



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court June 28, 2022 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on June 28, 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: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret J. Gómez

Absent: County Judge Andy Brown

Special Motion

MOTION: *Authorize Commissioner Gómez to sign the documents on behalf of the Commissioners Court, in Judge Brown's absence.*

RESULT: **PASSED (3-0)**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

ABSENT: Brigid Shea

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: **PASSED (3-0)**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

ABSENT: Brigid Shea

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: The Commissioners Court held a moment of silence for Janae Miles, a former Travis County Employee.

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)

Members of the Court heard from:

Alexander Stranger, Travis County resident

MOTION: Approve Items C1-C3.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Second Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Items 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 15, 17.a-b, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27.a-b, 28, and 29.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Public Hearings

- 1. Receive public comment regarding a request to reduce speed limits on Braker Lane between FM973 and Taylor Lane 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: Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Members of the Court heard from:

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

Andre Betit, Engineering Division Manager, Public Works, TNR
Douglas Gilliland, Managing Director, Taurus Development
Trey Gamble, Senior Transportation Engineer, Alliance Transportation Group,
Inc
Brian Burk, Senior Engineer, Public Works, TNR
Roshni Shah, Travis County resident
Jennifer Abbamonte, Travis County resident
Kara Weinstein, Travis County resident

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Resolutions & Proclamations

2. Approve a proclamation recognizing Travis County staff who developed and implemented programs that have received a 2022 Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo). (Commissioner Shea)

MOTION: Approve Item 2.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez
ABSENT: Jeffrey Travillion

Emergency Services

3. 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

4. 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
Janis Bookout, Co-Founder, Community Resilience Trust

RESULT: DISCUSSED

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

Members of the Court heard from:

Dr. Desmar Walkes, Health Authority, Austin Public Health and Health
Authority, Austin-Travis County
Adrienne Sturup, Director, Austin Public Health (APH)

RESULT: DISCUSSED

- 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

Health & Human Services

5. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the Travis County Health and Human Services (TCHHS) request to approve The Interlocal Agreement with the City of Austin through Austin Public Health (APH) WIC Shopping and Delivery Program. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

6. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the Travis County Health and Human Services (TCHHS) request to approve a Subaward for Professional Services with Austin Tenants Council (ATC). (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

7. Provide updates to the Commissioner's Court on the directives included in the Declaration of a Public Health Crisis & Overdose Prevention Measures. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Laura Peveto, Director, Office of Children Services, Travis County Health and
Human Services (HHS)
Courtney Bissonnet Lucas, Senior Planner, HHS
Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, HHS
Steven Smith, Mobile Clinic Coordinator, Texas Harm Reduction Alliance
(THRA)
Nova Skye, Outreach Lead, THRA

Sarah Weir, Assistant Director, Sunrise Homes
Shira Adair, Travis County resident
Paulette Soltani, Director of Organizing, THRA

RESULT: DISCUSSED

8. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the Travis County Health and Human Services (TCHHS) request to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Workforce Solutions – Capital Area Workforce Board (WFS). (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning & Budget

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

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)
Paul Hopingardner, Executive Director, Technology and Operations
Jonathan Ede, Corrections, Captain, Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO)

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

10. Consider and take appropriate action regarding update on the development of the FY 2023 Budget and remaining key calendar dates. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Purchasing

11. Approve Modification No. 9 to Contract No. 4400004013 with Tenex Software Solutions, Inc., in the amount of \$109,245.00, for additional hardware, software licenses, and maintenance and support for the ePollbook System. (County Clerk Elections Division) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

12. Approve order exempting the purchase of a HUMS Connectivity Package for all STAR Flight helicopters from SKYTRAC Systems Ltd., in the amount of \$180,000.00, from the competitive procurement process, pursuant to County Purchasing Act § 262.024 (a) (7) (A), and authorize Purchasing Agent to issue purchase order. (Emergency Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

13. Approve contract award for Travis County Jail Elevator Upgrade, IFB No. 2201-009-GC, in the amount of \$805,750.00, to the sole bidder, EMR Elevator Inc. (Travis County Sheriff's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)

MOTION: Approve Item 13.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez
ABSENT: Jeffrey Travillion

14. Approve Modification No. 2 to Contract No. 4400005928 with Central Texas Allied Health Institute, in the amount of \$125,000.00, for clinical management and coordination of vaccination services. (Emergency Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:
Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services

MOTION: Approve Item 14.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez
ABSENT: Jeffrey Travillion

15. Approve Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 4400006278 with QA Roofing, Inc., in the amount of \$24,778.31, for Exposition Arena Insulation Phase 1. (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. Approve Modification No. 5 to Contract No. 4400005685 with Ascension Seton, in the amount of \$900,000.00, for clinical management and coordination of vaccination services. (Emergency Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:
Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services

MOTION: Approve Item 16.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez
ABSENT: Jeffrey Travillion

Technology & Operations

17. Consider and take appropriate action on the following Personnel Amendments:

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

18. Receive an update on Travis County Employee Health Care Fund for the period October 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

19. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the eighth amendment to the lease between Travis County and Murphy's Deli Franchising, Inc. to operate the deli located at 700 Lavaca Street Building, Suite 110, Austin, Texas 78701. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the approval of the amendment number 9 to 1989 sublease agreement between Travis County and Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Consider and take appropriate action for overtime incentive program for various positions within the Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO). (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

22. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to approve the execution of a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Application to submit to the United States Department of Transportation in September 2022 for potential federal funding. (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to reduce speed limits on Braker Lane between FM973 and Taylor Lane in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

Tom Nuckols, Assistant County Attorney

MOTION: Reduce the speed limit on Braker Road to 40 MPH in Precinct One.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

Clerk's Note: The Motion died for lack of a Second.

Clerk's Note: The Court directed staff to work with the residents and come back to the Commissioners Court at a later date.

24. Consider and take appropriate action on a variance request for Whisper Valley Village 1 Parcel 65 from Engineering Standards related to intersection sight distance Chapter 482.202.c Entrance Safety along the existing Braker Lane, near the proposed Blessing Drive. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: POSTPONED

25. Consider and take appropriate action on a Construction and Mitigation Agreement with TWC-1626, LLC for traffic mitigation associated with a proposed development on Big Valley Drive in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

26. Consider and take appropriate action to conditionally approve the Gregg Manor Subdivision Preliminary Plan and Phasing Agreement, subject to the conditions listed in the comment report that has been sent to the applicant, (Preliminary Plan – 1,151 total lots on approximately 321.891 acres – 1,112 single-family lots and 39 various private park, landscape, open space, greenbelt, water quality, drainage, and public utility lots and 42,217 linear feet of streets) located in the City of Austin's two-mile ETJ in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

27. Consider and take appropriate action on the Travis County Healthcare District DBA Central Health proposed 2022 Tax Year homestead, disabled, and over 65 property tax exemptions:

- A. Central Health proposed 2022 Tax Year homestead property tax exemption
- B. Central Health proposed 2022 Tax Year disabled and over 65 property tax exemption
(Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 28. Consider and take appropriate action allowing 3 Voter Registration/Tax Office GIS employees to attend the Safe Software's FME International User Conference in Vancouver, Canada from August 23-26, 2022. (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 29. Consider and take appropriate action on Tax Year 2022 (Fiscal Year 2023) property tax rate considerations for Travis County. (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

Note 7: Gov't Code Ann 551.0745, Deliberation by Commissioners Court about County Advisory Body

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

- 31. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the acquisition of a conservation easement on approximately 80 acres in connection with the Conservation Easement Program in Precinct Four. ¹ & ² (Commissioner Gómez)

Commissioner Margaret Gómez 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. 551.072, Real Property.

MOTION: Approve the purchase of the 80 acres for the amount as agreed in Executive Session.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

32. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, and duties of the Travis County Executive for Justice & Public Safety. ¹ & ³ (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Commissioner Margaret Gómez announced that Item 32 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: Appoint Vicki Ashely as Interim County Executive for Justice and Public Safety starting July 15, 2022, and move existing County Executive Roger Jefferies into a transitional position.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge