

MINUTES OF MEETING – SEPTEMBER 9, 2009

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

On Wednesday, the 9th day of September, 2009, the Commissioners' Court convened the Budget Markup Voting Session at 1:44 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 Gillian Porter.

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

(1:44 PM) **REVIEW OF “STATUS OF BUDGET SINCE FY 10 PRELIMINARY BUDGET WAS FILED”**

Clerk's Note: The Court received a status report on the County Budget including status of new revenue since the 3rd Revenue Estimate and expense changes including detailed Changes List to Preliminary Budget.

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

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

(1:50 PM) **REVIEW TELEVISION SCREENS AND HOW TO TRACK MARK-UP CHANGES**

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; Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; and Rodney Rhoades, Executive Manager, PBO.

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

(1:52 PM) **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; and Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO.

Motion by Commissioner Davis **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve 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 Karen Huber	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(1:53 PM) **APPROVE THE CHANGES LIST**

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

Motion by Commissioner Davis **and seconded by** Commissioner Eckhardt to approve the changes list.

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

(1:54 PM) **APPROVE FY 10 TAX RATE**

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed setting the Fiscal Year 2010 Tax rate at 0.4215 per \$100.00 valuation.

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

Motion by Commissioner Gómez **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve the tax rate of 0.4215.

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

(1:59PM) **APPROVE RE-BUDGETING THE CAPITAL ACCOUNTS – CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION (CO’S) AND BONDS**

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

Motion by Commissioner Gómez **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve the whole report.

A Friendly Amendment to the previous Motion was offered by Commissioner Davis to correct a typographical error in Fund 513 which lists the SMART building in Precinct 1 instead of Precinct 4.

Acceptance of the Friendly Amendment was made by Commissioner Gómez.

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

(2:03 PM) **REVIEW OF CAPITAL BUDGETING – “SCRUBBING CO’S AND BONDS AND IDENTIFYING AVAILABLE RESOURCES CONSISTENT WITH RESTRICTIONS OF OFFICIAL STATEMENTS**

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

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

This Item to be reposted on September 22, 2009.

(2:04 PM) **APPROVE FY 10 CAR**

Clerk’s Note: The CO’s and voter approved Bonds to be finalized at a later date.

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

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

(2:05 PM) **AUTHORIZE PBO TO ADJUST UNALLOCATED RESERVE AND BALANCE AGAINST ALLOCATED RESERVE BASED ON FIFTH REVENUE ESTIMATE**

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

Motion by Commissioner Gómez **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Gómez **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to adjourn the Budget Voting Session. (2:09 PM)

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

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Date of Approval

Samuel T. Biscoe, Travis County Judge