



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court October 25, 2022 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on October 25, 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

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 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

Public Comments

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

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>

Clerk's Note: The County Judge announced that there would be a press conference at noon October 25, 2022, regarding St David's Foundation's partnership with Travis County to expand Broadband access.

Clerk's Note: The County Judge noted that October 26, 2022, marks the 15th Annual Travis County History Day to be held at 700 Lavaca in the Hall of Government from 4:30pm, this year the subject is Pandemics: Response and Resilience.

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

Second Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Items 5, 13, 16, 19, 20, 22, 23.a-b, and 26.a-b.
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

Public Hearings

- 1. Receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a public utility easement located over and across Lots 856 and 857, Apache Shores Section 2, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Members of the Court heard from:

Anna Bowlin, Division Director, Development Services and Long-Range
Planning, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

2. Receive comments regarding recommendations for naming the Travis County Probate Courts building located at 200 West 8th Street, Austin, Texas 78701. (Commissioner Gómez)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
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

Members of the Court heard from:

Roger El Khoury, Director, Facilities Management Department (FMD)
Paul Hopingardner, Executive Director, Technology and Operations
Nicholas Chu, Travis County Justice of the Peace, Precinct #5
William Pargaman, Travis County resident
Nancy Scherer, Travis County resident
Craig Hopper, Travis County resident
Sonja Burns, Travis County resident

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

3. 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, Judge Brown will be taking action on this item)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
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

Members of the Court heard from:
Tony Callaway, Travis County Fire Marshal

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.
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

4. Approve a proclamation recognizing October 29, 2022 as "Prescription Drug Take Back Day" in Travis County. (Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:
Amanda Kemp, Environmental Project Manager, TNR
Cemetre Cormier, Deputy, Constable Precinct 1 Office
Michael De Leon, Senior Sergeant, Constable Precinct 2 Office
Carl Eller, Lieutenant, Constable Precinct 5 Office
Gabriel Padilla, Sergeant, Constable Precinct 4 Office
Max Morales, Environmental Specialist Sr., TNR

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

5. Approve a proclamation recognizing the work and contributions of Dr. John Hellerstedt. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

6. Approve a proclamation recognizing the week of October 23-29, 2022 as "National Lead Poisoning Prevention ("NLPP") Week" in Travis County. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

MOTION: Approve Item 6.
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

7. Approve a proclamation in support of the "Freedom Sunday- Souls to the Polls" initiative on October 30, 2022, in Travis County. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

Angela Henderson, President, Austin Links
Yvonne Massey Davis, Member, Austin Links
Velva Price, Travis County District Clerk and Member, Austin Links
Sarah Lee, Chaplain, Austin Links

MOTION: Approve Item 7.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Emergency Services

8. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following:

A. Outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Travis County

Members of the Court heard from:

Tony Callaway, Travis County Fire Marshal

MOTION: Approve an order prohibiting outdoor burning.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Clerk's Note: The prohibition on outdoor burning will expire on November 23, 2022. If conditions improve the order can be lifted by the County Judge or the Fire Marshal without action by the Commissioners Court.

- B. County response to natural disaster or other emergency
(Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

- 9. 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

- 10. Consider and take action 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, Judge Brown will be taking action on this item)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Clerk's Note: The County Judge noted that the event does not meet the threshold for the Commissioners Court to take action on.

Health & Human Services

- 11. Receive update and take appropriate action regarding WFS and the "Hire Local" community plan for workforce development. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Lawrence Lyman, Director, Research and Planning Division, Travis County
Health and Human Services (HHS)
Tamara Atkinson, CEO, Workforce Solutions Capital Area
Gus Peña, Travis County resident

MOTION: Approve the plan.
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

12. Receive a briefing on Success by Six - community agenda for early childhood education and related County efforts. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Lawrence Lyman, Director, Research and Planning Division, HHS
Cathy McHorse, Vice President, Success by 6, United Way for Greater Austin

RESULT: DISCUSSED

13. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a resolution to the Texas Department of Agriculture in support of a grant application for Meals on Wheels and More. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Intergovernmental Relations

14. Consider and take appropriate action on an appointment to the Central Health Board of Managers. *(This item may be taken into Executive Session under Texas Government Code § 551.074, Personnel Matters exception.)* (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 14 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.

Members of the Court heard from:

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

MOTION: Interview the following three candidates: Ann Kitchen, Carmen Leuvanos, and Tanya Latortue to replace the former Central Health Board member Sherri Greenberg.
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

15. Consider and take appropriate action on the adoption of the Travis County Legislative Agenda for the Regular Session of the 88th Texas Legislature. (Commissioners Travillion & Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Julie Wheeler, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, IGR

MOTION: Adopt the Travis County Legislative Agenda.

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

Justice & Public Safety

16. Consider and take appropriate action to recommend the designation of TCSO Major William Poole as an alternate member of the CAPCOG Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) to serve in the stead of the currently appointed member, Captain Thomas Szimanski, in the event that Captain Szimanski is unavailable. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning & Budget

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

18. 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 Texas Indigent Defense Commission for the Indigent Defense Formula Grant Program in the Criminal Courts
 - B. New contract with the St. David's Foundation for a Broadband Gap Analysis in the Information Technology Services department
 - C. Contract amendment with the State of Texas – Office of Court Administration for ARPA funding to address the COVID-19 Court Backlog in the Criminal Courts (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

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

Michelle Surka, Budget Analyst II, PBO

Chloe Mun, Applications Manager, Information Technology Services (ITS)

MOTION: Approve Items 18.a-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

19. 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. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing

20. Approve Modification No. 7, in the amount of \$19,600.00, to Contract No. 4400001067 with Mentis Technology, Inc. for Courtroom Docket Management System. (Civil and Criminal Courts) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Approve contract award for compensation consultant services, RFS No. 2205-007-JH, in the amount of \$360,000.00, to the highest-ranked respondent, The Segal Company (Western States), Inc. (Human Resources Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

Todd Osburn, Assistant Director, Human Resources Management Department (HRMD)

MOTION: Approve Item 21.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

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

22. Approve contract award for the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, RFS No. 2104-013-LJ, in the amount of \$133,000.00, with H2O Partners, Inc. (Emergency Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

23. 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

24. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the submittal of the recommendations for naming the Travis County Probate Courts building located at 200 West 8th Street, Austin, Texas, 78701 to the Travis County Historical Commission for review and comment. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Roger El Khoury, Director, Facilities Management Department (FMD)

Paul Hopingardner, Executive Director, Technology and Operations

MOTION: Send the following names: Guy Herman, Travis County Probate Judge, Ada Collins Anderson, and Naquan Carter to the Travis County Historical Commission for review.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

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

Transportation & Natural Resources

25. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a public utility easement located over and across Lots 856 and 857, Apache Shores Section 2, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

MOTION: Approve Item 25.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

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

26. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following requests:

- A. Plat for recording: Easton Park Section 4B-East Phase 1 Final Plat (Long Form Final Plat – 2 total lots – 13.769 acres – William Cannon - City of Austin Limited Purpose) in Precinct Four.
- B. Subdivision Construction Agreement between Travis County and Carma Easton, LLC.
(Commissioner Gómez)

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

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

Judge Brown announced that Item 27 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

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge