



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court January 11, 2022 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on January 11, 2022, 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

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: *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.*

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

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: There were no County Announcements.

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)

MOTION: Approve Items C1-C3.
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

Members of the Court heard from:

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

MOTION: Approve Items 4.e, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15.a-b, 17, 18.a-b, 19, 22, and 25.
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 noted a scrivener's error in Item 7. The dates for the publiccomment period should be January 23, 2022, to February 2, 2022.

Public Hearings

1. 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)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
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 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

2. Receive comments regarding the request to change the street name from Harold Green Road to Tesla Road or another name. (Commissioner Travillion)

MOTION: Open 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

Members of the Court heard from:

Anna Bowlin, Division Director, Development Services and Long-Range Planning, 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

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

Members of the Court heard from:

Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services
George Morales III, Constable, Precinct 4
Todd Hamilton, Campus President, Central Texas Allied Health Institute
Janis Bookout, Co-Founder, Community Resilience Trust

RESULT: DISCUSSED

C. Rental & utility assistance programs and initiatives

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

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

RESULT: DISCUSSED

E. Consider and take appropriate action ratifying an interlocal agreement with Travis County Emergency Services District 11 for coordination, management, and delivery of vaccination services as part of the Central Texas Vaccine Collaborative.
(Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Health & Human Services

5. Consider and take appropriate action to approve and ratify the FY 2022 interlocal agreement with Integral Care for Targeted Behavioral Health Support Services. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

6. Consider and take appropriate action regarding evictions and related services in Travis County. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHS
Nicholas Chu, Travis County Justice of the Peace, Precinct #5
Nathan Fernandez, Planner, Research and Planning Division, HHS
Lawrence Lyman, Director, Research and Planning Division, HHS
Paul Cauduro, Director, Government Relations, Austin Apartment Association
Zenobia Joseph, Travis County resident

RESULT: DISCUSSED

7. Consider and take appropriate action to certify the findings of the Environmental Review for the Travis County Crystal Bend Drainage Improvements project (that is being funded primarily by HUD, via the Texas General Land Office (GLO), with Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding) by signing the HUD environmental review form. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

8. Consider and take appropriate action regarding Emergency Rental Assistance for Travis County Residents. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed staff recommendations to direct staff to make automatic budget adjustments to move existing one-time LRF personnel budget vacancy savings related to emergency assistance to pay the remaining invoices for rental assistance and move the \$3M previously moved to the HHS budget back to the Emergency Reserve.

Members of the Court heard from:

Lawrence Lyman, Director, Research and Planning Division, HHS
Kirsten Siegfried, Director, Family Support Services Division, HHS
Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHS
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)
Zenobia Joseph, Travis County resident

MOTION: Follow staff recommendations to reallocate these unexpended funds from personnel.

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

Intergovernmental Relations

9. Consider and take appropriate action on appointments to the boards of the Strategic Housing Finance Corporation and the Travis County Housing Authority. (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 9 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.

Members of the Court heard from:

Julie Wheeler, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, Intergovernmental Relations Office (IGR)
Trelisha Brown, Assistant County Attorney

MOTION: Direct staff to extend the call for both SHFC and HATC for one week and move forward with interviews with the applicants we have received, including Ann Denton, as well as scheduling two short interviews with the two tenant applicants.

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

Justice Planning

10. Consider and take appropriate action to approve and ratify a Memorandum of Understanding between Travis County Mental Health Public Defender and ViaHope to collaborate on the Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training Program grant awarded from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to Via Hope. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

11. Consider and take action on Memorandum of Understanding for Travis County to be a partner on City of Austin grant application to the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women Firearms Technical Assistance Project. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning & Budget

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing

13. Approve Modification No. 5 to Contract No. 4400004529 with BGE, Inc., in the amount of \$124,570.00, for South Pleasant Valley Road. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

14. Approve exemption and ratification of Purchase Order No. 4100174455, with The McMillion Group, in the amount of \$52,634.63, for employee engagement and training sessions. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

15. 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

16. Consider and take appropriate action to provide additional COVID leave, including but not limited to the addition of forty (40) hours of COVID leave to Travis County employees who are fully vaccinated and boosted per the CDC guidelines. (This item may be taken into executive session under the consultation with attorney exception). (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Judge Brown announced that Item 16 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071.

Members of the Court heard from:

Shannon Weidauer, Director, Human Resources Management Department
(HRMD)

Carol Guthrie, Business Manager, Local 1624, American Federation of State,
County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

Baldemar Casas, Travis County employee

MOTION: Extend the remaining Covid emergency paid sick leave hours under the same provisions as approved in the last two extensions from January 1, 2022, to March 31, 2022, and direct staff to return to court with in-depth analysis of other options.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

MOTION: Call the question and vote on the standing motion.

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

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea

NAYS: Andy Brown, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Clerk's Note: The Court took a vote on the Substitute Motion at this time.

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Extend the remaining Covid emergency paid sick leave hours under the same provisions as approved in the last two extensions until February 8, 2022, and for staff to return to the Commissioners Court with an in-depth analysis of other options.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: County Judge Andy Brown

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

Clerk's Note: The Court noted that by approving this motion they directed Human Resources staff to work with AFSCME representatives, the Auditor, and PBO in this discussion so everyone will understand the costs associated with the options.

17. Consider and take appropriate action on appointing three Compensation Committee voting members. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

18. Approve the following changes to the Virtual Community Meet and Greet of candidate for the position of County Executive of Health and Human Services:

- A. Rescheduling meeting from January 13, 2022 at 5:30 to 7:00 to January 19, 2022 at 5:30 to 7:30
- B. Include an additional mechanism for community participation by using a call-in number to submit questions during the virtual community meet and greet (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

19. Consider and take appropriate action on a Guaranteed Ride Home Program for county employees. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

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

- A. Receive Report from Development Services Process and Fee Review Consultant
- B. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the implementation of the recommendations in the report (Commissioners Travillion & Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, Transportation and Natural Resources
(TNR)

Fred Turnier, Project Manager, BerryDunn

Kevin Price, Project Principal, BerryDunn

Jesse Myott, Senior Consultant, BerryDunn

MOTION: Send the report to the TNR subcommittee for review and bring it back to the Commissioners Court for action.

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

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

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

ABSTAIN: Ann Howard

21. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to change the street name from Harold Green Road to Tesla Road or another name. (Commissioner Travillion)

MOTION: Approve Item 21.

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

22. Set a public hearing on February 8, 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 614 & 615, Apache Shores Section 2, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Consider and take appropriate action 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)

MOTION: Approve Item 23.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

24. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following requests for Turners Crossing South Phase 1:

- A. Approve with conditions the Turners Crossing South Ph 1 Final Plat (Final Plat - 251 single-family lots, one multi-family lot, one commercial lot, one amenity lot, and five drainage/ park lots – 11,893 of proposed streets – 131.85 acres – N Turnersville Road - water and wastewater provided by the City of Austin - City of Austin two-mile ETJ)
- B. Approve the Travis County Subdivision Construction Agreement with Meritage Homes of Texas, LLC, Trendmaker Homes, Inc. now known as Tri Pointe Homes, Inc. and Taylor Morrison of Texas, Inc. in Precinct Four (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Anna Bowlin, Division Director, Development Services and Long-Range Planning, TNR

MOTION: Approve Items 24.a-b with conditions.

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

- 25. Consider and take appropriate action on the acceptance of the dedication of the public street and drainage facilities within Sun Chase South Section 7 - a subdivision in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

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

Added Items

- A1. Consider and take appropriate action regarding future vacancy in the position of Travis County Clerk, including but not limited to appointment of an interim county clerk. (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item A1 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.

Members of the Court heard from:

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

MOTION: Appoint Rebecca Guerrero to the position of Travis County Clerk to begin upon Dana Debeauvoir's resignation on January 28, 2022, for the remainder of the term ending December 31, 2022.

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

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge