



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court April 13, 2021 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on April 13, 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 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

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

Consent

- C1. Receive Bids from County Purchasing Agent. (Commissioner Travillion)
- C2. Approve Payment of Claims by 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 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

Second Consent Motion

Members of the Court heard from:
Hamid Hajjafari, Travis County resident

MOTION: Approve Items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.a-b, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17.a-b, 19,
20, 22, 23, 24, 26.a-n, 27, and A3.
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

Resolutions & Proclamations

1. Approve Proclamation for National Crime Victims' Rights Week of 4/18/21-4/24/21. (Commissioner Gomez)

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

Emergency Services

2. Consider and take appropriate action regarding items related to COVID-19.
 - A. Travis County's response to and recovery from COVID-19, including vaccine distribution, operations and associated events and agreements;
 - 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. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:
Michael Ray, Travis County resident
Annie Velvin, 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

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

4. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a resolution and order mandating continued compliance with Local Health Authority orders and rules, adopting criteria for declaring a public health nuisance, and authorizing enforcement. *(This item may be taken into Executive Session under the Consultation with Attorney exception, Tex. Gov't Code §§551.071)* (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Health & Human Services

5. Consider and take appropriate action on proposal for after-school programming for Austin Independent School District. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gomez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Intergovernmental Relations

6. Consider and take appropriate action on the reappointment of Commissioner Jeffrey Travillion to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Board for a term to run January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

7. Consider and take appropriate action on the reappointment of Commissioner Jeffrey Travillion to the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors for a term to run June 2, 2021 – June 1, 2024. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

8. Consider and take appropriate action on appointments to the Travis County Child Protective Services Board, including:
 - A. The reappointments of Lauren Donder, Will Francis, and Rose Schneier for additional terms to expire on June 30, 2024; and
 - B. The issuance of a Call for Applications to fill four vacancies on the board. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

9. Consider and take appropriate action on the joint appointment to the Sobering Center Board of Directors. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning & Budget

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

11. Consider and take appropriate action to extend the deadline to file Financial Disclosure Statements by certain appointed employees and elected county officials as set forth in Travis County Code, Chapter 3, Sections 3.011 through 3.016 to June 30, 2021 to be consistent with the Texas Ethics Commission requirements. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing

12. Approve contract award for Habitat Restoration Services, RFS No. 2007-014-PH, an as needed contract, to the highest ranked respondent, Heritage Tree Care, LLC. (Department: Transportation and Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

13. Approve Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 4400004956 with Lexicon, Inc., dba Heritage Links, in the amount of \$93,890.92, for additional construction services at the Northeast Metro Park HDPE Irrigation Installation Project. (Transportation and Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

14. Approve Modification No. 4 for a Readiness Training Program, to Interlocal Agreement No. 4400004551, in the amount of \$75,000.00, with the University of Texas at Austin IC² Institute for Enhancing Minority Participation in Travis County's Contracting Program project. (Purchasing Office) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

15. Approve Modification No. 3 to Contract No. 4400005620 with LMarie Agency, LLC, an as-needed contract, for consulting services for coordination of COVID vaccination operations at Circuit of the Americas. (Emergency Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. Disclosure of Order waiving Section 33.019, Chapter 33 of the Travis County Code to allow Travis County to contract with Ascension Seton to provide clinical staff and administrative support to the Travis County vaccination efforts against COVID-19 in connection with the Central Texas Vaccination Collaborative, notwithstanding Ascension Seton's status as a firm that "has done business" with a key contracting person. (Emergency Services) (Commissioner Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Bonnie Floyd, Travis County Purchasing Agent

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Technology & Operations

17. Consider and take appropriate action on the following items for Human Resources Management Department:
 - A. Routine Personnel Actions
 - B. Non-Routine Personnel Actions
(Commissioners Gomez & Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

18. Consider and take appropriate action on revised Vehicle Safety Policy.
(Commissioners Gomez & Travillion)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

19. Consider and take appropriate action on an automobile total loss claim recommendation for the date of loss of February 7, 2021. (Commissioner Gomez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

20. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to use a Cash Security Agreement for fiscal security associated with El Dorado, a subdivision in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gomez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the Lights Out Texas Resolution. (Commissioner Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Tom Gleason, Environmental Project Manager, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)

Johanna Arendt, Community Liaison, Balcones Canyonland Preserve, TNR

MOTION: Approve Item 21.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

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

ABSENT: Ann Howard

22. Approve setting a public hearing on May 4, 2021, to receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a drainage easement located on Lot 4, George Family Partnership Subdivision, in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Approve setting a public hearing on April 27, 2021, to receive comments concerning a temporary detour and restriction of all traffic on Finial Drive beginning on or about May 5, 2021, and continuing through October 15, 2021, or until work is complete, in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gomez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

24. Consider and take appropriate action on a Traffic Mitigation Agreement, between Travis County and 10616 Manchaca, LLC, for the Manchaca Gas Station project, in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

25. Consider and take appropriate action on the following:
- A. Approval by the Commissioners Court of the acquisition of real property by Central Health, as required by Section 281.050, Health & Safety Code. (This item may be taken into Executive Session under the Consultation with Attorney and Real Property exceptions.)

- B. Adoption by the Commissioners Court of an order authorizing publication and posting of notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation on behalf of Central Health under Section 281.106, Health & Safety Code. (This item may be taken into Executive Session under the Consultation with Attorney exception.) (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

- 26. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a Joint Election Agreement for the May 1, 2021 General and Special Elections with Travis County and 14 participating entities:

- A. City of Austin
- B. City of Bee Cave
- C. City of Cedar Park
- D. City of Lakeway
- E. City of Round Rock
- F. Village of Webberville
- G. Dripping Springs ISD
- H. Eanes ISD
- I. Hays CISD
- J. Lake Travis ISD
- K. Pflugerville ISD
- L. Travis County MUD No. 26
- M. Shady Hollow MUD
- N. Travis County ESD No. 7
(Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 27. Consider and take appropriate action on the reappointment of Kirt Kiester and the appointment of Debbie Kasper as Precinct Three representatives to the Travis County ESD #9 effective immediately through January 31, 2023. (Commissioner Howard)

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

28. 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

29. 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

30. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action in *State of Texas v. City of Austin, et al*; Cause No 1-GN-21-001046.¹ (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Added Items

- A1. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the implementation plan for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), funded by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gomez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Sherri Fleming, County Executive, Travis County Health and Human Services (HHS)

Hector Nieto, Public Information Officer, Public Information Office (PIO)

RESULT: DISCUSSED

- A2. Approve exemption and contract award with Guidehouse Inc., an as needed contract, for Consulting Services for the Implementation of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. (Health and Human Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

MOTION: Approve Item A2.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard,
Margaret Gómez

- A3. Consider and take appropriate action on the following request: Approve The Reserve at Lake Travis Revised Plat of Lots 72 and 73 Block A (one single-family lot, one park lot– 3.65 acres – Flying J Blvd. – water provided by well or other source and wastewater provided by on site septic system – County of Travis) in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge