



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: September 23, 2014

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Leroy Nellis, Acting County Executive, Planning and Budget

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Samuel T. Biscoe

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PUBLIC HEARING

AGENDA LANGUAGE: RECEIVE COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED TRAVIS COUNTY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:
Please see attached memo.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Please see attached memo

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES: Please see attached memo

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING: Please see memo

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

Leroy Nellis – Planning and Budget Office, (512)854-9106

Jessica Rio – Planning and Budget Office, (512)854-9106

David Salazar - County Judge's Office, (512)854-9555



MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioners Court

FROM: Jessica Rio, Budget Director 

DATE: September 18, 2014

SUBJECT: Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2015 Proposed Budget

A public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2015 Proposed Budget is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, September 23rd at 9:00 a.m. at the Commissioners Courtroom at 700 Lavaca. The notice advertising this hearing was published in the Austin Chronicle on Thursday, September 5th (attached).

The Fiscal Year 2015 Proposed Budget will be filed with the County Clerk and the County Auditor and will be available for public inspection on Friday, September 19th, 2014. It will also be on the County's website at: www.co.travis.tx.us/planning_budget. The Proposed Budget is balanced within the policy direction provided by the Commissioners Court in the FY 2015 Budget Guidelines.

Travis County property taxes are used to fund operations such as law enforcement and corrections, the court system, roads, parks, social services, juvenile justice, and emergency medical services. At the Travis County proposed tax rate of 45.63 cents per \$100 valuation, property owners of an average taxable homestead will see a decrease in the Travis County portion of their property taxes. This tax relief has been a high priority for the Commissioners Court, particularly in recognition of the recent significant increases in property values in this community. Travis County continues to offer a 20% homestead exemption, which is the maximum exemption allowed by law as well as an additional \$70,000 homestead exemption for those 65 or older or disabled.

After the public hearing on the Proposed Budget, the Commissioners Court will be asked to adopt and approve the budget. The Local Government Code specifically states that, "at the conclusion of the public hearing, the Commissioners Court shall take action on the proposed budget".

PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE PROPOSED TRAVIS COUNTY
BUDGET, FISCAL YEAR 2015

Public Notice is hereby given that the Travis County Commissioners Court will consider the Proposed County Budget and adopt the FY 15 County Budget on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 9:00AM in the Commissioners Courtroom, located on the first floor at 700 Lavaca Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Any taxpayer is invited to be present and participate in this hearing.

The Proposed Budget will be on file for public review in the Travis County Clerk's Office on Friday, September 19, 2014.

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$15,048,497 and 2.83% and of that amount \$12,101,261 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.