



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court January 4, 2022 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on January 4, 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

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: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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)
- C4. Approve the minutes for the Special Joint Session of December 14 and the Voting Session of December 14, 2021. (Judge Brown)

MOTION: Approve Items C1-C4.
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

MOTION: Approve Items 5.a-b, 6, 7.a-b, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15.a-b, 18, 20, and 21.
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

Public Hearings

1. Receive comments regarding a temporary detour and restriction of all traffic on Turnersville Road North due to construction beginning on or about January 11, 2022, and continuing through October 1, 2022, or until work is complete, in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
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

Members of the Court heard from:

Brian Burk, Senior Engineer, Public Works, 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

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

- C. Rental & utility assistance programs and initiatives

Members of the Court heard from:

Lawrence Lyman, Director, Research and Planning Division, Travis County Health and Human Services (HHS)
Kirsten Siegfried, Director, Family Support Services Division, HHS
Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHS
Jessica Rio, County Executive, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)

MOTION: Direct staff to continue processing the remaining 995 approved applications and communicate the closure of the rental assistance program.

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

- 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
- E. Consider and take appropriate action on 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: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Justice Planning

- 4. 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.
(Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Clerk's Note: The County Judge discussed edits to the back-up provided by Dell Medical School:

1. In the "Proposed Goal" section of the Dell Medical School's Proposed Planning Process, add to the end of the first sentence "and reduce the number of people who enter into our criminal legal system."
2. The Proposed Planning Structure discusses a Steering Committee, and the Court wants to ensure the following:
 - *That the County Executive for Health and Human Services or designee be one of the three chairs of the committee;*
 - *That Black and Hispanic organizations are represented on the committee;*
 - *That someone with lived experience be a member of the committee; and lastly*
 - *That Travis County Commissioner Margaret Gómez and County Judge Andy Brown be on the committee.*

Members of the Court heard from:

Roger Jefferies, County Executive, Justice and Public Safety (JPS)

Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHS

Dr. Steve Strakowski, Associate Vice President, Regional Mental Health, Dell Medical School

Sonja Burns, Travis County resident

David Johnson, Travis County resident

MOTION: Move forward with the proposal including the comments made by the Commissioners Court in the planning process and ask staff to get the contract signed.

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

5. Consider and take appropriate action on the following amendments to the SoberingCenter interlocal agreement between Travis County, the City of Austin, and the Sobering Center to increase the City of Austin's operating budget allocation for the Sobering Center in FY 2021, 2022, and 2023:

A. Fifth amendment for an additional \$64,150 for FY 2021

B. Sixth amendment for an additional \$131,328 for FY 2022 and \$64,150 for FY 2023
(Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning & Budget

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

7. Consider and take appropriate action on the following grant programs, applications, contracts and related special budgets, and permissions to continue:
 - A. New contract with the Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for the Youth Offender Reentry Program in the Juvenile Probation Department
 - B. New contract with the Texas Council on Family Violence, Office of the Attorney General for the Domestic Violence High-Risk (DVHR) Teams grant in the District Attorney's Office
(Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing

8. Approve Modification No. 4 to Contract No. 4400004022 with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., in the amount of \$35,602.04, for the design of the Wyldwood Road Drainage Improvements Project. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

9. Approve termination of Contract No. 4400004940 with Cobb Fendley & Associates, Inc., for design of the Pedernales Canyon Trail at Lick Creek Drainage Improvements. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

10. 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 \$230,140.00, in response to the COVID Infusion Center Operations, as authorized by Commissioners Court on May 11, 2021, pursuant to County Purchasing Act § 262.024(A)(2). (Emergency Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

11. Approve contract award for Guardrail and Bridgerail Installation, Removal and Replacement, IFB No. 2109-011-GC, as needed, to low bidder, H&H Fence Co. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

12. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the Techshare Prosecutor 2022 Resource Sharing Addendum. (Information Technology Services)
(Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

13. Approve modification No. 5 to Contract No. 4400003880 with Travis County Reentry Roundtable in the amount of \$48,000.00 for Community Engagement Services for Formerly Incarcerated Persons. (Justice Planning) (Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

Roger Jefferies, County Executive, Justice and Public Safety (JPS)
Kelly Nichols, Principal, Woollard Nichols & Associates

MOTION: Approve Item 13.

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

Technology & Operations

14. Receive an update on Travis County Employee Health Care Fund for the period October 1, 2021 to November 30, 2021. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

15. Consider and take appropriate action on the following items for the Human Resources Management Department:

- A. Routine Personnel Actions
(Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. Discuss and take possible action related to the position of County Executive of Health and Human Services including but not limited to:

- A. Finalize plans for virtual community meet and greet to allow for public engagement
- B. Consideration of candidates; Juan Duarte, Lawrence Lyman, and Pilar Sanchez (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 16 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: Motion to adopt the process proposed by HRMD as contained in the backup,

- The date for the meet and greet with the HHS Executive Manager candidates will be January 13, 2022;
- Public notices to be sent out by the Public Information Office;
- The agenda will be posted so that the Commissioners Court can attend;
- Translation services will be made available;
- A moderator will ask the questions;
- The candidates will be brought in one at a time; and,
- The process will also include the ability for the public to email questions in advance as well as for new questions to be asked during the event, and, at the conclusion, provide options for feedback to be provided to the Commissioners' Court.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Brigid Shea

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

Transportation & Natural Resources

17. Receive a CTRMA presentation on the MoPac South Express Lanes project and take appropriate action on the submission of comments by the Commissioners Court for the public comment period ending January 7, 2022. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

James Bass, Executive Director, Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, (CTRMA)

Charlotte Gilpin, Project Manager, K Friese & Associates

Jay Crossley, Travis County resident

Kelly Davis, Travis County resident

Heyden Black Walker, Chair, Pedestrian Advisory Council

John Langmore, Board Member, CTRMA Board of Directors

Nikelle Mead, Vice Chair, CTRMA Board of Directors

MOTION: Direct staff to amend the Commissioners Court comment letter with the addition of:

- Request the CTRMA extend the comment period by 30 days
- Consider language around restriping the lanes among the alternatives.

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

18. Consider and take appropriate action on a Final Plat for recording: Chimney Oaks at Lake Travis, Section 2, Revised Plat of Lots 41 and 42, Block C (Short Form Final Plat – one residential lot – 7.202 acres - No ETJ) in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

19. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a temporary detour and restriction of all traffic on Turnersville Road North due to construction beginning on or about January 11, 2022, and continuing through October 1, 2022, or until work is complete, in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

MOTION: Approve Item 19.

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

Other

20. Consider and take appropriate action regarding providing election services to the City of Austin located in Travis County. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Approve order setting the meeting terms for the Travis County Statutory Courts, Travis County Probate Court and Travis County Justice of the Peace Courts for Calendar Year 2022; and setting the meeting locations for the Justice of the Peace Courts. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Executive Session

22. 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

- D. Other related issues ^{1 & 2}
(Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Added Items

- A1. Approve a proclamation honoring the life of former Mayor Bruce Todd and recognizing his years of public service to the Austin and Travis County community. (Judge Brown)

MOTION: Approve the proclamation in Item A1.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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