



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court September 1, 2022 Special Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on September 1, 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

Agenda Items

1. Consider and take appropriate action regarding FY 2023 Budget Mark-Up.

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)
Chris Broussard, Business Analyst III, PBO
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Mark-Up Items

1. Review process for viewing and tracking budget mark-up changes.

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO
Chris Broussard, Business Analyst III, PBO
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Recap current budget status, including
 - A. Preliminary Budget;
 - B. Revenue and other available funds (4th Revenue Estimate);
 - C. Tax Rate; and
 - D. Changes to Preliminary Budget.

Members of the Court Heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Approve the Preliminary Budget to establish baseline for beginning budget mark-up process.

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO
Paul Hopingardner, Executive Director, Technology and Operations
Aerin-Renee Pfaffenberger, Assistant Budget Director., PBO
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

MOTION: Approve the Preliminary Budget.
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

4. Approve Changes to Preliminary Budget recommended by PBO.

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO

MOTION: Approve changes to the Preliminary Budget.
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

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed allocating \$455,534 from the State of Texas for Capital Credits for HUB Staffing and Parenting in Recovery.

MOTION: Direct staff to use the \$455,534 Capital Credits to fund HUB Staffing and Parenting in Recovery and including the Unallocated Reserve requirement of \$45,143.
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

5. Review selected items on Budget Agenda Worksheet.

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

RESULT: DISCUSSED

BH-23 - Research and Planning Senior Planner

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO

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

BH-25-03A- Integral Care Contract Increases

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, Travis County Health and Human Services (HHS)
Laura Peveto, Director, Office of Children Services, HHS
Lawrence Lyman, Director, Research and Planning Division, HHS

MOTION: Approve the request.
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

Clerk's Note: The Court noted that while the funding had been approved the interlocal agreement will need to come back to Commissioners Court for further discussion before approval.

BH-26-09B - Justice Planning Departmental Salary Adjustments

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

MOTION: Approve the request, effective September 30, 2022.

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

BH-29 - Language Line Solutions Contract

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

MOTION: Direct staff to work with the Public Defender's Office and the Texas Indigent Defense Commission to see how the grant funding can share the costs and to come back to the Commissioners Court with an update.

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

BH-10 - Increases for Spanish Interpreters, Hourly rate for Investigators, and Fees for Mental Health Services

Members of the Court heard from:
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
Debra Hale, Director, Criminal Courts Administration
Bradley Hargis, Executive Director, Capital Area Private Defender Service (CAPDS)

MOTION: Approve the request.

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

BH-06-01A - Public Safety Pilot Conversion

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

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
Alex Braden, Assistant Budget Director., PBO
Jennifer Kraber, Assistant County Attorney

MOTION: Approve the request.
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: County Judge Andy Brown

FRIENDLY

AMENDMENT: Approve three Special Project Workers, one position in the Constable Precinct Three Office and two positions in the Constable Precinct Four Office, until September 30, 2023, with one-time funding.

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

RESULT: **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT ACCEPTED**

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

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Clerk's Note: Staff noted that the funding for the two speaker project worker positions in Constable Four Office item was \$211,318 not \$211,813 as previously stated.

BH-08 - Internal Funding of Financial Analyst Senior

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

MOTION: Approve the request.
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

71/CC1 - Jail Diversion Center/Prevention Services

MOTION: Approve an earmark of \$500,000 one-time funding for a Mental Health Diversion Pilot plan which would be brought back to Commissioners Court for approval.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

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

BH-11-01A - Homicide Staffing SPW's

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

MOTION: Approve the request.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: County Judge Andy Brown

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

BH-01-01A - Court Probation Officer Staffing Program
BH-02-05/05A - 3% or 5% Compensation for non-employees

Members of the Court heard from:
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
Rodolfo Perez, Director, Adult Probation, Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD)

MOTION: Approval from one-time funds 5% compensation increase for non-employees in Adult Probation.

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

MOTION: Add flexibility to the one-time funding of \$547,446 for the 5% increase, allowing the director of Adult Probation to use the funds regardless of the hire date of an employee.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

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

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed sending a letter to the Governor regarding state funding for Adult Probation.

BH-13 - OEM Administrative Support

MOTION: Approve the request.

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

BH-14-03B - Travis County Resiliency Hub Program - version 2

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services

MOTION: Earmark \$1.6M from the Emergency Reserve with staff coming back to Commissioners Court with a plan.

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

BH-15 - Emergency Direct Response Operations

Members of the Court heard from:

Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

MOTION: Approve \$500,000.00 encumbered from Fiscal Year 2022 budget.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

BH-21 - Public Information Specialist for Emergency Communications

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

MOTION: Approve the request.
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

BH-30 - Bilingual Add Pay Compensation

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

MOTION: Direct staff to work with the State of Texas on funding.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

BH-32 - Park Operations Specialists - Phase 1 of 2

BH-37-TNR12 - Move Recommended FTE's to Midpoint - GF

BH-37-TNR12 - Move Recommended FTE's to Midpoint - BCP Fund

Members of the Court heard from:
Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

MOTION: Approve the request.
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

BH-32-04A - Park Operations Specialists - Phase 1 of 2

Members of the Court heard from:
Charles Bergh, Division Director, Parks, TNR
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

MOTION: Approve the request.
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

BH-36 - Community Water Sakes Relocation

Members of the Court heard from:

Aerin-Renee Pfaffenberger, Assistant Budget Director., PBO
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
Charles Bergh, Division Director, Parks, TNR
Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, TNR

MOTION: Approve the request.
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

BH-34-16A - Parks Land Management Operations - Phase 1 of 3

Members of the Court heard from:

Charles Bergh, Division Director, Parks, TNR
Aerin-Renee Pfaffenberger, Assistant Budget Director., PBO
Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, TNR

MOTION: Approve \$351,145.00 as an earmark from one-time funds.
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

BH-09 - Case Worker

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO
Brandy Mueller, Judge, County Court at Law #6

MOTION: Approve the request.
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

BH-24 - AgriLife 4H Staffing 1FTE

BH-17 - Reclass ES Financial Manager to Financial Manager Senior

BH-16 - Reclass OEM Financial Analyst Lead to Financial Manager

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

MOTION: Approve the request.

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

CC2 - Grants Administrator and Grants Manager

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

MOTION: A one-time Earmark against Allocated Reserve for the Intergovernmental Relations Office.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

Exposition Center

Members of the Court heard from:

Paul Hopingardner, Executive Director, Technology and Operations

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

MOTION: Earmark \$5M against the CAR Reserve for essential repairs at the Expo Center, enter into a conversation with the City of Austin regarding ownership once the lease ends in 2033, and the department spends the money in the Expo Center budget prior to submitting a request for part of the \$5M.

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

Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Program

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO - check

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

Lawrence Lyman, Director, Research and Planning Division, HHS

MOTION: Earmark \$250,000.00 from Allocated Reserve for the Justice Planning CDL training for people who are currently in jail.

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

BH-18 - OEM Logistics Support Package

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO

Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services

MOTION: Direct PBO to find money within the FY2022 budget for OEM Logistics Support Package.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

County Clerk Election Staff

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

MOTION: Direct staff to work with the County Clerk to see if there are funds in their current budget to raise salaries for election workers consistent with the \$20 minimum wage set by Travis County August 30, 2022, for employees.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

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

Allocated Reserve

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO

MOTION: Move the ongoing and one-time balances into the Allocated Reserve,
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

6. Authorize HRMD to post new positions.

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO

MOTION: Authorize HRMD to post new positions.
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

7. Approve Fiscal Year 2022 earmarks on reserves: Allocated Reserve and Capital Acquisition Resources Reserve.

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO

RESULT: DISCUSSED

8. Authorize Planning and Budget Office to adjust Unallocated Reserve and balance budget against Allocated Reserve based on fifth (final) revenue estimate.

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO

MOTION: Authorize PBO to adjust the Unallocated Reserve and balance the budget against the Allocated Reserve
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