



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court October 4, 2022 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on October 4, 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 2 Brigid Shea
Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret J. Gómez

Absent: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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 3 Ann Howard

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

Public Comment

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

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: The County Judge noted that October is National Energy Awareness Month.

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)

MOTION: Approve Items C1-C3.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Second Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Items 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15.a-c, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20.a-b, 21, and 24.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Resolutions & Proclamations

1. Approve a proclamation for the 39th Annual National Night Out event on October 4, 2022 in Travis County. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

William Poole, Major, Law Enforcement, Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO)
Michael DeLeon, Sergeant, Constable Precinct 2 Office
Craig Smith, Major, Administration Support, TCSO
Raul Banasco, Major, Corrections Bureau, TCSO
Chuck Roberts, Community Outreach, TCSO
Alexis White, Community Outreach, TCSO
Ashley Alleyene, Community Outreach, Constable Precinct 2 Office

MOTION: Approve Item 1.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: County Judge Andy Brown
AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

2. Approve a proclamation recognizing October 2022 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Travis County. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Craig Smith, Major, Law Enforcement, Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO)

MOTION: Approve Item 2.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

3. Approve a proclamation recognizing the week of October 9th - 15th, 2022 as "Fire Prevention Week" in Travis County. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Tony Callaway, Travis County Fire Marshal
Caroline Vasquez, Education Outreach Coordinator, Fire Marshal's Office
Tony Haden, Assistant Chief, Emergency Services District No.8 (ESD #8)
Chris Gill, Deputy Fire Marshall, ESD #9
Nathan Mendenhall, Deputy Fire Marshall, Fire Marshal 's Office
Tate Markey, Deputy Fire Marshall, Fire Marshal 's Office
Gary Howell, Assistant Fire Marshal, Fire Marshal 's Office
Tony Haden, Assistant Chief, Emergency Services District No.8 (ESD #8)

MOTION: Approve Item 3.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

4. Approve a proclamation recognizing the first Wednesday of each October as "Energy Efficiency Day" in Travis County. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Shea)

MOTION: Approve Item 4.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Auditor

5. Approve an order to direct depositing of salary fund monies into the general fund of Travis County. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Emergency Services

6. 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

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

7. 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

8. Consider and take appropriate action on the renewal of an agreement between Travis County and the Capital Area of Texas Regional Advisory Council to implement and administer the Hospital Healthcare Preparedness Program. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

9. Consider and take appropriate action on the extension of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Austin and Travis County for provision of Emergency Medical Services. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Health & Human Services

10. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the City of Austin Financial Support Plus 1 Program Collaboration Agreement for Fiscal Year 2023. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

11. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Austin Voices for Education and Youth (AVEY) and the Northeast Austin Promise Neighborhood (NAPN) partners to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Education Office for a Promise Neighborhood Implementation Grant. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

12. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the Program Year 2022 (PY22) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Grant Agreement and Special Conditions provided by HUD. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Intergovernmental Relations

13. 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. *(This item may be taken into executive session under Texas Government Code § 551.074, Personnel Matters and Texas Government Code § 551.0745, Deliberations by Commissioners Court about County Advisory Body)* (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 13 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.074, Personnel Matters and Gov't Code Ann 551.0745, Deliberation by Commissioners Court about County Advisory Body .

Members of the Court heard from:

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

Clerk's Note: The following names were noted as potential interviewees for the appointments: Chinasa Echerenwa, Iris Saenz, Janet Wenig, Jyothi Hiramshetty, Katherine Sobel, Patrick Lopez, and Julio Gonzalez.

MOTION: Interview the candidates, as stated, at a work session to be held on October 13, 2022 and issue a limited open call in order to fulfill the Continuum of Care requirements to fill a position on the Housing Authority of Travis County Board of Commissioners for someone who has previously experienced homelessness or is currently experiencing homelessness in Travis County.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

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

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. Ratification for Annual Contract with Texas Council on Family Violence for the Domestic Violence High-Risk Teams Grant in the District Attorney's Office
 - B. Annual Contract for the U.S. Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program in Health and Human Services
 - C. Annual Contract for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program with Texas Health and Human Services in Health and Human Services (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing

16. Approve Modification No. 1 to Contract No. 4400006340 with StructuresPE, LLP, in the amount of \$16,000.00, for the Granger Parking Garage Structural Condition Assessment. (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

17. Approve termination of Contract No. 4400004193 with Halff Associates, Inc. for the design of the Harold Green Road Extension Improvements. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion).

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

18. Approve ratification and contract award for Childcare System Support Services, RFS No. 2112-007-JL, in the amount of \$979,167.00 to the sole respondent, United Way for Greater Austin. (Health & Human Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

19. Approve exemption and modification No. 1 to Contract No. 4400005948 in the amount of \$13,340.00 with Terracon Consultants Inc., for testing and consulting engineering services for the Medical Examiner's Office Evaluation Phase 2, under 262.024(a)(4) as a professional service. (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

20. 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

Transportation & Natural Resources

21. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to approve an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the City of Austin for the development and construction of the Austin to Manor Trail, Phase II Project in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

22. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to appeal the denial of the second OSSF and residence at 200 N Lake Hills Drive. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

23. Consider and take appropriate action on the following request: Approve the Crawford Ridge Subdivision Final Plat (3 single-family lots – 11.61 acres – Crawford Road – water provided by an on site well and wastewater provided by a site septic system – County of Travis) in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Eric Bushman, Travis County resident

MOTION: Approve Item 23.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

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

24. Consider and take appropriate action to adopt a resolution authorizing the use of Eminent Domain to acquire a fee simple title to 0.1462 of an acre (listening SF) of land, referred to as Parcel 8, owned by Michael J. Parker and Karyn Ponder Parker, Trustees of the Ponder Parker Revocable Trust, located at 11094 Fitzhugh Rd., on the NL of Fitzhugh Rd., North 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 general public and promoting public safety in connection with the Fitzhugh Road Shoulder Widening Project. (Commissioner Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Jennifer Hopgood, Assistant County Attorney

MOTION: Approve Item 24.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

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

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

25. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding Travis County information security issues. ¹ & ⁶ (Commissioners Travillion & Howard)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

26. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the acquisition and/or sale of certain properties located in Precinct 3 and related issues. ¹ & ² (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 26 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Gov't. Code Ann. 551.072, Real Property.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge