



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

Minutes Prepared by the Travis County Clerk
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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on March 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
Absent: 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 2 Brigid Shea

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

ABSENT: Margaret Gómez

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: The County Judge thanked all the staff in the Travis County and City of Austin's Public Information Offices, Emergency Services and Travis County Television for keeping everyone informed regarding the March 21, 2022, storms, and tornadoes

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 Session of March 1, 2022, and the Special Joint Session of March 1, 2022. (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
ABSENT: Margaret Gómez

Second Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Items 6, 8.d, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17.a-b, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22.a-b, 23, 24, 25.a-c, 26, 27, 28, 30, 32, and A1.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard
ABSENT: Margaret Gómez

Public Hearings

1. 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 Lot 4A-2 Block C Resubdivision of Lot4A, Easton Park 1C Amended, a subdivision in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

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
ABSENT: 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
ABSENT: Margaret Gómez

2. Receive comments regarding the issuance of a Mass Gathering Permit for Giga Texas Event to be held on April 7, 2022, at 13101 Tesla Drive, Austin, TX 78725. (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
ABSENT: Margaret Gómez

Members of the Court heard from:

Tony Callaway, Travis County Fire Marshal
Logan Grant, Civil Engineer, Tesla
Paul Difiore, Environmental Advocate, PODER

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
ABSENT: Margaret Gómez

3. Receive comments regarding a temporary detour and restriction of all traffic on Hog Eye Road for construction beginning on or about March 30, 2022, and continuing through January 31, 2023, or until work is complete, in Precinct One. (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
ABSENT: Margaret Gómez

Members of the Court heard from:

David Greear, Director, Public Works, Transportation and Natural Resources (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
ABSENT: Margaret Gómez

4. Receive comments related to the Community Development Block Grant regarding community needs for the Travis County CDBG Service Area, which currently includes the unincorporated areas of Travis County and anywhere in Bee Cave, Creedmoor, Lago Vista, the Village of San Leanna, the Village of Webberville, and West Lake Hills for Program Year 2022 (PY22). (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

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
ABSENT: Margaret Gómez

Members of the Court heard from:

Monique Coleman, Planning Manager, Community Development Block Grant Program. Travis County Health and Human Services (HHS)
Lawrence Lyman, Director, Research and Planning Division, HHS
Zenobia Joseph, Travis County resident
Stuart Hersh, Travis County resident
Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, HHS
Charles Cloutman, VP, Home Repair, Meals on Wheels Central Texas
Bryan Sykes, Project Manager, Home Repair, Meals on Wheels Central Texas

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
ABSENT: Margaret Gómez

Resolutions & Proclamations

5. Approve a proclamation recognizing the month of March as “Professional Social Work Month” in Travis County. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

MOTION: Approve Item 5.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard
ABSENT: Margaret Gómez

Auditor

6. Receive revenue and expenditure reports, and other statutorily required reports, for the month of January 2022 from the County Auditor's Office. The reports are submitted electronically as allowed by local government code § 114.023 (a) and prescribed by the County Auditor. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Emergency Services

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

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

Members of the Court heard from:

Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services
Eric Carter, Emergency Management Coordinator, Emergency Services

RESULT: DISCUSSED

8. 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

- D. Consider and take appropriate action to revoke the policy adopted by the Travis County Commissioners Court on June 16, 2020 and August 24, 2021 that required the wearing of face coverings in designated County facilities by members of the public and implemented a trespass policy. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Ann-Marie Sheely, Division Director, Travis County Attorney's Office

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Clerk's Note: The County Judge clarified that by approving Item 8.d masks will no longer be required in certain Travis County facilities, not to include the Travis County Jail or Juvenile Facilities, following CDC recommendations.

9. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the issuance of a Mass Gathering Permit for Giga Texas Event to be held on April 7, 2022, at 13101 Tesla Drive, Austin, TX 78725. (Commissioner Travillion)

MOTION: Approve Item 9.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

ABSENT: Margaret Gómez

Health & Human Services

10. Receive update and take appropriate action regarding Health and Human Services social service investments and Cycle 2 procurement timelines. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Lawrence Lyman, Director, Research and Planning Division, HHS

Korey Darling, Planning Manager, HHS

Rachel Coff, Senior Planner, HHS

Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, HHS

Zenobia Joseph, Travis County resident

MOTION: Approve Item 10 with an optional extension to Fiscal Year 2024, with the understanding the staff will bring back a more complete plan within a year.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

ABSENT: Margaret Gómez

11. Consider and take appropriate action to approve and ratify a budget amendment for the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Community Development Block Grant CARES Act (CDBG-CV) Contract No. 70300001017 for \$415,000 to administer the Texas Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (TEMAP) to homeowners in Travis County (excluding the City of Austin's jurisdiction). (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Lawrence Lyman, Director, Research and Planning Division, HHS

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

12. Receive an update on the Travis County rental assistance program. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Kirsten Siegfried, Director, Family Support Services Division, HHS

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 to approve resolution approving tax-exempt bond financing by Travis County Housing Finance Corporation for Bluffs at Nelms. (Commissioner Gómez)

MOTION: Approve Item 14.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

ABSENT: Margaret Gómez

Purchasing

15. Approve Modification No. 1 to Contract No. 4400005927, with Capital Area Private Defender Service (CAPDS) in the amount of \$260,355.00, for the Holistic Defense Program (District and County Criminal Courts) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. Approve Modification No. 52 to Contract No. 4400000562 with Easy Access, Inc., in the amount of \$9,900.00, for Tax Office Computer System. (Tax Office) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

17. Consider and take appropriate action for the following:
- A. Approve order exempting the purchase of i2S Quartz A1 Book Scanner from Image Retrieval, in the amount of \$79,530.00, from the competitive procurement process pursuant to Section 262.024 (a) (7) (A) of the County Purchasing Act
 - B. Declare used i2S book scanner as surplus property and authorize trade-in on new system, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code § 263.152(a)(2) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

18. Approve termination of Contract No. 4400000803 with Meridell Achievement Center, for Residential Treatment Services. (Health & Human Services Department-Office of Children Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

19. Approve termination of Contract No. 4400003442 with Staples Contract & Commercial, Inc., for Countywide Furniture. (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. Approve Modification No. 7 to Contract No. 4400002682 with URS Corporation, in the amount of \$24,918.00, for McNeil Drive Drainage Improvements. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Consider and take appropriate action to approve issuance of a Request for Information for Services for Coordination of Emergency Direct Response Operations (Emergency Services Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

22. 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

- 23. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a license agreement between Travis County and the City of Austin to use 30 parking spaces on the roof of 700 Lavaca parking garage. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

- 24. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to approve the TNR Road & Bridge FY 2022 Work Plan. (Commissioners Travillion & Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 25. Set a public hearing on April 12, 2022, to receive comments regarding the following requests associated with Whisper Valley Phases 2 and 3 subdivisions in Precinct One:
 - A. Authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a drainage easement dedicated per Document #2018163072 of the Official Public Records of Travis County
 - B. Authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a portion of a drainage easement dedicated per Document #2018163071 of the Official Public Records of Travis County
 - C. Authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a lateral support and slope easement dedicated per Document #2018187220 of the Official Public Records of Travis County
(Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 26. Consider and take appropriate action regarding Amendment Number Five to the Braker Lane Road Participation Agreement along Braker Lane Phase II, in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 27. Consider and take appropriate action on the acceptance of the dedication of the public street and drainage facilities within Elm Creek North Phase 2 - a subdivision in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

28. Consider and take appropriate action on the acceptance of the dedication of the public street and drainage facilities within Park at Blackhawk IV, Phase 6B - a subdivision in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

29. Consider and take appropriate action on a variance request from Title 30, City of Austin/Travis County Subdivision Regulations for Section 30-2-158(B), Subdivision Access Streets (requires a new subdivision must have at least two access streets and each of the two access streets must connect to a different external street) for Whisper Valley Village 1 Phase 6 Preliminary in Precinct One (Variance only - City of Austin Limited Purpose). (Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

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

MOTION: Approve Item 29.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard
ABSENT: Margaret Gómez

30. Set a public hearing on April 26, 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 1466 and 1467, Amended Plat of Apache Shores Section 3 and Apache Shores Section 3 plats, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

31. Consider and take appropriate action 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 Lot 4A-2 Block C Resubdivision of Lot 4A, Easton Park 1C Amended, a subdivision in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gomez)

MOTION: Approve Item 31.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard
ABSENT: Margaret Gómez

32. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to use a Cash Security Agreement for construction fiscal security for the Salazar Subdivision development in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

33. Discuss and take possible action on the organizational structure of the Justice Planning Department. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Amanda Woog, Executive Director, Texas Fair Defense Project
Cynthia Simons, Women's Fellow, Travis County for Justice and Equity
Lora Ann Gerson, Manager, Advocates for Social Justice Reform

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

34. Consider and take appropriate action on the current status and future disposition of a property on FM 620 South. ¹ & ² (Commissioner Shea)

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 briefing and take appropriate action regarding Travis County information security issues. ¹ & ⁶ (Commissioners Travillion & Howard)

Judge Brown announced that Item 35 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation and Gov't Code Ann 551.089, IT Security.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

36. Receive briefing and take appropriate action on compliance issues in Economic Development Agreement for Property Tax Rebates between Travis County and FRV AE Austin Solar L.L.C. 1&5 (Commissioner Travillion)

Judge Brown announced that Item 36 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.

MOTION: Instruct staff to send a letter of non-compliance to FRV AE Solar LLC with an appropriate cure period to be signed by the County Judge.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

ABSENT: Margaret Gómez

Added Items

- A1. Consider and take appropriate action to appoint Matthew Womack to the Board of Commissioners of ESD #6, Lake Travis Fire and Rescue, for a term to begin immediately and expire on December 31, 2023. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- A2. Consider and take appropriate action regarding issuing new COVID guidelines and policies to align with the CDC. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

- A3. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding drug use and overdose in the community. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Dr. Desmar Walkes, Health Authority, Austin Public Health and Health Authority, Austin-Travis County

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge