



# Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court December 14, 2021 Voting Session

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## Call to Order

Meeting called to order on December 14, 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

## County Announcements

*Clerk's Note: The Court congratulated LBJ and Westlake High School football teams for making it to the state championship.*

## 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 Special Joint Session of November 9, the Special Voting Sessions of November 10 & 18, and the Voting Sessions of November 9 & 16, 2021. (Judge Brown)

**MOTION:** Approve Items C1-C4.  
**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

## Second Consent Motion

Members of the Court heard from:

Zenobia Joseph, Travis County resident

Jennifer Kraber, Assistant County Attorney

Sherine Thomas, Senior Chief Deputy, Travis County Attorney's Office

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

**MOTION:** Approve Items 6, 7.a-c, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14.a-b, 15.f, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25.a-b, 26.a-c, 28, 29, 30, 31.a-d, and 32.

**MOVER:** Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

**SECONDER:** Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

### FRIENDLY

**AMENDMENT:** Remove Item 8 from the Second Consent Motion.

**MOVER:** Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

**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

## Resolutions & Proclamations

1. Approve proclamation recognizing the retirement of Deborah Britton for her 25 years of service and her service to Travis County and its residents. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Nancy Goodwim-gill, HR Manager I, HHS

Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHS

Deborah Britton, Chief Deputy, HHS

**MOTION:** Approve Item 1.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

**MOVER:** Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

**SECONDER:** Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

2. Consider and approve the resolution celebrating the Juvenile Public Defender Office 50th Anniversary. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Kameron Johnson, Juvenile Public Defender

**MOTION:** Approve Item 2.

**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

### **Emergency Services**

3. 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**

4. 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

**RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY**

- C. Rental & utility assistance programs and initiatives

Members of the Court heard from:

Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHS

Lisa Rheams, Member, Neighbors at Rosemont Tenants Association and  
Steering Committee Member

Delores Eichardo, Member, Neighbors at Rosemont Tenants Association

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

- D. Other necessary measures and actions, including any legal actions, steps, orders, policies, or communications related to COVID-19, measures necessary to protect public health and safety of employees and residents, and any necessary approval of orders mandating continued compliance with the Health Authority's rules.

Members of the Court heard from:

Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services

**MOTION:** Approve the order in Item 4.d.

**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

- E. Approve positions with Constable Precinct Four Office to assist with vaccine distribution, safety, and security at COVID shot locations (Judge Brown)

**RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY**

## **Health & Human Services**

5. Consider and take appropriate action to approve and ratify the FY 2022 Renewal and Amendment No. 3 of the interlocal agreement with Integral Care for substance use disorder managed services (SAMSO). (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Laura Peveto, Director, Office of Children Services, HHS

Louise Lynch, Provider Network Authority Officer, Integral Care

Courtney Bissonnet Lucas, Senior Planner, HHS

**MOTION:** Approve the modification to the MSO agreement.

**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

6. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the Environmental Review and Clearance for Kennedy Ridge Wastewater Improvements, a Community Development Block Grant project receiving Program Year 2019 and 2020 grant funds provided by HUD. (Commissioner Travillion)

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

7. Consider and take appropriate action on the following related to the environmental documents for Travis County's Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Crystal Bend Drainage Improvements project with funding provided by HUD via the Texas General Land Office:

- A. Approve the Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOI/RROF) for publication to notify the public of the public comment periods,
- B. Authorize the submission of the RROF to the Texas General Land Office (GLO), if no comments are received during the public comment period, and
- C. Authorize the County Judge to sign the required environmental forms after they are approved by the GLO.  
(Commissioner Travillion)

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

- 8. Consider and take appropriate action on items related to the final version of the Program Year 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report ("PY20 CAPER") for the Travis County CDBG Program and authorize submission to HUD. The final version of the PY20 CAPER includes public comments, responses, and final edits.(Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Prema Gregerson, Assistant County Attorney

**MOTION:** Approve Item 8.

**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

**Intergovernmental Relations**

- 9. Consider and take appropriate action on an appointment to the Travis Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. (Judge Brown)

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

- 10. Consider and take appropriate action to adopt an order making revisions to certain Travis County election precincts in accordance with Chapter 42 of the Texas ElectionCode. (Judge Brown)

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

**Justice Planning**

- 11. Consider and take appropriate action on a proposal from Dell Medical School at the University of Texas at Austin to lead a planning process on forensic behavioral health. (Commissioner Gómez)

**RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY**

12. Approve bond for Justice of the Peace Visiting Judge Juan Duran. (Judge Brown)

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

**Planning & Budget**

13. Consider and take appropriate action on budget amendments, transfers, and discussion items. (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. Annual application to the Texas Department of Transportation to continue the Underage Drinking Prevention Program in the County Attorney's Office
- B. Contract amendment to the interlocal agreement with the City of Austin for the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Program in the District Attorney's Office (Commissioner Gómez)

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

15. Receive update and take appropriate action on Travis County's Coronavirus Relief grant funding including

- A. Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocations and Expenditures
- B. FEMA Reimbursement
- C. Infrastructure Bill
- D. Community Engagement Plan
- E. TCTX Thrive Program

**RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY**

- F. Ratification of Request to U.S. Department of Treasury for Remaining Emergency Rental Assistance (ERAP 2) Allocation

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

- G. Other related items  
(Commissioner Gómez)

**RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY**

## **Purchasing**

16. Approve Modification No. 2 to Contract 4400002973, with American YouthWorks, for as-needed requirements, for workforce training services and certain other services including vegetation manipulation, erosion control and trail-related services. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

17. Approve Modification No. 25 to Contract No. 4400000915 with CAP Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$13,750.00, for custom programming to the Case Management and Business Administration system. (Information Technology Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

18. Approve Ratification and Modification No. 2 to Contract No. 4400004516 with Council on At-Risk Youth (CARY), in the amount \$70,000.00, for Violence Prevention Services. (Juvenile Probation) (Commissioner Travillion)

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

19. Ratify and approve Modification No. 1 to Contract No. 4400005644 with Guidehouse, Inc., an as needed contract, for Consulting Services for the implementation of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. (Health & Human Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

20. Approve Modification No. 1 to Contract No. 4400005843 with Manville Water Supply Corporation, in the amount of \$53,216.32, for the relocation of waterline facilities on the FM 969 Phase II Project. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion).

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

21. Approve Modification No. 7 to Contract No. 4500000480, with Metropolitan Parking, a revenue contract, for Parking Management Services. (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

22. Consider and take appropriate action to approve revisions to the Purchasing Procedures Guide, Section 3.015. (Commissioner Travillion)

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

23. Receive and accept mobile phones pursuant to Local Government Code, § 81.032. (Commissioner Travillion)

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

**Technology & Operations**

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

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

25. Consider and take appropriate action on the following items for the Human Resources Management Department:
- A. Routine Personnel Actions
  - B. Non-Routine Personnel Actions  
(Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

26. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the license agreements at the Exposition Center with
- A. Austin-Travis County Emergency Operation Center to use the Banquet Hall from January 1, 2021 to August 12, 2021
  - B. Travis County Emergency Services to use the Skyline Club, Show Barn, and Portion of the Ground from May 7, 2021 to August 12, 2021
  - C. Travis County Emergency Services to use all the Exposition Center facilities from August 13, 2021 to December 31, 2021  
(Commissioner Travillion)

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

27. Approve interview questions for candidates for County Executive of Health and Human Services and conduct interviews of finalists for the position of County Executive of Health and Human Services. (This item may be taken into Executive Session under the Personnel Matters and/or Consultation with Attorney exceptions to the Texas Open Meetings Act) (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

*Judge Brown announced that Item 27 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Gov't. Code Ann. 551.074, Personnel Matters.*

**MOTION:** Approve the interview questions in Item 27.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

**MOVER:** County Judge Andy Brown

**SECONDER:** Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

### **Transportation & Natural Resources**

28. Consider and take appropriate action on Travis County's representatives to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (CAMPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). (Commissioner Travillion)

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

29. Set a public hearing on January 11, 2022, to receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a public utility easement located along the common lot line of Lots 26 and 27, Block O, Apache Shores Section 5, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

30. Set a public hearing on January 4, 2022, to receive comments concerning a temporary detour and restriction of all traffic on Turnersville Road North beginning on or about January 11, 2022, and continuing through October 1, 2022, or until work is complete, in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez).

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

### **Other**

31. Consider and approve of tax resale deeds and take appropriate action on the following offers for Tax Resale Deeds
- A. *Travis County, et al v. Sherwin Buydens* (Swan Arbitrage, LLC Tax ResaleDeed)
  - B. *Travis County, et al v. Isabelle Etter* (Bryan L. Thompson Tax Resale Deed)
  - C. *Travis County, et al v. Nola Thomas* (Zakura Favors Tax Resale Deed)
  - D. *Travis County, et al v. San Jacinto Savings Association, et al* (Jamar Beall Tax Resale Deed)  
(Judge Brown)

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

32. Approve request from Los Angeles County, California and the City of Los Angeles that Travis County join as a signatory to a proposed joint cities and counties amicus brief to be filed in *State of Texas, et al., Plaintiffs - Appellees v. United States of America, et al., Defendants – Appellants*, Case No. 21-40680 in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. (This item may be taken into executive session under the consultation with attorney exception of the Texas Open Meetings Act).

**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*

33. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding *County of Travis v. Purdue Pharma, L.P. et al.* Cause No. D-1-GN-18-000625 in the 261st Judicial District Court of Travis County, and *In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL 2804 Case No. 1:17-md-2804 in the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, and *In re: Purdue Pharma L.P., et al.*, Case No. 19-23649, United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of New York, and *In re: Mallinckrodt PLC, et al.*, Case No. 20-12522, United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Delaware, and related matters. <sup>1</sup> (Judge Brown)

*Judge Brown announced that Item 33 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation.*

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

34. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the purchase of real property in Southern Travis County. <sup>1</sup> & <sup>2</sup> (Commissioner Gómez)

*Judge Brown announced that Item 34 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.*

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

35. 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 and naming of Harold Green Road <sup>1</sup> & 2
  - B. Permitting and compliance issues. <sup>1</sup>
  - C. Amendment, modification, or extension of Economic Development Performance Agreement, Colorado River Project, LLC (Tesla) <sup>1</sup>
  - D. Other related issues <sup>1</sup> & 2  
(Commissioner Travillion)

*Judge Brown announced that Items 35.a-d 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:** Direct staff to post notice for a hearing to rename the Harold Green Road, to negotiate an amendment for Tesla to build the northern alignment along Elm Creek as the road from Austin's Colony including improvements to SH 130 to accommodate all four lanes of the northern alignment, and to continue to negotiate the future of the River Bend Road and any other amendments to the agreement.

**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

36. Receive legal briefing regarding County elected official vacancies and requirements under Texas law, and take appropriate action. <sup>1</sup> (Judge Brown)

*Judge Brown announced that Item 36 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation.*

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

**Adjourn**

**Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court**

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Date of Approval

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Andy Brown, County Judge