



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court Thursday, March 12, 2020 Special Voting Session

Minutes Prepared by the Travis County Clerk
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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on March 12, 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

Agenda 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)

Members of the Court heard from:

Sherine Thomas, Senior Chief Deputy, Travis County Attorney's Office
Peter Einhorn, Chief of Staff, County Judge's Office

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Approve new bond for interim County Judge appointee. (Judge Eckhardt)

MOTION: Approve the bond in item 2.

RESULT: **APPROVED [4 TO 0]**

MOVER: Jeffrey W. Travillion Sr, Commissioner

SECONDER: Brigid Shea, Commissioner

AYES: Jeffrey W. Travillion Sr, Brigid Shea, Gerald Daugherty, Margaret J. Gómez

ABSTAIN: Sarah Eckhardt

Clerk's Note: The County Judge noted that the interim County Judge, Sam Biscoe, will be sworn in on March 23, 2020.

3. Receive update on “The Steep Costs of Criminal Justice Fees and Fines” report from the Brennan Center for Justice. (Commissioners Daugherty & Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Kimberly Pierce, Director, Planning Division, Justice Planning
Valerie Hollier, Planning Project Manager, Justice Planning
Caryl Coburn, Director, Counseling and Education Services (CES)
Teresa Goff, Administrative Services Division Director, CES
Rodolfo Perez, Director, Adult Probation, Community Supervision and Corrections
Department (CSCD)
Noel Johnson, Chief Deputy, Constable Precinct 5
Emily Gerrick, Managing Attorney, Texas Fair Defense Project

RESULT: DISCUSSED

4. Receive briefing regarding ongoing efforts to update the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) long-range 2045 Regional Transportation Plan, and related issues. (Judge Eckhardt)

Members of the Court heard from:

Scheleen Walker, Long Range Planning Manager, Transportation and Natural Resources
(TNR)
Charlie Watts, Planning Project Manager, TNR
Cathy Stephens, Senior Planner, TNR
Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, TNR
Julie Joe, Assistant County Attorney

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Adjourn

Minutes approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Sarah Eckhardt, Travis County Judge