

## MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 5, 2002

### TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT BUDGET MARK-UP

On Thursday, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2002, the Commissioners' Court convened the Budget Mark-Up Voting Session at 9:12 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of the Travis County Administration Building, 314 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas. Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Robert Resnick.

The Commissioners' Court recessed the Voting Session at 11:21 AM.

The Commissioners' Court reconvened the Voting Session at 2:10 PM.

The Commissioners' Court adjourned the Voting Session at 5:02 PM.

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1. THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT WILL CONDUCT BUDGET MARK-UP SESSIONS FOR THE PROPOSED FY 2003 TRAVIS COUNTY BUDGET. (9:12 AM)

(9:13 AM) **Review Television Screens and How to Track Mark-up Changes**

(2:10 PM)

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

Discussion Only.

(9:14 AM) **Revenue Items**

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

**Motion by** Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to take \$1.1 million from the Corporations; and that we put \$335,000 into the Health and Human Services Reserve, to bring that amount up to an even \$500,000; that we earmark for basic needs for contract agencies; and that what we are leaving in Health and Human Services General Reserve, would be \$500,000, less \$165,000, which is \$365,000.

**A Clarification of the previous Motion was made by** Judge Biscoe that we take \$1.1 million from the Corporations; that we earmark \$365,000 of that to cover basic needs services performed by Health and Human Services contracts – that we match the City of Austin’s \$500,000 for basic needs contracts, basically; that we leave a little in the Health and Human Services Reserve, to go toward that identified shortfall.

**A Clarification of the previous Motion was made by** Judge Biscoe that we take \$1.1 million from the Corporations; and of that amount, \$365,000 be earmarked for Health and Human Services.

**A Clarification of the previous Motion was made by** Judge Biscoe that the intent of the Motion is that this be Health and Human Services money; that PBO accomplish that as PBO does; but the intention of this is to bring the amount available for Health and Human Services contracts to \$500,000.

**Clerk’s Note:** The Court did not take a Vote on the Standing Motion and Second at this time.

**A Substitute Motion was made by** Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez that we accept the generous donation of \$1.1 million from the Corporations; that it go into the General Fund category; and that we revisit the budget for Health and Human Services later during Mark-up.

<b>Motion carried:</b>	County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	no
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	no
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

**ITEM Revenue Items CONTINUED**

**A Clarification of the Substitute Motion and Vote was made by** Judge Biscoe that, what that Motion does, basically, is take \$1.1 million from the Corporations, so that it is additional revenue.

**Motion by** Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to accept the kind offer that was offered by Risk Management; that we go ahead and reduce the expenditure amount, in terms of the General Fund transfer into the Risk Fund; that we go ahead and take that expenditure back out; and to put that \$500,000 into the General Fund category for the moment.

<b>Motion carried:</b>	County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(9:26 AM) **Reserves**

**Members of the Court heard from:** Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Blaine Keith, Chief Assistant County Auditor, Travis County Auditor’s Office; and Susan Spataro, Travis County Auditor.

Discussion Only.

(9:30 AM) **CAR Vehicles**

**Members of the Court heard from:** Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; Jessica Rio, Budget Analyst, PBO; and Cynthia McDonald, Financial Services, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR).

**Motion by** Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to accept the proposed elimination of the seven replacement vehicles, as identified by our Fleet Manager – that is \$175,750; but I would add back in as an offset, a slightly higher number for maintenance, because these are older vehicles, and I would say, put an offset of \$20,000, rather than \$10,500.

**A Clarification of the previous Motion was made by** Commissioner Sonleitner that the net should be \$155,750.

<b>Motion carried:</b>	County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(9:38 AM) **ITS**

**Members of the Court heard from:** Diana Ramirez, Budget Analyst, PBO; Joe Harlow, Director, Information and Telecommunications Systems (ITS); and Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO.

**Motion by** Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Moore that the \$589,000 that we just identified as freed up in CAR, be dedicated to all outstanding issues, prioritized by ITS, related to new and replacement computers.

<b>Motion carried:</b>	County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(9:41 AM) **District Attorney’s Nuisance Abatement Contract**  
 (2:10 PM)

**Members of the Court heard from:** Blaine Keith, Chief Assistant County Auditor, Travis County Auditor’s Office; and Diana Ramirez, Budget Analyst, PBO.

**Clerk’s Note:** Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO, explained to the Commissioners’ Court that the District Attorney’s Nuisance Abatement Expenditure of \$75,000 needed to be brought out of their budget to match the fact that the 5<sup>th</sup> Revenue Estimate was going to have a reduction of \$75,000. If the District Attorney’s Office receives another grant, then the expenditure will go back in.

**Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis** to move the \$75,000 expenditure out.

**Motion carried:**

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

(9:41 AM) **Facilities Management – Capital Projects – FY 2003 Development Options: Oak Hill Site**

**Members of the Court heard from:** Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; Jim Barr, Contract Administrator, Facilities Management; Ken Gaede, Project Manager, Facilities Management; Pat Ford, Real Estate Manager, Facilities Management; Drew McAngus, Constable, Precinct 3; Jessica Rio, Budget Analyst, PBO; Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; Belinda Powell, Capital Planning Coordinator, PBO; Susan Spataro, Travis County Auditor; and Stephen Williams, Executive Manager, Travis County Health, Human Services, and Veterans’ Services (TCHHS&VS)

**Motion by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Gómez** to approve the budgeting of \$4,172,872.00, for the two buildings that we have discussed today, with the 20-year CO option, Option 2.

**Motion carried:**

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

(10:24 AM) **Facilities Management – Capital Projects – North Rural Center/Health  
 (10:53 AM) Clinic – Pflugerville  
 (11:16 AM)**

**Members of the Court heard from:** Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; Pat Ford, Real Estate Manager, Facilities Management; Jessica Rio, Budget Analyst, PBO; and Belinda Powell, Capital Planning Coordinator, PBO.

**Motion by** Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Moore to attach to the 20-year CO list, \$2,362,468 for the Pflugerville Community Center and Health Clinic.

**Motion carried:**

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

**Motion by** Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Moore to attach \$30,000 to the General Fund for the North Rural move.

**Motion carried:**

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

(10:24 AM) **Facilities Management – Capital Projects – Precinct 1 Office Building**

**Members of the Court heard from:** Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; Jim Barr, Contract Administrator, Facilities Management; and Pat Ford, Real Estate Manager, Facilities Management.

**Motion by** Commissioner Davis **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the amount of \$275,000, and that would cover the Precinct 1 renovations, the potential purchase of excess land, and parking improvements, and that go into a 5-year CO.

**Motion carried:**

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

(10:38 AM) **Facilities Management – Capital Projects – Travis County Jail Indoor Air Quality Project**

**Members of the Court heard from:** Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; and John Carr, Division Manager, Building and Maintenance Repair, Facilities Management.

**Motion by** Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Moore to add to our list of CAR-funded items, this \$232,885; and in order to keep us balanced, that that get deducted from our General Fund list of available monies, so that we are not going into the red on the CAR.

<b>Motion carried:</b>	County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(10:46 AM) **Facilities Management – Capital Projects – Options for 1101 Nueces**

**Members of the Court heard from:** Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; Jim Barr, Contract Administrator, Facilities Management; and Pat Ford, Real Estate Manager, Facilities Management.

Discussion Only.

(10:56 AM) **Facilities Management – Capital Projects – Central Government  
Campus Feasibility Study**

**Members of the Court heard from:** Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; and Pat Ford, Real Estate Manager, Facilities Management.

**Motion by** Commissioner Gómez **and seconded by** Commissioner Moore to earmark the \$100,000 needed for this study.

**A Clarification of the previous Motion was made by** Commissioner Davis that this earmark is against the Allocated Reserve.

<b>Motion carried:</b>	County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(11:09 AM) **FY 03 Debt Options**

**Members of the Court heard from:** Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; and Jessica Rio, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Discussion Only.



(2:12 PM) **Jail Overcrowding**

**Members of the Court heard from:** Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; Kati Broderick, Manager, Research and Planning, Justice and Public Safety (JPS); Margo Frasier, Travis County Sheriff; Belinda Powell, Capital Planning Coordinator, PBO; Bill Derryberry, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO; Patty Eacret, Director, Fiscal and Personnel, Travis County Sheriff’s Office (TCSO); David Balagia, Major, TCSO; and Susan Spataro, Travis County Auditor.

**Motion by** Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Moore to add \$1.75 million to the Sheriff’s budget, to get us to a total of \$84 million, with the programmatic desires to achieve 31 new Corrections Officers, the conversion of 12 Security Officers, and work on nurses’ pay, contract issues, and drugs, with an earmark on the Allocated for an additional \$355,000, and to include the immediate conversion of the Security Coordinators to Corrections Officers, and to authorize PBO to take the \$1.5 million from the Jail Overcrowding Reserve, and put it in the Sheriff’s budget. Another \$250,000 would have to come out of 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 Margaret Moore	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(4:25 PM) **“Rocket Docket” and Jail Overcrowding Courtroom**

**Members of the Court heard from:** Ronnie Earle, Travis County District Attorney.

**Motion by** Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve the “Rocket Docket”, with \$121,594 from the General Fund, plus the \$4,944 in capital.

**Motion carried:**

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

(4:34 PM) **Jail Overcrowding – County Clerk Positions**

**Members of the Court heard from:** Travis Gaitlin, Budget Analyst, PBO.

**Motion by** Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the two slots, related to jail overcrowding, for the County Clerk’s Office, with a high-water mark of \$86,164.

<b>Motion carried:</b>	County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(4:37 PM) **Jail Overcrowding – Visiting Judge’s Courtroom**

**Members of the Court heard from:** Ronnie Earle, Travis County District Attorney.

Discussion Only.

(4:40 PM) **Jail Overcrowding – 24-Hour Magistration**

**Members of the Court heard from:** Kati Broderick, Manager, JPS; Margo Frasier, Travis County Sheriff; and Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO.

**Motion by** Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to put \$15,000 into the Allocated Reserve, with a ring around that says, “24-Hour Magistration”.

**Withdrawal of the previous Motion was made by** Judge Biscoe.

**Motion by** Commissioner Davis to earmark the Allocated Reserve for \$175,000.

**Withdrawal of the previous Motion was made by** Commissioner Davis.

**Motion by** Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Moore to deduct \$200,000 from our General Fund amount, and put it in the Allocated Reserve, with an earmark attached to it, for the potential of going to 24-hour magistration.

<b>Motion carried:</b>	County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(4:50 PM) **Health and Human Services Reserve**

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

**Motion by** Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to take, from the small remaining General Fund balance, \$335,000, to put in the Health and Human Services Reserve, to fund contracts for health and human services from the basic needs agencies.

<b>Motion failed:</b>	County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	no
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	no
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	no

(4:51 PM) **JPS Research Analyst**

**Members of the Court heard from:** Susan Spataro, Travis County Auditor; and Travis Gaitlin, Budget Analyst, PBO.

**Motion by** Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Moore that the amount of \$6,984 be funded, in addition to the FTE being transferred.

**A Clarification of the previous Motion was made by** Judge Biscoe that that would come from the General Fund. We are transferring the funds that are there, plus adding the differential to fund the position.

<b>Motion carried:</b>	County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(4:52 PM) **JPS Financial Analyst**

**Members of the Court heard from:** Travis Gaitlin, Budget Analyst, PBO; and Susan Spataro, Travis County Auditor.

**Motion by** Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to approve the position.

<b>Motion carried:</b>	County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(4:54 PM) **Compensation**

**Motion by** Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve the amount of \$158,000, related to a 3% COLA for our retirees, effective October 1, 2002, be funded.

<b>Motion carried:</b>	County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes



