



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court August 23, 2022 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on August 23, 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

Public Communication

Clerk's Note: There were no speakers for Public Communication.

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: There were no speakers for County Announcements.

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 August 16, 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 1, 4, 7, 9, 12.a-d, 13, 14, 15.a, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23.a-b, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28.a-c, and 29.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Auditor

1. Receive revenue and expenditure reports, and other statutorily required reports, for the month of June 2022 from the County Auditor's Office. The reports are submitted electronically as allowed by Texas Local Government Code §114.023 (a) and prescribed by the County Auditor. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Emergency Services

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

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

- B. Consider and take appropriate action on County response to natural disaster or other emergency, including an update from the County's Health Authority regarding the state of and our response to the Monkeypox virus, and any other action necessary to preserve public health and safety. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Dr. Desmar Walkes, Health Authority, Austin Public Health and Health Authority, Austin-Travis County
Cassandra DeLeon, Chief Administrative Officer, Austin Public Health (APH)
Dr. Janet Pichette, Chief Epidemiologist, Austin Public Health
Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, Travis County Health and Human Services (HHS)
Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services

MOTION: Direct staff to pursue expanding the contract with Ascension to include other vaccinations such as Monekypox and bring any agreements to the Commissioners Court for any further action.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

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

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

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 to approve and ratify a 12-month contract extension for Contract No. 19-138-000-B478 with the Texas General Land Office (GLO). (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

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

Members of the Court heard from:

Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, HHS

Matt Mollica, Executive Director, ECHO

Joao Paulo Connolly, Co-Chair, ECHO Leadership Council

Quiana Fisher, Director, Homelessness Response System Strategy, ECHO

Claire Burrus, Manager, Research and Evaluation, ECHO

Lawrence Lyman, Director, Research and Planning Division, HHS

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Intergovernmental Relations

6. Consider and take appropriate action on appointments to the Housing Authority of Travis County Board of Commissioners and the Strategic Housing Finance Corporation Board of Directors. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

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

MOTION: Reappoint Sharal Brown and Jimmy Paver to the Housing Authority of Travis County Board of Directors, and Julio Gonzalez to the Strategic Housing Finance Corporation Board of Directors for terms that will run from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2024.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

FRIENDLY

AMENDMENT: Approve the application packet and proposed process and timeline.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

RESULT: **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT ACCEPTED**

Clerk's Note: A Vote on the Standing Motion was taken.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

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

MOTION: Issue the call for applications with a deadline of Friday September 23, 2022.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

Justice Planning

7. Consider and take appropriate action on the nomination of Juliana Guirguis as the Travis County mental health representative on the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) of the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) effective immediately to replace Laura Slocum who has resigned. (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

8. Receive update on Counsel at First Appearance initiative. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

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

Bradley Hargis, Executive Director, Capital Area Private Defender Service (CAPDS)

Adeola Ogunkeyede, Chief Public Defender

Paul Hopingardner, Executive Director, Technology and Operations

Vicki Ashley, Interim County Executive, Justice and Public Safety (JPS)

Lora Ann Gerson, Volunteer, Advocates for Social Justice Reform

Chantal Pridgon, Criminal Justice Organizer, Grassroots Leadership, and Amos Walker TAJ Fellow, Advocates for Social Justice Reform

David Johnson, Criminal Justice Organizer, Grassroots Leadership, and Volunteer, Advocates for Social Justice Reform

Maria Emerson, Member, Texas Anti-Poverty Project, and Volunteer, Advocates for Social Justice Reform

RESULT: DISCUSSED

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 Contract with the Texas Judiciary for ARPA Funding to Address the COVID-19 Court Backlog in Criminal Courts
(Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Margaret Terronez, Court Services Program Manager, Criminal Courts

Joseph Kertz, Financial Analyst, Criminal Courts

Michelle Surka, Budget Analyst I, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)

MOTION: Approve Item 10.a.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

11. Receive budget agenda worksheet for FY 2023 Budget Mark-up and set a deadline for submission. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Purchasing

12. Approve contract award for Countywide Furniture, IFB No. 2203-001-MH, to the following lowest and best bidders:
- A. Contract No. 4400006523 Ergogenesis Workplace Solutions, LLC: Line 03
 - B. Contract No. 4400006524 Indoff Incorporated: Lines 01, 15, 20, 25, 26
 - C. Contract No. 4400006525 Afma, Inc DBA Core Office Interiors: Lines 04, 05, 07, 18, 24, 25
 - D. Contract No. 4400006526 Facilities Resources, Inc: Lines 08, 12, 13, 16, 25, 26

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- E. For line item 2203-001-MH-01-09 for Kimble furniture, Facilities Resources and Core Office Interiors are the two responsible bidders that submitted a tied bid which was the lowest and best, and pursuant to section 262.027 (b), Local Government Code, the Commissioners Court shall decide between the two by drawing lots in a manner prescribed by the county judge. The winner of the draw will be awarded the line item for Kimble Furniture for this bid (Commissioner Travillion)

Clerk's Note: As the two companies were tied, the County Judge drew lots to assign the contract.

Members of the Court heard from:
Bonnie Floyd, Travis County Purchasing Agent

MOTION: Award the contract in Item 12.e to Core Office Interiors.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

13. Approve Termination of Contract No. 4400000629, with Cornell Corrections of Texas, Inc. for Residential Treatment Services. (Juvenile Probation) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

14. Approve Termination of Contract No. 4400004686, with Spirit Reins for Trauma Focused Equine Therapy for the Collaborative Opportunities for Positive Experience (COPE) Program. (Juvenile Probation) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

15. Consider and take appropriate action on the following Personnel Amendments:

- A. Routine Personnel Actions

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- B. Non-Routine Personnel Actions
(Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Todd Osburn, Assistant Director, Human Resources Management
Department (HRMD)

Corey Burgess, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

Tina Salazar, Division Director, Administration, Juvenile Probation

Ann-Marie Sheely, Division Director, Travis County Attorney's Office

MOTION: Accept the salary as requested by Juvenile Probation, \$114,958.92.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

Clerk's Note: The motion was withdrawn for further discussion.

Judge Brown announced that Item 15.B would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.074, Personnel Matters.

MOTION: Grant the salary at \$114,958.92.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

16. Consider and take appropriate action on the Order to Amend Travis County Code Chapter 116, Family and Medical Leave and Paid Parental Leave. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

17. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the allocation of a portion of the excess revenue generated by the Travis County Deferred Compensation (457 plan) to support the activities of the Deferred Compensation Oversight Committee. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

18. Consider and take appropriate action on Travis County Juvenile Probation Department's recruitment and retention plan for operational positions in the detention, residential treatment, facilities support, and medical services areas. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Todd Osburn, Assistant Director, HRMD

Carol Guthrie, Business Manager, Local 1624, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

MOTION: Approve Item 18.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

19. Reconsider and take appropriate action on the revised Travis County Juvenile Probation Job Classifications that were approved by Commissioners Court on August 2, 2022 (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

20. Consider and take appropriate action on FY 2023 employee compensation issues, including but not limited to hourly wages. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Todd Osburn, Assistant Director, HRMD

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

Stacy Suits, Constable, Precinct 3

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Transportation & Natural Resources

21. Consider and take appropriate action on the Triparty Agreement between Argonaut Insurance Company, Travis County, and Emerson Construction Company, Inc. and the associated Completion Construction Contract providing for the settlement of the performance bond obligations for the Arkansas Bend Park Phase II project within Travis County. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

22. Consider and approve a request by Westlake High School to collect a fee only for attendees entering Southeast Metropolitan Park for the cross-country meet being held at the park. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following requests to:

- A. Origami Spicewood 6 (Short Final Plat – four total lots on 14.636 acres – Bob Wire and Cordill Lane - City of Lakeway's ETJ) in Precinct Three
- B. Subdivision Construction Agreement between Travis County and Origami Land Reserve 1 LP, and Edwin and Lynn Hennsey
(Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

24. Consider and take appropriate action on a letter of support by the Commissioners Court for the City of Austin Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

25. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the attached License Agreement to use Westminster Presbyterian Church as an Early Voting and Election Day polling site for the November 8, 2022 General and Special Elections. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

26. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the License Agreement to use Sawyer Hall as a poll worker training site for the November 8, 2022 General and Special Election. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

27. Consider and take appropriate action regarding an order designating the main early voting polling place, temporary branch early voting polling places, hours and dates of early voting, and Election Day polling places for the November 8, 2022 General and Special Elections. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

28. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a request from the Tax Assessor-Collector to authorize printing by the County's print shop of the following items, to be included with 2022 statements:

- A. 240,000 1/3 - page inserts
- B. 240,000 Customer Moving Card 1/4 - sheet
- C. Various inserts (approximate total 137,185)
(Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

29. Consider and take appropriate action to establish and appoint Judges and Alternate Judges for polling locations, Early Voting Ballot Board and Central Counting Station for the November 8, 2022 General and Special Election. (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

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

31. 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. ¹ & ² (Judge Brown & Commissioner Travillion)

Judge Brown announced that Item 31 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, Gov't. Code Ann. 551.072, Real Property, Gov't. Code Ann 551.087, Economic Development Negotiations.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

32. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding contract for purchase of hoist and winch from Collins Aerospace Systems for StarFlight helicopter. ¹ ()

Judge Brown announced that Item 32 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