



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court October 18, 2022 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on October 18, 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
Absent 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 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard

Public Comment

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

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 the Voting Sessions of October 11, 2022. (Judge Brown)

MOTION: Approve Items C1-C4.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard

Second Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Items 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 19, 20, 21, 22.a, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, and 34.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard

Public Hearings

- 1. Receive comments regarding a temporary detour and restriction of all traffic on McAngus Road for construction beginning on or about Wednesday, October 26, 2022, and continuing through Wednesday, November 23, 2022, or until work is complete, in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Ann Howard, Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard

Members of the Court heard from:

Brian Burk, Senior Engineer, Public Works, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)
Travis Krause, Pape Dawson
Hector Nieto, Public Information Officer, Public Information Office (PIO)

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard

Resolutions & Proclamations

2. Approve a proclamation recognizing the importance of jury service to the community and to celebrate 20 years of the Travis County I-Jury Management System. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:
Velva Price, Travis County District Clerk

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

3. Approve a proclamation recognizing October 26, 2022 as Christi Center Day in Travis County. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:
Jennifer Edwards, Executive Director, The Christi Center

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

Auditor

4. Receive revenue and expenditure reports, and other statutorily required reports, for the month of August 2022 from the County Auditor's Office. The reports are submitted electronically as allowed by 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

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

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

Members of the Court heard from:

Dr. Desmar Walkes, Health Authority, Austin Public Health and Health Authority, Austin-Travis County
Chris Crookham, Program Manager, Immunization, Austin Public Health (APH)
Dr. Janet Pichette, Chief Epidemiologist, APH
Adrienne Sturup, Director, APH

RESULT: DISCUSSED

- 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

7. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the CDBG-CV subrecipient agreement for the Child Development Expansion: High-Quality Behavioral Health Services

administered by Easterseals Central Texas. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

8. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the CDBG-CV subrecipient agreement for the Best Success Healthcare Worker Training Initiative administered by Central Texas Allied Health Institute (CTAHI). (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

9. Consider and take appropriate action to approve and ratify the FY 2023 Renewal and Amendment No. 5 of the interlocal agreement with Integral Care for substance abuse disorder managed services (SAMSO). (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

10. Consider and take appropriate action to approve and ratify the FY 2023 Renewal and Modification No. 12 of the interlocal cooperation agreement with Integral Care for System of Care services. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

11. Consider and take appropriate action to approve and ratify the FY 2023 Renewal and Modification No. 1 of the interlocal cooperation agreement with Integral Care for Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team Expansion Services. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

12. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the appointment of Corie Cormie to the Early Childhood Council. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

13. Recognize engAGE volunteers with a Spirit of Service Award. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Fred Lugo, Social Services Program Administrator, Health and Human Services (HHS)

Don Saegert, Volunteer, Drive A Senior and Spirit of Service Award Nominee
Shannon Smith Director, Marketing and Business Development, Texas Search and Rescue

RESULT: DISCUSSED

14. Consider and take appropriate action regarding contract with Asian Family Support Services of Austin for domestic and sexual violence outreach, and community education program. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, Travis County Health and Human Services (HHS)

Darlene Lanham, Executive Director, Asian Family Support Services of Austin (AFSSA)

Zahra Shakur Jamal, Director, Prevention, Outreach and Education, AFSSA

Lawrence Lyman, Director, Research and Planning Division, HHS

Jessica Rio, County Executive, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)

Zenobia Joseph, Travis County resident

Ashley Cheng, Travis County resident

Alice Yi, Chapter Chair, Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs (APAPA)

Ujaala Rashid-Ferraro, Assistant County Attorney

MOTION: Fund the request for \$200,000 with one-time funding, any further requests will need to be through the normal HHS budget cycle. This includes an automatic transfer from the General Fund Allocated Reserve.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

Intergovernmental Relations

15. 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 Texas Government Code § 551.0745, Deliberations by Commissioners Court about County Advisory Body)* (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 15 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to 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)

Patrick Lopez, Candidate, Strategic Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC) and the Housing Authority of Travis (HATC) County Boards of Directors

Dr. Jyothi Hiramshetty, Candidate, SHFC and the HATC Boards of Directors

MOTION: Appoint

- Jan Wenig to the SHFC and HATC Boards,
- Chinasa Echerenwa to the SHFC Board,

- reappoint Lisa Rheams to the SHFC Board, and
- reappoint Wilmer Roberts to the SHFC and the HATC Boards.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

FRIENDLY

AMENDMENT: Stress for the appointees, current and new, that they must comply with the requirements to complete Open Meetings and Open Records training and any other training that is required of board members, and that the Commissioners Court require two meetings a year with the boards to establish a clear understanding of the Commissioners Court's expectations and to learn from the board members where things stand and what their future plans are.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

RESULT: **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT ACCEPTED**

FRIENDLY

AMENDMENT: It is important to recognize that it is not just housing that is necessary, that there are a number of things that are necessary for a family to be successful. The Commissioners Court need to make sure that the public housing provided has schools, clinics, grocery stores, and transportation available to residents and also to meet and plan with the SHFC and HATC board members to make sure we are not just providing housing, but making sure that all of the things that are necessary for a family to be successful are available to our families that are living in public housing.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

Planning & Budget

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

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)

MOTION: Approve Item 16.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard

17. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a resolution approving tax-exempt bond financing by Travis County Housing Finance Corporation for the following projects: Airport Gateway Apartments, Easton Park Apartments, Hog Eye Apartments, Kensington Apartments, and Northwind Apartments. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:
Andrea Shields, Corporations Manager, PBO

MOTION: Approve Item 17.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard

18. Consider and take appropriate action on the County contribution rate of 17.65% of salaries to the Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS) for Plan Year 2022. This rate includes a 3% Flat Rate COLA for retirees whose payments began prior to January 1, 2022. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Purchasing

19. Approve Modification No. 8 to Contract 4400000453 with VertiQ Software LLC, in the amount of \$4,550.00, for the County Medical Examiners Software System. (Medical Examiners Office) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. Approve Modification No. 1 to Contract No. 4400005990 with McGriff Insurance Services, Inc., in the amount of \$434,026.00, for excess workers' compensation insurance coverage. (Human Resources Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Approve Modification No. 4 to Contract No. 4400002425 with Klotz Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$406,738.43, for the Onion Creek Greenway Phase II Project. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

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

- A. Routine Personnel Actions
(Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the Assignment and Assumption of Lease between Travis County and Murphy's Deli Franchising, Inc. to Travis County and Murphy's Deli of Texas Realty, Inc. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

24. Consider and take appropriate action on recommendations from the Travis County Compensation Committee regarding Committee composition. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Todd Osburn, Assistant Director, Human Resources Management
Department (HRMD)
Victoria Ramirez, Chair, Travis County Compensation Committee

MOTION: Reappoint Teresa Edmondson, Derrick Norris, Lynelle Ramirez, Katharine Hardin, and Monica Reyes as the At-Large members to the Compensation Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

MOTION: Appoint Susan Welbes to the unexpired functional area seat.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

MOTION: Reappoint Nancy Goodman-gill, Meg Seville, and Chris Dietche to three area functional seats.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed the expired functional seat for Juvenile/Adult Probation.

MOTION: That the position be filled with an employee who is paid by Travis County and not an Adult Probation representative.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

MOTION: Extend the current term of Tina Salazar until the functional area can present a recommendation.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

MOTION: Approve the proxy voting rules as stated.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

Transportation & Natural Resources

25. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a temporary detour and restriction of all traffic on McAngus Road for construction beginning on or about Wednesday, October 26, 2022, and continuing through Wednesday, November 23, 2022, or until work is complete, in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

MOTION: Approve Item 25.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

26. Consider and take appropriate action on a Traffic Mitigation Agreement, between Development Partners, LLC, and Travis County for traffic mitigation associated with the Northwinds Apartment Development in Precinct Two. (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: **ADDED TO CONSENT**

27. Consider and take appropriate action to accept cash donations for the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve in memory of Bill Benham. (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

28. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to approve a Reimbursement and Line Relocation Agreement with Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc. for the design and construction of electric line adjustments and relocations in order to accommodate the County's proposed Blake Manor Road Improvement Project in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

29. Consider and take appropriate action on a Phasing Agreement between Meritage Homes of Texas, LLC, and Travis County for the proposed Shadowglen Phase 3 subdivisions in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

30. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a 2023 Bond Election for land acquisition and capital improvement projects, along with direction to staff to proceed with preparation and planning, including creation of a Citizens Bond Advisory Committee. (Commissioner Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, TNR
David Greear, Director, Public Works, TNR
Mark Littlefield, Travis County resident
Ted Siff, Travis County resident
Reggie James, Travis County resident
David Butts, Travis County resident
Julie Joe, Assistant County Attorney
Julie Wheeler, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, IGR

MOTION: In order to consider and prepare for a November 2023 General Obligation Bond Election, the Commissioners Court establish a Citizen Advisory Task Force to work with the Commissioners Court, our staff, and the public to make recommendations by May 16, 2023, about the feasibility and the size and nature of the bond package. To create the Task Force, each member of the Commissioners Court would nominate 2-3 volunteers to serve as members and that one of the County Judges' nominations would serve as the Chair. Work with the IGR office to collect the names and present them back to the Commissioners Court by November 29, 2022. Direct PBO and TNR to work with the Task Force, assist with scoping and costs, the public outreach meetings, and to keep the Commissioners Court updated if additional resources are needed.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

FRIENDLY

AMENDMENT: That there be an application process.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

31. Consider and take appropriate action on a Construction and Mitigation Agreement between Roers Austin Apartments Owner II, LP, and Travis County for traffic mitigation associated with the proposed Roers Decker Lake Development multifamily project in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

32. Approve setting a public hearing on November 15, 2022, to receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a public utility easement located along the common lot line of Lots 13 and 4, Block GGG, Hilltop Manor, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

33. Consider and take appropriate action on the request for an exception to Budget Rules to allow for the purchase of food and beverages for District Clerk's Jury/Passport Office Open House and Celebration of 20th Anniversary of Travis County I-Jury Management System. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

34. Set a public hearing on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, to receive comments regarding the issuance of a Mass Gathering Permit for Seismic Dance Event 5.0 to be held on November 11-13, 2022, at 8509 Burleson Rd., Austin, TX. 78719. (Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 751.007, only Judge Brown will be taking action on this item)

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

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

Judge Brown announced that Item 35 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation and Gov't Code Ann 551.089, IT Security.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

36. Receive a briefing and take appropriate action regarding security information, including security assessment, deployment of security personnel, devices or critical infrastructure, network security information, and security audit related to upcoming elections. ¹, ⁴ & ⁶ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 19 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation, Gov't. Code Ann. 551.076, Security, and Gov't Code Ann 551.089, IT Security.

Members of the Court heard from:

Cindy Najera, Travis County resident

Christiana Keeler, Travis County resident

RESULT: DISCUSSED

37. Consider and take appropriate action on a request from the lessee under the Ground Lease from Travis County for the land at 308 Guadalupe for Travis County to enter into a Recognition Agreement with the lessee and its proposed subtenant. ¹ & ² (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Judge Brown announced that Item 37 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.

MOTION: Approve the request from the lessee under the Ground Lease from Travis County for the land at 308 Guadalupe for Travis County to enter into a Recognition Agreement with the lessee and its proposed subtenant.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge