Call to Order

Meeting called to order on September 3, 2019, in the Travis County Administration Building, Commissioners Courtroom, 700 Lavaca Street, 1st Floor, Austin, TX, Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Gillian Porter.

Sarah Eckhardt  County Judge  Present
Jeffrey W. Travillion, Sr.  Precinct 1, Commissioner  Present
Brigid Shea  Precinct 2, Commissioner  Present
Gerald Daugherty  Absent
Margaret J. Gómez  Precinct 4, Commissioner  Present

Public Communication

Members of the Court heard from:
Ellen Richards, Chief Strategy Officer, Integral Care
Nicole Clark, Travis County resident

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: There were no speakers for County Announcements.

Consent Items

C1. Receive bids from the County Purchasing Agent. (Commissioner Daugherty)

C2. Approve payment of claims by the County Treasurer. (Judge Eckhardt)

C3. Authorize the County Treasurer to invest County funds. (Judge Eckhardt)

C4. Approve the minutes for the Commissioners Court Voting Sessions of August 13 & 20, 2019, and Special Voting Session of August 19, 2019. (Judge Eckhardt)

MOTION: Approve Consent Items C1-C4 and Agenda Items 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17.a-b, 19.a-b, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26.a-c, 27.a-b, and 28.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOWER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
SECONDER: Brigid Shea, Commissioner
AYES: Sarah Eckhardt, Brigid Shea, Margaret J. Gómez
ABSENT: Jeffrey W. Travillion Sr, Gerald Daugherty
Resolutions and Proclamations

1. Approve proclamation recognizing Wednesday, September 4, 2019, as “Annie May City Day.”
   (Commissioner Travillion)

   Members of the Court heard from:
   Laurent S. Grosvenor, Pastor, Alpha Seventh-day Adventist Church

   MOTION: Approve Item 1.
   RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
   MOVER: Jeffrey W. Travillion Sr, Commissioner
   SECONDER: Brigid Shea, Commissioner
   AYES: Sarah Eckhardt, Jeffrey W. Travillion Sr, Brigid Shea, Margaret J. Gómez
   ABSENT: Gerald Daugherty

2. Approve resolution recognizing Ray Wilkerson for his years of service to Travis County.
   (Commissioners Shea & Daugherty)

   RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Emergency Services

3. Consider and take appropriate action regarding:
   a. Outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Travis County
   b. County response to natural disaster or other emergency (Judge Eckhardt)

   RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

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

Intergovernmental Relations

4. Receive briefing on duties and responsibilities of County Court at Law Number 4 of Travis County. (Judge Eckhardt)

   Members of the Court heard from:
   Julie Wheeler, Administrative Associate, Intergovernmental Relations Office (IGR)
   Mike Denton, Judge, County Court at Law #4
   Debra Hale, Director, Criminal Courts Administration
   Deece Eckstein, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, IGR

   RESULT: DISCUSSED

5. Consider and take appropriate action on appointments to the Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board. (Judge Eckhardt)

   RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

6. Consider and take appropriate action on appointments to the boards of the Strategic Housing Finance Corporation and the Housing Authority of Travis County. (Judge Eckhardt)
RESULT:  ADDED TO CONSENT

Justice Planning

7. Receive update on the grant application to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission for a public defender office in Travis County. (Judge Eckhardt)

Members of the Court heard from:
Roger Jefferies, County Executive, Justice and Public Safety (JPS)
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)

RESULT:  DISCUSSED

8. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to amend Travis County Code Chapter 2, Code Interpretation, Amendment, and Publication, to provide an alternative formatting style. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT:  ADDED TO CONSENT

9. Consider and take appropriate action on a request from Travis County Constable Precinct 2 for approval of an interlocal cooperation agreement with the Village of Briarcliff for law enforcement services. (Commissioner Daugherty)

RESULT:  ADDED TO CONSENT

Operations Management

10. Consider and take appropriate action on routine personnel actions. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT:  ADDED TO CONSENT

11. Consider and take appropriate action on:
   a. Update on organizational changes related to the Technology and Operations area
   b. County Executive of Technology and Operations job description (This item may be taken into Executive Session under the Consultation with Attorney and Personnel Matters exceptions.) (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Judge Eckhardt announced that Item 11 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.074, Personnel Matters.

Members of the Court heard from:
Tracey Calloway, Director, Human Resources Management Department (HRMD)
Katie Gipson, Senior Planning and Budget Analyst Sr., PBO
Barbara Wilson, Assistant County Attorney

MOTION:  Approve the job description, retaining the Chief Information Officer (CIO) designation.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:  Delay the approval of the pay grade.
MOVER:  Sarah Eckhardt, County Judge
RESULT: FRIENDLY AMENDMENT ACCEPTED

Clerk’s Note: A Vote on the Standing Motion was taken.
RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jeffrey W. Travillion Sr, Commissioner
SECONDER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
AYES: Sarah Eckhardt, Jeffrey W. Travillion Sr, Brigid Shea, Margaret J. Gómez
ABSENT: Gerald Daugherty

12. Consider and take appropriate action on an automobile total loss claim recommendation with the date of loss of June 18, 2019. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

13. Consider and take appropriate action on the addition of Theresa Edmondson as a member of the Compensation Committee to fill an unexpired term. (Judge Eckhardt)
RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

14. Consider and take appropriate action on an amendment to the license agreement with the Travis County Healthcare District DBA Central Health for the use of the County’s Del Valle Wellness Center, located at 3518 FM 973 South, Del Valle, Texas 78617. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

15. Consider and take appropriate action regarding Austin Energy’s proposed cost to design and install the primary electrical equipment at the Travis County Probate Courts Building. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning and Budget

16. Consider and take appropriate action on budget amendments, transfers, and discussion items. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

17. Consider and take appropriate action on the following grant programs, applications, contracts & related special budgets, and permissions to continue:

a. Annual contract with the Office of the Attorney General to continue the Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant Program in the District Attorney’s Office
b. Contract Amendment with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services for the Title IV-E Child Welfare Services Grant in the Health and Human Services Department (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

18. Consider and take appropriate action on the following draft newspaper advertisements:

a. Notice of Tax Year 2019 (Fiscal Year 2020) proposed property tax rate for Travis County, Texas
b. Notice of public hearings on tax increase to be held on September 17 & 20, 2019

c. Notice of vote on tax rate on September 24, 2019

d. Notice of public hearing on the proposed Travis County Budget for FY 2020 to be held on September 24, 2019 (Judge Eckhardt)

Members of the Court heard from:
Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

MOTION: Direct staff regarding the presumption of the tax rate for FY 2020, 8% above the effective maintenance and operations rate plus required debt service.
RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Brigid Shea, Commissioner
SECONDER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
AYES: Sarah Eckhardt, Brigid Shea, Margaret J. Gómez
ABSENT: Jeffrey W. Travillion Sr, Gerald Daugherty

Clerk's Note: The Court noted that the presumption of the tax rate was in relation to preparations for Budget Markup which starts on September 5, 2019 at 9 am.

Purchasing Office Items

19. Approve contract modifications for collection services:
   a. Modification No. 6 to Contract No. 4400002002, Gila LLC DBA Municipal Services Bureau
   b. Modification No. 6 to Contract No. 4400002003, Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP (Commissioner Daugherty)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. Approve Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 4400004331, J.T. Vaughn Construction, for the renovation and restoration of the new Travis County Probate Courts. (Commissioner Daugherty)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Approve contract award for professional consulting services for Pearce Lane widening intersection improvements, RFQ No. Q1904-004-AR, to the most highly qualified respondent, LJA Engineering, Inc. (Commissioner Daugherty)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

22. Approve contract award for professional consulting services for Onion Creek Greenway III improvements, RFQ No. Q1904-006-LJ, to the most highly qualified respondent, MWM Design Group. (Commissioner Daugherty)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Approve contract award for Bullick Hollow Road at FM 2769 intersection improvements (left turn lane), IFB No. B1906-001-TG, to the low bidder, QA Construction Services, Inc. (Commissioner Daugherty)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
Transportation and Natural Resources

24. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the quarterly status update on the 2017–2022 Bond Program in Travis County. (Commissioners Travillion & Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:
David Greear, Assistant Director, Public Works and Capital Improvement Projects, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)
Jessy Milner, COO, Frontline Consulting LLC, and Project Manager, 2017 - 2022 Bond Program Projects
Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, TNR
Morgan Cotten, Director, Public Works, TNR

RESULT: DISCUSSED

25. Consider and take appropriate action on an interlocal agreement with the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority to continue to provide free transit passes to County employees. (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

26. Consider and take appropriate action on:

a. Variance from Travis County Development Regulations § 482.202(e) – a new subdivision must have at least two access streets and each of the two access streets must connect to a different street – for the Sorento Phase 8 Subdivision in Precinct One

b. Plat for recording: Sorento Phase 8 Final Plat (long-form final plat – 90 total lots – Bassano Avenue – City of Pflugerville ETJ) in Precinct One

c. Subdivision construction agreement with Sorento Holdings 2012, LLC. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

27. Consider and take appropriate action on:

a. Estancia Hill Country Subdivision Phase 7 Final Plat (one right-of-way lot – 10.673 acres – Estancia Parkway – water and wastewater provided by the City of Austin – City of Austin Limited Purpose) in Precinct Three

b. Subdivision construction agreement with SLF III-Onion Creek L.P. (Commissioner Daugherty)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

28. Set a public hearing on October 1, 2019, to receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of instruments to vacate slope and drainage easements associated with Mirabel Park, Phase 1 and Phase 2, Easton Park Section 2C, a subdivision in Precinct Four. (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

29. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding an election to be held on November 5, 2019, to designate the Travis County Exposition Center and related infrastructure as a venue project, in accordance with Local Government Code Chapter 334, and designate that the method of financing for the venue project is the imposition of a new hotel occupancy tax, and related issues.182 (Judge Eckhardt)

Judge Eckhardt announced that Item 29 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: That the Court amend its August 19, 2019 Election Order to change the name of the proposition to help Travis County voters identify and distinguish different propositions from each other, so that the proposition is called Travis County Proposition A Exposition Center.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: That the Proposition be named Proposition A: Exposition Center.
MOVER: Sarah Eckhardt, County Judge
RESULT: FRIENDLY AMENDMENT ACCEPTED

Clerk’s Note: A Vote on the Standing Motion was taken.
RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jeffrey W. Travillion Sr, Commissioner
SECONDER: Brigid Shea, Commissioner
AYES: Sarah Eckhardt, Jeffrey W. Travillion Sr, Brigid Shea, Margaret J. Gómez
ABSENT: Gerald Daugherty

30. Receive briefing on County real estate portfolio and take appropriate action.182 (Judge Eckhardt)

Judge Eckhardt announced that Item 30 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

31. Receive legal briefing in Amy Smith, et al. v. City of Austin, et al., Case No. 1:18-CV-5051, and other claims and actions that relate to this litigation.1 (Judge Eckhardt)

Judge Eckhardt announced that Item 31 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov’t. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY
32. Receive briefing and take appropriate action on a request that Travis County join as a signatory to a proposed joint amicus brief in support of a preliminary injunction in City and County of San Francisco, et al. vs. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and Department of Homeland Security, et al. Case No. 3:19-CV-4717.¹ (Judge Eckhardt)

Judge Eckhardt announced that Item 32 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

MOTION: Authorize the County Judge to approve Travis County joining as a signatory to a proposed amicus brief in support of a preliminary injunction in City and County of San Francisco, et al. vs. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and Department of Homeland Security, et al. in case no. 3:19-CV-4717, upon the County Attorney's office completion of its analysis of the draft of the amicus brief and delegating signature authority to County Attorney, David Escamilla.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
SECONDER: Brigid Shea, Commissioner
AYES: Sarah Eckhardt, Jeffrey W. Travillion Sr, Brigid Shea, Margaret J. Gómez
ABSENT: Gerald Daugherty

33. Consider and take appropriate action to approve and authorize the County Judge to execute a possession and use agreement with Mr. Robert M. Schoolfield, the owner of Parcel 5/5TE, granting Travis County irrevocable possession and use of the property and a construction easement for the purpose of constructing the Blake Manor Road Project.¹² (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

34. Receive briefing and take appropriate action on bulk water sales, residential water hookups and other distribution options for residential water supply in underserved areas of Travis County.¹ (Commissioner Gómez)

Judge Eckhardt announced that Item 34 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Added Items

1. Consider and take appropriate action on compensation for FY 2020, including issues related to the Peace Office Pay Scale (POPS). (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:
  Tracey Calloway, Director, HRMD
  Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
  Alex Vlahodimitropoulos, Budget Analyst Sr., PBO

RESULT: DISCUSSED
Adjourn

Minutes approved by the Commissioners Court

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Date of Approval

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Sarah Eckhardt, Travis County Judge