



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court February 22, 2022 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on February 22, 2022, in the Travis County Administration Building, Commissioners Courtroom, 700 Lavaca Street, 1st Floor, Austin, TX, Rebecca Guerrero, 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 County Judge noted that Early Voting ends Friday February 25, 2022.

Clerk's Note: Sherri Fleming, the outgoing County Executive for Travis County Health and Human Services, introduced Pilar Sanchez the new County Executive for Health and Human Services.

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 Voting Sessions of January 25, February 1 and 8, 2022, Special Voting Sessions of January 27 and February 10, 2022, and Special Joint Sessions of January 25 and February 8, 2022. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Arthur C. Graves, Travis County resident
Bob Batlan, Volunteer, Advocates for Social Justice Reform

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, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Second Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Items 10, 14.a-b, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23.a-b, 24, 25, and 26.
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

**FRIENDLY
AMENDMENT:** Pull Item 13.
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
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

Public Hearings

1. Public hearing on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, to receive comments regarding the issuance of a Mass Gathering Permit for Austin Energy APA Rodeo to be held on March 26, 2022, at 15500 Sun Light Near Way, Pflugerville, TX. 78660. (Commissioner Shea)

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:

Tony Callaway, Travis County Fire Marshal

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

2. Public hearing on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, to receive comments regarding the issuance of a Mass Gathering Permit for Luck Reunion to be held on March 17, 18, and 19, 2022, at 1100 Bee Creek Road, Spicewood, TX. 78669. (Commissioner Howard)

MOTION: Open 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

Members of the Court heard from:

Tony Callaway, Travis County Fire Marshal

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

3. Public hearing on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 (revised from February 15, 2022), to receive comments regarding the issuance of a Mass Gathering Permit for Austin Crawfish Festival to be held on March 5, and 6, 2022 at 9507 Sherman Road, Austin, TX. 78742. (Judge Andy Brown)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.

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

Members of the Court heard from:

Tony Callaway, Travis County Fire Marshal

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.

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

Emergency Services

4. 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

Clerk's Note: The County Judge announced that by taking no action, the prohibition against outdoor burning remains in place.

5. 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. Vaccine distribution, operations, and associated agreements

Members of the Court heard from:

Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services

Todd Hamilton, Campus President, Central Texas Allied Health Institute

RESULT: DISCUSSED

- B. Periodic update from the Austin/Travis County Public Health Authority
- 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

6. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding the duties, performance, and appointment of the Travis County Fire Marshal. (This item may be taken into Executive Session under Texas Government Code, § 551.071 Consultation with Attorney and Texas Government Code, § 551.074 Personnel Matters.) (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 6 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: Reappoint Tony Callaway, Travis County Fire Marshal from March 1, 2022, to February 28, 2024.

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

7. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the issuance of a Mass Gathering Permit for Austin Energy APA Rodeo to be held on March 26, 2022, at 15500 Sun Light Near Way, Pflugerville, TX. 78660. (Commissioner Shea)

MOTION: Approve Items 7.
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. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the issuance of a Mass Gathering Permit for Luck Reunion to be held on March 17, 18, and 19, 2022, at 1100 Bee Creek Road, Spicewood, TX. 78669. (Commissioner Howard)

MOTION: Approve Items 8.
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

Clerk's Note: The Court noted that the third day of the event is March 19, 2022, not February 19, 2022, as stated in the backup.

9. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the issuance of a Mass Gathering Permit for Austin Crawfish Festival to be held on March 5, and 6, 2022 at 9507 Sherman Road, Austin, TX. 78742. (Judge Andy Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Tanner Friese, Travis County resident
Jennifer Hopgood, Assistant County Attorney

MOTION: Approve Item 9.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez, Margaret Gómez

Health & Human Services

10. Consider and take appropriate action to approve and ratify Modification 6 to the FY22 Interlocal Agreement with Integral Care for main mental health services. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

11. Consider and take appropriate action on a resolution to join the City of Austin in the creation of a joint Austin/Travis County Public Health Commission. (Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

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

Julie Wheeler, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, Intergovernmental Relations Office (IGR)

Zenobia Joseph, Travis County resident

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed the addition of "Foundations and Public Health Agencies" to Item 3 under the section related to the County Executive of Health and Human Services of the resolution.

MOTION: Approve Item 11 with the added change

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

ABSTAIN: Margaret Gómez

Intergovernmental Relations

12. Consider and take appropriate action on appointments to the boards of the Strategic Housing Finance Corporation and Housing Authority of Travis County, including:
 - A. Approve a set of interview questions
 - B. Conduct interviews of selected finalists (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 12.b would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation.

Members of the Court heard from:

Julie Wheeler, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, IGR

Ann Denton, Candidate for reappointment, Strategic Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC) and Housing Authority of Travis County

(HATC) boards
Cristina Rosales, Candidate, SHFC and HATC boards
Julio Gonzalez, Candidate, SHFC and HATC boards
Jimmy Paver, Candidate, SHFC and HATC boards
AJ Bingham, Candidate, SHFC and HATC boards
Sharal Brown, Candidate, SHFC and HATC boards
Rosa Rios Valdez, Candidate, SHFC and HATC boards

MOTION: Approve the questions as modified.
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

Planning & Budget

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

Items 13 and 27 are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

MOTION: Approve Item 13.
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

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 for TXDOT Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) in the Travis County Sheriff's Office
 - B. New contract with Texas A&M Public Policy Research Institute for the Counsel at First Appearance pilot program for the Capital Area Private Defender Service managed by Justice Planning
(Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

15. Consider and take appropriate action on FY 2023 Budget Guidelines. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

MOTION: Approve Item 15.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

16. Consider and take appropriate action on Community Engagement process to assist with decision making for a variety of County programs including but not limited to economic development and programs funded with the American Rescue Plan Act's Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Christy Moffett, Interim Director, Economic Development & Strategic Investments, PBO

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO

RESULT: DISCUSSED

17. Receive briefing on work progress related to the Supportive Housing Resolution approved on September 14, 2021. (Commissioner Gomez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Christy Moffett, Interim Director, Economic Development & Strategic Investments, PBO

Barbara Wilson, Assistant County Attorney

Zenobia Joseph, Travis County resident

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Purchasing

18. Approve order exempting the purchase of Small Municipal and County Government Enterprise Agreement (SGEA) from Esri, in the amount of \$385,000.00, from the competitive procurement process pursuant to County Purchasing Act § 262.024 (a) (7) (A). (ITS) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

19. Approve Termination of Contract No. 4400000768 with Neuro Institute of Austin, LP dba Texas Neuro Rehab Center, for Residential Treatment Services. (Health & Human Services Department-Office of Children Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. Approve order exempting the purchase of UNIC SPYDERCRANE mini-crawler from Smiley Lifting Solutions, dba SPYDERCRANE Sales, in the amount of \$92,400.00, from the competitive procurement process pursuant to County Purchasing Act Section § 262.024(a)(7)(A). (Travis County STAR Flight) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

21. Consider and take appropriate action to ratify and approve modification of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) approved January 18, 2022 with the Housing Authority of Travis County (HATC) for information technology services provided by Travis County's Information Technology Services (ITS) Department.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

22. Consider and take appropriate action to authorize HRMD to make the recommended change to all Travis County job descriptions. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

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

RESULT: DISCUSSED

23. 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

Transportation & Natural Resources

24. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a temporary detour and restriction of all traffic on Priem Lane beginning on or about March 14, 2022 and continuing through March 19, 2022, or until work is complete, in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

25. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a temporary detour and restriction of all traffic on Gregg Lane for construction beginning on or about March 14, 2022, and continuing through May 15, 2022, or until work is complete, in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

26. Set a public hearing on March 22, 2022, to receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a portion of a lateral support easement recorded as document #201615089 of the Official Public Records of Travis County and associated with Lot4A-2 Block C Resubdivision of Lot4A, Easton Park 1C Amended, a subdivision in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gomez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

27. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to engage a project manager consultant and third-party consultant for development review and inspection services. (Commissioners Travillion & Shea)

Items 13 and 27 are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Members of the Court heard from:

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

Aerin-Renee Pfaffenberger, Capital Analyst Sr., PBO

MOTION: Approve Item 27.

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

28. Consider and take appropriate action on Revision #2 to Provence Phase 1 Preliminary Plan (Preliminary Plan Revision - 700 total lots (673 single-family lots, one amenity lot, 24 open space lots, two utility lots, and public right-of-way) - 459.99 acres) in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

Items 28, 29.a-b, and 30.a-b are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Members of the Court heard from:

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

MOTION: Disapprove Items 28, 29.a-b, and 30.a-b, consistent with staff recommendations.

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

29. Consider and take appropriate action regarding:

- A. Plat for recording: Provence Phase 1, Section 6A Final Plat (Long Form Plat - 91 total lots - Morelle Drive – No City ETJ) in Precinct Three
- B. Subdivision Construction Agreement between Travis County and Masonwood HP, Ltd (Commissioner Howard)

Items 28, 29.a-b, and 30.a-b are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion. Please refer to Item 28 for a summary of the action taken by the Court.

30. Consider and take appropriate action regarding:

- A. Plat for recording: Provence Phase 1, Section 6B Final Plat (Long Form Plat - 55 total lots - Lavonde Drive – No City ETJ) in Precinct Three
- B. Subdivision Construction Agreement between Travis County and Masonwood HP, Ltd (Commissioner Howard)

Items 28, 29.a-b, and 30.a-b are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion. Please refer to Item 28 for a summary of the action taken by the Court.

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

31. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding the duties and performance of County Executive of Justice Planning. (This item may be taken into Executive Session under Texas Government Code, § 551.071 Consultation with Attorney and Texas Government Code, § 551.074 Personnel Matters). (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 31 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.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

32. Receive legal briefing, consider, and take appropriate action on departmental investigation and environmental assessment of the Justice Planning Department.¹ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 32 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge