

## MINUTES – JUNE 24, 1998

### TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

#### FY 1999 PLANNING AND BUDGET PROCESS

On Wednesday, the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 1998, the Commissioners' Court convened the FY 1999 Planning and Budget Process Voting Session at 1:45 PM in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 1st Floor of the Travis County Administration Building, 314 West 11th Street, Austin, Texas. Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Anna M. Valdez.

The Commissioners' Court adjourned the FY 1999 Planning and Budget Process Voting Session at 3:05 PM.

The Commissioners' Court record notes that Judge Bill Aleshire was not present during this Voting Session.

The Commissioners' Court record notes that Precinct One Commissioner Darwin McKee was not present during this Voting Session.

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1. CONSIDER AND ACT ON PLANNING ISSUES AS PART OF THE FY 1999 PLANNING & BUDGET PROCESS. (1:45 PM)

#### **SESSION OVERVIEW** (1:45 PM)

**Members of the Court heard from:** Leroy Nellis Budget Manager, Planning and Budget Office (PBO); and Mark McCray, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Discussion Only.

**ITEM 1 CONTINUED**

**JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (1:47 PM)**

**Members of the Court heard from:** Mark McCray, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Discussion Only.

**WORKLOAD PROJECTIONS (1:49 PM)**

**Members of the Court heard from:** Mark McCray, Budget Analyst, PBO; Jade Meeker, Justice of the Peace, Precinct Five; Scott Davis, Justice of the Peace, Precinct Three; Richard Scott, Justice of the Peace, Precinct One; Elena Diaz, Justice of the Peace, Precinct Four; and Jan Breland, Justice of the Peace, Precinct Two.

Discussion Only.

**JP WORKLOAD PER FTE/ADDITIONAL COURT (2:10 PM)**

**Members of the Court heard from:** Mark McCray, Budget Analyst, PBO; Richard Scott, Justice of the Peace, Precinct One; Jan Breland, Justice of the Peace, Precinct Two; Scott Davis, Justice of the Peace, Precinct Three; Elena Diaz, Justice of the Peace, Precinct Four; Jade Meeker, Justice of the Peace, Precinct Five; Cherry Johnson, Division Manager, Justice of the Peace, Precinct One; Gloria Aguilera, Division Manager, Justice of the Peace, Precinct Five; and Gisela Triana, Justice of the Peace – Elect, Precinct Five.

**Motion by** Commissioner Moore **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to direct PBO to look into planning for either an additional Court or a Master, even if it is not in this budget cycle but in the next one. It should be studied to see what other jurisdictions have looked at before adding a JP Court and what the caseloads look like in other JP Courts around the State. It should be noted whether another Court, another place in an existing Court, or a Master for certain types of cases is needed.

<b>Motion carried:</b> County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	absent
Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	absent
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

**ITEM 1 CONTINUED**

**Motion by** Commissioner Moore **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to ask PBO to take a look at a level of caseload that is appropriate per Clerk per Court.

**A Clarification was made of the previous Motion by** Commissioner Sonleitner that the direction is workload per Clerk so the next graphic that is submitted to the Commissioners' Court will not include the Judge in that JP Court.

**The previous Motion and Clarification was restated by** Commissioner Moore **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez that the direction is to look at a level of caseload per Clerk per Court so the Commissioners' Court can view a uniform comparison between the JP Courts. Backlog figures in each JP Court should also be considered in the uniform comparison. PBO should come back to the Commissioners' Court with what different levels of funding and staffing would look like to get a better distribution of workload.

**Motion carried:**

County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	absent
Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	absent
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

**REDRAWING JP PRECINCT BOUNDARIES (2:33 PM)**

**Members of the Court heard from:** Mark McCray, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Discussion Only.

**ESTABLISH PARTNERSHIP (2:35 PM)**

**Members of the Court heard from:** Richard Scott, Justice of the Peace, Precinct One.

Discussion Only.

**ITEM 1 CONTINUED**

**COUNSELING AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (2:39 PM)**

**SESSION OVERVIEW (1:45 PM)**

**Members of the Court heard from:** Leroy Nellis Budget Manager, PBO; and Shoshanna Lansberg, Budget Analyst, PBO; Dinah Dinwiddie, Executive Manager, Justice and Public Safety (JPS).

Discussion Only.

**PROJECT RE-ENGINEERING PLAN (2:42 PM)**

**Members of the Court heard from:** Caryl Colburn, Director, Travis County Counseling and Education Services (TCCES); and Shoshanna Lansberg, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Discussion Only.

**MINOR IN POSSESSION CLASS (2:44 PM)**

**Members of the Court heard from:** Dinah Dinwiddie, Executive Manager, JPS; Caryl Colburn, Director, TCCES; Shoshanna Lansberg, Budget Analyst, PBO; Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; Pete Katz, Manager of Substance Abuse and Counseling Assessments (SACA), TCCES; and Efrain Davila, Manager of Education Services TCCES.

**Motion by** Commissioner Moore **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the consolidating of expenses and revenues coming out of the General Fund.

**Motion carried:**

County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	absent
Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	absent
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

**ITEM 1 CONTINUED**

**VICTIMS FUND CHANGES (2:49 PM)**

**Members of the Court heard from:** Dinah Dinwiddie, Executive Manager, JPS; Caryl Colburn, Director, TCCES; Shoshanna Lansberg, Budget Analyst, PBO; and Efrain Davila, Manager of Education Services, TCCES.

**Motion by** Commissioner Moore **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to allow TCCES to change the contract time period to a calendar year. If there is enough money for the new contracts (starting in September) to be 16 month contracts with four months added onto the back of the time period, the Court will allow that option to be considered. The 16-month option must be passed by the County Attorney’s Office and their check-off received before the requests are brought back to the Commissioners’ Court.

<b>Motion carried:</b> County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	absent
Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	absent
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

**JUVENILE ASSESSMENTS (2:58 PM)**

**Members of the Court heard from:** Dinah Dinwiddie, Executive Manager, JPS.

Discussion Only.

**TOBACCO CLASS (2:59 PM)**

**Members of the Court heard from:** Caryl Colburn, Director, TCCES; Dinah Dinwiddie, Executive Manager, JPS; Efrain Davila, Manager of Education Services, TCCES; and Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO.

Discussion Only.

**Clerk’s Note:** Commissioner Sonleitner stated for staff direction, that Travis County may have to get an Interlocal in place with the City of Austin, have them charge for the classes, and reimburse the County. If the County has the specific legislative authority to charge for this program, then staff is directed to prepare that information for the Auditor’s Office for inclusion in the revenue estimate.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by** Commissioner Gómez **and seconded by** Commissioner Moore to adjourn the FY 1999 Planning and Budget Process Voting Session. (3:05 PM)

**Motion carried:** County Judge Bill Aleshire - absent  
Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee - absent  
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner - yes  
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore - yes  
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez - yes

**MINUTES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT**

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**Date of Approval**

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**Bill Aleshire, Travis County Judge**