



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court August 2, 2022 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on August 2, 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

Clerk's Note: The County Judge announced that the prohibition against outdoor burning remains in place.

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

Second Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Items 5, 9, 10.a-e, 13, 14, 16.a-b, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24.a-b, 25, 26.a-b, 27.a-b, 28.a-b, 30.a, and 31.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez
ABSENT: Jeffrey Travillion

Resolutions & Proclamations

1. Approve proclamation honoring Mark Anthony Parcell for his service to Travis County.
 (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Mark Anthony Parcell, retired STAR Flight pilot
Chuck Spangler, Program Director, STAR Flight
Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services
Patrick Phillips, Chief Deputy, Emergency Services

MOTION: Approve Item 1.
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

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

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

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

Health & Human Services

- 4. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the Travis County Health and Human Services (TCHHS) request to approve a Subaward for Professional Services with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA). (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Lawrence Lyman, Director, Research and Planning Division, Travis County
Health and Human Services (HHS)
Nathan Fernandes, Planner, HHS

MOTION: Approve Item 4.

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

- 5. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the County Judge to sign the Affidavit for the Texas Department of Agriculture Home Delivered Meal close out for the grant program year 2021. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 6. Receive update and introduction from the County Extension Director regarding the following new Extension Agents:
 - A. Beau Whisenant, Agriculture Agent
 - B. Morgan Reese, 4-H & Youth Development Agent
 - C. Peter T. Agboola
(Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Maggie Moreno Johnson, County Director, Travis County AgriLife Extension Service

Beau Whisemant, Agricultural Agent, Travis County AgriLife Extension Service

Peter Agboola, Ag and Natural Resource Extension Agent, Prairie View A&M University

Morgan Newton, County Extension Agent, 4-H and Youth Development, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, HHS

RESULT: DISCUSSED

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Intergovernmental Relations

8. Consider and take appropriate action on an appointment to the Sobering Center Board of Directors. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

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

MOTION: Appoint Larry Wallace, Jr. to fill the unexpired term of Paulette Blanc, which expires 9-30-2022, and a successive term that will run from 10-1-2022 to 9-20-2025 and Anna Marie Cox to the unexpired term of Rick Ybarra which expires on 9-30-2023.

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

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. New grant application with the Texas General Land Office for the Local Hazard Mitigation Plans Program in the Office of Emergency Management
 - B. New grant contract with the Texas Department of Emergency Management for reimbursements for expenses related to Winter Storm Uri in the Office of Emergency Management
 - C. Annual grant contract with the Texas Department of Agriculture for the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program in Juvenile Probation
 - D. Annual grant contract with Integral Care for the Community Partners for Children Coordinator Program in Juvenile Probation
 - E. Contract amendment to deobligate funds and reclass a grant-funded position at no additional cost in the Underage Drinking Prevention Program grant in the County Attorney's Office
(Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

11. Consider and take appropriate action on the Fiscal Year 2023 budget hearing schedule. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

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

MOTION: Approve the FY 2023 budget hearing schedule in Item 11.

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

12. Consider and take appropriate action on:

- A. Developing procedures for submitting required forms associated with setting tax rate and appropriate disclosures; and
- B. Approve text of Notice of 2022 tax year proposed tax rate for Travis County
(This item may be taken into Executive Session under the Consultation with Attorney exception)
(Judge Brown & Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO

MOTION: Approve a proposed tax rate for FY 2023, tax year 2022, of 31.8239 cents per \$100 of taxable valuation, for advertising purposes and uploading to the Travis Central Appraisal District (TCAD) site.

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

Purchasing

13. Approve contract award for Hamilton Pool Restroom Pump House, Tankage, and Water Distribution, IFB No. 2111-014-JW, in the amount of \$433,397.50, to the low bidder, Piatra Inc. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

14. Approve contract award for Blake Manor Road Widening, IFB No. 2202-005-JW, in the amount of \$14,744,499.00, to the low bidder, Chasco Constructors, LTD. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

15. 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)

Members of the Court heard from:

Sylvia Lopez, Director, HUB Program, Purchasing

Emily Spandikow, Director, Project Management, IC2 Institute

Dr. John Butler, Faculty Director, Texas Venture Labs, McCombs School of Business

Dr. James Jarrett, Senior Research Scientist, Bureau of Business Research, IC2 Institute

Jorge Anchondo, Consultant, Anchondo Research & Management Strategies

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Technology & Operations

16. 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

17. Receive an update on Travis County Employee Health Care Fund for the period October 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

18. Consider and take appropriate action on the adoption of a plan change to the Travis County 457 Deferred Compensation Plan as recommended by the Deferred Compensation Committee at its quarterly meeting held on May 9, 2022. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

19. Receive an update on compensation for consideration in the FY 2023 Budget. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Items 19 and 20 are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Members of the Court heard from:

Todd Osburn, Assistant Director, Human Resources Management
Department (HRMD)
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
Shannon Weidauer, Director, HRMD
Carol Guthrie, Business Manager, Local 1624, American Federation of State,
County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
Ben Suddaby, Travis County employee
Armando Martinez, Travis County employee
Teresa Edmonson, Travis County employee
Eben Knight, Travis County employee
Melissa Sedillo, Travis County employee
Brandi Knox, Travis County employee
Doraine Williams, Travis County employee
Latasha King, Travis County employee
Silas Davis, Travis County employee
Kolby Duhon, Travis County employee
Barbara Wilson, Assistant Travis County Attorney

MOTION: Direct staff to look at the budget implications of a 5% across the board pay raise, an \$18 livable wage, compression, shift differential, and consider retiree COLA.

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

Clerk's Note: While Item 19 was an update the Commissioners Court wished to follow through with a motion to direct staff.

20. Consider and take appropriate action on changes to elected official pay for Fiscal Year 2023. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Items 19 and 20 are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

MOTION: Approve bringing the advertisement back to Commissioners Court for approval August 9, 2022, to include wording regarding an increase of up to 5% for Elected Officials and adding language to explain that Elected Officials' salaries will be pegged to the across-the-board increase.

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

Clerk's Note: The Court noted that the District Attorney would receive an increase on the portion of his salary paid by Travis County.

Transportation & Natural Resources

21. Consider and take appropriate action 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)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

22. Consider and take appropriate action on a Preliminary Plan: Stoney Ridge Highlands - (588 total lots – 550 single-family lots, 37 drainage/detention/utility and open space lots, Amenity lot, and ROW – 224.0 Acres) – 7527 Elroy Road: City of Austin Limited Purpose in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Consider and take appropriate action on the acceptance of the dedication of the public street and drainage facilities within Presidential Meadows Section 17 and Presidential Meadows Section 18 subdivisions in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

24. Consider and take appropriate action on the following agreements associated with traffic mitigation improvements for the Mobile Loaves and Fishes Phase III project in Precinct One:
- A. Construction Agreement between Capital Land Holdings, LP and Travis County
 - B. Cash Security Agreement between Capital Land Holdings, LP and Travis County for the posting of cash construction fiscal security (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

25. Consider and take appropriate action regarding approval of the updated Travis County Parks Ranger Residence Policy. (Commissioners Travillion & Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

26. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following items:
- A. A plat for recording: The Ridge at Blackhawk Phase 1, Section 1 Final Plat (Final Plat – Long Form – 144 total lots on 43.655 acres – located in the City of Pflugerville's ETJ) in Precinct One
 - B. Subdivision Construction Agreement between Travis County and Lakeside Municipal Utility District #5 (MUD), and RABH12, LLC (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

27. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following items:
- A. A plat for recording: The Ridge at Blackhawk Phase 1, Section 2 Final Plat (Final Plat – Long Form – 74 total lots on 32.661 acres – located in the City of Pflugerville's ETJ) in Precinct One
 - B. Subdivision Construction Agreement between Travis County and RABH12, LLC, Lakeside Municipal Utility District #5 (MUD), and Tiemman Land and Cattle Development Inc.(Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

28. Consider and take appropriate action on the following agreements associated with traffic mitigation improvements for the McAngus Industrial Development project in Precinct Four:
- A. Construction Agreement between Rastegar Related Fund Management, Infinity Park Property Owner LP, RPC F1 One LLC and Travis County

- B. Cash Security Agreement between Rastegar Related Fund Management, Infinity Park Property Owner LP, RPC F1 One LLC and Travis County for the posting of cash construction fiscal security
(Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

29. Determine composition of Elected Officials Salary Grievance Committee for 2021, as required by Texas Local Government Code §152.014 & §152.015. (Judge Brown)

Clerk's Note: The County Judge corrected a scrivener's error from 2021 to 2022.

Members of the Court heard from:

Dana Hess, Chief Deputy, Travis County Clerk's Office

MOTION: That the Elected Officials Salary Grievance Committee for 2022 be made up of members from the public Grand Jury volunteers.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

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

30. Consider and take appropriate action to review and approve IJury Software License Agreement with McLennan County, TX. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

31. Consider and take appropriate action on assumption for Travis County regarding the following:

- A. 2022 Parcel Fee Rate (Tax Assessor-Collector)
(Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

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

Judge Brown announced that Item 32 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation.

Members of the Court heard from:

Gonzalo Barrientos, Former Senator, 14th District

Frank Ortega, Former Director, District 12, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)

Nelson Linder, President, Austin National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, (Austin NAACP)
Peck Young, Director, Center for Public Policy and Political Studies, Austin Community College
Sharon Blythe, Travis County resident
Bill Bunch, Executive Director, Save Our Springs Alliance (SOS)
Susan Spataro, Former Travis County Auditor
Cynthia Valadez, Sr., Secretary, Central Health Board of Managers
Ann-Marie Sheely, Division Director, Travis County Attorney's Office

MOTION: Direct Purchasing, the County Auditor, and the County Attorney to continue working on the language that will form the scope for the independent audit of Central Health.

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

33. Receive briefing on Travis County Strategic Planning project. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: POSTPONED

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

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

35. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding Contract No. 4400003420 with Tyler Technologies, Inc. ¹ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 35 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation.

MOTION: Authorize the Purchasing Office to send notice of cancelation of Modification No.5 of contract 4400003420.

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

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge