



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court Tuesday, October 24, 2017 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on October 24, 2017, 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	Precinct 3, Commissioner	Present
Margaret J. Gómez	Precinct 4, Commissioner	Present

Public Communication

Members of the Court heard from:
Dr. Koo-Hyun Kim, Travis County resident
Zenobia Joseph, Travis County resident
Catherine Smith, Travis County resident
Scott Nelson, Travis County resident

County Announcements

Members of the Court heard from:
Shannon Clayboss, Technical Trainer, Information Technology Services (ITS)
Deece Eckstein, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, Intergovernmental Relations Office (IGR)
Hector Nieto, Public Information Officer, Public Information office (PIO)
Christy Costlow, Travis County Archivist, Communications and Records Services (CARS)
Maya Reisman, Executive Assistant, County Judge's Office
Laura Seaton, Executive Assistant, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)

Public Hearings

1. Receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate two five-foot-wide public utility easements located over and across portions of Lots 5 and 6, Block JJ, of Valley Lake Hills, Section One, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Action Item 23) (Commissioner Daugherty)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Gerald Daugherty, Commissioner

SECONDER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
AYES: Eckhardt, Travillion Sr, Shea, Daugherty, Gómez

Members of the Court heard from:

Anna Bowlin, Division Director, Development Services and Long Range Planning, TNR

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Gerald Daugherty, Commissioner
SECONDER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
AYES: Eckhardt, Travillion Sr, Shea, Daugherty, Gómez

Consent Items

- C1. Receive bids from the County Purchasing Agent. (Commissioner Travillion)
- 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 September 26 and October 3 & 10, 2017, and the Commissioners Court Special Voting Sessions of September 28 and October 12, 2017. (Judge Eckhardt)

MOTION: Approve Consent Items C1-C4 and Agenda Items 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.a-j, 13, 14.a-b, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 35.
RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
SECONDER: Gerald Daugherty, Commissioner
AYES: Eckhardt, Travillion Sr, Shea, Daugherty, Gómez

Emergency Services

2. Consider and take appropriate action on an order concerning outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Travis County. (Judge Eckhardt)
RESULT: **NO ACTION NECESSARY**
3. Receive reports related to the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the City of Austin (COA) related to Emergency Medical Services (EMS):
 - a. Receive report related to the progress of the development of the FY19 EMS ILA with the COA
 - b. Receive report as to the performance of the FY18 EMS ILA with the COA (Judge Eckhardt)

Members of the Court heard from:

Josh Davies, County Executive, Emergency Services

RESULT: **DISCUSSED**

4. Consider and take appropriate action on the appointment of Eric Anderson to the Emergency Services District (ESD) No. 12 Board of Commissioners, effective immediately and ending December 31, 2018. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

5. Consider and take appropriate action on the reappointment of Shawn Barnes to the ESD No. 12 Board of Commissioners, effective immediately and ending December 31, 2018. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Justice Planning

6. Receive FY17 end-of-year report from Travis County Justice Planning Workforce Development Task Force. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Kimberly Pierce, Director, Planning Division, Justice Planning
Sandra Treviño, Social Services Program Coordinator, Justice Planning
Chris Fortune, Senior Planner, Justice Planning

RESULT: DISCUSSED

7. Consider and take appropriate action on a letter of support for the proposed Travis County mental health/criminal justice initiative application in response to the statewide grant program created by Senate Bill 292. (Commissioners Daugherty & Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Roger Jefferies, County Executive, Justice and Public Safety (JPS)

MOTION: Approve Item 7.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: Brigid Shea, Commissioner

SECONDER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner

AYES: Eckhardt, Travillion Sr, Shea, Daugherty, Gómez

8. Consider and take appropriate action on request from the Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) to modify the maintenance service contract between Travis County and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for the housing of state transfer offenders. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

9. Consider and take appropriate action on request from TCSO to accept of a donation of \$3,000 from the Travis County Kennel Club, Inc. to the TCSO K-9 Unit for the training of a K-9 officer. (Judge Eckhardt)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

10. Consider and approve the continuation of the annual Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Law Enforcement Dispatch Services with the municipality of Sunset Valley. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Health and Human Services

11. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a resolution to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) in support of a grant for Meals on Wheels and More Home Delivered Meals. (Commissioners Shea & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

12. Consider and take appropriate action on the appointment of the following individuals to the Adult Protective Services Special Taskforce Unit:
 - a. Stephanie Doyle
 - b. Marsha Karrass
 - c. Andy Hofmeister
 - d. Phyllis Wolf
 - e. Randy Hunt
 - f. Shontell Gauthier
 - g. Jennifer Bowman
 - h. Olufunmilayo B. Ogunleye
 - i. Anthony Switzer
 - j. Ramon Lopez (Commissioners Shea & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning and Budget

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

14. Consider and take appropriate action on the following grant programs, applications, contracts & related special budgets, and permissions to continue:
 - a. New grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency – Department of Homeland Security for a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program Grant in the Transportation and Natural Resources Department
 - b. Contract amendment with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service/Department of the Interior for the Webberville and Little Webberville Park Boating Access Renovations in the Transportation and Natural Resources Department (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

15. Consider and take appropriate action on the Civil & Family Courts Capacity Project. (This item may be taken into Executive Session under the Consultation with Attorney and Real Property exceptions.) (Judge Eckhardt)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Operations Management

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation and Natural Resources

17. Consider and take appropriate action on a plat for recording: Star Ranch Section 4 Revised Plat (Final plat – four commercial lots – 5.341 acres – Muirfield Bend Drive – water and wastewater by Williamson County Water, Sewer, Irrigation, and Drainage District No. 3 – City of Hutto ETJ, partially in Williamson County) in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

18. Consider and take appropriate action on the following requests in Precinct Two:
- a. Exemption from platting requirements for Christopher Homes Condominiums, four residential units
 - b. Condominium construction agreement with Toro Canyon Homes, LP. (Commissioner Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Anna Bowlin, Division Director, Development Services and Long Range Planning, TNR
Terry Irion, Attorney, representing Toro Canyon Homes LP
Taylor Wilson, Owner, Toro Canyon Homes LP
Richard Jennings, Travis County resident
Bill Johnson, Attorney, Duggins, Wren, Mann and Romero LLP, representing residents including Mr. Jennings
Brian Burk, Senior Engineer, Road Maintenance, TNR
Christine Connor, Engineer, Development Services and Long Range Planning, TNR
Tom Nuckols, Assistant County Attorney

MOTION: Approve Items 18.a-b.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Brigid Shea, Commissioner
SECONDER: Jeffrey Travillion Sr, Commissioner
AYES: Eckhardt, Travillion Sr, Shea, Daugherty, Gómez

19. Consider and take appropriate action on plat for recording for Coves at Sky Ranch Amended Plat of Lots 6 and 15, Block A (amend lot line between two single family lots – 5.16 acres – 22708 Mary Nell – water by existing onsite well – wastewater by onsite sewage facilities – no city's ETJ) in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Daugherty)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. Consider and take appropriate action on plat for recording for Mt. Chalet Amended Plat of Lots 22–24, Block A (amend lot lines between three single family lots – 0.857 acres – 17708 Chalet Circle – water by Mt. Chalet Water Co-op – wastewater by onsite sewage facilities – Jonestown ETJ) in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Daugherty)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to use an alternative fiscal agreement for Sweetwater Ranch Section 2, Village P3B, Precinct Three. (Commissioner Daugherty)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

22. Consider and take appropriate action on the acceptance of dedication of the public street and drainage facilities within Terra Colinas, Phase Two, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Daugherty)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate two five-foot-wide public utility easements located over and across portions of Lots 5 and 6, Block JJ, of Valley Lake Hills, Section One, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Public Hearing 1) (Commissioner Daugherty)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing Office Items

24. Ratify Modification No. 3 to Contract No. 4400001738, Capital Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS), for Transportation Services. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

25. Approve 12-month extension (Modification No. 1) to Contract No. 44400003078, McGriff, Seibels & Williams of Texas, Inc., for Excess Workers Compensation Insurance. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

26. Approve contract award for Integrated Case Management System Software and Services, RFP No. P1606-003-LC, to the most highly qualified respondent, Tyler Technologies, Inc. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

27. Approve Interlocal Agreement No. 4400003413, The University of Texas at Austin Ray Marshall Center, for Workforce Development Evaluation Services. (Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

Lawrence Lyman, Director, Research and Planning Division, Travis County Health and Human Services (TCHHS)

MOTION: Approve Item 27

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: Jeffrey Travillion Sr, Margaret J. Gómez
SECONDER: Brigid Shea, Commissioner
AYES: Eckhardt, Travillion Sr, Shea, Daugherty, Gómez

Other

28. Consider and take appropriate action on legislative matters, including possible congressional efforts to repeal the state and local tax deduction. (Commissioner Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:
Deece Eckstein, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, IGR

MOTION: Approve the resolution in Item 28.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
SECONDER: Brigid Shea, Commissioner
AYES: Eckhardt, Travillion Sr, Shea, Daugherty, Gómez

29. Consider and take appropriate action on principles for the implementation of Ethics Policy Work Group recommendations on Purchasing procedures. (Judge Eckhardt)

Members of the Court heard from:
Deece Eckstein, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, IGR
Bonnie Floyd, Travis County Purchasing Agent

RESULT: **DISCUSSED**

30. Consider and take appropriate action on the District Attorney's FY17 Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report. (Judge Eckhardt)

RESULT: **ADDED TO CONSENT**

31. Approve resolution supporting the nomination of County Judge Sarah Eckhardt to serve as an officer and board member for the Texas Conference of Urban Counties for a term ending on December 31, 2019. (Judge Eckhardt)

Members of the Court heard from:
Deece Eckstein, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, IGR

MOTION: Approve the resolution in Item 31.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Brigid Shea, Commissioner
SECONDER: Jeffrey Travillion Sr, Commissioner
AYES: Eckhardt, Travillion Sr, Shea, Daugherty, Gómez

32. Receive "Truth in Borrowing" Award from the Travis County Taxpayers Union. (Commissioner Daugherty)

Members of the Court heard from:
Roger Falk, Travis County Taxpayers Union

MOTION: Accept the "Truth in Taxation" Award.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner

SECONDER: Gerald Daugherty, Commissioner
AYES: Eckhardt, Travillion Sr, Shea, Daugherty, 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

33. Receive update on status of litigation and take appropriate action regarding Cause No. D-1-GN-15-004513, The State of Texas and Travis County v. Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. and Audi of America, LLC and Porsche Cars North America, and Cause No. D-1-GN-16-000370, In re Volkswagen Clean Diesel Litigation: TCAA Enforcement Case.¹ (Judge Eckhardt)

Judge Eckhardt announced that Item 33 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

MOTION: Waiver of claims for injunctive relief.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Brigid Shea, Commissioner
SECONDER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
AYES: Eckhardt, Travillion Sr, Shea, Daugherty, Gómez

Adjourn

Minutes approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Sarah Eckhardt, Travis County Judge