



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

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on July 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

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 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

ABSENT: Ann Howard

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: The County Judge noted that, with it still being hot to stay hydrated, take breaks, and check out the Travis County Twitter account at Travis County TX (@traviscountytx) to stay up to date with all the heat emergency information and advice.

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

Second Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Items 4.a-b, 7, 8, 9, 10.a, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20.a-b, 21, and 22.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Margaret Gómez
ABSENT: Ann Howard

Public Hearings

1. Receive comments regarding a temporary detour and restriction of all traffic on Crystal Bend Drive for construction beginning on or about August 3, 2022, and continuing through December 31, 2022, 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 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Margaret Gómez
ABSENT: Ann Howard

Members of the Court heard from:

John Routh, Assistant Director, Public Works and Capital Improvement Projects, 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, Margaret Gómez
ABSENT: Ann Howard

Emergency Services

2. 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

Clerk's Note: The County Judge announced that by taking no action, the prohibition against outdoor burning remains in place.

3. 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

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

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

4. Consider and take appropriate action on the following actions regarding the recruitment of a Chief Autopsy Tech and ME Deputy Medical Examiner
 - A. Approve the use of internal funds to reimburse Chief Autopsy Tech and ME Deputy Medical Examiner candidates' expenditures related to travel, lodging, and ground transportation for interviews for a total of up to \$6,000

- B. Approve the payment of moving expenses for the selected ME Deputy Medical Examiner candidate, up to \$10,000, from the Medical Examiner's Budget (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Health & Human Services

5. Provide monthly 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:

Courtney Lucas, Senior Planner, HHS
Chivas Watson, Founder, WorkingGroup512

RESULT: DISCUSSED

6. Receive presentation on ECHO Coordinated Entry System. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: POSTPONED

Justice Planning

7. Receive state required Racial Profiling Report for calendar year 2021 from Constable Precinct 5. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

8. Consider and take appropriate action on the acceptance of a donation from Lake Travis Fire Rescue - Travis County Emergency Services District No. 6 of a Voyager ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle – Underwater Drone) System Configuration with an approximate value of \$14,000 for the Travis County Sheriff's Office Lake Patrol Unit and Dive Team. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning & Budget

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

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

- A. Permission to Continue the FY 2022 AmeriCorps Program in the Health and Human Services Department
(Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

11. Receive a presentation from the City of Austin on Colony Park Sustainable Community. (Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

Christy Moffett, Director, Economic Development & Strategic Investments,
Planning and Budget Office (PBO)
Sylvia Holt-Rabb, Director, Economic Development, City of Austin
Barbara Scott, President, Colony Park Neighborhood Association
Kimberly Olivares, Deputy CFO, City of Austin
Ashton Cumberbatch, Associate Pastor, Agape Christian Ministries
Mitzi Wright, Travis County resident
Melvin Wrenn, Travis County resident
Derek Hansen, Travis County resident
Zenobia Joseph, Travis County resident

RESULT: DISCUSSED

12. Consider and take appropriate action regarding Travis County Code Chapter 481, the County's public improvement district policy, including but not limited to:

- A. Receiving an update from County staff on work to date on possible revisions to the policy
- B. Providing additional direction to staff
- C. Considering staffing needs to develop, implement, and enforce policy revisions
- D. Taking potential action on the current moratorium
(Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Christy Moffett, Director, Economic Development & Strategic Investments,
PBO
Steve Metcalfe, Partner, Metcalfe Wolff Stuart & Williams LLP
Rick Rosenberg, Managing Principal, DPMG

RESULT: DISCUSSED

13. Receive update and take appropriate action on Travis County's Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund allocations and expenditures including but not limited to:
- A. Recommendation to fund an Adaptive Workplace (Telework) Phase 2 project within the existing County Direct and Joint Response (Track 3) allocation
 - B. Recommendations for budget adjustments for existing projects to align with Treasury guidelines
 - C. Recommendations for budget adjustments and authorizations to extend applicable special project workers through December 31, 2024
 - D. Briefing on current projects and expenditures for the grant
 - E. Briefing on projects received during the FY 2023 budget process and next steps for allocating remaining funds
 - F. Recommendations for budget adjustments and authorizations for additional special project workers related to the supportive housing resolution
 - G. Briefing on FEMA reimbursement efforts (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO
Dashiell Daniels, Budget Analyst II, PBO
Shannon Weidauer, Director, Human Resources Management Department (HRMD)
Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services
Lawrence Lyman, Director, Research and Planning Division, HHS
Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, HHS
Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, TNR
Christy Moffett, Director, Economic Development & Strategic Investments, PBO

MOTION: Approve budget adjustments for existing projects.
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

MOTION: Approve budget amendments and authorizations for existing Special Project Workers through December 31, 2024.
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

MOTION: Approve budget amendments and authorizations for additional special project workers related to the supportive housing resolution, amended to add outside counsel, if needed.

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

MOTION: Approve recommended funding for Adaptive Work (Telework) Phase 2 project.

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

Purchasing

14. Approve 12-month extension (Modification No. 3) to Contract No. 4400005179 with OptumRx, Inc., amount is based on enrollment, for Health Plan Pharmacy Benefit Management. (Human Resources Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
15. Approve Modification No. 17 to Contract No. 4400001100 with Life Insurance Company of North America, participant funded, for Voluntary Benefit Coverage for Travis County Employees, Retirees and Covered Dependents. (Human Resources Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
16. Approve 12-month extension (Modification No. 1) to Contract No. 4400005702 with United Healthcare Insurance Company, participant funded, for dental coverage. (Human Resources Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
17. Approve Modification No. 4 to Contract No. 4400004613 with Falcon Insurance Agency, Inc., in the amount of \$785,286.00, for aviation insurance coverage. (Human Resources Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

18. Approve ratification and Modification No. 7 to Contract 4400004080 with Gardaworld CL Southwest, Inc., for estimated requirements for Armored Car Services. (County Treasurer) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

19. Receive presentation from the University of Texas IC² Institute regarding results of Year One of the Readiness Training Program (RTP) for Enhancing Minority Participation in Travis County's Contracting Program project. (Purchasing Office) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: POSTPONED

Technology & Operations

20. 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

Transportation & Natural Resources

21. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to use a Cash Security Agreement for environmental fiscal security for the Villages of Hidden Lakes Commercial project in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

22. Consider and take appropriate action on a Traffic Mitigation Agreement between Ranch Road Eastland, LLC and Travis County for traffic mitigation associated with the Eastland Tract development in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

23. Consider and take appropriate action on conducting a performance audit of Central Health. (Commissioner Gómez)

Judge Brown announced that Item 23 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation.

Members of the Court heard from:

Nora Comstock, Travis County resident
Reyes Martinez, Travis County resident
Ofelia Zapata, Travis County resident
Peck Young, Director, Center for Public Policy and Political Studies, Austin Community College
Maria Emerson, Travis County resident
Gonzalo Barrientos, Former Senator, 14th District
Susan Spataro, Former Travis County Auditor
Nelson Linder, President, Austin National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, (Austin NAACP)
Frank Ortega, Director, District 12, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)
Sharon Blythe, Travis County resident
Brenda Bellocchio, Travis County resident
Bill Bunch, Executive Director, Save Our Springs Alliance (SOS)
Ruth Howard, Travis County resident
Elijah Stroud, Travis County resident

MOTION: Amend the 2017 financial order for Central Health to include an independent performance audit procured through the Travis County Purchasing Office, and reimbursed by Central Health, and for staff to come back to Commissioners Court with an order reflecting that and designating Commissioners Ann Howard and Margaret Gómez a sub-committee, with Commissioner Jeffrey Travillion as an alternate, to work with Travis County and Central Health staff to determine the scope of work

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

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

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

25. Consider and take appropriate action on an amendment to the lease of County land at 1700 Guadalupe Street.^{1,2} (Commissioner Gómez)

Judge Brown announced that Item 25 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: Amend the lease of County land at 1700 Guadalupe Street as discussed in Executive session.

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

26. Consider and take appropriate action on setting tax rate and budget, and associated public hearings and related advertisements.¹ (Commissioner Gómez)

Judge Brown announced that Item 26 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

27. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the acquisition, disposition or redevelopment of certain county properties located in Precinct 1 and Precinct 3 and related issues. *(This item may be taken into executive session under Texas Government Code § 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and § 551.072, Real Property.)* (Judge Brown & Commissioner Travillion)

Judge Brown announced that Item 27 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

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge