

MINUTES OF MEETING – SEPTEMBER 3, 2008

AND RECONVENED SEPTEMBER 4, 2008

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

On Wednesday, the 3rd day of September, 2008, the Commissioners' Court convened the Budget Markup Voting Session at 9:15 AM 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 Gillian Porter.

The Commissioners Court recessed the Voting Session at 11:08 AM.

The Commissioners Court reconvened the Voting Session at 2:16 PM.

The Commissioners Court recessed the Voting Session at 4:59 PM until Wednesday, September 4, 2008 at 9:00 AM.

The Commissioners Court reconvened the Voting Session at 9:15 AM, Wednesday, September 4, 2008.

The Commissioners Court recessed the Voting Session at 10:56 AM, Wednesday, September 4, 2008.

The Commissioners Court reconvened the Voting Session at 11:17 AM, Wednesday, September 4, 2008.

The Commissioners Court adjourned the Voting Session at 11:36 AM, Wednesday, September 4, 2008.

Clerk's Note: Please refer to the FY 2009 Budget Agenda Worksheet for a listing of the Reference numbers located in the Minutes.

(9:16 AM) **REVIEW OF "STATUS OF BUDGET SINCE PRELIMINARY BUDGET WAS FILED"**

Clerk's Note: The Court received a status report on the County Budget and reviewed the document entitled: "Status of Budget Since Preliminary Budget Was Filed."

Members of the Court heard from: Rodney Rhoades, Executive Manager, Planning and Budget Office (PBO); Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; and Travis Gatlin, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

(9:46 AM) **REVIEW TELEVISION SCREENS AND HOW TO TRACK MARK-UP CHANGES AND USE OF THE “PARKING LOT” AS A TOOL FOR DISCUSSION**

Clerk’s Note: The Court viewed spreadsheets displayed on video screens, which track additions and subtractions to the proposed budget as the Court proceeds with Budget discussions.

Members of the Court heard from: Chris Broussard, Business System Consultant, PBO.

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

(9:48 AM) **APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET TO ESTABLISH A BASELINE FOR THE BEGINNING OF MARK-UP**

Members of the Court heard from: Rodney Rhoades, Executive Manager, PBO; Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; and Susan Spataro, Travis County Auditor.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve the Preliminary Budget to establish a baseline for the beginning of Budget Mark-up.

A Substitute Motion was made by Commissioner Daugherty that we set the stage of dealing with this 2009 budget with establishing the 0.3890 as the tax rate.

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

Clerk’s Note: The Court voted on the Standing Motion.

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	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(10:09 AM) **APPROVE THE CHANGES LIST**

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve changes to the Preliminary Budget.

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	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(10:09 AM) **Compensation and retiree system options**

Clerk’s Note: The Court considered several options:

- 1) C10 – Market adjustment – Twice current method, 2% for first pay grade increase then 1% per subsequent pay grade increase;
- 2) C11 – Market adjustment – Twice current method, 2% per pay grade increase;
- 3) C19 – Non TCSO POP scale one-year implementation;
- 4) C20 – Non TCSO POP scale two-year implementation; and,
- 5) C22 – Add pay for Park rangers for Active EMT B certification.

Members of the Court heard from: Rodney Rhoades, Executive Manager, PBO; Travis Gatlin, Budget Analyst, PBO; Luane Schull, Compensation Manager, Human Resources Management Department (HRMD); Greg Powell, Business Manager, Local 1624, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME); Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; Eddie Gary; AFSCME; Chris Broussard, Business System Consultant, PBO; and Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve C10.

A Substitute Motion was made by Commissioner Eckhardt to approve C11, the 2% per pay grade.

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

Withdrawal of the Standing Motion was made by Judge Biscoe.

ITEM “Compensation and retiree system options” CONTINUED

Members of the Court heard from: Susan Spataro, Travis County Auditor; and Christine Adair, Travis County Auditor’s Office.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve C11, C19, and C22.

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

Clerk’s Note: Compensation and retiree cost of living was revisited at 2:16 PM.

Members of the Court heard from: Travis Gatlin, Budget Analyst, PBO; Rodney Rhoades, Executive Manager, PBO; Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; Greg Powell, AFSCME; Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; Susan Spataro, Travis County Auditor; Diana Ramirez, Budget Analyst, PBO; and Randy Lott, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Withdrawal of the Standing Motion was made by Judge Biscoe.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve C11 only for the FY '08 salary survey, C19, and C22.

A further Clarification of the Previous Motion was made by Commissioner Gómez of C11, C19, and C22 plus Non TCSO Pops; and we are applying this to FY' 08.

Withdrawal of the Standing Motion was made by Judge Biscoe.

ITEM “Compensation and retiree system options” CONTINUED

Clerk’s Note: The Court discussed Option 1, which includes:

- 1) C9 – Market adjustment current method - 1% for first pay grade increase then 1/2% per subsequent pay grade increase;
- 2) C19 - Non TCSO POP scale one-year implementation; and,
- 3) C22 - Add pay for Park rangers for Active EMT B certification.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve Option 1.

A Friendly Amendment to the previous Motion was offered by Commissioner Eckhardt that we do Option 1 plus a one time 1% lump sum.

Clerk’s Note: The Friendly Amendment was not accepted.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	no
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

Motion by Commissioner Eckhardt and seconded by Commissioner Davis to consider C17, the 1.5% lump sum to tide us over in this year as we examine what we are doing with compensation.

Motion failed:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	no
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	no

(3:28 PM) **Park Residence – NE Metro** (Transportation and Natural Resources)
(Reference #340)

Clerk’s Note: The Court noted that this would be funded from the Capital Fund.

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

Motion by Judge Biscoe **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	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(3:28 PM) **Park Residence – SE Metro** (Transportation and Natural Resources)
(Reference #341)

Clerk’s Note: The Court was informed that there is a surplus of 2001 Park Bond funds available to refurbish the South East Metro Park Residence, and \$75,000.00 of the surplus would be needed to carry out the work.

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR).

Motion by Commissioner Gómez **and seconded by** Judge Biscoe to approve the budget request, with the \$75,000.00 being used to fund any direct costs associated with American Youthworks carrying out the refurbishment.

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	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(3:33 PM) **American Youthworks FY 08 E-C Auxiliary**
(Health and Human Services Department) (Reference # 404)

Clerk's Note: The Court was informed that there would be a cost of \$135,847.00 to complete the Scope of Capital Improvement Projects planned with American Youthworks in FY '09.

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR; Sherri Fleming, Executive Manager, Travis County Health, Human Services, and Veterans' Services (TCHHS&VS); Richard Halpin, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, American Youthworks; and Travis Gatlin, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion by Commissioner Davis **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez 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	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(3:34 PM) **Office of Parental Representation as discussed at Budget Hearing. Budget Figures for FY '09 assume acceptance of grant and include estimated space costs. (Civil Courts) (Reference #457A)**
Child Public Defender's Office as discussed at Budget Hearing. Budget Figures for FY '09 assume acceptance of grant and include estimated space costs. (Civil Courts) (Reference #458A)

Members of the Court heard from: Jessica Rio, Assistant Budget Manager, PBO; and The Honorable W. Jeanne Meurer, Judge, 98th District.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis that we authorize use of Public Defender Grant Reserve and adding an additional \$125,353.00.

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	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed the budget request for capital funds of \$157,150.00.

Motion by Judge Biscoe 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	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(3:38 PM) **Option 1: Felony Mental Health Prosecution Team – Paralegal, Legal Secretary and Ongoing Operating costs.** (District Attorney)
(Reference #184A)

Option 2: Felony Mental Health Prosecution Team – Paralegal only and Ongoing Operating costs. (District Attorney) (Reference #184B)

Members of the Court heard from: Rodney Rhoades, Executive Manager, PBO; Katie Peterson, Budget Analyst, PBO; and Rosemary Lehmberg, District Attorney's Office.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the budget request, reference # 184A.

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	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(3:41 PM) **Smith Road – Expansion of FMD Warehouse** (Facilities Management)
(Reference #124A)

Members of the Court heard from: Diana Ramirez, Budget Analyst, PBO.

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

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	no
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(3:42 PM) **Vehicle for Texas AgriLife Extension (Department has agreed to contribute \$4,000.00 of on-going auto mileage budget if funded. Savings could be used for gas and maintenance. If auxiliary vehicle used, funds would be returned to department once no longer needed.)** (Cooperative Extension Service) (Reference #151)

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

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

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	no
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(3:42 PM) **Corrections Relief Factor** (Travis County Sheriff’s Office) (Reference #256)

Members of the Court heard from: Bill Derryberry, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO; Darren Long, Major, Travis County Sheriff’s Office (TCSO); and Rodney Rhoades, Executive Manager, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve put it on the parking lot.

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

(3:56 PM) **REVISED – Natural Resources – Balcones Canyonland Reserve Funding Changes – Priority 2 as discussed at Budget hearing (2FTE and Activity Based Analysis)** (Transportation and Natural Resources) (Reference # 311A)

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

Motion by Commissioner Davis **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

(3:56 PM) **REVISED – Open Space Management – Phase 1 – Priority 4 – Timber Creek and Walnut Creek** (Transportation and Natural Resources) (Reference # 313A)

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez 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	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(3:57 PM) **Howard Lane – Phase II (Match +3%)** (Transportation and Natural Resources) (Reference # 325)

Motion by Commissioner Davis **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

Clerk’s Note: The Court noted that the Howard Lane project would be a capital expense.

(3:58 PM) **Substandard Roads** (Transportation and Natural Resources)
 (Reference #342A)

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez 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

Clerk’s Note: The Court noted that these projects would be a capital expense.

(3:58 PM) **Financial Analyst** (Criminal Justice Planning) (Reference #352)

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez 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 no
 Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez yes

(3:59 PM) **Early Education & Care: Quality Improvement**
 (Health and Human Services) (Reference # 382)

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

A Friendly Amendment to the previous Motion was offered by Commissioner Gómez that this be one-time money.

Acceptance of the Friendly Amendment was made by Commissioner Davis.

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 no
 Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez yes

(4:00 PM) **Chapter 72 Policy Revision Basic Needs** (Health and Human Services)
 (Reference # 386)

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez 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 no
 Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez yes

(4:01 PM) **Drug Court** (Criminal Courts)

Members of the Court heard from: Debra Hale, Court Coordinator; Jessica Rio, Assistant Budget Manager, PBO; Bill Derryberry, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO; and Rosemary Lehmborg, District Attorney's Office.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis that we put the \$184,778.00 as an earmark against Allocated Reserve.

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 absent

(4:11 PM) **Drug Court Treatment Funding – Priority #4** (Criminal Courts)
 (Reference # 194)

Members of the Court heard from: Debra Hale, Court Coordinator.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis 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 no
 Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez yes

(4:13 PM) **FACTS Financial Team Replacement (Use Fund 050, Justice Court Technology Fund)** (Information and Telecommunications Systems) (Reference # 34A)

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Harlow, Chief Technology Officer, Information and Telecommunications Systems (ITS); Randy Lott, Budget Analyst, PBO; Judy Pittsford, Project Manager, ITS; Diana Ramirez, Budget Analyst, PBO; and Rodney Rhoades, Executive Manager, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the Technology Fund, and if there is a problem come back to the Court.

Motion carried:

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

(4:18 PM) **Social Services Programmatic Increase (10% increase budgeted in Department. Department wishes fund distributed on a competitive basis)** (Health and Human Services) (Reference #396A-C)
Basic Needs Coalition Direct Services (Health and Human Services) (Reference #413)
HHS Reserve (Department will have additional \$400k fall to fund balance in FY 08and requests to budget again in FY 09 in special HHS Reserve) (Health and Human Services) (Reference #New1)

Members of the Court heard from: Sherri Fleming, Executive Manager, TCHHS&VS; Rodney Rhoades, Executive Manager, PBO; and Travis Gatlin, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Eckhardt to approve \$450,000.00 for the combination.

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

(4:29 PM) **Court Appointed Attorney Fees @ \$75.00 per hour as discussed at budget hearing. Request also includes additional \$125,000.00 earmark.** (Criminal Court Legally Mandated Fees) (Reference #455A)

Members of the Court heard from: The Honorable John K. Dietz, Judge, 250th District Court; and Jessica Rio, Assistant Budget Manager, PBO.

Clerk’s Note: The Court revisited this Item at 4:44 PM.

Members of the Court heard from: Jessica Rio, Assistant Budget Manager, PBO; Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; and Rodney Rhoades, Executive Manager, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis to put the requested \$200,000.00 into the department budget.

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	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(4:34 PM) **Indigent Attorney Fee Schedule Increase – Priority #3** (Criminal Court Legally Mandated Fees) (Reference #461)

Members of the Court heard from: Jessica Rio, Assistant Budget Manager, PBO; Virginia Greenway, Defense Attorney; Rodney Rhoades, Executive Manager, PBO; and The Honorable John K. Dietz, Judge, 250th District Court.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez that we add \$500,000.00 to the budget for an increase in the rate of compensation paid court-appointed lawyers in criminal cases.

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	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(4:46 PM) **Indigent Attorney Fees – Maintenance of Current Effort – priority #2 – EARMARK REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$300,00.00 as discussed at Budget hearing** (Criminal Court Legally Mandated Fees)
(Reference #460B)

Members of the Court heard from: Debra Hale, Court Coordinator; and Jessica Rio, Assistant Budget Manager, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to do an earmark of \$300,000.00 in the Allocated Reserve.

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

(4:49 PM) **Council on At-Risk Youth CARY** (Health and Human Services)
(Reference #418)

Members of the Court heard from: Adrian L Moore, Founder and Executive Director, Council for At-Risk Youth (CARY); and Sherri Fleming, Executive Manager, TCHHS&VS.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez that we approve the same level of funding, \$100,000.00.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	no
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

Clerk’s Note: The Court noted that this funding would be from one-time money.

(9:16 AM, Thursday, September 4, 2008)

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.

Members of the Court heard from: Rodney Rhoades, Executive Manager, PBO; Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; Chris Broussard, Business System Consultant, PBO; and Travis Gatlin, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

(9:22 AM, Thursday, September 4, 2008)

5335 Airport Boulevard Building and Parking Garage Planning & Design; Airport Campus Master Planning. (Facilities Management)
(Reference # 105B)

Members of the Court heard from: Rodney Rhoades, Executive Manager, PBO; and Roger El Khoury, Director, Facilities Management.

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

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	no
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(9:30 AM, Thursday, September 4, 2008)

City Of Austin Public Health Interlocal (Health and Human Services)

Members of the Court heard from: Sherri Fleming, Executive Manager, Travis County Health, TCHHS&VS.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve an earmark against Allocated Reserve for \$294,083.00.

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	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(9:32 AM, Thursday, September 4, 2008)

Replacement Computers – General Fund

(Information and Telecommunications Systems) (Reference #445)

Members of the Court heard from: Susan Spataro, Travis County Auditor; Joe Harlow, Chief Technology Officer, ITS; Rodney Rhoades, Executive Manager, PBO; Jessica Rio, Assistant Budget Manager, PBO; Diana Ramirez, Budget Analyst, PBO; and Randy Lott, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis to look at the Capital Acquisition Reserve (CAR), debt issuance, of the capital requests in late October, 2008.

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

(9:51 AM, Thursday, September 4, 2008)

Update

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; Randy Lott, Budget Analyst, PBO; and Rodney Rhoades, Executive Manager, PBO.

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

(9:57 AM, Thursday, September 4, 2008)

Law Enforcement 5-year Staffing Plan (Sheriff’s Office)

(Reference # 255)

Members of the Court heard from: Darla Fuller, Travis County Sheriff’s Law Enforcement Association (TCSLEA).

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to park this issue and revisit it in October, 2008 and decide what we plan to do.

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

(10:01 AM, Thursday, September 4, 2008)

Financial System (Auditor's Office)

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed a Staff request for Court approval regarding the authorization of the new positions approved September 3, 2008 for the new Financial System in order for the jobs to be advertised and then filled.

Members of the Court heard from: Susan Spataro, Travis County Auditor; Mike Wichern, Chief Assistant County Auditor, Travis County Auditor's Office; Rodney Rhoades, Executive Manager, PBO; and Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent.

Motion by Commissioner Gómez **and seconded by** Judge Biscoe to create the positions and then advertise.

A Clarification of the previous Motion was made by Judge Biscoe that the motion is to approve posting, advertising and recruiting of personnel, and authorizing the creation of the positions.

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

(10:14 AM, Thursday, September 4, 2008)

HHS Reserve (Department will have additional \$400k fall to fund balance in FY '08 and requests to budget again in FY '09 in special HHS Reserve) (Health and Human Services) (Reference # New1)

Members of the Court heard from: Travis Gatlin, Budget Analyst, PBO; and Sherri Fleming, Executive Manager, Travis County Health, TCHHS&VS.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez 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

(10:16 AM, Thursday, September 4, 2008)

Option 1: Civil Attorney with ongoing operating costs only
 (District Attorney) (Reference # 187A)

Members of the Court heard from: Rosemary Lehmberg, District Attorney's Office.

Motion by Commissioner Davis **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 no
 Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez yes

(10:23 AM, Thursday, September 4, 2008)

Hybrid Replacement Vehicles (Transportation and Natural Resources)

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed the request to purchase hybrid replacement vehicles from a program where there would be a 50% reimbursement from the State of Texas.

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR; Jessica Rio, Assistant Budget Manager, PBO; and Mike Joyce, Fleet Manager, TNR.

Motion by Commissioner Davis **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

(10:33 AM, Thursday, September 4, 2008)

REVISED – Fleet Services mechanics – (2) Equipment Mechanics – Priority 6 One Auto Mechanic (Transportation and Natural Resources) (Reference #315A)

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR; Mike Joyce, Fleet Manager, TNR; and Jessica Rio, Assistant Budget Manager, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis 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	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(10:36 AM, Thursday, September 4, 2008)

Additional Custodial Staff (Facilities Management) (Reference #101)

Clerk’s Note: The Court discussed hiring two additional custodial staff rather than the four originally requested.

Members of the Court heard from: Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; and Roger El Khoury, Director, Facilities Management.

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

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	no
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(10:41 AM, Thursday, September 4, 2008)

Additional Maintenance Staff (Facilities Management)
(Reference #97)

Members of the Court heard from: Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; and Roger El Khoury, Director, Facilities Management.

Motion by Commissioner Davis **and seconded by** Judge Biscoe 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

Clerk’s Note: By approving Reference #97 the Court has approved 2 new maintenance staff.

(10:43 AM, Thursday, September 4, 2008)

Exposition Center Arena Roof Replacement – Funding requested from General Fund (Facilities Management) (Reference #137)

Members of the Court heard from: Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations.

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

(10:43 AM, Thursday, September 4, 2008)

Criminal Courts Staff Attorney – Priority #5 (Criminal Courts)
(Reference #195)

Members of the Court heard from: Debra Hale, Court Coordinator; The Honorable Mike Lynch, Judge, 167th District.

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

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	no
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(10:48 AM, Thursday, September 4, 2008)

Review – Tax Rate and Allocated Reserve Earmarks

Clerk’s Note: The Court explored ways in which to proceed with the remainder of the Budget, and were reminded of the 12:00 PM, Thursday, September 4, 2008 deadline for a decision on the 2009 Tax Rate.

Members of the Court heard from: Rodney Rhoades, Executive Manager, PBO; Chris Broussard, Business System Consultant, PBO; Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; and Diana Ramirez, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

Clerk’s Note: The Court directed Staff to place \$2M in the Allocated Reserve with \$1M earmarked as an economic downturn reserve.

(11:17 AM, Thursday, September 4, 2008)

Budget Markup Summary

Members of the Court heard from: Rodney Rhoades, Executive Manager, PBO; Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; and Chris Broussard, Business System Consultant, PBO.

Motion by Commissioner Eckhardt **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve one-time money to CAR.

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	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(11:22 AM, Thursday, September 4, 2008)

APPROVE FY '09 TAX RATE

Members of the Court heard from: Rodney Rhoades, Executive Manager, PBO.

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed a tax rate of \$0.4122 per \$100.00 valuation.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the 0.4122 tax rate.

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	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(11:22 AM, Thursday, September 4, 2008)

ALLOCATED RESERVE EARMARKS

Members of the Court heard from: Rodney Rhoades, Executive Manager, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve the earmarks against the Allocated Reserve.

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

(11:23 AM, Thursday, September 4, 2008)

CAR RESERVE EARMARKS

Members of the Court heard from: Diana Ramirez, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve the earmarks against the CAR reserve.

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

(11:23 AM, Thursday, September 4, 2008)

REBUDGETING CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Members of the Court heard from: Diana Ramirez, Budget Analyst, PBO; and Jessica Rio, Assistant Budget Manager, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve the requested re-budgeting.

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

(11:25 AM, Thursday, September 4, 2008)

**REBUDGETING EXISTING CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION (CO'S)
AND BONDS**

Members of the Court heard from: Diana Ramirez, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the re-budgeting.

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

(11:27 AM, Thursday, September 4, 2008)

**OUTSTANDING ROAD BONDS/CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION
FROM THE 1984 AUTHORIZATION.**

Clerk’s Note: Staff recommended that the resources of funds 432, 434, 437, and 452 be re-budgeted into FY '09.

Members of the Court heard from: Diana Ramirez, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve Staff recommendation.

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

(11:29 AM, Thursday, September 4, 2008)

**OUTSTANDING ROAD BONDS/CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION
FROM THE 1997 AUTHORIZATION.**

Clerk’s Note: Staff recommended that the resources of funds 439, 440, 444, and 450 be re-budgeted into FY '09.

Members of the Court heard from: Diana Ramirez, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve Staff recommendation.

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

(11:29 AM, Thursday, September 4, 2008)

**OUTSTANDING ROAD BONDS/CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION
FROM THE 2000, 2001, and 2005 AUTHORIZATION.**

Clerk's Note: Staff recommended that the resources of funds 459, 460, 461, 464, 465, 467, 468, 470, 471, 472, 473, 507, 508, 511, and 512 be re-budgeted into FY '09.

Members of the Court heard from: Diana Ramirez, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve Staff recommendation.

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

(11:30 AM, Thursday, September 4, 2008)

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST TO REBUDGET OUTSTANDING CO AND
BOND FUNDS WAITING TO BE CLOSED**

Clerk's Note: Staff recommended that the resources of funds 413, 430, 431, 433, 435, 441, 446, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 466, 469, 406, and 422 to be re-budgeted into FY '09 and to be closed as soon as possible.

Members of the Court heard from: Diana Ramirez, Budget Analyst, PBO; and Jessica Rio, Assistant Budget Manager, PBO.

Motion by Commissioner Eckhardt **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve Staff recommendation.

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

(11:32 AM, Thursday, September 4, 2008)

SUMMARY

Clerk’s Note: The Court discussed balancing on-going and one-time money to minimize any ratchet effect in the 2010 budget.

Members of the Court heard from: Diana Ramirez, Budget Analyst, PBO; and Jessica Rio, Assistant Budget Manager, PBO.

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

(11:34 AM, Thursday, September 4, 2008)

**AUTHORIZE PBO TO BALANCE AGAINST ALLOCATED RESERVE
BASED ON FIFTH REVENUE ESTIMATE**

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

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis 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

(11:35 AM, Thursday, September 4, 2008)

SUMMARY

Members of the Court heard from: Rodney Rhoades, Executive Manager, PBO; and Jessica Rio, Assistant Budget Manager, PBO.

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Davis **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to adjourn the Budget Voting Session. (11:36 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