



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court September 2, 2021 Budget Mark-Up

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on September 2, 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

Agenda Items

1. Consider and take appropriate action regarding FY 2022 Budget Mark-Up.
(Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:
Jessica Rio, County Executive, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Mark-Up Items

- 1 Review process for viewing and tracking budget mark-up changes.

Members of the Court heard from:
Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
Aerin-Renee Pfaffenberger, Capital Analyst Sr., PBO

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Recap current budget status, including
 - A. Preliminary Budget;
 - B. Revenue and other available funds (4th Revenue Estimate);
 - C. Tax rate, and
 - D. Changes to Preliminary Budget.

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
Aerin-Renee Pfaffenberger, Capital Analyst Sr., PBO

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Approve the Preliminary Budget to establish baseline for beginning budget mark-up process.

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO

MOTION: Approve the Preliminary Budget.
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 Changes to Preliminary Budget recommended by PBO.

MOTION: Approve changes to the Preliminary Budget.
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

5. Approve transactions to “re-budget” General Fund Capital Acquisition Resources Account Fiscal Year 2021 capital projects into Fiscal Year 2022, including adjusts to the Unallocated Reserve, if necessary.

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

Aerin-Renee Pfaffenberger, Capital Analyst Sr., PBO

MOTION: Approve transaction to re-budget General Fund Capital Acquisition Resources Account FY 2021 capital projects into FY 2022.

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

MOTION: Reallocate Allocated Reserve.

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

MOTION: Set aside \$2M in the Allocated Reserve as an earmark for future county expenses.

RESULT: **Passed (3-2)**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Margaret Gómez

NAYS: Andy Brown, Ann Howard

6. Consider and take appropriate action on remaining FY 2022 compensation issues.

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

Mike Bonesteel, Sergeant, Corrections, Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO)

Brett Spicer, retired Travis County Employee

Christina Dail, President, Travis County Sheriff's Officers Association (TCSOA)

Michael Morton, Law Enforcement Detective, President, Travis County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Association (TCSLEA)

Noel Johnson, Chief Deputy, Constable Precinct 5 Office

Laura Mabry, CO-PAC Chair LE, Travis County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Association (TCSLEA)

Alex Leo, CO-PAC Chair Corrections, Travis County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Association (TCSLEA)

Darnell Dail, Senior Officer, Corrections, TCSO

Michael Everett, Senior Officer, Corrections, TCSO
Todd Osburn, Compensation Manager, Human Resources
Management Department (HRMD)

MOTION: Create a subcommittee of the POPS Working Group Compensation Committee to address the issues of the pay and pay scale in the Sheriff's Office for corrections officers and law enforcement and set aside funds for future issues.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: County Judge Andy Brown

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

MOTION: Adopt the working group proposal.

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

MOTION: Implement all eligible POPS Steps as of October 2, 2021 for FY 2022.

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

MOTION: Approve all compensation actions.

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

7. Review selected items on Budget Agenda Worksheet.

BH 2 - Traffic Unit Pilot Extension

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO

MOTION: Direct PBO to lead a working group of the Sheriff's Office, the Travis County Constables, the City of Austin, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and the County Attorney's Office to make recommendations on possible improvements to traffic enforcement.

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

BH 5 - Bee Creek Sports Complex

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO
Aerin-Renee Pfaffenberger, Capital Analyst Sr., PBO
Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)

MOTION: Approve Ref 36/37a, Field 5 and parking, using Park Bond Interest earnings and \$100,000 of on-going funds.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

BH 6 - New FTE Mechanic Automotive/Equipment Mechanic

Members of the Court heard from:

Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, TNR
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO

MOTION: Direct PBO, HRMD, and TNR to bring back a plan to address mechanic vacancies after adoption of the FY 2021 Budget.

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

BH 7 - Environmental Specialist Sr.

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO
Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, TNR
Sydnia Crosbie Chief Deputy, TNR

MOTION: Approve the request for BH 7-44A.
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

BH 16 - Corporate Privacy Officer

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
Paul Hopingardner, Executive Director, Technology and Operations

MOTION: Approve the request.
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

BH 18/32 - Economic and Strategic Planning Maintenance of Current Effort

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO
Christy Moffett, Interim Director, Economic Development & Strategic Investments, PBO
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

MOTION: Approve 05B, two employees and an earmark for 05D.
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

BH 10 - New Law Enforcement Staff

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO

Craig Smith, Major, Law Enforcement, Travis County Sheriff's Office
(TCSO)

MOTION: Approve the request.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4, Margaret Gómez

MOTION

WITHDRAWN:

RESULT: **NO VOTE TAKEN**

MOTION: Direct PBO should resources become available for budgets, that PBO should make staffing a priority, keeping in mind that SB23 makes it illegal for us to ever reduce law enforcement budgets.

RESULT: **Passed (4-0)**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

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

ABSTAIN: Andy Brown

BH 12 - Deaf Services Staff

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO

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

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

MOTION: Approve the request.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: County Judge Andy Brown

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

BH 13 - Housing Services Staff

Members of the Court heard from:

Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHS

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO

Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, TNR

MOTION: Approve the request.
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

BH 17 - Permanent Supportive Housing

MOTION: Approve a one-time earmark.
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

BH 20 - 2.5% Compensation for CSCD Non-County Employees

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
Rodolfo Perez, Director, Adult Probation, Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD)

MOTION: Approve request with one-time funding.
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

FRIENDLY

AMENDMENT: Place an earmark for the one-time funding and look into how the funding can be transferred.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2, 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

BH 21 - Staff for Commissioners Court

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
Dashiell Daniels, Budget Analyst II, PBO

MOTION: Approve 02d, one staff position for County Judge's Office.
RESULT: **Passed (3-1)**
MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Andy Brown, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez
NAYS: Brigid Shea
ABSTAIN: Jeffrey Travillion

MOTION: Approve a permanent internship program with ongoing funds as an earmark.
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

BH 14 - Mental Health Service Improvements.

Members of the Court heard from:

Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHS
Laura Peveto, Director, Office of Children Services, HHS
Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
Ellen Richards, Chief Strategy Officer, Integral Care
Marlene Buchanan, Integral Care
Ellen Stein, Budget Analyst II, PBO
Sonja Burns, Travis County resident

MOTION: Approve the request.
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: County Judge Andy Brown

FRIENDLY
AMENDMENT: Approve BH1411a, \$1.2M one-time funding for two years for FY022 and FY 2023.
MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown
RESULT: **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT ACCEPTED**

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

RESULT: **Passed (4-0)**
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard
ABSTAIN: Brigid Shea

MOTION: Earmark \$1M to compete in HHS for Methadone treatment.

RESULT: **Passed (4-0)**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: County Judge Andy Brown
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez
ABSTAIN: Brigid Shea

C1 - Travis County Historical Commission for plaques

Members of the Court heard from:
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

MOTION: Approve \$10,000.00 from one-time funds.
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

362 - Red Line Parkway Initiative (RLPI) (Phase One - Plan Development)

Members of the Court heard from:
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO

MOTION: Approve the request with one-time funds and look for potential funding from the infrastructure bill.
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

392 - Veterans Services

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO

MOTION: Direct PBO to work with the Veterans Services and the Veterans Services subcommittee to identify any resources related to pressing urgent needs and bring an item back to the court for consideration.

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

C2 - AISD Family Resource Center

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO
Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHS

MOTION: That the \$82,346 of unallocated social services contracts will be dedicated to the Family Resource Center, and the \$17,654 balance will be one-time funds.

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

BH 15 - Community Competency Restoration

Members of the Court heard from:

Ellen Richards, Chief Strategy Officer, Integral Care
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

MOTION: Add the Community Competency Restoration Program as on-going funding and to do so reduce the future cost on-going earmark from \$2M to \$1,557,186 on the Allocated Reserve.

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

354 - Tree Mitigation

Members of the Court heard from:
Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, TNR

MOTION: Approve \$162,000 in one-time funds for Tree Mitigation for CIP Projects.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

380 - HMAC, Alternative Paving, and ADA Sidewalks

Members of the Court heard from:
Tom Kilgore, Mayor, City of Lakeway
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, TNR

RESULT: DISCUSSED

CAR Reserve

MOTION: Increase the earmark against the Car Reserve to \$32,746,506 to complete bond projects and future capital costs.
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

8. Authorize HRMD to post new positions.

MOTION: Authorize HRMD to post new positions.
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

9. Approve Fiscal Year 2022 earmarks on reserves: Allocated Reserve and Capital Acquisition Resources Reserve.

MOTION: Approve the FY 2022 Earmarks on reserves.
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

10. Authorize Planning and Budget Office to adjust Unallocated Reserve and balance budget against Allocated Reserve based on fifth (final) revenue estimate.

MOTION: Authorize PBO to adjust the Unallocated Reserve and balance the budget against the Allocated Reserve based on the fifth revenue estimate.
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

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge