



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court July 19, 2022 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on July 19, 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 2 Brigid Shea
Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret J. Gómez

Absent: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

AYES: Andy Brown, 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)
- C4. Approve the minutes for the Voting Sessions of May 24 and June 21 & 28, 2022. (Judge Brown)

MOTION: Approve Items C1-C4.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Second Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Items 3, 6, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19.a-b, 20, 21.a-b, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26.a.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Resolutions & Proclamations

1. Approve resolution requesting that the LCRA work with local leaders and stakeholders to accelerate the update of its Water Management Plan to implement a more protective approach to managing the Highland Lakes in 2022. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Jo Karr Tedder, President, Central Texas Water Coalition

Ron Doughty, Legislative Committee Chair, Central Texas Water Coalition

MOTION: Approve Item 1.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

2. Approve a proclamation recognizing the week of July 17th through July 23rd as Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week in Travis County. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Rodolfo Perez, Director, Adult Probation, Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD)

MOTION: Approve Item 2.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: County Judge Andy Brown
AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Auditor

3. Receive revenue and expenditure reports, and other statutorily required reports, for the month of May 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

4. 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

5. 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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

- D. Consider and take appropriate action on an update on the 40K Your Way campaign. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Jody-Ann McIntosh, Executive Fellow, FUSE Project

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

RESULT: DISCUSSED

6. Consider and take appropriate action on the signing of an interlocal for medical direction and clinical performance and education services between Bastrop/Travis County Emergency Services District 1 and Travis County. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Health & Human Services

7. Receive Update on Development of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Consortium. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Rachel Coff, Senior Planner, Travis County Health and Human Services (A-TCHHS)

Courtney Bissonnet Lucas, Senior Planner, HHS

Lawrence Lyman, Director, Research and Planning Division, HHS

Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, HHS

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Intergovernmental Relations

8. Consider and take appropriate action on an appointment to the Integral Care Board of Trustees. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

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

MOTION: Reappoint Reverend Ed Calahan.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

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

Justice Planning

9. Consider and take appropriate action on the nomination of Captain Thomas Szimanski of TCSO to replace Major Craig Smith as the law enforcement representative for Travis County on the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) of the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) effective immediately. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

10. Consider and take appropriate action on the Modification of Intergovernmental Agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice United States Marshals Service related to inmate housing. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

11. Consider and take appropriate action on the Counsel at First Appearance pilot and grant funding. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Items 11 and 16 are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

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)
Paul Banasco, Major, Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO)
Maria Velasquez, Captain, Corrections, TCSO
Adeola Ogunkeyede, Chief Public Defender
Dorothy Doolittle, Member, Advocates for Justice Reform

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 grant programs, applications, contracts and related special budgets, and permissions to continue:
 - A. Ratification of a new application to the Alternative Fueling Facilities Program through the State of Texas in Transportation and Natural Resources
 - B. Contract amendment for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant for a no-cost extension in Health and Human Services
 - C. Contract amendment for the Travis County CAPITAL AmeriCorps Project through the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to deobligate funds
(Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)

Michelle Surka, Budget Analyst I, PBO

Adele Noel, Environmental Project Manager, Air Quality, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)

Hector Nieto, Public Information Officer, PIO

MOTION: Approve Items 13.a-c.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

Purchasing

14. Approve Modification No. 1 to Contract No. 4500000830 with Accent Food Services, LLC, a 25% decrease in annual revenues for 2020 and 2021, for vending machine services and micro market services. (Facilities Management Department)
(Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

15. Receive and accept mobile phones pursuant to Texas Local Government Code § 81.032. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. Approve termination of Contract No. 4400006287 with Capital Area Private Defender Service for Legal Counsel at First Appearance Research Project. (Justice Planning)
(Commissioner Travillion)

Items 11 and 16 are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Members of the Court heard from:

Jennifer Kraber, Assistant County Attorney

MOTION: Terminate the contract in Item 16.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

17. Approve contract award for fully insured vision coverage, RFP No. 2111-004-BB, participant funded, to the highest-ranked proposer, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. (Human Resources Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

18. Approve Modification No. 1 to Contract No. 4400006451 with Alliant Insurance Services, Inc., in the amount of \$182,886.38, for Cyber Security Insurance Broker of Record Services. (Human Resources Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

19. 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

20. Consider and take appropriate action to add the TCSO job Deputy Sheriff – Facilities to the list of approved jobs for the overtime incentive program approved by Commissioners Court on June 28, 2022. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Consider and take appropriate action on the following employee annual contribution limits for the Flexible Spending Account (FSA) for Healthcare for Fiscal Year 2023 and the Health Savings Account (HSA) for calendar year 2023

- A. For HSA, change the employee annual contribution limit to \$3,850 for single coverage (\$200 increase) and \$7,750 for family coverage (\$450 increase) for calendar year 2023
- B. For Health Care FSA, change the employee annual contribution limit to \$2,850 from the current \$2,750 (\$100 increase) for the FY23 plan year
(Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

22. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to approve an Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) and approve a resolution for the construction of the South Pleasant Valley Road Project in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Consider and take appropriate action on an Amended and Restated Order of Vacation for the vacation of a portion of a drainage easement dedicated per Document #2018163071 of the Official Public Records of Travis County, associated with the Whisper Valley subdivision in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

24. Consider and take appropriate action on the acceptance of the dedication of the public street and drainage facilities within Sweetwater Ranch Section 2, Village Z3, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

25. Consider and take appropriate action to approve Order Amending Chapter One of the Travis County Code to add §1.015 regarding online continuing education requirements for County Commissioners. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

26. Approve bond for the following appointed official:

- A. Charles Andrew Lanterman, Chief Deputy Constable, Precinct 5
(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

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

Judge Brown announced that Item 27 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

28. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding property leased from Travis County located at 2501 South Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. ¹ & ² (Commissioner Gómez)

Judge Brown announced that Item 28 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

29. Receive legal briefing on statutory requirements for setting tax rate and budget, and associated public hearings.¹ (Commissioner Gómez)

Judge Brown announced that Item 29 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge