

MINUTES OF MEETING--SEPTEMBER 11, 1996

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

FIRST BUDGET MARK-UP VOTING SESSION

On the 11th day of September 1996, the Commissioners' Court convened the First Budget Mark-Up Voting Session at 9:15 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 1st Floor of the Travis County Administration Building, 314 West 11th Street, Austin, Texas. Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Julianne Rompel.

The Commissioners' Court stood at ease at 10:52 AM and reconvened the Voting Session at 11:02 AM.

The Commissioners' Court recessed the Voting Session at 12:10 PM and reconvened the Voting Session at 1:46 PM.

The Commissioners' Court adjourned the Voting Session at 3:23 PM.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. GENERAL BUDGET OVERVIEW. (9:16 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget.

Discussion only.

2. REVIEW GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL STATUS AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE. (9:27 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Leroy Nellis, Planning and Budget.

Discussion only.

3. FOURTH REVENUE ESTIMATE. (9:36 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget; Karen Castro, Planning and Budget; and Susan Spataro, Auditor.

Discussion only.

4. ITEMS ALREADY APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT. (9:40 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget; Leroy Nellis, Planning and Budget; Joy Stallings, Planning and Budget; and Susan Spataro, Auditor.

Discussion only.

5. CAPITAL LEVERS/SWEEP ISSUES/DEBT MANAGEMENT ISSUES. (9:43 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Karen Castro, Planning and Budget; Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget; and Leroy Nellis, Planning and Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Judge Aleshire that, with regard to the unallocated reserves, the County use the figure of 11.01 percent (current level) rather than 11.31 percent.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

6. BASE BUDGETS/TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS/NO VOTES TO CHANGE.
(10:13 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget; Leroy Nellis, Planning and Budget; Shari Holland, Planning and Budget; and Joe Gieselman, Executive Director of Transportation and Natural Resources.

Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to approve the preliminary budget; the technical corrections since the preliminary budget was published; and the items that were previously approved by the Commissioners' Court, the Juvenile Board, and the Purchasing Board--with the understanding that the issue of ATS-funded projects is still active and will be brought up at a later time.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

7. VOTE TO SET ASIDE FUNDS FOR COUNTY ISSUES. (10:22 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget.

Discussion only.

8. ALLOCATED RESERVES/WORKFORCE INVESTMENT. (10:23 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget and Shari Holland, Planning and Budget; .

Motion by Commissioner Bristol and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to add \$40,000.00 to reclassifications for a total figure of \$240,000.00.

Maker and second accepted the Friendly Amendment by Judge Aleshire to move \$250,000.00 from allocated reserves into a "Workforce Reserve" and to add the aforementioned \$40,000.00 to the Workforce Reserve fund--a fund comprised of \$250,000.00 for marked adjustments, \$200,000.00 for reclassifications, and \$40,000.00 additional funding for reclassifications--for a reserve fund total of \$497, 040.00.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

9. WORKFORCE INVESTMENT--LEADERSHIP TRAINING. (10:37 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Bristol to move this funding from the allocated reserve and place this funding into HRM's budget.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

10. EMPLOYEE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT. (10:38 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget and Karen Castro, Planning and Budget.

Discussion only.

11. BAR DUES/PROFESSIONAL LICENSES/PROFESSIONAL INSURANCES.
(10:44 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget; Alan Miller, Planning and Budget; Leroy Nellis, Planning and Budget; Dr. Mattye Mauldin-Taylor, Director of Human Resources Management; and Joe Gieselman, Executive Director of Transportation and Natural Resources.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Bristol to authorize the funding level necessary to pay for bar dues for attorneys who are in positions which require them to be attorneys.

Motion failed:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	absent
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	abstain
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	abstain

Motion by Commissioner Bristol and seconded by Judge Aleshire to redesignate the item of “Workforce Investment/Bar Dues” to “Professional License Reserve” and to set aside in this reserve, as a holding point, \$40,000.00 for possible license payments.

Maker and second accept the Friendly Amendment by Commissioner Biscoe to determine all of the licenses, certificates, and other professional fees necessary to perform the job duties for Travis County.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	abstain
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

STAND AT EASE

The Court stood at ease at 10:52 AM and reconvened the Voting Session at 11:02 AM.

12. CAPITAL ACQUISITION FUND. (11:02 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget.

Discussion only.

ITEMS WITH THREE OR MORE REQUESTS TO CHANGE

13. ADA COORDINATOR. (11:06 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget and Alicia Perez, Executive Manager of Administrative Operations.

Discussion only.

14. PURCHASE OF VOTING BOOTHS. (11:07 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget and Karen Castro, Planning and Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to add \$120,752.00 to the County Clerk’s budget to actually purchase all of the new voting booths.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

15. CLOSED CAPTIONING. (11:10 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to add \$13,000.00 for closed captioning of Deaf World and Ask an Attorney programs on TCTV - 17.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

16. SCANTRON. (11:12 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to approve the purchase of the scantron and that this equipment be advertised and promoted for use by the entire County.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

17. CSR. (11:13 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget; Karen Castro, Planning and Budget; and Joe Gieselman, Executive Director of Transportation and Natural Resources.

Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to add the four elements listed to the budget with the understanding that TNR will provide the necessary supplies and equipment on the weekends for legal projects for a total funding package of \$163,511.00.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

18. WORKFORCE INVESTMENT. (11:21 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget and Leroy Nellis, Planning and Budget.

Discussion only.

