

# Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court Wednesday, September 7, 2011 Budget Markup Voting Session

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# Call to Order

Meeting called to order on September 7, 2011, in the Ned Granger Building, Commissioners Courtroom, 1st Floor, 314 W. 11th St., Austin, TX. Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Gillian Porter.

Samuel T. Biscoe Ron Davis Sarah Eckhardt Karen L. Huber Margaret J. Gómez County Judge Precinct 1, Commissioner Precinct 2, Commissioner Precinct 3, Commissioner Precinct 4, Commissioner Present Present Present Present

# Introduction

1. Introduction

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)

RESULT: DISCUSSED

# Fiscal Year 2012 Preliminary Budget

2. Approve Fiscal Year 2012 Preliminary Budget as a starting point for Markup.

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO Katie Peterson-Gipson, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO Diana Ramirez, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO Sherri Fleming, County Executive, Health, Human Services, and Veterans' Services (HHS&VS)

MOTION:	Approve the Fiscal Year 2012 Preliminary Budget.
RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Ron Davis, Commissioner
AYES:	Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

# **Corrections Fiscal Year 2012 Preliminary Budget**

3. Approve corrections to the Fiscal Year 2012 Preliminary Budget.

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO Randy Lott, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO Diana Ramirez, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO Jessica Rio, Assistant Budget Manager, PBO Bill Derryberry, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO

MOTION:Approve the corrections to the Fiscal Year 2012 Preliminary Budget.RESULT:APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]MOVER:Margaret J. Gómez, CommissionerSECONDER:Ron Davis, CommissionerAYES:Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed Staff's recommendations for the \$750,000.00 remaining in the Capital Acquisition Reserve (CAR) after the purchase of land for the new International Cemetery.

Members of the Court heard from:

Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO Jessica Rio, Assistant Budget Manager, PBO Bill Derryberry, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO

MOTION:	Accept Staff's recommendations to allocate the \$750,000.00 from CAR to the General Fund.
RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge
SECONDER:	Ron Davis, Commissioner
AYES:	Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed the various Reserves in the Fiscal Year 2012 Preliminary Budget.

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed the State Cuts Reserve.

Members of the Court heard from:

Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO Travis Gatlin, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO Randy Lott, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO Katie Gipson, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO Diana Ramirez, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO Bill Derryberry, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO

 MOTION:
 Apply an earmark for \$540,181.00 against Allocated Reserve for the continuation of the Veterans Court, Drug Court, and Family Drug Court until the approved funding becomes available from the State.

 RESULT:
 APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

 MOVER:
 Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

 SECONDER:
 Ron Davis, Commissioner

SECONDER:	Ron Davis, Commissioner
AYES:	Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed the State Cut Reserve in relation to Integral Care/MHMR.

Members of the Court heard from: Katie Gipson, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHS&VS Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO Diana Ramirez, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO Travis Gatlin, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO MOTION: Allocate \$300,000.00 in the State Cuts Reserve for Integral Care/MHMR and move the remaining balance to the General Fund.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge
SECONDER:	Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
AYES:	Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez
ABSENT:	Karen L. Huber

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO

MOTION:	Reserve \$300,000.00 for State cuts to external entities that are our current
	partners other than Integral Care/MHMR.
MOVER:	Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner

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

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO Katie Gipson, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO Sherri Fleming, County Executive, TCHHS&VS

MOTION:	Move the remaining \$2M from the State Cuts Reserve to the general Fund for our consideration in the FY '12 Budget process.
MOVER:	Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge
SECONDER:	Ron Davis, Commissioner

FRIENDLY

AMENDMENT:	Amend the amount to \$2,159,819.00.
MOVER:	Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge
RESULT:	FRIENDLY AMENDMENT ACCEPTED

Clerk's Note: A Vote on the Standing Motion was taken.

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Clerk's Note: The Court discussed CAR.

Members of the Court heard from:

Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO Travis Gatlin, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO Jessica Rio, Assistant Budget Manager, PBO Bill Derryberry, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO

MOTION:Move \$465,481.00 from CAR to the General Fund, leaving a balance of<br/>\$500,000.00.RESULT:APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]MOVER:Samuel T. Biscoe, JudgeSECONDER:Margaret J. Gómez, CommissionerAYES:Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed the remaining Reserves.

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO

# RESULT: DISCUSSED

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed reducing the Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) Pay Cycle Reserve by \$500,000.00 to add to the General Fund.

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO Darren Long, Major, TCSO Phyllis Clair, Major, TCSO Travis Gatlin, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO Bill Derryberry, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO Jim Sylvester, Chief Deputy, TCSO

MOTION:Reduce the TCSO Pay Cycle Reserve by \$500,000.00 and add that amount<br/>to the General Fund.RESULT:APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]MOVER:Samuel T. Biscoe, JudgeSECONDER:Ron Davis, CommissionerAYES:Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

# Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Agenda Worksheet

4. Discuss Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Agenda Worksheet

Reference #276B (TCSO) Law Enforcement Staffing (Option 2) Reference #277A (TCSO) Corrections Relief Factor (Option 1)

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO Travis Gatlin, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO Bill Derryberry, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO Darren Long, Major, TCSO Belinda Powell, Strategic Planning Manager, PBO

MOTION:Fund the requested \$3,317,942.00 for the 66 full time employees (FTE) in<br/>Law Enforcement and Corrections with staggered start dates.RESULT:APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]MOVER:Samuel T. Biscoe, JudgeSECONDER:Margaret J. Gómez, CommissionerAYES:Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed the purchase of Capital Items for the new FTEs for Corrections and Law Enforcement.

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO Jessica Rio, Assistant Budget Manager, PBO

MOTION:	Fund the \$1,351,167.00.
RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

SECONDER:	Ron Davis, Commissioner
AYES:	Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed the Annualization Reserve for the new FTEs for Corrections and Law Enforcement.

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO

MOTION:	Fund the annualization amount of \$1,043,855.00 from ongoing funds.
RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge
SECONDER:	Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner
AYES:	Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

#### Reference #427 (HHS&VS)

Guardianship Service - The Arc of the Capital Area

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO

MOTION:	Approve the budget request.
MOVER:	Margaret Gomez, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner

#### FRIENDLY

AMENDMENT:Move the funding to a line item in Criminal Justice Planning (CJP).MOVER:Sarah Eckhardt, CommissionerRESULT:FRIENDLY AMENDMENT ACCEPTED

Clerk's Note: A Vote on the Standing Motion was taken.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner
AYES:	Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

#### Reference #429 (HHS&VS)

Long Term Training Program - Capital IDEA

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHS&VS

MOTION:	Approve the budget request.
RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ron Davis, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge
AYES:	Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

#### Reference #New1 (HHS&VS)

Capital Area Rural Transportation System - Local Grant Match

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHS&VS MOTION:Approve the budget request.RESULT:APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]MOVER:Ron Davis, CommissionerSECONDER:Samuel T. Biscoe, JudgeAYES:Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

Reference #275A (TCSO)

Marketable Skills Staff - Painter

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO Travis Gatlin, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO Darren Long, Major, TCSO Jessica Rio, Assistant Budget Manager, PBO Diana Ramirez, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO Roger El Khoury, Director, Facilities Management

MOTION:	Approve the budget request.
RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ron Davis, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge
AYES:	Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

#### Reference #423 (TNR)

Park Ranger Residence - American Youth Works - East Metro Park

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHS&VS

MOTION:	Approve the budget request.
RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Ron Davis, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
AYES:	Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez
NAYS:	Karen L. Huber

#### Reference #425 (HHS&VS)

Monthly Conferences - Harvest Foundation

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHS&VS

MOTION:	Approve the budget request.
RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ron Davis, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge
AYES:	Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

#### Reference #426A (HHS&VS)

Youth Resource Center - Harvest Foundation

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHS&VS Diana Ramirez, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO

MOTION:	Approve the budget request.
RESULT:	APPROVED [2 TO 1]
MOVER:	Ron Davis, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge
AYES:	Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis
NAYS:	Karen L. Huber
ABSTAIN:	Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez

Clerk's Note: The County Judge noted that the contract related to this item will be brought back for approval by the Commissioners Court when ready.

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO Jessica Rio, Assistant Budget Manager, PBO Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHS&VS

# RESULT: DISCUSSED

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed the outcome of the vote on this item.

Members of the Court heard from: John Hille, Assistant County Attorney

#### RESULT: DISCUSSED

Clerk's Note: The Court heard legal advice regarding the vote on this budget request.

#### Reference #428 (HHS&VS)

Care Giver Position - Austin Children's Center

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHS&VS

MOTION:	Approve the budget request.
RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ron Davis, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
AYES:	Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez
ABSENT:	Karen L. Huber

#### Reference #199 (District Attorney)

Civil Attorney and Law Clerk

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO Katie Gipson, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO Vicky Skinner, Administrative Director, District Attorney's Office

MOTION:	Approve the budget request.
RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Ron Davis, Commissioner
AYES:	Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez
ABSENT:	Karen L. Huber

#### Reference #422A (HHS&VS)

YFAC - Communities in Schools

Members of the Court heard from: Bill Derryberry, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO Sherri Fleming, County Executive, TCHHS&VS

MOTION:Allocate \$100,000.00 for the budget request.RESULT:APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]MOVER:Samuel T. Biscoe, JudgeSECONDER:Ron Davis, CommissionerAYES:Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. GómezABSENT:Karen L. Huber

# Reference #431 (HHS&VS)

Funding for Coordinator Position - SafePlace

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO Jeremy Broadhead, Business Analyst I, PBO Sherri Fleming, County Executive, TCHHS&VS Roger Jefferies, County Executive, CJP

MOTION:Approve the budget request. The funding will be earmarked in Allocated<br/>Reserve until the building is ready.RESULT:APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]MOVER:Margaret J. Gómez, CommissionerSECONDER:Ron Davis, CommissionerAYES:Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. GómezABSENT:Karen L. Huber

# Reference #New1 (Information Technology Services)

Time Warner Cable Service for Travis County

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO Randy Lott, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO

# RESULT: DISCUSSED

Clerk's Note: The Court noted that this item will be discussed during a regular Voting Session.

**Reference #New1 (Records Management and Communication Resources)** A/V equipment for 700 Lavaca Courtroom

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO Randy Lott, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO Steven Broberg, Director, Records Management and Communication Resources (RMCR)

MOTION:	Earmark the requested \$80,000.00 in CAR.
RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge
SECONDER:	Ron Davis, Commissioner
AYES:	Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez
ABSENT:	Karen L. Huber

#### Reference #349A (TNR)

North East Metro Park - Phase III

Members of the Court heard from:

Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO Steve Manilla, County Executive, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR) Bill Derryberry, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO Jessica Rio, Assistant Budget Manager, PBO

MOTION:Earmark the requested \$137,421.00 in Allocated Reserve and \$38,500.00 in<br/>CAR.RESULT:APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]MOVER:Sarah Eckhardt, CommissionerSECONDER:Ron Davis, CommissionerAYES:Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. GómezABSENT:Karen L. Huber

Clerk's Note: The Court noted that TNR will request the funding in Fiscal Year 2012.

#### Reference #350A (TNR)

Milton Reimers Ranch Park - Phase III

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO Steve Manilla, County Executive, TNR

MOTION:	Approve the budget request.
RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ron Davis, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
AYES:	Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez
ABSENT:	Karen L. Huber

#### **Reference #137 (Facilities Management)**

Ray Martinez Building accessible parking addition

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, Assistant Budget Manager, PBO Diana Ramirez, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO Roger El Khoury, Director, Facilities Management

MOTION:Approve the budget request.RESULT:APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]MOVER:Margaret J. Gómez, CommissionerSECONDER:Sarah Eckhardt, CommissionerAYES:Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. GómezABSENT:Karen L. Huber

#### Reference #424 (HHS&VS)

**Re-entry Services - Crime Prevention Institute** 

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHS&VS Clerk's Note: The Court was informed that this request had been withdrawn.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

# **Re-budgeted Capital Expenditures**

5. Discuss and take appropriate action on re-budgeted capital expenditures, including CAR, COs and Voter-Approved Bonds.

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed Staff's recommendations regarding re-budgeting of Certificates of Obligation (COs) and Voter-Approved Bonds.

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO Jessica Rio, Assistant Budget Manager, PBO

MOTION:	Approve Staff's recommendations.
RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Ron Davis, Commissioner
AYES:	Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez
ABSENT:	Karen L. Huber

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed Staff's recommendations regarding CAR.

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO Jessica Rio, Assistant Budget Manager, PBO Diana Ramirez, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO

MOTION:	Approve Staff's recommendations.
RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge
AYES:	Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez
ABSENT:	Karen L. Huber

#### Proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Tax Rate

6. Approve proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Rate.

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed setting the Fiscal Year 2012 tax rate at \$0.4855 per \$100.00 valuation which is 2.99% above the Effective Tax Rate.

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO Jessica Rio, Assistant Budget Manager, PBO

MOTION:	Set the Fiscal Year 2012 tax rate at \$0.4855.
RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge
SECONDER:	Karen L. Huber, Commissioner
AYES:	Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

#### **County Auditor's Salary**

 Consider and take appropriate action on a request from the District Judges to maintain the County Auditor's annual salary as permitted under Section 152.032 (d) of the Local Government Code.

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO

MOTION:	Approve the request.
RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Ron Davis, Commissioner
AYES:	Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez
ABSENT:	Karen L. Huber

# Balance Fiscal Year 2012 Proposed Budget

8. Authorize PBO to balance Fiscal Year 2012 proposed Budget against Allocated Reserve accounts in the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds.

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Interim County Executive, PBO

MOTION: RESULT:	Approve the request. APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge
SECONDER:	Ron Davis, Commissioner
AYES:	Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez
ABSENT:	Karen L. Huber

# Minutes approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Samuel T. Biscoe, Travis County Judge