



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court April 26, 2022 Voting Session

**Minutes Prepared by the Travis County Clerk
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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on April 26, 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

Members of the Court heard from:
Hector Nieto, Public Information Officer, Public Information Office (PIO)

Clerk's Note: The last day to take the 2022 Community Survey is April 30, 2022. You can take the survey online www.traviscountytx.gov/publicforum, Travis County social media pages, or call 512-854-9070 and leave a message.

Clerk's Note: Travis County Constables are working with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to help residents safely dispose of expired, unused, or unwanted prescription drugs. Drop-off is at the Constables offices between 10am to 2pm Saturday April 30, 2022.

Clerk's Note: The Commissioners Court held a moment of silence for Dr. G. D. Clark.

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 April 4th and 12th, 2022. (Judge Brown)

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 13.a-b, 15, 16.a-d, 17, 18, 19.a-b, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31.a-b, 32, 33.a-b, 35.a-b, 36, 38, 39.a-b, and 40.
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

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 lines of Lots 79 & 80, Apache Shores First Installment, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
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

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 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

2. 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)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
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

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

Resolutions & Proclamations

3. Approve a proclamation recognizing April 30th as "International Jazz Day" in Travis County. (Commissioner Travillion)

MOTION: Approve Item 3.
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

4. Approve a proclamation recognizing May 1st – May 7th as “National Correctional Officer and Employees Week” in Travis County. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Sally Hernandez, Travis County Sheriff

MOTION: Approve Item 4.
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

5. Approve a proclamation honoring First Lady Floris Sorrells for her over 25 years of service with The Company A 9th U.S. Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers and First Ladies. (Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

Sergeant Horace Williams, A-95th Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers

MOTION: Approve Item 5.
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

6. Approve a proclamation recognizing May 2nd - May 6th as "Air Quality Awareness Week". (Commissioner Travillion)

MOTION: Approve Item 6.
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

7. Approve a proclamation recognizing April 24th- 30th as "National Crime Victims Rights Week" in Travis County. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Stephanie Burgess, Victims Witness Supervisor, Austin Police Department (APD)

Davany Varga, Division Director, Victims Witness Services, TCSO

MOTION: Approve Item 7.
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

8. Approve a proclamation recognizing April 30th as "National Therapy Animal Day". (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Miriam Jansky, Volunteer, Pet Partners

Kara Martin-Race, Volunteer, Pet Partners

Karen Kimbrough, Founding Member, K-9's On Call Support

MOTION: Approve Item 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

Emergency Services

9. 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

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Clerk's Note: The County Judge noted that the prohibition on outdoor burning would be lifted by the Travis County Fire Marshal.

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

10. 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

Jody-Ann McIntosh, Executive Fellow, FUSE Project

Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, Travis County Health and Human Services
(HHS)

Yoojin Cho, Public Information Specialist, PIO

Zenobia Joseph, Travis County resident

MOTION: Approve the transfer of \$15,000.00 for gift cards.
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

- 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

- 11. Consider and take appropriate action on an Interlocal Agreement with Blanco County for STAR Flight Base West. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services
Chuck Spangler, Program Director, STAR Flight

MOTION: Approve Item 11.
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

Intergovernmental Relations

- 12. Consider and take appropriate action on an appointment to the Animal Advisory Commission. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Julie Wheeler, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, Intergovernmental Relations Office (IGR)
Ana Almaguel, Planning Project Manager, HHS

MOTION: Approve the call for applications.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez
ABSENT: Brigid Shea

Justice Planning

13. Consider and take appropriate action related to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreements for the Austin Regional Intelligence Center (ARIC) between Travis County and partner agencies
 - A. Approve Amendment Three for the purpose of adding new partner agencies to the original ARIC Agreement
 - B. Approve Amendment Three for the purpose of adding new partner agencies to the ARIC Sustainment Funding Agreement (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

14. Consider and take appropriate action on an Interlocal Agreement with the University of Texas at Austin - Dell Medical School for the Mental Health Steering Committee and report. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

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

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

Jennifer Kraber, Assistant County Attorney

MOTION: Approve Item 14.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

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

Planning & Budget

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. Consider and take appropriate action on the following grant programs, applications, contracts and related special budgets, and permissions to continue:
 - A. Annual application for the Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking grant program through the Office of Violence Against Women in the District Attorney's Office

- B. New contract for the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) program in the Health and Human Services Department
- C. Annual contract for the FY 22 Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) in Health and Human Services
- D. Annual contract with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to continue the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Weatherization Assistance for FY 2022 in the Health and Human Services Department

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- E. Contract amendment for the Counsel at First Appearance grant in Justice Planning to add Travis County terms and conditions and official subrecipient agreement to the contract

Members of the Court heard from:

Roger Jefferies, County Executive, Justice and Public Safety (JPS)
 Bradley Hargis, Executive Director, Capital Area Private Defender Service (CAPDS)
 Sally Hernandez, Travis County Sheriff
 Sherine Thomas, Senior Chief Deputy, Travis County Attorney's Office
 Delia Garza, Travis County Attorney
 José Garza, Travis County District Attorney
 Sherry Statman, Presiding Judge, Municipal Court, City of Austin
 Adeola Ogunkeyede, Chief Public Defender
 Lora Ann Gerson, Representing, Advocates for Social Reform

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Purchasing

- 17. Approve Modification No. 1, an assignment of Contract No. 4400004021, for Software as a Service, Interpreter Management Software, from No Good Software, Inc. dba Interpreter Intelligence to Boostlingo, LLC. (Information Technology Services, Health & Human Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 18. Approve Modification No. 4 to Contract No. 4400004305 with Doucet & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$35,000.00, for Fitzhugh Road Bicycle Safety Improvements. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

19. 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

20. Consider and take appropriate action for medical personnel in the Travis County Jail:

- A. Increase salaries by \$10,000 for each CNA, LVN, RN Charge Nurse, and Health Services Supervisor
- B. Allow employees in these positions to be paid more than the maximum of the pay grade until new pay grades are approved through the FY 2022 Benchmark Project
- C. All TCSO to hire new personnel at the maximum of the current pay grades until new pay grades are approved
(Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

MOTION: Approve Items 20.a-c.

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

Transportation & Natural Resources

21. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to approve an Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) and approve a Resolution for the construction of the Blake Manor Road Shared Path Improvement Project in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

22. Receive a briefing on the 2021 Travis County Sustainability Report. (Commissioner Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Shelbi Davis, Environmental Specialist Sr, TNR

Emily Ackland, Environmental Quality Program Manager, TNR

Jon White, Director, Natural Resources and Environmental Quality Division,

TNR
Paul Hopingardner, Executive Director, Technology and Operations

RESULT: DISCUSSED

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 lines of Lots 79 & 80, Apache Shores First Installment, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

MOTION: Vacate the easement.

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

24. 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 1466 and 1467, Amended Plat of Apache Shores Section 3 and Apache Shores Section 3 plats, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

MOTION: Vacate the easement.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

25. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to use a Cash Security Agreement for a fiscal surety posting for the construction of street and drainage facilities within Sorento Phase 6, a subdivision in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

26. Consider and take appropriate action on a plat for recording for the Mireya Subdivision, Final Plat - (one total lot – one single-family residence on 1.88 acres) – Engelmann Lane – City of Pflugerville ETJ in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

27. Consider and take appropriate action on a plat for recording for Victor Garcia Final Plat - (three total lots – for single-family residences on 4.55 acres) – Schmidt Loop and FM 973 – City of Manor ETJ in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

28. Consider and take appropriate action on a Final Plat for recording: Chimney Oaks at Lake Travis, Section 2, Revised Plat of Lots 45 and 46, Block C (Short Form Final Plat – one residential lot – 6.007 acres - No ETJ) in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

29. Consider and take appropriate action on a Final Plat for recording: Stagecoach Travis, Section 3, Revised Plat of Lot 1 (Short Form Final Plat – two residential lots – 10.031 acres - No ETJ) in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

30. Consider and take appropriate action on a variance request for wetland mitigation for the El Dorado Subdivision. (Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

Emily Ackland, Environmental Quality Program Manager, TNR
David Peyton, Environmental Project Manager, TNR
Tom Nuckols, Assistant County Attorney
Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, TNR

MOTION: Approve Item 30.

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

31. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following requests for West Bella Fortuna Phase 3:

- A. Conditional approval of the West Bella Fortuna Phase 3 Final Plat, approval subject to the completion of the outstanding items listed in the review comment report that has been sent to the applicant (Final Plat - 128 single-family lots and three landscape/ park lots – 4,115 linear feet of proposed streets – 27.795 acres – Bella Fortuna Drive - water and wastewater will be provided by the City of Austin - City of Austin's two-mile ETJ).
- B. Approve the Travis County Subdivision Construction Agreement with Clayton Properties Group, Inc. in Precinct Four (Commissioner Gomez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

32. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request for a Total Plat Vacation of D.W. Patrick Addition (Final Plat – one lot – 50.00 acres – E. Howard Lane, formerly known as Gregg Lane - City of Austin's two-mile ETJ.) (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

33. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following requests for Howard Lane Phase 1:
- A. Conditional approval of the Howard Lane Phase 1 Final Plat, approval subject to the completion of the outstanding items listed in the review comment report that has been sent to the applicant (Final Plat - 130 single-family lots, two commercial lots, and three drainage/ environmental feature lots – 5,131 linear feet of proposed streets – 53.309 acres – East Howard Lane - water and wastewater will be provided by the City of Austin - City of Austin's two-mile ETJ)
 - B. Approve the Travis County Subdivision Construction Agreement with Clayton Properties Group, Inc. in Precinct Two (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

34. Consider and take appropriate action to disapprove for the reasons listed in the comment report that has been sent to the applicant on Whisper Valley Multifamily Parcel 65 Preliminary Plan – (Preliminary Plan – one lot and right-of-way dedication consisting of 16.2 acres) – located in City of Austin Limited Purpose in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

MOTION: Approve Item 34, reject with conditions.

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

35. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following requests for Howard Lane Phase 2:
- A. Conditional approval of the Howard Lane Phase 2 Final Plat, approval subject to the completion of the outstanding items listed in the review comment report that has been sent to the applicant (Final Plat - 122 single-family lots – 4,045 linear feet of proposed streets – 18.292 acres – East Howard Lane - water and wastewater will be provided by the City of Austin - City of Austin's two-mile ETJ)
 - B. Approve the Travis County Subdivision Construction Agreement with Clayton Properties Group, Inc. in Precinct Two (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

36. Consider and take appropriate action on the acceptance of the dedication of the public street and drainage facilities within Park at Blackhawk IV, Phase 9 - a subdivision in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

37. Receive a briefing from Central Health/Travis County Healthcare District regarding its Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Annual Services Report and Healthcare Equity Plan comprised of associated systems-planning efforts, voice of the community engagement activities, the adopted service delivery strategic plan, and next steps, including informing community members and stakeholders of the results of the Plan and launching a subsequent operational implementation and financial sustainability planning process. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Fred Lewis, Travis County resident

Nelson Linder, President, Austin National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

Mike Geeslin, President and CEO, Central Health

Dr. Charles Bell, Chair, Central Health Board of Managers

Monica Crowley, Vice President, Chief Strategy and Planning Officer, Central Health

Perla Cavazos, Vice President, Government Affairs, Central Health

Dr. Alan Schalscha, Chief Medical Officer, Central Health

RESULT: DISCUSSED

38. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the license agreement to use Sawyer Hall as an election worker training site for the May 24, 2022 Primary Runoff Election. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

39. Consider and take appropriate action to approve two Election Day polling site license agreements for the May 24, 2022 Primary Runoff Election

A. Peace Lutheran Church

B. Genesis Presbyterian Church
(Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

40. Consider and take appropriate action to authorize the Travis County Tax Office to increase its change fund from \$30,000 to \$70,000. (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

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge