



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court May 24, 2022 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on May 24, 2022, in the Travis County Administration Building, Commissioners Courtroom, 700 Lavaca Street, 1st Floor, Austin, TX, Rebecca Guerrero County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Lorie Hernandez.

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

Clerk's Note: The Commissioners Court held a moment of silence for the children and teachers killed at the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas.

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 2, 7, 12, 13, 16, 17.a, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34.a-b, 36, 37, 38, and 41.a.
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 the issuance of a Mass Gathering Permit for Copa Univision to be held on June 11, 2022, at 15500 Sun Light Near Way, Pflugerville, TX 78660. (Judge Brown)

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

Resolutions & Proclamations

2. Approve a proclamation recognizing the retirement of Sheryl Holder for her 32 years of service to Travis County and its residents. (Commissioners Howard & Travillion)

RESULT: **ADDED TO CONSENT**

3. Approve a resolution honoring the extraordinary life and public service of Barbara Jordan and dedicating the Barbara Jordan Conference Room in her honor. (Commissioner Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Ben Barnes, Former Governor of Texas

Jody Conradt, Former Basketball Coach, University of Texas at Austin

JR DeShazo, Dean, LBJ School of Public Affairs

Sherri Greenberg, Professor, LBJ School of Public Affairs

MOTION: Approve Item 3.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

4. Approve a proclamation recognizing the month of May as "Asian Pacific American Heritage Month" in Travis County. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Nicholas Chu, Travis County Justice of the Peace, Precinct #5

Todd Wong, Judge, County Court-at-Law #1

Dimple Malhotra, Judge, County Court at Law #4

Alice Yi, Chair, Austin Asian Communities Civic Coalition

MOTION: Approve Item 4.

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

5. Approve a resolution directing County staff to consult with staff from the City of Austin to assess the costs and logistics of the re-dedication of the current Faulk Library building for the use of the Austin History Center and the Travis County Archives to create an expanded History Campus for all of Travis County. (Commissioner Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Shawn Malone, Records Management Officer, Communications and Records Services (CARS)

Bob Ward, Chair, Travis County Historical Commission

Christy Costlow, Travis County Archivist, CARS

MOTION: Approve Item 5.

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

6. Approve a proclamation recognizing Ascension Seton for their continued relationship, collaboration, and teamwork with Travis County serving those in need by investing in the STAR Flight air medical program. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Geronimo Rodriguez, Chief Advocacy Officer, Ascension Texas

Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services

MOTION: Approve Item 6.
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

Auditor

7. Receive revenue and expenditure reports, and other statutorily required reports, for the month of March 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

8. 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

9. 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

10. Consider and take action regarding the issuance of a Mass Gathering Permit for Copa Univision to be held on June 11, 2022, at 15500 Sun Light Near Way, Pflugerville, TX 78660. (Judge Brown)

MOTION: Approve Item 10.

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

11. Consider and take appropriate action on the updates from the 40K Your Way campaign and the pilot Vaccine Partner Program. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Juanita Jackson, Executive Assistant, Travis County Health and Human Services (HHS)

Jody-Ann McIntosh, Executive Fellow, FUSE Project

Yoojin Cho, Public Information Specialist, Public Information Office (PIO)

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Health & Human Services

12. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) PY22 Action Plan Projects. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

13. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the revised public comment draft of the Travis County CDBG-DR Housing Guidelines. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Intergovernmental Relations

14. Consider and take appropriate action on appointments to the Sobering Center Board of Directors:

A. Reappoint Selena Alvarenga for an additional term set to expire September 30, 2025

B. Issue a Call for Applications in order to fill an unexpired vacancy (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

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

MOTION: Reappoint Judge Selena Alvarenga as the joint appointee.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

MOTION: Issue a call for applications.

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

Justice Planning

15. Receive update on Electronic Monitoring Devices from Pretrial Services.
(Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

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

Stacy Brown, Division Director, Pretrial Services

Daniel McCoy-Bae, Assistant Director, Adult Probation, Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD)

Valerie Hollier, Planning Project Manager, Justice Planning

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

Adeola Ogunkeyede, Chief Public Defender

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Planning & Budget

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

17. Consider and take appropriate action on the following grant programs, applications, contracts and related special budgets, and permissions to continue:

- A. Annual contract with the Corporation for National and Community Service for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program in Health and Human Services (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

18. Receive briefing on summary results of the 2022 Travis County Community Survey and next steps on a community process to assist with decision-making for a variety of County purposes including but not limited to economic development, strategic planning, and programs funded by ARPA's Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. (Commissioners Shea & Gómez)

RESULT: POSTPONED

19. Receive briefing and consider and take appropriate action on an update to the June 15, 2021 resolution related to an update to Travis County Correction Complex 20-year facility plan, diversion efforts to reduce the female jail population, enhance services provided within the jail, and a pause on any new jail facilities. (Commissioners Shea & Gómez)

RESULT: POSTPONED

Purchasing

20. Consider and take appropriate action to approve revisions to the Purchasing Procedures Guide, § 3.015. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Approve contract award for Medical Waste Disposal Services, IFB No. 2202-010-SK, an estimated requirements contract, to the low bidder, Trilogy MedWaste South Central, LLC dba Trilogy South Central Region. (Juvenile Probation Department, Travis County Sheriff's Office, and Human Resources Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

22. Approve contract award for professional engineering services, East Metro Park Group Building, RFQ No. 2002-007-AR, in the amount of \$491,739.00, to the most highly qualified respondent, Negrete & Kolar Architects, LLP. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Approve contract award for architectural services, BCP Visitor Center Building Remodel and Landscape Design, RFQ No. 2106-010-RJ, in the amount of \$1,899,899.59, to the most highly qualified respondent, Robert Jackson & Michael McElhaney Architects. (Facilities Management) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

24. Approve exemption and contract award of Contract No. 4400006421 pursuant to Local Government Code, § 262.024(a)(2), in the not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000.00, with Palladium Media, LLC, to provide marketing and advertising services for job vacancies. (Travis County Sheriff's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

25. Approve Contract Award for Travis County Control Panel Upgrade, IFB No. 2112-017-GC, in the amount of \$2,625,300.00 to the sole bidder, CML Security, LLC. (Travis County Sheriff's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

26. Approve Modification No. 6 to Contract No. 4400003954 with Front Line Advisory Group, LLC, for as-needed services, for Program Manager Consultant. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

27. Approve contract award for Travis County San Antonio Garage Repairs, IFB No. 2202-003-TBL, in the amount of \$246,393.24, to the low bidder, Geofill Material Technologies. (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

28. Approve Modification No. 7 to Contract No. 4400002492 with Center for Child Protection, in the amount of \$2,491.80, for Office Lease Space. (Travis County Sheriff's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

29. Approve contract award for Hog Eye Road at Lockwood Watershed, IFB No. 2105-006-SF, in the amount of \$1,984,695.00 to the low bidder, Chasco Constructors, LTD., LLP. (Transportation & Natural Resources)(Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

30. Approve Modification No. 3 to Contract No. 4400005682, Waxler Fire Protection Engineering, LLC, in the amount of \$12,750.00 for Technical Plan Review Services for the Tesla GFTX Project. (Fire Marshal Office) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

31. Approve Modification No. 11, to Contract No. 4400003924 with Election Systems and Software, LLC, in the amount of \$74,088.00, for Voting System and Services. (County Clerk) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

32. Approve Modification No. 22, to Contract No. 4400000257 with SAP Public Sector, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$58,050.00, for SAP ERP Software and Maintenance Support. (Purchasing Office) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

33. Approve order exempting the purchase of New Fire Line and Related Assembly Construction at the Collier Property from Premier Texas Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$58,000.00, from the competitive procurement process, pursuant to County Purchasing Act § 262.024(A)(2). (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

34. 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

35. Receive update and take appropriate action on Paid Parental Leave policy. (This item may be taken into Executive Session under Texas Government Code, § 551.071 Consultation with Attorney) (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

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

Shannon Steele, Benefits Manager, HRMD

Barbara Wilson, Assistant County Attorney

Stephanie Gharakhanian, Local 1624, American Federation of State, County
and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

Melissa Shearer, Director, Mental Health Public Defender Office

- MOTION:** Direct staff to research other counties with paid parental leave policies and bring draft proposed policy changes back to the Commissioners Court July 7, 2022, that address.
- a. Employees would be eligible for paid parental leave after six months of employment
 - b. Whether FMLA and Paid Parental Leave will run concurrently if an employee is eligible for both
 - c. A proposal for counting paid paternal leave when parents are both Travis County employees.

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

Transportation & Natural Resources

36. Set a public hearing on June 14, 2022, to receive comments regarding a street name change for Colton Road to be renamed Daniel Alexander Way. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

37. Consider and take appropriate action on a proposed access and maintenance agreement with Giddens Development, Inc. for the perpetual maintenance of a 20' wide strip of land along and adjacent to the edge of pavement within the right-of-way of Sweet Summer Drive, in The Bluffs of Sandy Creek subdivisions, in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

38. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a Phasing Agreement between Vanterra Capital Group, LLC and Travis County for the proposed Fossil Creek development in Precinct Two. (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

39. Consider and take appropriate action to disapprove with reasons, subject to the conditions 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)

Members of the Court heard from:

Anna Bowlin, Division Director, Development Services and Long-Range Planning, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)

MOTION: Disapprove Item 39 for the reasons given.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Margaret Gómez
ABSENT: Ann Howard

Clerk's Note: The Commissioners Court unanimously agreed to retake the vote for Item 39.

MOTION: Disapprove Item 39 for the reasons given.

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

Other

40. Consider and take appropriate action to review and approve the Rental Agreement with Pflugerville Independent School District, Pflugerville, TX, for Expunction Expo.
(Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

41. Consider and take appropriate action on the following appointment to the Austin Travis County Food Policy Board:
- A. Andrea Abel
 (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

42. Receive briefings, consider and take appropriate action to declare a public health crisis to address the increase in drug overdoses in the community. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Louise Lynch, Provider Network Authority Officer, Integral Care
Dr Jaqueline Mosley, Director of Nursing and Medical Analytics, Integral Care
Dawn Handley, COO, Integral Care
Mike Geeslin, President and CEO, Central Health
Perla Cavazos, Vice President, Government Affairs, Central Health
Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, Travis County Health and Human Services (HHS)
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)
Aaron Ferguson, Community Impact Manager, Community Medical Services
Chas Moore, Executive Director and Founder, Austin Justice Coalition
JP Connolly, Co-Director, Housing and Community Development, Austin Justice Coalition
Alex White, Esperanza Community Program Manager, The Other One Foundation
Ana Rosa Granados, Director of Services, Texas Harm Reduction Alliance
Steve Smith, Mobile Clinic Coordinator, Texas Harm Reduction Alliance
Mark Hilbelink, Director, Sunrise Navigation Alliance
Charles Thibodeaux, Co-Founder, Texas Overdose Naloxone Initiative
Casey Longan, Training and Education Coordinator, Oxford House, Inc
Darrin Acker, Executive Director, Communities for Recovery
Amanda Woog, Executive Director, Texas Fair Defense Project

MOTION: Approve the resolution in Item 42.
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

FRIENDLY

AMENDMENT: Approve the following amendments to the resolution in Item 42:
a. In 4(a) strike out the specifics of how the \$350,000 would be allocated and replaced with 'funds for eligible expense'
b. In 4(c) add that there be a monthly report to the Commissioners Court

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

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

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

44. Consider and take appropriate action regarding an offer to sell approximately 147 acres of land in Precinct One. ¹ & ² (Commissioner Travillion)

Judge Brown announced that Item 44 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: Delegate authority to negotiate at the price that was discussed in Executive Session.

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

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge