



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court April 5, 2022 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on April 5, 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

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 doc
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

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

MOTION: Approve Items 7, 8, 12, 13.a-c, 14, 15.a, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23.a-b, and 24.
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

Resolutions & Proclamations

1. Approve a proclamation recognizing the week of April 10 through 16, 2022 as "Public Safety Telecommunicator Week" in Travis County. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Craig Smith, Major, Law Enforcement, Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO)
Sally Hernandez, Travis County Sheriff
Joseph Chacon, Austin Police Chief

MOTION: Approve Item 1.
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. Approve a proclamation honoring the military and educational service of Mr. Stan M. Brooks. (Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

Stan M Brooks, Travis County resident

MOTION: Approve Item 2.
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

3. Approve a proclamation recognizing the 35th anniversary of The Hispanic Women's Network of Texas. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Coronado, Board Chair, Hispanic Women's Network of Texas (HWNT)
Erica Lopez, State Chair Elect, HWNT

MOTION: Approve Item 3.
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

4. Approve a proclamation recognizing April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month".
(Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Sally Hernandez, Travis County Sheriff
Joseph Chacon, Austin Police Chief
José Garza, Travis County District Attorney

MOTION: Approve Item 4.
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

Emergency Services

5. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following:
- A. Outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Travis County

Members of the Court heard from:

Tony Callaway, Travis County Fire Marshal

MOTION: Approve an order prohibiting outdoor burning.
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

Clerk's Note: The prohibition on outdoor burning will expire on May 5, 2022. If conditions improve the order can be lifted by the County Judge or the Fire Marshal without action by the Commissioners Court.

- B. County response to natural disaster or other emergency
(Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

6. 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
George Morales III, Constable, Precinct 4
Todd Hamilton, Campus President, Central Texas Allied Health Institute

RESULT: DISCUSSED

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

7. Set a public hearing on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, to receive comments regarding the issuance of a Mass Gathering Permit for Modest Mouse music event to be held on April 29, 2022, at 1100 Bee Creek Road, Spicewood, TX. 78669. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

8. Set a public hearing on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, to receive comments regarding the issuance of a Mass Gathering Permit for the Bruce Robison music event to be held on May 1, 2022, at 1100 Bee Creek Road, Spicewood, TX. 78669. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Health & Human Services

9. Receive an update on Workforce Development Investments. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Lawrence Lyman, Director, Research and Planning Division, Travis County
Health and Human Services (HHS)
Zenobia Joseph, Travis County resident

RESULT: DISCUSSED

10. Receive an update on Travis County Rental Assistance. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Kirsten Siegfried, Director, Family Support Services Division, HHS
Zenobia Joseph, Travis County resident

RESULT: DISCUSSED

11. Receive an update on Travis County eviction filings from Honorable Nicholas Chu. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Nicholas Chu, Travis County Justice of the Peace, Precinct #5
Lawrence Lyman, Director, Research and Planning Division, HHS

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Planning & Budget

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

13. Consider and take appropriate action on the following:
 - A. An order authorizing the issuance and sale of one or more series of Travis County, Texas Unlimited Tax Road Bonds, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$5,000,000; levying a tax in payment thereof; providing for the award of the sale thereof in accordance with specified parameters; authorizing the execution and delivery of documents and agreements in connection therewith; approving the preparation of one or more official statements; and enacting other provisions relating thereto
 - B. An order authorizing the issuance and sale of one or more series of Travis County, Texas Permanent Improvement Bonds, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$7,225,000; levying a tax in payment thereof; ; providing for the award of the sale thereof in accordance with specified parameters; authorizing the execution and delivery of documents and agreements in connection therewith; approving the preparation of one or more official statements; and enacting other provisions relating thereto
 - C. An order authorizing the issuance and sale of one or more series of Travis County, Texas Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$50,000,000; levying a tax in payment thereof; providing for the award of the sale thereof in accordance with specified parameters; authorizing the execution and delivery of documents and agreements in connection therewith; approving the preparation of one or more official statements; and enacting other provisions relating thereto. *(This item may be taken into Executive Session under the Consultation with Attorney exception.)* (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing

14. Approve exemption and award of Contract No. 4400006287 with Capital Area Private Defender Service, in the amount of \$294,772.00 pursuant to Texas Local Government Code § 262 et seq. (Justice Planning) (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
(Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. Receive and take appropriate action on the ADA Self- Evaluation Report and Transition Plan from the WT Group, LLC. (*This item may be taken into Executive Session under Consultation with Attorney exception*). (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

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

James Alvarez, Risk Manager, HRMD

John McGovern, Principal in Charge, Project Director, WT Group

Paul Hopingardner, Executive Director, Technology and Operations

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)

MOTION: Accept the report and direct staff to implement the plan
and ask staff to investigate funding sources.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

FRIENDLY

AMENDMENT: Ask staff to return to the Commissioners Court with a timeline in the
near future.

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

17. Consider and take appropriate action on an automobile total loss claim recommendation for the date of loss of January 8, 2022. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

18. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the license agreement between Travis County and Travis County Emergency Services to use Exposition Center Banquet Hall from April 10, 2022, to April 28, 2022. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

19. Consider and take appropriate action to accept Unit 5451 into the county fleet. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. Consider and take appropriate action on a variance request on Braker Lane in the Whisper Valley Subdivision from Engineering Standards related to intersection sight distance Chapter 482.202.c Entrance Safety (requires that a street may not intersect a County road at a point where the sight distance is restricted to less than that required by the City of Austin Transportation Criteria Manual). (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

21. Set a public hearing on May 3, 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 1057 and 1058, Apache Shores Section 2, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

22. Consider and take appropriate action on the City of Austin's request to annex a portion of Old Lockhart Hwy in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

23. Consider and take appropriate action regarding new contracts to provide election services for the May 7, 2022 election for the following entities located in Travis County:
 - A. Bastrop-Travis ESD No. 1
 - B. Lake Travis ISD
(Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

24. Consider and take appropriate action regarding an Order designating Election Day polling places for the May 7, 2022 Local Elections. (Judge Brown)

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

25. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding Travis County information security issues. ¹ & ⁶ (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

26. Consider and take appropriate action on a request by Project Global Choice to lift the economic development agreements moratorium for this project and leverage CHIPS Act funding. ¹ & ⁵ (Commissioner Gomez)

Judge Brown announced that Item 26 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation and Gov't. Code Ann 551.087, Economic Development Negotiations.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge