## MINUTES OF MEETING – SEPTEMBER 7, 2007 TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

On Thursday, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007, the Commissioners' Court convened the Budget Markup Voting Session at 9:15 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of the Ned Granger Administration Building, 314 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas. Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Gillian Porter.

The Commissioners Court adjourned the Voting Session at 9:59 AM.

**Clerk's Note:** Please refer to the FY 2006 Budget Agenda Worksheet for a listing of the Reference numbers located in the Minutes.

## (9:16 AM) Review of the Budget

**Clerk's Note:** The Court received a status report on the County Budget and reviewed the items to be discussed during the Budget Voting Session.

**Clerk's Note:** The Court discussed the balance of the Allocated Reserve of \$1,358,264.00.

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

**Motion by** Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to put all of that in the Allocated Reserve and deal with it in the future.

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

**Clerk's Note:** The Court directed Staff to balance the 5<sup>th</sup> revenue estimate against the 2008 budget.

(9:21 AM) Option A – Fund 3% COLA for retirees, leave contributions rate at 10.71% and apply \$1,274,949 to reducing un-funded liability (Planning and Budget office) (Reference #PBO6)

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

**Motion by** Commissioner Gómez **and seconded by** Commissioner Eckhardt to approve the budget request.

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

(9:22 AM) **Update** 

**Clerk's Note:** The Court discussed Certificates of Obligation (CO's), the Capital Acquisition Reserve (CAR), and the Allocated Reserve.

**Members of the Court heard from:** Jessica Rio, Budget Analyst, PBO; Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; and Chris Broussard, Business System Consultant, PBO.

**Motion by** Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to authorize County departments to go ahead and post adverts for the new positions that the Court has approved, with the understanding that the money becomes available after October 1, 2007.

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

(9:33 AM) Adopt TCDRS recommended basic benefit rate change, reducing requited contribution rate from 10.15% to 9.82% (July 25, 2007 letter) Saves \$637,474.00. (Planning and Budget Office) (Reference # PBO5)

**Members of the Court heard from:** Travis Gatlin, Budget Analyst, PBO; and Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO.

**Motion by** Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to implement the recommendation in #PBO5.

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

(9:36 AM) **Update** 

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

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

**Clerk's Note:** The Court thanked all County Departments for all their hard work during the budget process.

**Clerk's Note:** The Court noted special recognition to Diana Warner, First Assistant County Auditor and Mike Wichern, Chief Assistant County Auditor, Travis County Auditor's Office for all their work on the Compensation issue.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by** Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to adjourn the Budget Voting Session. (9:59 AM)

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