



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court Tuesday, March 10, 2020 Voting Session

Minutes Prepared by the Travis County Clerk
512-854-4722 • www.traviscountytexas.gov • PO Box 149325, Austin, TX 78714-9325

Call to Order

Meeting called to order on March 10, 2020, 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:
Arthur C. Graves, Travis County resident

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: 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. Receive correction regarding clerical error for Item 10A on the October 22, 2019, Commissioners Court Voting Session Agenda. (Commissioner Gómez)
- C5. Approve the minutes for the Commissioners Court Voting Sessions of February 11, 18 & 25, 2020. (Judge Eckhardt)

MOTION: Approve Consent Items C1-C5 and Agenda Items 5, 7, 10, 12.a-c, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21.a-b, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, and 32.
RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
SECONDER: Gerald Daugherty, Commissioner
AYES: Eckhardt, Travillion Sr, Shea, Daugherty, Gómez

Public Hearings

1. Receive comments regarding a resolution of no objection for Meadow Apartments, to be located on Colton Road, Austin, Texas 78744, on Travis Central Appraisal District Parcel Nos. 297322 and 297323. (Action Item 8) (Commissioner Gómez)

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:

Monique Coleman, Planning Manager, Community Development Block Grant Program.
Travis County Health and Human Services (HHS)
Andrea Shields, Corporations Manager, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)

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

2. Receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate an electric easement on Lot 1, Baker Hills, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Action Item 29) (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,
Transportation and Natural Resources (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

3. 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 18 & 19, Sandy Creek Ranches Phase 2, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Action Item 30) (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

Resolutions and Proclamations

4. Approve proclamation recognizing John Stark for his service to Travis County. (Commissioners Travillion & Daugherty)

Members of the Court heard from:

John Stark, Director, Operations Division, Information Technology Services (ITS)

Paul Hopingardner, Executive Director, Technology and Operations

MOTION: Approve Item 4.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Gerald Daugherty, Commissioner
SECONDER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
AYES: Eckhardt, Travillion Sr, Shea, Daugherty, Gómez

Auditor

5. Receive revenue and expenditure reports, and other statutorily required reports, for the month of January 2020 from the County Auditor's Office. (Judge Eckhardt)

RESULT: **ADDED TO CONSENT**

Emergency Services

6. 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**

7. Set a public hearing on March 24, 2020, to receive comments regarding the issuance of a mass gathering permit for the Austin Crawfish Festival, to be held on April 4, 2020, at 9507 Sherman Road, Austin, Texas 78742. (Judge Eckhardt & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: **ADDED TO CONSENT**

Health and Human Services

8. Consider and take appropriate action on a resolution of no objection for Meadow Apartments, to be located on Colton Road, Austin, Texas 78744, on Travis Central Appraisal District Parcel Nos. 297322 and 297323. (Public Hearing 1) (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Blake Hopkins, Director of Development, Amtex Mutli-Housing LLC

MOTION: Approve Item 8.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
SECONDER: Gerald Daugherty, Commissioner
AYES: Eckhardt, Travillion Sr, Shea, Daugherty, Gómez

Justice Planning

9. Receive update from the “Who’s in Jail and Why” Subcommittee regarding a funding opportunity from the Texas Indigent Defense Commission for providing counsel at magistration, and take appropriate action on the funding opportunity. (Commissioners Daugherty & Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Kimberly Pierce, Director, Planning Division, Justice Planning
Geoff Burkhardt, Executive Director, Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC)
Margaret Moore, Travis County District Attorney
David Escamilla, Travis County Attorney
Amanda Woog, Executive Director, Texas Fair Defense Project
Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
Melissa Shearer, Director, Mental Health Public Defender Office

MOTION: Indicate an intention to apply for the pilot project grant, and reach out to the City of Austin for their participation in preparing the grant proposal.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner

SECONDER: Jeffrey W. Travillion Sr, Commissioner

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

10. Consider and take appropriate action on a request from the Travis County Sheriff’s Office to accept grant funding offered by the Women’s Health and Family Planning Association of Texas (WHFPT), as a subrecipient of their St. David’s Foundation 2019 Healthiest People Programmatic Grant award, to provide high-quality contraceptive services to low-income and uninsured women in custody at the Travis County Correctional Complex. (Judge Eckhardt)

RESULT: **ADDED TO CONSENT**

Planning and Budget

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

MOTION: Approve Item 11, except Budget Amendment A1.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: Gerald Daugherty, Commissioner

SECONDER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner

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

Clerk’s Note: The Court discussed Budget Amendment A1.

MOTION: Approve Budget Amendment A1.

RESULT: **APPROVED [4 TO 1]**

MOVER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner

SECONDER: Brigid Shea, Commissioner
AYES: Sarah Eckhardt, Jeffrey W. Travillion Sr, Brigid Shea, Margaret J. Gómez
NAYS: Gerald Daugherty

12. Consider and take appropriate action on the following grant programs, applications, contracts & related special budgets, and permissions to continue:
- a. Ratification of the previously approved contract award from the Transit Empowerment Fund for bus passes to support U.S. Census efforts in the Constable, Precinct 3 Office
 - b. Contract with the Texas Counts Pooled Fund from the Center for Public Policy Priorities and Communities Foundation of Texas for a temporary community liaison in the Constable, Precinct 3 Office
 - c. Contract with the Texas Counts Pooled Fund from the Center for Public Policy Priorities and Communities Foundation of Texas for a temporary community liaison in the Constable, Precinct 4 Office (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

13. Receive update from the Travis Central Appraisal District and discuss Tax Year 2020 valuation. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Marya Crigler, Chief Appraiser, Travis Central Appraisal District (TCAD)
Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO
Laura Ann Gerson, Travis County resident

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Purchasing Office Items

14. Approve contract award for professional consulting services for the Travis County Strategic Plan, RFS 1907-010-PS, to the most highly qualified respondent, Accenture, LLC. (Commissioner Daugherty)

Members of the Court heard from:

Bonnie Floyd, Travis County Purchasing Agent
Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, TNR
Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHS

MOTION: Approve Item 14.

RESULT: APPROVED [4 TO 1]

MOVER: Jeffrey W. Travillion Sr, Commissioner

SECONDER: Brigid Shea, Commissioner

AYES: Sarah Eckhardt, Jeffrey W. Travillion Sr, Brigid Shea, Margaret J. Gómez

NAYS: Gerald Daugherty

15. Approve Contract No. 4400004891 with Miller Gray, LLC for drainage consultation services. (Commissioner Daugherty)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. Approve contract award for media buyer services, RFP # 1908-007-SK, to the highest ranked respondent, Palladium Media, LLC. (Commissioner Daugherty)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

17. Approve Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 4400004351 with Tegrity Contractors for renovation of the Blackwell-Thurman CJC 1st Floor. (Commissioner Daugherty)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

18. Approve contract award for professional consulting services for the Travis County Parks Strategic Marketing Plan, RFQ No. 1909-011-TG, to the most highly qualified respondent, Texhahn Media, Inc. (Commissioner Daugherty)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

19. Approve contract award for police motorcycles, IFB No. B1912-009-LD, to the low bidder, Woods Fun Center. (Commissioner Daugherty)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. Declare certain assets as surplus property and authorize their sale at public auction, pursuant to Local Government Code § 263.152(a)(1). (Commissioner Daugherty)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Consider and take appropriate action to:
- a. Declare certain items surplus property and authorize their sale at public auction, pursuant to Local Government Code § 263.152(a)(1)
 - b. Declare the surplus property as salvage and worthless property and authorize Purchasing Agent to destroy or otherwise dispose of as worthless property if no bids are made, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code § 263.152(a)(3) (Commissioner Daugherty)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

22. Receive and accept office furniture desk panel as a donation, pursuant to Local Government Code § 81.032. (Commissioner Daugherty)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology and Operations

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation and Natural Resources

24. Consider and take appropriate action on an interlocal agreement with the Capital Area Council of Governments to provide regional air quality planning activities to address ozone pollution in Central Texas. (Judge Eckhardt)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

25. Consider and take appropriate action on an interlocal agreement with Texas State University to conduct research and provide recycling and solid waste disposal information for County residents. (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

26. Consider and take appropriate action on the acceptance of dedication of the public street and drainage facilities within Austin's Colony Section 9, a subdivision in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

27. Set a public hearing on April 14, 2020, to receive comments regarding the Pflugerville Acres II Phase 2 Resubdivision of Lot 48 (final plat resubdivision – one commercial lot into two – 5.06 acres – Priem Lane – water provided by Manville and wastewater provided by on-site septic system – City of Pflugerville ETJ) in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

28. Consider and take appropriate action on a license agreement with World Golf Championship/PGA for the use of the Loop 360 Park as a public access portal to the Dell Match Play Golf Tournament, to be held at the Austin Country Club on March 23–29, 2020, and March 22–28, 2021. (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

29. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate an electric easement on Lot 1, Baker Hills, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Public Hearing 2) (Commissioner Daugherty)

MOTION: Approve Item 29.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Gerald Daugherty, Commissioner
SECONDER: Jeffrey W. Travillion Sr, Commissioner
AYES: Eckhardt, Travillion Sr, Shea, Daugherty, Gómez

30. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a public utility easement located along the common lot line of Lots 18 & 19, Sandy Creek Ranches Phase 2, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Public Hearing 3) (Commissioner Daugherty)

MOTION: Approve Item 30.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Gerald Daugherty, Commissioner
SECONDER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
AYES: Eckhardt, Travillion Sr, Shea, Daugherty, Gómez

31. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to use a cash security agreement with Continental Homes of Texas, L.P. DBA D.R. Horton for sidewalk fiscal for Stoney Ridge Phase B Section 2 in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

32. Consider and take appropriate action on an agreement for right of entry with the City of Austin in connection with the Onion Creek Greenway III Improvements Project in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

33. Consider and take appropriate action on community preparation and information for flu and other infectious diseases. (Judge Eckhardt)

Items 33 and A1 are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Members of the Court heard from:

Eric Carter, Emergency Management Coordinator, Emergency Services
Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHS
Dr. Mark Escott, Interim Health Authority, Austin Public Health and Health Authority,
Austin-Travis County
Tony Callaway, Travis County Fire Marshal
Don Hastings, Assistant Director, Environmental Health Services Division, Austin Public Health
Matt Bizer, Executive Producer, Luck Reunion
Rob Golding, Chief Executive Officer, Rodeo Austin

MOTION: Continue the disaster declaration until further notice.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
SECONDER: Gerald Daugherty, Commissioner
AYES: Eckhardt, Travillion Sr, Shea, Daugherty, Gómez

34. Consider and take appropriate action on a possible vacancy of the Commissioners Court, including but not limited to accepting resignation of County Judge and the appointment of former Travis County Judge Sam Biscoe, or other nomination, for the position of interim County Judge. (This item may be taken into Executive Session under the Consultation with Attorney and Personnel Matters exceptions.) (Judge Eckhardt)

Judge Eckhardt announced that Item 34 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.

MOTION: Accept the resignation of Sarah Eckhart, County Judge, on March 10, 2020.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
SECONDER: Gerald Daugherty, Commissioner
AYES: Eckhardt, Travillion Sr, Shea, Daugherty, Gómez

MOTION: Appoint former County Judge Sam Biscoe to serve as the Travis County Judge until a successor is elected in November 2020 and is qualified.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Gerald Daugherty, Commissioner
SECONDER: Margaret J. Gómez, 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

Note 6 Gov't Code Ann 551.089, IT Security

35. Consider and take appropriate action on the sale, lease, or exchange of Palm School or other property in Travis County's real estate portfolio and acquisition of property interests in the land underlying the Travis County Exposition Center or other real property.^{1&2} (Judge Eckhardt)

Judge Eckhardt announced that Item 35 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

36. Receive legal briefing in Amy Smith, et al. v. City of Austin, et al., Case No. 1:18-CV-5051.¹ (Judge Eckhardt)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

37. Receive legal briefing in Emily Borchardt v. Travis County, Texas, et al., Cause No. 1:19-CV-00891-LY.¹ (Judge Eckhardt)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

38. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding City of Austin, et al. v. Kinder Morgan Texas Pipeline, et al., Cause No. 1:20-CV-00138-RP.¹ (Judge Eckhardt)

Judge Eckhardt announced that Item 38 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

39. Receive briefing and take appropriate action in April Balcombe, Complainant v. Travis County, Agency, EEOC Charge No. 31C-2016-00333C.¹ (Judge Eckhardt)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

40. Receive briefing and take appropriate action concerning the claims asserted in Travis County, Texas v. Mustang Kimbro Estates, LLC, et al., Cause No. D-1-GN-18-004770.¹ (Commissioner Travillion)

Judge Eckhardt announced that Item 40 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

MOTION: Accept the offer for an agreed final judgment and permanent injunction order.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Jeffrey W. Travillion Sr, Commissioner
SECONDER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
AYES: Eckhardt, Travillion Sr, Shea, Daugherty, Gómez

41. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to reinstate accrued leave for the employee in Position No. 7649.^{1&3} (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Judge Eckhardt announced that Item 41 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.

MOTION: Reinstatement of 186.59 hours of accrued leave for employee in Position No. 7649, with direction to staff to bring back an amendment to the policy to address such circumstances expeditiously.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Gerald Daugherty, Commissioner
SECONDER: Jeffrey W. Travillion Sr, Commissioner
AYES: Eckhardt, Travillion Sr, Shea, Daugherty, Gómez

Added Items

1. Consider and take appropriate action related to the declaration of local state of disaster issued on March 6, 2020, including but not limited to:
 - a. Continuing the declaration of local state of disaster
 - b. Determine further action, including but not limited to cancellation or additional mitigation measures for any large special events or mass gatherings currently scheduled in Travis County such as Rodeo Austin and Luck Reunion
 - c. Take any action necessary to preserve public health and safety (Judge Eckhardt)

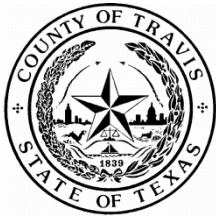
Items 33 and A1 are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion. Please refer to Item 33 for a summary of the action taken by the Court.

Adjourn

Minutes approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Sarah Eckhardt, Travis County Judge



Minutes for the Travis County Bee Cave Road District No. 1 Tuesday, March 10, 2020 Voting Session

Minutes Prepared by the Travis County Clerk
512-854-4722 • www.traviscountytexas.gov • PO Box 149325, Austin, TX 78714-9325

Meeting called to order on March 10, 2020, 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

1. Approve payment of claims by the County Treasurer.

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

2. Authorize the County Treasurer to invest County funds.

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Adjourn

Minutes approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Sarah Eckhardt, Travis County Judge