

MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 8, 2000

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT BUDGET MARK-UP

On Friday, the 8th day of September, 2000, the Commissioners' Court convened the Budget Mark-Up Voting Session at 10:09 AM 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 Melissa Velasquez.

The Commissioners' Court recessed the Voting Session at 12:04 PM.

The Commissioners' Court reconvened the Voting Session at 2:09 PM.

The Commissioners' Court adjourned the Voting Session at 4:30 PM.

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1. THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT WILL CONDUCT BUDGET MARK-UP SESSIONS FOR THE PROPOSED FY 2001 TRAVIS COUNTY BUDGET. (10:09 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, Planning and Budget Office (PBO); and Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO.

Discussion Only.

10. All other requests on the Budget Worksheet to place on the agenda of Mark-up:

- A. Three or more checks to change or discuss the Preliminary Budget.
- B. Two checks to change or discuss.
- C. One check to change or discuss.

Clerk's Note: Items 10.A, B, and C are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

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TEMP living wage issues FY 01 Budget Requests (10:16 AM)

COLA for Retirees (3%)

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; and Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to add the COLA for retirees to the Parking Lot items, and fund it at 5%.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

Central Booking Package FY 01 Budget Requests (10:17 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Karen Shafer Castro, Senior Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO; Dinah Dinwiddie, Executive Manager, Justice and Public Safety (JPS); Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; and Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to add the difference between \$200,000.00 and what number we have, and indicate that it is contingent upon Auditor’s certification of \$200,000.00.

A Restatement of the previous Motion was made by Judge Biscoe to indicate that there is a \$100,000.00 earmark against Allocated Reserve, specifically intended to cover the County portion of the Central Booking obligation, really related to direct filing and escort from the sallyport to inside CJC. This covers three things really: Direct file and how it impacts the County Clerk’s Office, Pre-Trial Services, and escort from the APD vehicle in the sallyport, inside the facility. All of that really is contingent upon us implementing the Central Booking plan that we have been negotiating with the City of Austin over the last couple of years.

Maker accept the Friendly Amendment by Commissioner Sonleitner that the Motion covers an earmark against General Fund items and to authorize the spending on the CAR for the capital items.

Acceptance of the Friendly Amendment was made by Judge Biscoe.

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Central Booking Package FY 01 Budget Requests Continued

A Division of the Vote was requested by Commissioner Baxter on the Central Booking Package Item.

First Division of the Vote:

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the General Fund earmark against Allocated Reserve in the amount of \$100,000.00 to cover the four pieces there: Pre-Trial, County Clerk, Escort Officers, and our part of the Community Liaison.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

Second Division of the Vote:

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the CAR part: \$56,405.00.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

Austin-Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center FY 01 Budget Requests (10:45 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: David Evans, Executive Director, Austin-Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation (MHMR); Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Stephen Williams, Executive Manager, Travis County Health, Human Services, and Veterans' Services (TCHHS&VS); Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; Unknown Male, MHMR; Karen Shafer Castro, Senior Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO; and Blaine Keith, Chief Assistant County Auditor, Travis County Auditor's Office.

Discussion only.

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Savings on Elected Officials’ Salaries FY 01 Budget Requests (11:24 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to take the savings that would reflect our vote on Tuesday, not to apply the 3% increase to certain elected officials (\$49,544.00), and that we indicate that that is revenue that may be used during the Budget Mark-up process.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	abstain
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

Rebudgeted CAR Unallocated Reserve FY 01 Budget Requests (11:27 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; and Karen Shafer Castro, Senior Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner that, instead of generating an 11% unallocated reserve in the amount of \$111,000.00 for the amount we would roll over in CAR, we would basically ask the CAR reserve to pick up the unallocated reserve amount that would effectively reduce the \$500,000.00 reserve down to \$399,000.00.

Clerk’s Note: Karen Shafer Castro, Senior Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO, offered a clarification that the previous Motion would reduce the overall CAR allocation by the \$111,000.00, and that money would go to the General Fund to cover the unallocated reserve for that CAR that gets rolled forward.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

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Total County Commissioner, Precinct 1 FY 01 Budget Requests (11:33 AM)

Motion by Commissioner Davis to add approximately \$1,700.00 to the Parking Lot as a supplement to the \$5,000.00 for Precinct One operating fund.

Clerk’s Note: The Motion dies for lack of a Second.

Discussion Only.

Total Criminal Courts FY 01 Budget Requests (11:44 AM)

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to add to the parking lot the Computer Technician (Network Administrator) position, which is in the amount of \$43,772.00.

Motion carried:	County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

Total Pretrial Services FY 01 Budget Requests (11:46 AM)

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to add the Family Violence Support (CC #4) position to the Parking Lot.

Motion carried:	County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

Total Travis County Counseling and Education Services FY 01 Budget Requests

Family Violence Counselor (11:47 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Caryl Colburn, Director, Travis County Counseling and Educational Services (TCCES); Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Jessica Rio, Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO; Donna Warndof, Constable, Precinct 5 Office; and Bill Derryberry, Senior Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO.

Discussion only.

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Total Sheriff FY 01 Budget Requests (11:58 AM)

Radar Unit Upgrades

Members of the Court heard from: Bill Derryberry, Senior Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO.

Discussion only.

Videoconferencing Pilot Program (1 Court) (11:59 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Karen Shafer Castro, Senior Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO; and Bill Derryberry, Senior Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion by Commissioner Davis **and seconded by** Judge Biscoe to earmark \$75,000.00 for the videoconferencing pilot program against CAR.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

Warehouse Maintenance Equipment (12:02 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Bill Derryberry, Senior Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO.

Discussion only.

Total Travis County Counseling and Education Services FY 01 Budget Requests

Intake Coordinator Option 1 – Funding all from Fund 017 (2:10 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; Jessica Rio, Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO; and Dinah Dinwiddie, Executive Manager, JPS.

Discussion only.

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Space Issues (2:11 PM)

Option 3A – EMS, Justice & Public Safety, County Attorney, Auditor in TCAB (Stokes Bldg); ITS at 9th Street.

Option 1 – ITS, County Attorney, and Auditor in the TCAB (Stokes Bldg); ITS at 9th Street.

Clerk’s Note: Items Space Issues, Option 3A and Space Issues, Option 1 are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; Belinda Poppa, Capital Planning Coordinator, PBO; Joe Harlow, Director, Information and Telecommunications Systems (ITS); Dinah Dinwiddie, Executive Manager, JPS; Karen Shafer Castro, Senior Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO; and Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner that we use as an earmark against Allocated Reserve, the \$113,000.00 that is already there, that we scrub the numbers on Options 3A and Option 1 in that order, and that we have \$703,000.00 against the CAR fund, and that we will have to revisit on Tuesday, if not later today.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	absent
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

Total Human Resources Mgmt. FY 01 Budget Requests

Risk Management Reserve Software (3:14 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; and Alan Miller, Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Judge Biscoe to put a \$50,000.00 earmark, out of Risk Management funds, against Allocated Reserve, for Risk Management software, contingent on the plan.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

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Total County Auditor FY 01 Budget Requests

Restore one Disbursement Financial Auditor/Analyst Position (Slot 70) (3:16 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Susan Spataro, Travis County Auditor.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to add this expenditure to the Parking Lot.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

Total Exposition Center FY 01 Budget Requests

Life Safety Issues (3:18 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; Roger El Khoury, Director of Facilities Management; Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent; Cary Colbert, Director, Travis County Exposition Center, Jessica Rio, Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO; Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; and Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis that we have a placeholder on the CO, thereby indicating our intention to put in an appropriate amount before the CO is finalized.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

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Total Exposition Center FY 01 Budget Requests Continued

Expo Center Improvements (3:45 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Cary Colbert, Director, Travis County Exposition Center, Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; Blaine Keith, Chief Assistant County Auditor, Travis County Auditor’s Office; Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; and Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis to: (1) take steps necessary to indicate to our partners that, in fact, we will deal with HVAC, but we need the money flow in, and we need to use it on Exposition-related purposes, and (2) contingent upon that money coming in, we need to authorize Cary Colbert, Director, Travis County Exposition Center, to spend up to \$100,000.00 of what we understand to be a reserve of \$160,000.00, with an additional unallocated reserve of another \$50,000.00, in the priority order he has listed.

Motion carried:	County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

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Total Health and Human Services FY 01 Budget Requests

Intermediate Sanctions Center and Juvenile Substance Abuse Treatment for Youth
(4:04 PM)

Motion by Commissioner Baxter **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to reconsider the Vote from day one of the Budget Mark-up, on the Intermediate Sanctions Center and Juvenile Substance Abuse funding.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe yes
 Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis yes
 Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner yes
 Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter yes
 Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez yes

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to reconfirm the action taken by four members of the Commissioners’ Court on day one of Mark-up involving the Intermediate Sanctions Facility, and Substance Abuse Services inside the Juvenile Justice Dept.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe yes
 Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis yes
 Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner yes
 Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter yes
 Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez yes

ASAP Program (4:11 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez that the ASAP revenues and expenditures be reflected in the host budget of Constable 5, and it is on behalf of all ASAP expenditures, in all the Constables’ offices, as opposed to, that is the Constable 5’s money. It would be disbursed at the appropriate time.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe yes
 Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis yes
 Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner yes
 Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter yes
 Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez yes

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Parking Lot (4:12 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Karen Shafer Castro, Senior Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO; Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; and Bill Derryberry, Senior Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO.

Discussion only.

Workforce Investment FY 01 Budget Requests

Workforce Investment – COLA for Retirees (4:14 PM)

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the 5% retirement COLA, so we would fund the differential between 3% and 5%, so we would take the \$68,666.00 from the General Fund.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

Total Health and Human Services FY 01 Budget Requests

MHMR Funding (Received after May 8) (4:19 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; and Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to put the MHMR funding request on the Parking Lot.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

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Total Sheriff FY 01 Budget Requests

Sheriff Package Ratchet, ISC Staffing Ratchet (4:20 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Bill Derryberry, Senior Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO; Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; and Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Baxter to remove the Sheriff Package Ratchet, the ISC Staffing Ratchet and the Item related to the Skill Based Pay from the Parking Lot.

Withdrawal of the previous Motion was made by Commissioner Sonleitner.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Judge Biscoe to remove the ISC Ratchet from the Parking Lot.

Motion carried:	County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to adjourn the Budget Mark-Up Voting Session. (4:30 PM)

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe - yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis - yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner - yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter - yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez - yes

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Date of Approval

Samuel T. Biscoe, Travis County Judge