

MINUTES OF MEETING – AUGUST 14, 2003

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT BUDGET VOTING SESSION

On Thursday, the 14th day of August, 2003, the Commissioners' Court convened the Budget Voting Session at 2:09 PM in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 1st Floor of the Ned Granger Administration Building, 314 West 11th Street, Austin, Texas. Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Melissa Velasquez and Robert Resnick.

The Commissioners' Court recessed the Budget Voting Session at 3:29 PM and reconvened the Budget Voting Session at 3:38 PM.

The Commissioners' Court adjourned the Budget Voting Session at 5:12 PM.

1. FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS TO DECREASE EXPENSES AND INCREASE REVENUE IN THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET. (2:09 PM)

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe's recommendations on possible expenditure decreases and revenue increases to the County Budget.

(2:09 PM) **#4 - Sheriff's Budget, Cut \$1 million more**

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, Planning and Budget Office (PBO); Margo Frasier, Travis County Sheriff; Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; and Bill Derryberry, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to accept the \$1,015,420.00 reduction in the Sheriff's Budget, as set forth in the memo by the Sheriff, at the same time we indicate the Court's agreement to authorize the Sheriff to look for other possible savings internally to fund the law enforcement needs and other needs that she identifies. We basically would leave the Sheriff's budget at this place, after this cut, for fiscal year 2004.

Clerk's Note: A Clarification was made by Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO that \$731,420.00 is on-going out of the Sheriff's operating budget and \$284,000.00 is one-time expenses and that would be out of the CAR budget.

Motion carried:

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

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(2:33 PM) **#7 - Collections Pilot Program, Implement 50% until specifics have been worked out or new revenue can be certified**

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

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis to hire 4 instead of 8 in the Collections Pilot Program, and to pull out the 2 clerks, 1 District Clerk and 1 County Clerk, in the Preliminary Budget, for a total reduction of \$292,238.00.

Motion carried:

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

(2:46 PM) **#10 - Receipt of full funding for 911 Rural Addressing from CAPCO**

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve the net Capital Area Planning Council Organization (CAPCO) funding benefit of \$90,254.00, and to ask Danny Hobby to communicate that with CAPCO.

Motion carried:

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

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(2:47 PM) **#12 - CAR Reserve - pull \$250,000.00 from the \$500,000.00 CAR Reserve**

Members of the Court heard from: Jessica Rio, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to pull \$250,000.00 out of the CAR Reserve, leaving a CAR Reserve of \$285,927.00.

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

(2:51 PM) **#9 - Make policy decision to offset part of all of the additional expense in the Salary Savings line item**

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

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to subtract out \$400,000.00 from the 1.3 million budgeted in the preliminary budget for Salary Savings, leaving a revised preliminary budget amount of \$965,731.00.

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

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(2:55 PM) **#1 - Reduce Emergency Reserve**

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; and Susan Spataro, Travis County Auditor.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to take \$500,000.00 each from both the Emergency Reserve and the Regular Allocated Reserve.

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

(3:05 PM) **#3 - Transfer \$.5 million from Road and Bridge into Unallocated Reserve, Reduce General Fund contribution by \$.5 million**

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Jessica Rio, Budget Analyst, PBO; Carol Joseph, Assistant Director, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR); and Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to take from the Road and Bridge Reserve \$500,000.00, putting that in the Unallocated Reserve, and reducing the General Fund contribution to the Unallocated Reserve by \$500,000.00.

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

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(3:11 PM) **#1 - Increase Park Fees to cover \$.5 million in Operating Staff, Fees to Match Cost**

Members of the Court heard from: Carol Joseph, Assistant Director, TNR.

Clerk's Note: Judge Biscoe gave directions to Staff to look at what fees need to be to cover 100% of the additional costs.

Discussion Only. No action taken.

(3:12 PM) **#2 - Reduce General Fund contribution to various Records related services when adopted fees can cover more of the cost. Requires a work session where such fees are reviewed.**

Discussion Only. No action taken.

(3:13 PM) **#3 - Analysis of all fee increases with reduction of General Fund contribution**

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

Discussion Only. No action taken.

(3:17 PM) **#8 - TNR Increase subdivision fees to cover increased cost of \$150,000.00 to implement House Bill 1445**

Members of the Court heard from: Carol Joseph, Assistant Director, TNR.

Discussion Only. No action taken.

(3:22 PM) **#6 - Review Vehicle Maintenance Fund**

Discussion Only. No action taken.

2. HHS – Health and Human Services Budget Hearing (3:28 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Valerie Spinelli, Budget Analyst, PBO; Stephen Williams, Executive Manager, Travis County Health, Human Services, and Veterans' Services (TCHHS&VS); Lawrence Lyman, Senior Planner, Travis County Health and Human Services (TCHHS); Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Claudia Lindenberg, Manager, Medical Assistance Program, Austin-Travis County Health and Human Services (A-TCHHS); Arlene Tillman, Director, Administrative Services, TCHHS; Deborah Britton, Division Director, TCHHS; Jeff Ripley, Director, Texas Cooperative Extension; Olie Pope, Veterans Services Officer; Sherrie Moore, Director, Family Support Services, TCHHS; Laura Atkins, Director, Office of Children's Services, TCHHS; and Blanca Leahy, Director, Research and Planning, TCHHS.

Discussion Only. No action taken.

3. CRIMINAL COURTS – Budget Hearing**(4:30 PM) Indigent Attorney Fees**

Members of the Court heard from: Mike Denton, District Judge; Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Travis Gaitlin, Budget Analyst, PBO; and Debra Hale, Director of Court Administration; Susan Spataro, Travis County Auditor; Julie Kocurek, District Judge, 390th District Court; and Wilford Flowers, District Judge, 147th District Court.

Discussion Only. No action taken.

(5:09 PM) Temporary Employee for FACTS – Revised Request

Members of the Court heard from: Debra Hale, Director of Court Administration.

Discussion Only. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Davis **and seconded by** Judge Biscoe to adjourn the Budget Voting Session. (5:12 PM)

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

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Date of Approval

Samuel T. Biscoe, Travis County Judge