19. PREVENTION AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE. (11:24 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to have, as a specific reserve, \$500,000.00 for prevention of juvenile crime and \$500,000.00 for an attack on substance abuse and that the Court would not expect the expenditure of these funds until a strategic plan is developed; however, exceptions may be made for those issues which are ready to proceed and which have Court approval.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

20. ITEMS ON THE THREE OR MORE LIST WHICH HAVE FIVE INDICATIONS IN THE AREA DESCRIBED AS “FUND IN ADOPTED BUDGET”. (11:38 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve all items which have five indicators in the area described as “fund in adopted budget”.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

21. DISABLED PARKING CLERK/ BUDGET INCREASE FOR COMMISSIONER PRECINCT ONE/ REVISED INTERNET FIREWALL. (11:42 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Steve Cole, Planning and Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to approve the disabled parking temporary clerk in the amount of \$6,924.00; to approve a \$750.00 travel budget increase for Department #2; and to approve \$20,000.00 for the revised internet firewall.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

22. CAR DISCUSSION. (11:45 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget.

Discussion only.

23. \$500,000.00 RESERVE FOR LEASES AND MOVES. (11:48 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to remove \$132,000.00 from the County Clerk’s budget and to add \$500,000.00 to reserves for leases and moves recognizing that the County Clerk’s needs will be incorporated from this fund.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

24. ASSISTANT FIRE MARSHALL/PARKING LOT. (11:51 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Bristol and seconded by Commissioner to place the Assistant Fire Marshall/Inspector issue into the “parking lot” for consideration, should funding be available.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

25. FINANCIAL ANALYST. (11:53 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget; Joe Gieselman, Executive Director of Transportation and Natural Resources; and Dinah Dinwiddie, Executive Coordinator for Justice and Public Safety.

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

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

26. COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR. (11:55 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget and Leroy Nellis, Planning and Budget.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to place this Item into the “parking lot”.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

27. DENTAL INFLATION. (11:57 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget; Shari Holland, Planning and Budget; Stephen Williams, Executive Manager of Health, Human Services, and Veteran’s Affairs; and Leroy Nellis, Planning and Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to place this Item into the “parking lot”.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

28. DISTRICT JUDGES/ FACILITIES MANAGEMENT ADDITIONAL COPIER. (11:59 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget; Karen Castro, Planning and Budget; Steve Broberg, Records Manager; Alicia Perez, Executive Manager of Administrative Operations; and Theresa Howard, Records Management.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve the item for the additional copier.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

29. ASAP EXPANSION FOR AISD. (12:04 PM) (1:46 PM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget and Leroy Nellis, Planning and Budget.

Motion by Judge Aleshire to fund, as a priority, \$200,000.00 for expansion of the ASAP Program in AISD and to add \$300,000.00 to CAR which is necessary for automobiles and capital to support the program.

No vote taken.

Discussion only.

Motion by Commissioner Biscoe to indicate a commitment to set aside \$150,000.00 for those school districts which match the commitment.

No second.

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget and Kevin Miskell, Constable, Precinct Three.

Substitute Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to appropriate, for the ASAP Program expansion in Lake Travis ISD, the amount of \$35,488.00 (general fund); to fund the expansion with Del Valle ISD, in the amount of \$8,000.00; and to place \$100,000.00 into the "parking lot" for the ASAP Program.

Maker and second accepted the Friendly Amendment by Commissioner Biscoe to place \$150,000.00 into the parking lot for the ASAP Program.

Vote called for the Substitute Motion:

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

R E C E S S

Motion by Commissioner Bristol and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to recess the Voting Session until 1:30 PM. (12:10 PM)

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

30. PARK IMPROVEMENTS/BOND ISSUES. (2:18 PM)

Members of the Court heard from Leroy Nellis, Planning and Budget; Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget; Joe Gieselman, Executive Director of Transportation and Natural Resources; and Alicia Perez, Executive Manager of Administrative Operations.

Discussion only.

31. VEHICLES/REPAIRS. (2:46 PM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget; Leroy Nellis, Planning and Budget; Joy Stallings, Planning and Budget; and Joe Gieselman, Executive Director of Transportation and Natural Resources.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to place this Item onto the “parking lot”.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

32. HRM ISSUES/MEDICAL MALPRACTICE/PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY.
(2:58 PM)

Members of the Court heard from Karen Castro, Planning and Budget; Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget; and Dan Mansour, Risk Manager.

Discussion only.

33. MECHANICAL ENGINEER/MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS/AIS/FACILITIES.
(3:03 PM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget and Karen Castro, Planning and Budget.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe that this Item is in the budget.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

34. ADVERTISING IN THE YELLOW PAGES. (3:05 PM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner that this Item is in the budget.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

35. HELICOPTER. (3:05 PM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget.

Discussion only.

36. ES VEHICLE NOT APPROVED IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET. (3:06 PM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget; Dinah Dinwiddie, Executive Coordinator for Justice and Public Safety; Shari Holland, Planning and Budget; and Joe Gieselman, Executive Director of Transportation and Natural Resources.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to approve this item in the CAR budget.

Substitute Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Bristol to place this item in the “parking lot”.

Vote called for the Substitute Motion:

Motion failed:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	opposed
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	opposed
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	opposed

Vote called for the original Motion:

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	opposed
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	opposed
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

37. HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE. (3:15 PM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget and Joe Gieselman, Executive Director of Transportation and Natural Resources.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to fund this item in the amount of \$63,986.00 and to work on a contract which will enable the City to bill the County quarterly.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

38. FOSTER CARE BEDS. (3:21 PM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget and Shari Holland, Planning and Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to place this Item into the “parking lot”.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

A D J O U R N M E N T

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to adjourn the Voting Session.
(3:23 PM)

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Date of Approval

Bill Aleshire, Travis County Judge