



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court August 9, 2022 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on August 9, 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 3 Ann Howard
Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret J. Gómez

Absent: Commissioner Precinct 2 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: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

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

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: The County Judge noted that there has been an increase in cases of Monkeypox in Travis County and that there aren't enough vaccines currently. There will be a press conference at 11:30am on Tuesday August 9, 2022, at Austin City Hall where an update will be given.

Clerk's Note: The County Judge mentioned that the Travis County budget starts next week with budget hearings.

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 July 19 and 26 and August 2, 2022. (Judge Brown)

MOTION: Approve Items C1-C4.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Second Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Items 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19.a-b, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, and 26.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Public Hearings

- 1. Receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a section of right-of-way on Pamela Street, as dedicated by Pamela Heights plat, a subdivision in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

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

Members of the Court heard from:

Anna Bowlin, Division Director, Development Services and Long-Range Planning, 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, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Resolutions & Proclamations

2. Approve a resolution affirming the County's commitment to protecting the right of individuals to make their own reproductive healthcare decisions or other reproductive healthcare actions. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Emergency Services

3. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following:
 - A. Outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Travis County

Members of the Court heard from:

Tony Callaway, Travis County Fire Marshal

MOTION: Approve an order prohibiting outdoor burning.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

Clerk's Note: The prohibition on outdoor burning will expire on September 14, 2022. If conditions improve the order can be lifted by the County Judge or the Fire Marshal without action by the Commissioners Court.

- 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

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

5. Consider and take appropriate action on a Clinical Training Affiliation Agreement between Travis County and the University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School to allow medical students to engage in educational opportunities at the Medical Examiner's Office. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Health & Human Services

6. Consider and take appropriate action on the request for an exception to Budget Rules to allow for the purchase of food and beverages for meetings of the Joint Subcommittee which includes the City of Austin, Austin Independent School District and Travis County; exemption to be effective September 2022 through September 2023. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

7. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the final draft of the CDBG PY22 Action Plan including final plan revisions and public comments received; authorize the County Judge to sign the certifications, SF-424 and SF-424D for the action plan; and authorize staff's submission of the PY22 Action Plan to HUD. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

8. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the final substantially amended CDBG PY19-23 ConPlan and PY19 Action Plan. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Justice Planning

9. Receive update from Dr. Steve Strakowski regarding the ongoing work of the Mental Health Steering Committee led by Dr. Strakowski and staff at the University of Texas at Austin - Dell Medical School. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Roger Jefferies, County Executive Succession, JPS

Dr. Steve Strakowski, Associate Vice President, Regional Mental Health, Dell Medical School

Lora Ann Gerson, Travis County resident

Deborah Miller, Travis County resident
Chivas Watson, Travis County employee and Founder, WorkingGroup512
Sasha Rose, Director, Austin Mutual Aid
Sonja Burns, Travis County resident

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Planning & Budget

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing

11. Declare used modular furniture as salvage property and authorize it to be destroyed, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, §263.152(a)(3). (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

12. Approve 12-month extension (Modification No. 2) to Contract No. 4400005541 with Kearns & West for Virtual Commissioners Court Services. (Information Technology Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

13. Approve exemption of the purchase of fuel for the STAR Flight helicopters using the US Bank Home Mortgage account, pursuant to County Purchasing Act §262.024(A)(2), and ratification of purchase order, in the amount of \$69,999.00. (Emergency Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

14. Approve Modification No. 1 to Interlocal Agreement No. 4400006293, with Del Valle Independent School District (DVISD), for a Dual Language Pre-Kindergarten Program. (Health & Human Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

15. Approve Modification No. 4 to Contract No. 4400003958 with United HealthCare Services, Inc., amount is based on enrollment, for third-party administration for flexible spending accounts, health savings accounts, limited flexible spending accounts, health reimbursement arrangements, and qualified transportation benefits. (Human Resources Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. Approve Modification No. 2 to Interlocal Agreement No. 4400005243 with The University of Texas at Austin, in the amount of \$48,795.00, for internet connection services. (Information Technology Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

17. Approve Modification No. 6 to Contract No. 4400003620 with Humana Insurance Company, amount is based on enrollment, for Medicare Advantage with Prescription Drug Coverage (MAPD). (Human Resources Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

18. Approve Modification No. 2 to Contract No. 4400005342 with Rite of Passage, Inc., an as needed contract, for Secure Residential Services (Juvenile Probation) (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 on an automobile total loss claim recommendation for the date of loss on June 15, 2021.(Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

22. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a section of right-of-way on Pamela Street, as dedicated by

Pamela Heights plat, a subdivision in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

MOTION: Approve Item 22.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

23. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request for a Partial Plat Vacation of Circle Ranch Estates Lots 3,4 and 5 (Partial Plat Vacation – three lots – 30.9 acres – Crystal Bend Drive - City of Austin's two-mile ETJ.) (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

24. Consider and take appropriate action regarding Easton Park 4B East Preliminary Plan – (Preliminary Plan – three total lots on 21.067 acres – one mixed residential, and two greenbelt/open space/drainage lots) –located in City of Austin's Limited Purpose in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

25. Consider and take appropriate action to adopt a resolution authorizing the use of Eminent Domain to acquire fee simple title to ±0.0061 acre (±266 SF) of land, referred to as Parcel 19, owned by Lynn A Rutter, located on the SL of Fitzhugh Rd., West of US 290, in Travis County, as described by metes and bounds in Exhibit “A”, attached to the Resolution, for the public use and purpose of providing essential services to the public and promoting public safety in connection with the Fitzhugh Road Shoulder Widening Project. *(This item may be taken into Executive Session under the Consultation with Attorney exception, Texas Government Code §551.071, and the Real Property exception under Texas Government Code §551.072)* (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

26. Set a public hearing on September 13, 2022, to receive comments regarding a proposed agreement to provide the City of Pflugerville a right of entry to inspect and conduct site surveys for preliminary engineering development of a proposed raw water pipeline at Northeast Metropolitan Park. (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

27. Receive briefing regarding the Lake Travis Cleanup. (Commissioner Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Carly Farley, Environmental Technician, TNR
Amanda Kemp, Environmental Project Manager, TNR
Adrienne Longenecker, Executive Director, Colorado River Alliance
Katie Bedrich, Program Director, Colorado River Alliance

Drew Pickle, District Park Manager, TNR

RESULT: DISCUSSED

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

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge