



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court November 2, 2021 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on November 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 3 Ann Howard
Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret J. Gómez

Absent Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

Consent

- C1. Receive bids from County Purchasing Agent. (Commissioner Travillion)
- C2. Approve payment of claims by the County Treasurer. (Judge Brown)
- C3. Authorize the County Treasurer to invest County funds. (Judge Brown)
- C4. Approve the minutes for the Commissioners Court Voting Sessions of October 5, 12 & 19, 2021, and the Special Joint Session of October 12, 2021. (Judge Brown)

MOTION: Approve Items C1-C4.
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

Second Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Items 1, 4, 5.a-b, 6.a-b, 7, 8, 9.a-e, 10, 11.a, 12, 13, 14, and A1.
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

Resolutions & Proclamations

1. Approve proclamation recognizing November 4, 2021, as "Adoption Day."
(Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

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

3. 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, including any legal actions, steps, orders, policies, or communications related to COVID-19 and measures necessary to protect public health and safety of employees and residents
(Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Planning & Budget

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

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

- A. New contract for the 2021 Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program and American Rescue Plan Act Grant for the Health & Human Services Department
- B. Annual contract for the Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program for 2021 – 2022 for the Health & Human Services Department (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing

- 6. Approve contract award for automotive storage batteries, IFB No. B2106-001-WL, for estimated requirements, to the following low bidders:
 - A. Contract No. 4400005951, Battery Systems, Lines 1-7, 10, 12-22, 24, 25, 27-31, 33-35
 - B. Contract No. 4400005983, Interstate Batteries, Lines 8, 9, 11, 23, 26, 32, 34, 35 (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 7. Approve Modification No. 1 to Contract No. 4400005450 with Deer Oaks EAP Services, LLC, for amounts based on enrollment, for Employee Assistance Program. (Human Resources Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 8. Approve Modification No. 1 to Contract No. 4400005888 with Rolando L. Rios, Attorney at Law, for redistricting consulting services. (Intergovernmental Relations) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 9. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the following exemption order:

Pursuant to §262.024 of the Texas Local Government Code, approve order exempting contracts for the purchase of items and services necessary to implement the Travis County Homelessness Resolution and Supportive Housing Initiative Pipeline (“TCSHIP”), approved by the Travis County Commissioners Court on September 14, 2021 as part of a response to address the COVID-19 pandemic, including agreements with the following:

- A. Mobile Loaves and Fishes and Foundation Communities for the development of Burleson Village, a new supportive housing community;
- B. Austin Area Urban League, A New Entry, Caritas of Austin, Family Eldercare, Integral Care, LifeWorks, and SAFE Alliance (together formed as “the Travis

County Supportive Housing Collaborative”) for the development of new affordable supportive housing communities at different geographic locations across Travis County;

- C. The Other Ones Foundation for the development of Camp Esperanza for tiny homes that will provide shelter and will include supportive services and rental assistance;
- D. Foundation Communities for the development of its Juniper Creek Apartments project for affordable housing resources; and
- E. Any other agreements necessary to further carry out and support the initiatives of TCSHIP and order that these contracts are exempt from the competitive solicitation requirements established by Section 262.023 of the Texas Local Government Code because they are contracts for the purchase of goods and services necessary to preserve or protect the public health and safety of residents of the county and purchased in a case of public calamity in accordance with Local Government Code §§ 262.024 (a)(1) and (2). (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 10. Declare used equipment as surplus and authorize trade-in for the purchase of new equipment, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code § 263.152(a)(2). (Information Technology Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

- 11. Consider and take appropriate action on:
 - A. Routine personnel actions (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

- 12. Set a public hearing on November 30, 2021, to receive comments regarding the partial subdivision vacation of Commanders Point in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 13. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to use an alternative fiscal agreement for Provence Phase 1, Section 4A for subdivision construction in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

14. Set a public hearing on November 30, 2021, to receive comments regarding the partial subdivision vacation of Ralph White Addition in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Added Items

- A1. Approve resolution denouncing antisemitism and affirming our ongoing commitment to make Travis County a safe, inclusive, and just place for all. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge