



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court September 20, 2022 Voting Session

**Minutes Prepared by the Travis County Clerk
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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on September 20, 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

Public Comment

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 30 and September 13, 2022. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:
Alex Strenger, Travis County resident

MOTION: Approve Items C1-C4.
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

Second Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Items 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15.a-e, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27.a-b, 28, 31, 32, 35.a, 36, and 38.
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

Public Hearings

1. Receive comments regarding options for Thomas Springs Road Bicycle Safety Improvements Project in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
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

Members of the Court heard from:

John Routh, Assistant Director, Public Works and Capital Improvement Projects, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)
Jennie Burt, Travis County resident
Janice Johnson, Travis County resident
John Villanacci, Travis County resident
John Dromgoole, Travis County resident
Lauren Ice, Attorney representing Thomas Springs Alliance
Juanita Jackson, Travis County resident
Sam Jett, Travis County resident
Frankie Roach, Travis County resident
Susan Webster, Travis County resident
Marcus Huey, Travis County resident
Jeffrey Suggs, Travis County resident
Tom Payne, Travis County resident
Ryan Rodriguez, Travis County resident

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.
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

Resolutions & Proclamations

2. Approve proclamation honoring Charles “Chuck” Spangler for his service to Travis County. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Chuck Spangler, Program Director, STAR Flight
Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services
Patrick Phillips, Chief Deputy, Emergency Services
Taylor Petty, Chief Pilot, STAR Flight
Frank Veliz, Director, Aircraft Maintenance, STAR Flight

MOTION: Approve Item 2.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez
ABSENT: Andy Brown

3. Approve proclamation recognizing the month of September 2022 as National Preparedness Month in Travis County. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Eric Carter, Emergency Management Coordinator, Emergency Services
Juan Ortiz, Director, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, City of Austin

MOTION: Approve Item 3.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez
ABSENT: Andy Brown

Auditor

4. Receive revenue and expenditure reports, and other statutorily required reports, for the month of July 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

5. 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

6. 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

7. Consider and take appropriate action to accept a donation on behalf of STAR Flight from Stephen and Melinda Winn. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

8. Consider and take appropriate action to approve an Interlocal Agreement with Travis County Emergency Services District No. 12 for the provision of medical direction and clinical education. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

9. Approve setting a public hearing on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, to receive comments regarding the issuance of a Mass Gathering Permit for Texas National BMX Race to be held October 15-16, 2022, at 5001 Killingsworth Lane, Pflugerville, TX. 78660 (Northeast Metropolitan Park). (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Health & Human Services

10. Receive update and take appropriate action regarding Travis County Supportive Housing Initiative. *This item may be taken into executive session under the Consultation with Attorney exception Texas Local Government Code §551.071.* (Commissioners Howard & Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, Travis County Health and Human Services (HHS)
Conor Kenny, Principal, Capital A Housing
Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)
Jon White, Director, Natural Resources and Environmental Quality Division, TNR
Ann-Marie Sheely, Division Director, Travis County Attorney's Office
Greg Heller, Director, Guidehouse

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Justice Planning

11. Consider and take appropriate action on the seventh amendment to the Sobering Center interlocal agreement between Travis County, the City of Austin, and the Sobering Center to increase the City of Austin's operating budget allocation for the Sobering Center for the twelve-month term ending September 30, 2023. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

12. Consider and take appropriate action to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Austin and Travis County for the purpose of cost sharing in a project designed to address the criminal justice issues relating to the Austin Police Department DNA Unit. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

13. Consider and take appropriate action to amend the current Interlocal Agreement with the City of Austin for central booking and related services.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning & Budget

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

15. Consider and take appropriate action on the following grant programs, applications, contracts and related special budgets, and permissions to continue:
 - A. Annual Contract with the Office of the Attorney General for the Other Victim Assistance (OVAG) grant in the County Attorney's Office
 - B. Annual Contract with the Office of the Attorney General for the Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant (VCLG) Program in the District Attorney's Office
 - C. Annual Contract with the Texas Department of Transportation for the TXDOT Selective Traffic Enforcement Program in the Sheriff's Office
 - D. Contract Amendment to the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) to move funds from Administrative and other budgets to Direct Services in HHS
 - E. Permission to Continue the PY 2021 (FY 2022) Community Development Block Grant in the Health and Human Services Department (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. Consider and take appropriate action on proposed FY 2023 Budget Rules. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

17. Consider and take appropriate action on FY 2023 budget issues, including:
 - A. Rebudgeting of Debt Funded Year 2022 Capital Projects into Fiscal Year 2023

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

Aerin-Renee Pfaffenberger, Assistant Budget Director., PBO

MOTION: Approve Item 17.a.
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

B. Changes After Markup List

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

MOTION: Approve Item 17.b.
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

C. Possible Election Worker Pay Adjustment

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

Rebecca Guerrero, Travis County Clerk

Bridgette Escobedo, Director, Elections Division, Travis County Clerk's Office

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

Barbara Wilson, Assistant County Attorney

MOTION: Approve Item 17.c.
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

D. Other Remaining Items
(Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: DISCUSSED

18. Consider and take appropriate action on an order approving setting the Travis County tax rates for the year beginning January 1, 2022

A. Total Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
Barbara Wilson, Assistant County Attorney

MOTION: The property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.278921 for maintenance and operations, which is effectively an eight and seven tenths percent (8.7%) increase in the tax rate, and there is hereby levied for the current tax year an ad valorem tax of \$0.278921 for each \$100 valuation of all taxable property for general operating purposes.

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

B. Total Debt Service Tax Rate

MOTION: The property tax rate of \$0.039318 be adopted for the debt service rate, and there is hereby levied for the current tax year an ad valorem tax of \$0.039318 for each \$100 valuation of all taxable property for debt service and to provide sinking funds and to pay interest on the outstanding debt issues which include both bond issues and certificates of obligation.

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

C. Total County Ad Valorem Tax Rate
(Judge Brown)

Clerk's Note: The Court noted that there are two components of the County tax rate for the current year that have been approved and levied in this order:

- the tax rate of \$0.278921 for maintenance and operations, and*
- the property tax rate of \$0.039318 for debt service to provide sinking funds and to pay interest on the outstanding bond issues and certificates of obligation.*

Therefore, a total County tax rate of \$0.318239 for each \$100 valuation of all taxable property has been levied for the current tax year.

Clerk's Note: The total tax rate as read by Commissioner Ann Howard had a typographic error which has been corrected in the Clerk's Note above.

Purchasing

19. Ratify, Exempt and Approve Modification No. 1 to Contract No. 4400005790 with RWH Myers & Company, LLC, in the amount of \$26,943.75, for forensic accounting services. (Human Resources Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. Approve Modification No. 5 to Contract No. 4400003941 with HDR Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$384,718.11, for the Arroyo Doble/Twin Creeks Drainage Project. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Approve Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 4400006278, in the amount of \$8,625.00, with QA Roofing, for Exposition Arena Insulation Phase 1. (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

22. Approve Modification No. 5 to Contract No. 4400003462 with AgustaWestland Philadelphia Corporation, an overall decrease in the contract amount of \$1,620,900.00, to cancel the purchase of fire tanks for the STAR Flight helicopters. (Emergency Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Approve Modification No. 3 to Contract No. 4400003080 with Mauro Psychological Services, PLLC, an as needed contract, for Psychological/Psychiatric Services. (District and Criminal Courts) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

24. Approve Modification No. 5 to Contract No. 4400003079 with Maureen S. Burrows, M.D., an as needed contract, for Psychological/Psychiatric Services. (District and Criminal Courts) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

25. Approve Modification No. 2 to Contract No. 4400005871, an estimated requirements contract, with AKA-Materials for a price increase to all Hydraulic "Portland" Cement contract items. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

26. Approve termination of Contract No. 4400006284 with Pattison & Sons, Inc, DBA Two Day Body Shop, for Auto Body Repairs. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

27. 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

28. Consider and take appropriate action to approve an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between Travis County and the City of Austin to address digital equity issues.
(Commissioners Travillion & Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

29. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a temporary detour and restriction of all traffic on Hunters Bend Road for construction beginning on or about Saturday, October 15, 2022, and continuing through Sunday, October 16, 2022, or until work is complete in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

Brian Burk, Senior Engineer, Public Works, TNR

MOTION: Approve Item 29.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

ABSENT: Andy Brown

30. Consider and take appropriate action regarding requests to approve:

- A. FY2022 funding for enhanced bus stop infrastructure on Capital Metro Route #318 in unincorporated Travis County.
- B. FY2023 Interlocal Agreement with Capital Metro for Federal Transit Administration funding and local match to fund the Travis County Transit Development Plan.
(Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

Scheleen Walker, Long Range Planning Manager, TNR
Aerin-Renee Pfaffenberger, Assistant Budget Director., PBO
Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, TNR
Zenobia Joseph, Travis County resident

MOTION: Approve Items 30.a-b.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez
ABSENT: Andy Brown

31. Consider and take appropriate action on a proposed License Agreement with Lake Travis Independent School District for flashing beacons within the right of way of Bee Creek Road and Vail Divide, roadways in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

32. Consider and take appropriate action on a Traffic Mitigation Agreement between ATX Merriltown, LP, and Travis County for traffic mitigation associated with the Austin Continuum Development in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

33. Consider and take appropriate action regarding an exemption from platting requirements for the Juniper Tiny Homes project (TNR Permit #21-36000) in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Anna Bowlin, Division Director, Development Services and Long-Range Planning, TNR
Bailey Kilpatrick, Owner, Juniper Homes

MOTION: Approve as recommended by staff.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez
ABSENT: Andy Brown

34. Consider and take appropriate action regarding options for Thomas Springs Road Bicycle Safety Improvements Project in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Jennifer Hopgood, Assistant County Attorney

MOTION: Suspend the project.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez
ABSENT: Andy Brown

Other

35. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following new contract to provide election services for the following entity located in Travis County for the November 8, 2022 election

A. Austin ISD
(Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

36. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a license agreement for the use of the LBJ School of Public Affairs' lobby as an Early Voting and Election Day polling site for the November 8, 2022 General Elections. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

37. Consider and take appropriate action regarding extending Early Voting hours at voting MegaCenters for the November 8, 2022 and General and Special Election. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Rebecca Guerrero, Travis County Clerk
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

MOTION: Approve Item 37.
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

38. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the Joint Election Agreements between the contracting entities for the November 8, 2022 election. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

39. Consider and take appropriate action on the Travis County Healthcare District DBA Central Health Fiscal Year 2023 Budget. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gomez)

Items 39 and 40 are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Members of the Court heard from:

Perla Cavazos, Deputy Administrator, Government Affairs, Central Health
Mike Geeslin, President and CEO, Central Health
Jeff Knodel, Chief Financial Officer, Central Health
Ann-Marie Sheely, Division Director, Travis County Attorney's Office
Lupita Cardoso, Travis County resident
Janett Iturbe, Travis County resident
James Bookert, Travis County resident
Reyes Martinez, Travis County resident
Catalina Berry, Travis County resident
Rachel Blair, Health Alliance for Austin Musicians (HAAM)
Sam Ruiz, Travis County resident
Mia Greer, CFO, Community Care for Health (C2H)
Dr. Charles Moody, CEO, C2H
Paul Scott, CEO, HAAM
Barbara Brooks-Shirley, Travis County resident
Amit Motwani, Board Member, Central Health Board of Managers and Sendero
Health Board of Managers
Sarita Null, Travis County resident
Elijah Stroud, Travis County resident
Maria Emerson, Travis County resident

RESULT: DISCUSSED

40. Consider and take appropriate action on the Travis County Healthcare District DBA Central Health property tax rates for the 2022 tax year. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gomez)

Items 39 and 40 are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion. Please refer to Item 39 for a summary of the action taken by the Court.

41. Receive a briefing from Sendero CEO Wes Durkalski and his staff regarding all financial, benefits and process issues. (Commissioners Shea & Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Wesley Durkalski, President and CEO, Sendero Health
Tierra Thomas, CFO, Sendero Health
Gloria Leal, Deputy Director, District 7, League of United Latin American
Citizens (LULAC)
Kay Ghahremani, President and CEO Texas Association of Community Health

Plans
Elena Diaz, Retired Travis County Justice of the Peace
Cynthia Valadez, Sr., Secretary, Central Health Board of Managers and Board
Member, Sendero Health Board of Managers
Amit Motwani, Board Member, Central Health Board of Managers and Sendero
Health Board of Managers

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

42. 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