



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court June 8, 2021 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on June 8, 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

Moment of Silence

Clerk's Note: The Court held a moment of silence for Coach Ray Jackson Sr.

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

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed the postponement of Item 16 for one week, please see Item for the action taken by the Court.

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 Voting Session of May 18 and the Special Voting Session of May 18, 2021. (Judge Brown)

MOTION: Approve Items C1-C4.
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 3.a-b, 5, 6.a-b, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17.a, 18.a-b, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26.
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

Public Hearings

1. Receive comments for a plat for recording: Lakecliff on Lake Travis, Section 6, Revision of Lot 14 - (three single-family lots – 3.376 acres) – 25209 Chernosky Point Cove – No ETJ in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing
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

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

Emergency Services

2. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following:
 - A. Outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Travis County.
 - B. County response to natural disaster or other emergency.
(Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Health & Human Services

3. Consider and take appropriate action to:
 - A. Authorize execution and delivery by County Judge of Certificate of Governing Body
 - B. Approve Resolution concerning Strategic Housing Finance Corporation of Travis County Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Yager Flats) Series 2021.
(Judge Brown & Commissioner Gomez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

4. Receive public comment to help identify needs for the second allocation of Community Development Block Grant CARES Act funding (CDBG-CV) received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 in the amount of \$888,025. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gomez)

Clerk's Note: The Court approved without objection the opening of the public hearing.

Members of the Court heard from:

Monique Coleman, Planning Manager, Community Development Block Grant Program. Travis County Health and Human Services (HHS)
Zenobia Joseph, Travis County resident

MOTION: Close 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

5. Consider and take appropriate action on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2021 (PY21) Action Plan Projects. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gomez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Zenobia Joseph, Travis County resident

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Intergovernmental Relations

6. Consider and take appropriate action on appointments to the Travis County Children's Protective Services Board:
 - A. Marcus Cantu and Lindsay Spinney for terms to expire on June 30, 2023; and
 - B. Khadijah Aleem and Nakisha Freeman for terms to expire on June 30, 2024. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Justice Planning

7. Receive briefing from the Juvenile Public Defender and the Capital Area Private Defender Service (CAPDS) on the DNA Forensic Project. (Commissioner Gomez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Roger Jefferies, County Executive, Justice and Public Safety (JPS)
Kameron Johnson, Juvenile Public Defender
Stacie Leiberman, Director, Forensic Project, Capital Area Private
Defenders Service (CAPDS)
Bradley Hargis, Deputy Director, CAPDS

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Planning & Budget

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

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

- A. New application with Texas A&M – Public Policy Institute for the Counsel at First Appearance Grant in Justice Planning
- B. New contract with the Public Rights Project for the Public Rights Project Fellowship in the District Attorney's Office (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Alexis Milligan, Budget Analyst II., Planning and Budget Office (PBO)
 Roger Jefferies, County Executive, JPS
 Adeola Ogunkeyede, Chief Public Defender
 Bradley Hargis, Executive Director, CAPDS

MOTION: Approve Items 9.a-b.
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

Purchasing

- 10. Approve Termination of Contract No. 4400000664 with Nexus Recovery Center, for Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Center. (Juvenile Probation) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 11. Approve Modification No. 8, in the amount of \$23,456.00, to Contract No. 4400004482 with CenturyLink, LLC for voice and data telecommunication services. (Information Technology Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 12. Approve Modification No. 9, in the estimated amount of \$8,750.00, to Contract No. 4400003924 with Election Systems and Software, LLC, for Voting System and Services. (County Clerk) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 13. Approve two-month extension (Modification No. 1) to Interlocal Agreement No. 4400005514 with Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service. (Information Technology Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

14. Approve contract award for professional consulting services, Hamilton Pool Road Project Phase 2, RFQ No. 2002-007-AR, in the amount of \$413,888.50, to the most highly qualified respondent, Binkley & Barfield, Inc. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

15. Approve contract award for professional consulting services, Construction Materials Testing for Cameron Road Improvements, RFQ No. 1804-009-PS, in the amount of \$80,708.69, to the most highly qualified respondent, HVJ South Central Texas-M&J, Inc. (Transportation and Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. Approve contract award for professional architectural services, Travis County Trauma Informed Women's Facility Project, RFQ No. 1907-009-AR, in the amount of \$4,289,075.00, to the most highly qualified respondent, HDR Architecture, Inc. (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

MOTION: Postpone action on Item 16 for one week.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

AYES: Andy Brown, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

NAYS: Brigid Shea

ABSTAIN: Jeffrey Travillion

Technology & Operations

17. Consider and take appropriate action on the following items for Human Resources Management Department:

- A. Routine Personnel Actions
(Commissioners Gomez & Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

18. Consider and take appropriate action on the following requests:

- A. Plat for recording: El Dorado, Final Plat: (51 total lots - 50 single-family lots and one drainage lot 93.61 acres) - State Highway 21 - Hays and Caldwell ETJs in Precinct Four.

- B. Subdivision Construction Agreement between Millennium Interests, Ltd. and Travis County.
(Commissioner Gomez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

19. Consider and take appropriate action regarding an exemption from platting requirements for the Great Escape at Elgin in Precinct One.
(Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. Consider and take appropriate action on a plat for recording: Lakecliff on Lake Travis, Section 6, Revision of Lot 14 - (three single-family lots – 3.376 acres) – 25209 Chernosky Point Cove – No ETJ in Precinct Three.
(Commissioner Howard)

MOTION: Approve Item 20.

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

21. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following requests:

- A. Plat for recording: Skyline 2D Phase 1 Final Plat – (Long Form Final Plat – 101 Total Lots on 22.66 Acres) – located in City of Austin Limited Purpose in Precinct Four; and
- B. Subdivision Construction Agreement between Travis County and Carma Easton, LLC.
(Commissioner Gomez)

Members of the Court heard from
Anna Bowlin, Division Director, Development Services and Long-Range Planning, TNR

MOTION: Approve Items 21.a-b with conditions.

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

22. Consider and take appropriate action on a Final Plat for recording: Presidential Meadows Section 18 (Long Form Final Plat - 87 single-family lots – 13.189 acres) City of Manor ETJ in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Consider and take appropriate action on an exemption from platting requirements for the Oak Forest RV Park Addition Project in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

24. Consider and take appropriate action on the reappointment of Kasey A. Hanson to the Austin/Travis County Food Policy Board effective immediately through February 28, 2023. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

25. Consider and take appropriate action to accept a donation in the amount of \$350 to Travis County from wedding services performed by Travis County Judge Brown. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

26. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the appointment of Bryan Register to the Travis County Historical Commission (Judge Brown).

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

27. Consider and take appropriate action on request for Travis County to sign the ICLEI150 Commitment Form and pledge to join the ICLEI150 on the Race to Zero. (Commissioner Shea & Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

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. Consider and take appropriate action on a proposed purchase of approximately 3 acres of land located wholly within floodplain and proximate to Onion Creek near Burluson Road in Precinct Four, as needed for the 2017 Bond program to construct Onion Creek Greenway improvements. ^{1 & 2} (Commissioner Gomez)

Judge Brown announced that Item 28 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: Instruct staff to proceed with the acquisition of the property.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez
ABSENT: Brigid Shea

29. Consider and take appropriate action on a proposed acquisition of three tracts of real property – totaling roughly 9 acres of land with various improvements – located south of Northeast Metro Park near Gilleland Creek in Precinct Two, as part of the 2017 Bond program for Eastern Travis County Parkland Acquisition. ^{1 & 2} (Commissioner Shea)

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: Instruct staff to proceed with the acquisition of the property.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez
ABSENT: Brigid Shea

30. Consider and take appropriate action on a request – received from an adjacent property owner – to purchase utility easement rights for installation of a below-grade wastewater utility line on, over, and across real property owned by Travis County, located along Gilleland Creek and east of S.H. 130 in Precinct One. ^{1 & 2} (Commissioner Travillion)

Judge Brown announced that Item 30 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: Take no action but direct staff to continue the discussion until completion.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez
ABSENT: Brigid Shea

31. 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

32. 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)

Judge Brown announced that Item 32 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

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

Judge Brown announced that Item 2.b would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

34. Receive legal briefing, consider, and take appropriate action on conducting a departmental environmental assessment and review including but not limited to the Justice Planning Department and hire appropriate consultant(s).¹ (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Added Items

- A1. Consider and take appropriate action regarding items related to the County's response to and recovery from COVID-19, including vaccine distribution, operations, and agreements, and other necessary measures and actions. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:
Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHS

RESULT: DISCUSSED

- A2. Approve resolution related to mental health, behavioral health, and housing access. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge