



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court July 27, 2021 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on July 27, 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

Clerk's Note: The Court held a moments silence for Civil Rights Leader Bob Moses.

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 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

Second Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Items 4, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14.a-b, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26.a, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 34.a-c.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

FRIENDLY

AMENDMENT: Pull Item 32 from the Consent Motion.

MOVER: Brigid Shea

RESULT: **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT ACCEPTED**

Clerk's Note: A Vote on the Standing Motion was taken.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

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

Clerk's Note: The County Judge noted that the Consent Motion now contains Items 4, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14.a-b, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26.a, 29, 30, 31, and 34.a-c.

Public Hearings

1. Receive comments regarding the following items:

- A. Stoneridge Estates Subdivision - Total Plat Vacation (five total lots - single-family on 10.134 acres) - Flintrock Circle - City of Austin ETJ in Precinct Three.
- B. A plat for recording: Flintrock Subdivision - (Nine total single-family lots on 10.134 acres) - Flintrock Subdivision, Block A, Final Plat - City of Austin ETJ in Precinct Three.
(Commissioner Howard)

MOTION: Open 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

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

Resolutions & Proclamations

2. Approve proclamation recognizing July 13, 2021 as COVID-19 Vaccine Volunteer Recognition Day in Travis County. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Christine McIver, COVID-19 Vaccine volunteer
Nadia Chaudhury, COVID-19 Vaccine volunteer
Kafei Leung, COVID-19 Vaccine volunteer

MOTION: Approve Item 2.
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

3. Approve resolution recognizing Diana Ramirez on her retirement and for 21 years of service to Travis County and its residents. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
Diana Ramirez, Director, Economic Development & Strategic Investments, PBO

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 resolution recognizing members of the Travis County Delegation for defending the voting rights of Texas residents. (Commissioner Gomez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

5. Approve Proclamation recognizing Chief Medical Director Dr. Mark Escott for his service to the Travis County community. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Dr. Mark Escott, Chief Medical Officer, City of Austin

MOTION: Approve Item 5.
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

Emergency Services

6. 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

7. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding items related to the County's response to and recovery from COVID-19, including but not limited to:
- A. Periodic update from the Austin/Travis County Public Health Authority
 - B. Vaccine distribution, operations, and associated agreements
 - C. Rental & utility assistance programs and initiatives
 - D. Other necessary measures and actions
(Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 7.c would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation.

Members of the Court heard from:

Dr. Desmar Walkes, Health Authority, Austin Public Health and Health Authority, Austin-Travis County
Adrienne Stururp, Interim Director, Austin Public Health (APH)
Ken Bailey Chief, Emergency Services District #11 (ESD #11)
George Morales III, Constable, Precinct 4
Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services
Janis Bookout, Co-Founder, Community Resilience Trust
Cynthia Valadez, Sr., Central Health Board of Managers
Olivia Overturf, Travis County resident
Sherri Fleming, County Executive, Travis County Health and Human Services (HHS)

MOTION: Direct Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHS and her staff to continue the conversation with the Justices of Peace and legal organizations to develop a plan to provide legal services for people who are being evicted for non-payment of rent to prevent creating new generations of homeless.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

FRIENDLY

AMENDMENT: Explore always providing legal assistance to people being evicted for non-payment.

MOVER: Ann Howard

RESULT: **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT ACCEPTED**

Clerk's Note: A Vote on the Standing Motion was taken.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

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

Health & Human Services

8. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the letter of intent to continue the Financial Support Plus 1 Program with the City of Austin, Austin Energy for 2021 – 22. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gomez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

9. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the final HUD-required floodplain notice and associated project description for the Program Year 2019 Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Infrastructure Project, GLO Contract No. 19-281-000-B780. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gomez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Justice Planning

10. Consider and take appropriate action of the Public Defender's Office appliance purchase (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

11. Consider and take appropriate action on presentation of proposed next steps on a study of the potential for and costs of combining a mental health diversion program with The Sobering Center in collaboration with the City of Austin and key mental health stakeholders. (Commissioners Shea & Gomez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHS
Roger Jefferies, County Executive, Justice and Public Safety (JPS)
Jana Ortega, Chair, Sobering Center
Joseph Myer, Travis County resident
Melissa Shearer, Director, Mental Health Public Defender Office

MOTION: Appoint Commissioners Margaret Gómez and Brigid Shea to a temporary high level oversight committee to coordinate with the advisory board.

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

Planning & Budget

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

13. Consider and take appropriate action on the FY 2022 budget hearing schedule. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

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

- A. Contract amendment with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the 2020 Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program and Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CEAP CARES) in the Health and Human Services Department
- B. Contract amendment with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the 2020 Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) in the Health and Human Services Department
(Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

15. Consider and take appropriate action on the following related to negotiation of an economic development performance agreement with Samsung Austin Semiconductor, LLC:

- A. Establish a subcommittee of the court;
- B. Evaluation and development of potential terms of the agreement;
- C. Modeling of Economic, social and equitable impact of potential terms; and

- D. Other related items.
(Commissioner Travillion) *(This item may be taken into Executive Session under the Consultation with Attorney and Economic Development Negotiations exceptions)*

Judge Brown announced that Items 15.a-d would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation and Gov't. Code Ann 551.087, Economic Development Negotiations.

Members of the Court heard from:

Christy Moffett, Interim Director, Economic Development & Strategic Investments, PBO

MOTION: Set a sub-committee for the Samsung Project which would consist of Andy Brown, County Judge, and the commissioner from the precinct which Samsung resides which is Precinct 1.

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

Purchasing

16. Approve Modification No. 50, in the estimated amount of \$3,600.00, to Contract No. 4400000562 with Easy Access, Inc., for Tax Office Computer System. (Tax Office) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

17. Approve exemption and Modification No. 18, in the amount of \$1,227,002.40, to Contract No. 4400000427 with CyrusOne, LLC, for a 36-month contract extension for data center lease space. (ITS) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

18. Approve and ratify orders exempting the purchase of traffic management from Cordillia Investments LLC, from the competitive procurement process and ratification of Purchase Orders, in the amount of \$19,120.00, in response to the COVID Drive-Thru Mass Vaccination Events, as authorized by Commissioners Court on May 11th, 2021 pursuant to County Purchasing Act § 262.024(A)(4). (Emergency Services Office) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

19. Approve Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 4400005180 with Prime Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$159,945.71, for the Arkansas Bend Park Phase II. (Transportation and Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. Approve contract award for Deployment Services for SAP Ariba Strategic Sourcing and Risk Modules, RFP No. 1909-012-LC, in the amount of \$720,309.00, to the highest- ranked respondent, Labyrinth Solutions, Inc. DBA LSI Consulting. (Purchasing Office) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Approve Modification No. 5 to Contract No. 4400003620 with Humana Insurance Company, amount is based on enrollment, for Medicare Advantage with Prescription Drug Coverage. (Human Resources Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

22. Approve Modification No. 8 to Contract No. 4400002070 with United HealthCare Services, Inc., amount is based on enrollment, for Third Party Administration Services for the Travis County Health Plan. (Human Resources Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Declare 2 law enforcement vehicles as surplus and authorize sale via seal bid to Law Enforcement agencies pursuant to Section 263.152(a)(1) of the Local Government Code. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

24. Approve and ratify orders exempting the purchase of medical services (paramedic/EMT services), from Code 4 Emergency Services, LLC, from the competitive procurement process and ratification of Purchase Order # 4100170406, in the amount of \$44,715.00, in response to COVID Mass Vaccination Events, as authorized by Commissioner Court on February 23, 2021, March 2, 2021, and March 9, 2021, pursuant to County Purchasing Act Section 262.024(A)(2). (Travis County Sheriff's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

25. Receive update on Travis County Employee Health Care Fund for the period October 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. (Commissioners Travillion & Gomez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

26. 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

27. Consider and take appropriate action on the Executive Fellowship Agreement between County of Travis and FUSE Corps, a California Nonprofit Corporation. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHS
Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services
Mathew Geske, VP Regional Infrastructure and Mobility, Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce
Sonja Buns, Travis County resident

MOTION: Assign the task of drafting the job descriptions to Roger Jefferies, County Executive, Justice and Public Safety (JPS), Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHS, Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez, and County Judge Andy Brown and bring it back to the Commissioners Court for approval.

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

Transportation & Natural Resources

28. Consider and take appropriate action on the following items:

- A. Stoneridge Estates Subdivision - Total Plat Vacation (five total lots - single-family on 10.134 acres) - Flintrock Circle - City of Austin ETJ in Precinct Three.
- B. A plat for recording: Flintrock Subdivision - (Nine total single-family lots on 10.134 acres) - Flintrock Subdivision, Block A, Final Plat - City of Austin ETJ in Precinct Three.
(Commissioner Howard)

MOTION: Approve Items 28.a-b.
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

29. Consider and take appropriate action on the acceptance of dedication of the public street and drainage facilities within Sweetwater Ranch Section 2, Village O, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

30. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to use an Alternative Fiscal Agreement for West Cypress Hills Phase 2, Section 5, in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

31. Consider and take appropriate action regarding on a plat for recording: Yudi Subdivision Final Plat (Short Form Plat - one single-family lot – 2.00 acres – 12435 McCurry Road - City of Pflugerville two-mile ETJ) in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

32. Consider and take appropriate action on the following requests regarding Preservation Ranch, a Final Plat in Precinct Three:
- A. There are three variances requested with Preservation Ranch Final Plat - 1. A variance request from Chapter 482.202(e) for dual access to a subdivision with more than thirty (30) single-family lots; 2. A variance request from Chapter 482.206(a) to allow for private streets; and 3. A variance request from Chapter 482.202(q) for sidewalks construction for new subdivision.
 - B. Plat for recording: Preservation Ranch Final Plat (Short Form Plat - 39 total lots on 869.093 acres - Madrone Ranch Trail – No City ETJ); and
 - C. Subdivision Construction Agreement between Travis County and PRLT Partners, LLC.
(Commissioner Howard)

MOTION: Approve Item 32.
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

33. Consider and take appropriate action regarding Prospect Park Preliminary Plan – (Preliminary Plan – 806 total lots on 234.52 acres – 784 single-family, 17 greenbelt lots and five lots for drainage/landscape/sidewalk easements) – located in City of Austin Limited Purpose in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gomez)

MOTION: Approve Item 33.
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

Other

34. Consider and take appropriate action regarding new contracts to provide election services for the following entities located in Travis County.

- A. City of Lago Vista
- B. Lake Travis Library
- C. Village of the Hills
(Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

35. Receive briefing and update from Housing Authority of Travis County, Strategic Housing Finance Corporation of Travis County, County Staff, and others regarding mitigation efforts at Rosemont at Oak Valley, located at 2800 Collins Creek Drive, and at any other housing in response to the 2021 Natural Disaster/Catastrophe - Winter Storm that may impact the response to and recovery from COVID-19 and take appropriate action, including but not limited to:

- A. Directing staff to take appropriate steps to assist finding housing;
- B. Allocate necessary funding; and
- C. Any other necessary steps.
(Judge Brown)
(This item may be taken into Executive Session under the Consultation with Attorney exception)

Judge Brown announced that Items 35.a-c would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation.

Members of the Court heard from:

Keisha Williams, Rosemont at Oak Valley resident
Kecia Prince, Rosemont at Oak Valley resident
Erica Cervantes, Rosemont at Oak Valley resident

RESULT: DISCUSSED

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

36. Receive an update on the Colorado River Project, LLC (also referred to as Tesla), and consider and take appropriate action, regarding:
- A. Agreement with Tesla to extend Harold Green Road and status; ¹ & 2
 - B. Permitting and compliance issues; ¹
 - C. Amendment, modification, or extension of Economic Development Performance Agreement, Colorado River Project, LLC (Tesla); ¹ and
 - D. Other related issues. ¹ & 2
(Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge