



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court May 4, 2021 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on May 4, 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: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

ABSENT: Jeffrey Travillion

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)
- C4. Approve the minutes for the Commissioners Court Voting Session of April 20, 2021, and the Special Joint Session of April 20, 2021. (Judge Brown)

MOTION: Approve Items C1-C4.
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

MOTION: Approve Items 4, 5, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 18.a-b, 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, and 28.
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

Public Hearings

1. Receive comments concerning a temporary detour and restriction of all traffic on a portion of Old Manchaca Rd, north of Manchaca Road, beginning on or about May 6, 2021, and continuing through June 10, 2021, or until work is complete, in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

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

Members of the Court heard from:

Scott Lambert, Engineer, Road Maintenance, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)

Carlos Benevidas, Travis County resident

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing
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

2. 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)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
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, TNR
John Freund, Travis County resident
Arthur Donovan, Travis County resident
David Anderson representing applicant
Don Wood, Travis County resident
Barba Misle, Travis County resident
Teresa Calkins, Division Manager, Engineering, TNR

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, Margaret Gómez

Resolutions & Proclamations

3. Approve proclamation recognizing the month of May 2021 as “Mental Health Month” in Travis County. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gomez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Christiana Khuen, Social Services Program Administrator, Travis County Health and Human Services (HHS)
Sally Hernandez, Travis County Sheriff
Karen Ranus, Executive Director, NAMI Central Texas
Sonia Hartman, Social Services Program Administrator, HHS

MOTION: Approve Item 3.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

4. Approve Proclamation recognizing May 2021 as Older Americans Month in Travis County. (Commissioners Shea and Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

5. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a Proclamation for the first synthetic turf fields operated by Travis County Parks. (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Emergency Services

6. Approve a contract with World Central Kitchen (WCK) formalizing services provided by WCK to identify individuals impacted by COVID-19 and to provide meals to them on behalf of Travis County. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

7. Consider and take appropriate action regarding items related to COVID-19. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services

RESULT: DISCUSSED

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Health & Human Services

9. Consider and take appropriate action to approve Modification No. 3 adding funds to the Substance Abuse Managed Services Organization (SAMSO) interlocal agreement with Integral Care and the City of Austin for FY21. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gomez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Justice Planning

10. Approve bonds for temporary visiting judges David Crain, Michael Denton, Belinda Herrera and Bronson Tucker. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning & Budget

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

MOTION: Approve budget amendment A1.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

MOTION: Approve budget amendment A2.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard
ABSTAIN: Margaret Gómez

12. Receive update from the Travis Central Appraisal District and discuss legislative outlook related to property appraisal reform. (Commissioners Gómez & Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Marya Crigler, Chief Appraiser, Travis Central Appraisal District (TCAD)

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Purchasing

13. Approve exemption and contract award for Sex Offender Treatment Services, RFS # 2002-010-PE, as needed services, to Dr. Nicolas Carrasco. (Juvenile Probation) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

14. Approve Modification No. 1, an assignment of Contract No. 4400000863, for Visitation Services, from Rhonda Hohmann to Rhonda Hohmann (Juvenile Probation) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

15. Approve contract award for Telework Consulting Services, RFS No. 2011-007-BK, in the amount of \$245,000.00, to the highest-ranked respondent, Deloitte Consulting LLP. (Human Resources Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

Paul Hopingardner, Executive Director, Technology and Operations
Shannon Weidauer, Director, Human Resources Management
Department (HRMD)

MOTION: Approve Item 15.
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

Technology & Operations

16. Receive update on Travis County Employee Health Care Fund for the period October 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021. (Commissioners Gomez & Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

17. Consider and take appropriate action on the following items for Human Resources Management Department:
- A. Receive update and discuss the following employee healthcare items for Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) plan year, effective October 1, 2021.
- 1) Discuss contribution levels for Travis County Employee Health Plan for FY22
 - 2) Discuss FY22 Health Benefit plan design changes

Members of the Court heard from:

Shannon Steele, Benefits Manager, HRMD

RESULT: DISCUSSED

- B. Consider and take appropriate action on the release of proposed FY22 changes to employee and retiree healthcare benefits and rates for education purposes prior to the Employee Public Hearing.

MOTION: Approve Item 17.b.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

- C. Consider and take appropriate action to set the Employee Public Hearing for Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 4:30 pm.
(Commissioners Gomez & Travillion)

MOTION: Approve setting the employee public hearing for May 27, 2020 at 4:30 pm.

RESULT: **APPROVED – UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

18. 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

Transportation & Natural Resources

19. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the annexation of a portion of Hill Road in Jonestown. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a temporary detour and restriction of all traffic on Finial Drive for construction beginning on or about May 5, 2021, and continuing through October 15, 2021, or until work is complete, in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Approve setting a public hearing for June 8, 2021, to receive comments regarding the Revision of Lot 14, Lakecliff on Lake Travis, Section 6 (Three single-family lots – 3.376 acres) – 25209 Chernosky Point Cove – No ETJ in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

22. Consider and take appropriate action on 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)

Members of the Court heard from:

John Freund, Travis County resident
Arthur Donovan, Travis County resident
David Anderson representing applicant
Barba Misle, Travis County resident
Jennifer Hopgood, Assistant County Attorney

RESULT: DISCUSSED

23. Approve setting a public hearing on May 25, 2021, to receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a drainage easement recorded as document # 2016150795 of the Official Public Records of Travis County and located within Easton Park Section 3A, Phase 2, a subdivision in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gomez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

24. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a temporary detour and restriction of all traffic on a portion of Old Manchaca Rd, north of Manchaca Road, beginning on or about May 6, 2021, and continuing through June 10, 2021, or until work is complete, in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

MOTION: Approve Item 24.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

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

25. Consider and take appropriate action on a Traffic Mitigation Agreement between Legacy on Parmer Owner, LLC and Travis County for the Camber Ranch-Legacy at Parmer Multifamily project, in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

26. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to use an Alternative Fiscal Agreement for Turner's Crossing North Phase 2, in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gomez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

27. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a License Agreement with Earth Native, Inc., to utilize a section of Southeast Metropolitan Park for a weekly summer camp. (Commissioner Gomez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Timothy Speyrer, East District Parks Manager, TNR

MOTION: Approve Item 27.
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

28. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the Easton Park 4A, Lots 3 and 4 Condominium Construction Agreement and exemption from platting. (Commissioner Gomez)

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

29. Consider and take appropriate action on a counter-offer received by Travis County for the County's purchase of Parcel #1, #6, and #7, required for planned roadway improvements as part of the 2018 CO Thaxton Road project in Precinct Four. ¹ & 2 (Commissioner Gomez).

Judge Brown announced that Item 29 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: Follow the recommendations of staff as discussed In Executive Session.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

30. 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

31. 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

32. 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

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

Judge Brown announced that Item 33 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

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge