



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

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on November 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

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

Public Communication

Members of the Court heard from:
Zenobia Joseph, Travis County resident

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: The County Judge noted that Early Voting started October 24, 2022 and encouraged everyone to vote and visit the County Clerk's website for information.
<https://countyclerk.traviscountytx.gov/departments/elections/current-election>

The County Judge reminded Travis County employees that they can use up to two hours of leave to vote with prior approval of your manager.

Clerk's Note: The County Judge encouraged everyone to get their flu shots as hospitals are seeing high numbers of cases of RSV and flu.

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 Session of October 18 and the Special Voting Session of October 13, 2022. (Judge Brown)

MOTION: Approve Items C1-C4.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

Second Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Items 5, 6, 7.a-b, 10, 11.a-b, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

Resolutions & Proclamations

- 1. Approve a resolution entitled the "Safer Travis County Resolution," which directs county stakeholders to identify and implement gun violence reduction programming and strategies. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

José Garza, Travis County District Attorney

Jason O'Malley, Chief, Pflugerville Police Department

Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, Travis County Health and Human Services (HHS)
Cathy McClaugherty, Planning Manager, Justice Planning
Shelli Egger; Managing Attorney, Legal Aid for Survivors of Sexual Assault
Kim Gutierrez, Director, Organizing and Partnership, Community Justice Action Fund (CJAF)
Bill Wallace, Founder and Director, Tomorrow's Promise Foundation
Sherwynn Patton, Director, Life Anew Restorative Justice
Sean Oliver, Community Coordinator, Life Anew Restorative Justice
Chris Harris, Director, Policy, Austin Justice Coalition
Chevis Watson, Executive Director, Working Group 512

MOTION: Approve Item 1.
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

Emergency Services

2. 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

3. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding items related to the County's response to and recovery from COVID-19 and other health crises, 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 other health

crises, and measures necessary to protect public health and safety of employees and residents.
(Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Health & Human Services

4. Receive update on the Declaration of a Public Health Crisis & Overdose Prevention Measures. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Laura Peveto, Director, Office of Children Services, HHS
Courtney Bissonnet Lucas, Senior Planner, HHS
Hector Nieto, Public Information Officer, Public Information Office (PIO)
Ashley Nettles, Special Project Worker, HHS
Eli Cortez, Organizer, Texas Harm Reduction Alliance (THRA)
Paulette Soltani, Director, Organizing, THRA
Chevis Watson, Executive Director, Working Group 512

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Intergovernmental Relations

5. Consider and take appropriate action on an appointment to the Housing Authority of Travis County Board of Commissioners. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning & Budget

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

7. Consider and take appropriate action on the following grant programs, applications, contracts and related special budgets, and permissions to continue:
 - A. Annual application to the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program with the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) in Health and Human Services

- B. Annual contract with Every Body Texas for the Long-Acting Contraceptive Device (EBT LARC) grant in the Travis County Sheriff's Office (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 8. Receive Update and Take Appropriate Action on Travis County's Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocations and Expenditures including but not limited to:
 - A. Recommendations to use Travis County's Direct and Joint Response (Track 3) Allocation for applicable County projects to best respond to the continuing impacts of COVID-19 in FY 2023
 - B. Recommendations for budget adjustments to capture underutilized resources and make them available for future use
 - C. Briefing on other requests for the LFRF and next steps for allocating remaining funds (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

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

Dashiell Daniels, Budget Analyst III, PBO

Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)

Lawrence Lyman, Director, Research and Planning Division, HHS

Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, HHS

Kristen Siegfried, Chief Deputy, HHS

Cathy Doggett, Travis County resident

Zenobia Joseph, Travis County resident

MOTION: Approve the allocated funding for projects recommended during the budget process.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

Clerk's Note: The Standing Motion was withdrawn.

MOTION: Return \$550,000.00 to the unallocated LRF funds.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

9. Consider and take appropriate action regarding Travis County Code Chapter 481, the County's public improvement district policy, including but not limited to:
 - A. Receiving an overview of proposed revisions to the policy
 - B. Considering staffing needs to develop, implement, and enforce policy revisions
 - C. Taking potential action on the current moratorium
(Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Christy Moffett, Director, Economic Development & Strategic Investments,
Planning and Budget Office (PBO)

Julie Joe, Assistant County Attorney

Tom Hedrick, Volunteer Steering Committee, Early Matters Greater
Austin (EMGA)

Zenobia Joseph, Travis County resident

Steve Metcalfe, Partner, Metcalfe Wolff Stuart & Williams LLP (MWSW)

Vanessa Stowe, Senior Manager, DPFG

Talley Williams, Partner, MWSW

MOTION: Direct staff to look at increasing the percentage of affordable homes to 25% for homes for ownership and 5% for homes for rental.

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

Purchasing

10. Approve modification No. 3 to Contract No. 4400005303 with SE3, LLC, in the amount of \$500,000.00, for 3rd Party Review of the Development and/or Transportation Permit Applications. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

11. 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

12. Consider and take appropriate action on work completed by Blackmon Mooring for damage caused in the Winter Storm of February 2021. *Corrected Backup attached* (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

13. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a Construction Agreement between Valor Texas Education Foundation and Travis County for traffic mitigation improvements associated with the Valor North Development site project in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

14. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a Construction and Mitigation Agreement between NSJ Enterprises, Inc. and Travis County for traffic mitigation associated with the proposed Manor Minimax project in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

15. Plat for recording: Srivathanakul Subdivision (Short Form Final Plat – one lot – 1.408 acre – 101 Lago Verde - City of Austin Limited Purpose and ETJ) in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. Consider and take appropriate action regarding Turners Crossing South Phase One: Approve with conditions the Turners Crossing South Ph 1 Final Plat (Final Plat - 251 single-family lots, one multi-family lot, one commercial lot, one amenity lot and five drainage/ park lots – 11,893 of proposed streets – 128.768 acres – Turnersville Road North - water and wastewater provided by the City of Austin - City of Austin's two-mile ETJ) in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

17. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to approve a License Agreement with Loco Trash Bash to have a volunteer appreciation party at Webberville Park after the Colorado River cleanup on Saturday, November 12, 2022. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

18. Set a public hearing on November 29, 2022, to receive comments regarding a Revised Plat of Lot 29, McShepherd-Brushy Creek Acreage Unit Subdivision Block A - (two total lots – single-family residences on 2.490 acres) – FM 973 – City of Pflugerville ETJ in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

19. Consider and take appropriate action on the District Attorney's FY 2022 Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. Consider and take appropriate action on the development of a proposal for a Trauma Recovery Center in Travis County. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Terra Tucker, Texas State Director, Alliance for Safety and Justice
Kim Gutierrez, Director, Organizing and Partnership, CJAF
Amber Goodwin, Attorney, District Attorney's Office
Julie Joe, Assistant County Attorney
Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO
Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, HHS
Zenobia Joseph, Travis County resident

MOTION: Approve the resolution as stated.
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Add funding of \$550,000.00 from ARPA funds for a two-year Pilot Program.
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

Clerk's Note: The Court took a vote on the Standing Motion after the Substitute Motion died for lack of a second.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, 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

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

22. Consider and take appropriate action on an appointment to the Central Health Board of Managers.² (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 22 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Gov't. Code Ann. 551.074, Personnel Matters.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge