



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court October 11, 2022 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on October 11, 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

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 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

Public Comment

Members of the Court heard from:
Robert Battaile, Travis County resident

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: There were no 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 Budget Mark-Up of September 1, 2022, and the Voting Sessions of September 20, 27 and October 4, 2022. (Judge Brown)

MOTION: Approve Items C1-C4.
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

Second Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Items 2, 5, 6, 7, 8.a-b, 9, 10, 11, 12.a, 13, 15.a-b, A1, and A2.
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

Public Hearings

- 1. Receive comments regarding the issuance of a Mass Gathering Permit for the Lucktoberfest music event to be held on October 28 and 29, 2022, at 1100 Bee Creek Road, Spicewood, TX. 78669. (Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 751.007, only Judge Brown will be taking action on this item)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
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

Members of the Court heard from:

Tony Callaway, Travis County Fire Marshal
Todd Mers, Environmental Health Supervisor, Austin Public Health

Scott Marsh, Partner and Director of Operations, Luck Reunion

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.
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

Resolutions & Proclamations

2. Approve a proclamation recognizing September 15–October 15, 2022 as "Hispanic Heritage Month" in Travis County. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Emergency Services

3. 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

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
 - 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

Intergovernmental Relations

5. Consider and take appropriate action on an appointment to the Travis Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

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)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning & Budget

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

8. 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 Office of Violence Against Women for the Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Grant Program in the District Attorney's Office
- B. Annual Contract with the Texas Indigent Defense Commission for the Mental Health Public Defender Felony Expansion Grant in Justice Planning (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing

9. Approve Modification No. 8 to Contract No. 4400001428 with RPS Infrastructure, Inc., in the amount of \$95,410.00, for the design of the FM 1626 Improvements. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

10. Approve contract award for professional engineering services for Hodde Lane Roadway Realignment, RFQ No. 2002-007-AR, in the amount of \$490,588.25, to the most highly qualified firm, LJA Engineering, Inc. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

11. Approve Contract Award for Residential HVAC Repair Services, IFB No. 2208-004-JL, on an as-needed basis, to the sole bidder, McCullough Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc. (Health & Human Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

12. Consider and take appropriate action on the following Personnel Amendments:
 - A. Routine Personnel Actions
(Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

13. Consider and take appropriate action on work completed by Blackmon Mooring for damaged caused in the Winter Storm of February 2021. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

14. Discuss and take appropriate action related to Travis County election locations, mega sites, and voting hours for the November 2022 election. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Rebecca Guerrero, Travis County Clerk
Dana Hess, Chief Deputy, Travis County Clerk's Office
Daniel Hayes, Elections Administrator Assistant, Travis County Clerk's Office
Elise De La Fuente, University of Texas at Austin Student Government
Jen Ramos, Political Specialist, Jolt Action
Sara Black, Travis County resident
Andrew Dillard, Elections Coordinator Senior, Travis County Clerk's Office

MOTION: Authorize the County Clerk's Office to take steps necessary to increase signage and polling machines at the University of Texas at Austin Campus, and if there is anything else that can be done for this election cycle at the UT campus in particular

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

FRIENDLY

AMENDMENT: Add that the Travis County Public Information Office would work with the County Clerk's Office to maximize communication.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

15. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the County Clerk's Expenditure Plans

- A. Set a public hearing on November 8, 2022 for the County Clerk to receive comments regarding the Fiscal Year 2022 Travis County Clerk's annual written expenditure plans for the 0108 Records Management Preservation Fund and 0129 County Clerk's Records Archival Fund
- B. Publish the appropriate notice as required by 118.025 of the Local Government Code (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Added Items

- A1. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the District Judges' request for flexibility to set the Travis County Auditor's compensation to include a 5% across-the-board compensation increase, as approved by Commissioners Court for all Travis County employees effective as of October 1, 2022 in accordance with the Order of the District Judges and Texas Local Government Code §152.032. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- A2. Consider and take appropriate action to sign on to an open letter expressing support for proposed federal rulemaking related to tracking and reducing transportation greenhouse gas emissions. (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge