve contract award for Septic and Holding Tank Services, IFB No. 2011-008-GC, as needed, to the sole bidder, Wastewater Transport Services. (Transportation and Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

14. 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

15. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the second amendment to the license agreement between Travis County and Sterling Events Hospitality, Ltd. Cafeteria Services to operate the cafeterias located at Ned Granger Building, Heman Marion Sweatt Courthouse, and Thurman-Blackwell Criminal Justice Center. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

16. Consider and take appropriate action on an Agreement with the University of Texas at Austin for invertebrate research and management in support of the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve. (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

17. Approve setting a public hearing on March 16, 2021, to receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a drainage easement located along the side lot line of Lot 860, Apache Shores, Section 2, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

18. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Travis County Emergency Services District #5 (ESD #5) for use of Manchaca Gardens facilities for Fire Department training. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

19. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a public utility easement located along the common lot lines of Lots 89 & 94, Edgewater Beach, Section 2, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard) (Related to Item 1)

MOTION: Approve Item 19.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gomez

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

ABSENT: Jeffrey Travillion

20. Consider and take appropriate action on being notified of the satisfactory completion of construction of the private streets within Hillside at Spanish Oaks - a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

21. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following tax collection agreement:

A. Altessa Municipal Utility District

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

22. Consider and take appropriate action on the reappointment of Paula Barr and appointment of Shiloh Newman as precinct three representatives to the Travis County ESD #6 board effective immediately through January 31, 2023. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Appoint the Travis County Risk Manager, William Paterson, as mediation representative in Cause No. D-1-GN-20-003448, *Antonio Bekeart vs. Travis County*; In the 345th Judicial District Court, Travis County, Texas. *(Item may be taken into executive session under Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney)* (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

24. 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

25. 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

Added Items

- A1. Consider and take appropriate action to approve an Addendum to the Order of Election to Create Emergency Services District No. 17. (Commissioners Travillion & Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge

**Travis County Bee Cave Road District No. 1 Voting Session • Friday, February 19, 2021
Upon Adjournment or Recess of Commissioners Court Voting Session**



**Minutes for the Travis
County Bee Cave Road
District No. 1 Friday,
February 19, 2021 Voting
Session**

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Present: County Judge Andy Brown
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Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret J. Gómez

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

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

MOTION: Approve Item 2.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gomez

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

ABSENT: Jeffrey Travillion

3. Approve the minutes for the Travis County Bee Cave Road District No. 1 Voting Sessions of September 15, 22, & 29, October 6, 13, 20, & 27, November 2, 10, 17, & 24, December 1, 10, 15, & 22, 2020. (Judge Brown)

MOTION: Approve Item 3.

RESULT: APPROVED – UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gomez
AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gomez
ABSENT: Jeffrey Travillion

Adjourn

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Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge

**EMERGENCY MEETING ADDITION TO THE AGENDA OF THE TRAVIS COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT VOTING SESSION ON FEBRUARY 19, 2021 AT 12:00 P.M.**

1. Receive briefing and take appropriate action on emergency response and operations related to the winter storm and severe weather conditions and disruptions caused by the severe and freezing weather and its aftermath and recovery efforts.

Members of the Court heard from:

Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services
Eric Carter, Emergency Management Coordinator, Emergency Services
Wes Priddy, Major, Administration, Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO)
Craig Smith, Major, Law Enforcement, TCSO
Paul Hopingardner, Executive Director, Technology and Operations
Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, Transportation and Natural Resources
(TNR)
Hector Nieto, Public Information Officer, Public Information Office (PIO)

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Extension of the Declaration of Disaster as proclaimed by the County Judge on February 14, 2021 and Supplemental Disaster Declaration on February 16, 2021.

Members of the Court heard from:

Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services
Ann-Marie Sheely, Division Director, Travis County Attorney's Office
Sherri Fleming, County Executive, Travis County Health and Human Services
(HHS)

MOTION: Approve the continuation of the Disaster Declaration issued by the County Judge on February 14, 2021 and remove the Supplemental Disaster Declaration of February 16, 2021.

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 Gomez

Clerk's Note: The County Judge noted that the order will remain in place until terminated by the court.

3. Briefing from County Attorney to provide resources to community in response to disaster declaration and price gouging

Members of the Court heard from:

Delia Garza, Travis County Attorney

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Adjourn

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Commissioners Court**

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge