

MINUTES OF MEETING--SEPTEMBER 18, 1996

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

On the 18th day of September 1996, the Commissioners' Court convened the Third 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 Commissioner' Court adjourned the Voting Session at 12:14 PM.

THREE OR MORE VOTES TO CHANGE LIST

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

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

Discussion only.

**2. SPECIAL BUDGET ISSUES/BOND ISSUES/SWEEP ANALYSIS
DISCUSSION. (9:17 AM)**

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

Discussion only.

**3. CHANGES TO FY '97 PRELIMINARY BUDGET SINCE PUBLICATION/
GENERAL FUN/REVENUE ESTIMATE DISCUSSION/ELECTED
OFFICIALS' SALARIES.**

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

Discussion only.

4. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ISSUES. (9:37 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget; Steve Cole, Planning and Budget; Chief Deputy April Bacon, TCSO; and Chief Deputy Alvin Shaw, TCSO.

Discussion only.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner to approve the preliminary budget recommendation for seven slots.

Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to approve Proposal Number 2— which is a one percent (1%) increase to the officers' career ladder pay scale effective October 1, 1996, and an additional two percent (2%) increase to the officers' career ladder pay scale effective March 1, 1996, for a total of \$612,000.00

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

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to fund the Field Training Officers for the total amount of \$8,479.00 (\$25.00 per month/Certified FTO's/maximum of 24 eligible officers).

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

ITEM 4 CONTINUED:

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to indicate that, without a change to the dollar amount which is in the budget, the compensation /benefit which is now afforded to all other County employees—the opportunity to accrue up to 60 hours of compensatory time—be extended to the law enforcement employees in the Sheriff’s Department; however the Commissioners’ Court retains the option to withdraw this benefit at any time during the year, should it be found that this item becomes unmanageable for the Sheriff’s Department.

Maker and second accept the Friendly Amendment by Commissioner Sonleitner to allow the Sheriff’s Office to revisit the Court on this issue, should there be an operational impact due to the implementation of this Item.

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

5. LANGUAGE SKILLS INCENTIVE PAY. (10:02 AM)

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to begin establishing the necessary certification programs to formally certify the ability to speak, write, or sign a documented needed foreign language; to offer employees the opportunity to become certified in these language skills; and to consider, in the next fiscal year budget process, the funding of additional pay for employees who possess the certified language skills.

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. SYSTEM ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING/FACILITIES MANAGEMENT.
(10:05 AM)

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

Motion by Judge Aleshire to authorize up to \$50,000.00 for the funding of an outside consultant and to ask that this project be designed to encourage the use of experts which exist in the community, and whom would work free of charge, to assist in this project.

Motion died due to lack of second.

7. SPRINGBROOK SOCCER COMPLEX MAINTENANCE. (10:13 AM)

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

Discussion only.

8. COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT STAFF/TCSO ALARM POLICY. (10:16 AM)

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

Motion by Commissioner Bristol and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to take out the revenue and the expenditure related to this Item—with the intention that this Item will be brought back before the Court.

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. BCCP. (10:25 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Joy Stallings, Planning and Budget.

Motion by Judge Aleshire to delete this expanded level package and to keep the current level funding for the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve.

Motion died due to the lack of second.

10. CD ROM/IMAGING PACKAGES. (10:41 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Karen Castro, Planning and Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve the differential to get this program up to the original departmental request of \$79,500.00—which would be \$10,000.00 in general fund and \$15,000.00 in capital.

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

11. LEGAL STAFF/JUVENILE PUBLIC DEFENDER. (10:43 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Shari Holland, Planning and Budget; and Dinah Dinwiddie, Executive Coordinator for Justice and Public Safety.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to add \$6,242.00 for early hiring of the legal secretary.

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

12. INTELLIGENCE UNIT—TCSO. (10:45 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Manager of Planning and Budget and Steve Cole, Planning and Budget.

Discussion only.

13. CLAIMS ADJUSTER/RISK MANAGEMENT/OCIP PROGRAM. (10:45 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Karen Castro, Planning and Budget; Dr. Mattye Mauldin-Taylor, Director of Human Resources; and Dan Mansour, Risk Manager.

Discussion only.

14. ASSIGNING A 1/2 SLOT TO EXISTING POSITION IN CONSTABLE, PRECINCT THREE. (10:55 AM)

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

Motion by Commissioner Bristol and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to approve the slot and that the amount of money needed to change the value will be included in the reclass reserve.

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. CSCD SECURITY. (10:58 AM)

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

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner 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

16. SPOT CONSTRUCTION. (11:00 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 place this Item onto the “parking lot” list.

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. DEAD ANIMAL DISPOSAL. (11:01 AM)

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

Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to place this Item in the CAR reserve.

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. STORM SEWER MAINTENANCE. (11:03 AM)

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

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to place this Item onto the “parking lot” list.

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

19. OAK WILT INTERN. (11:06 AM)

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

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Bristol to approve this Item in the amount of \$2,323.00.

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

20. SIDEWALKS. (11:07 AM) (11:14 AM)

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

Motion by Commissioner Bristol and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to approve the \$50,200.00 ATS grant match for sidewalks.

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. LIBRARY CLERK III. (11:08 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Leroy Nellis, Planning and Budget; Karen Castro, Planning and Budget; Steven Broberg, Records Manager; and Jimothy Dyson, Law Librarian.

Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner 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

22. STAFF INTERPRETER. (11:12 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Shari Holland, Planning and Budget.

Discussion only.

23. EAST RURAL CENTER CASE WORKER. (11:13 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Shari Holland, Planning and Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner 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

24. HOUSING SUPPLIES. (11:14 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Shari Holland, Planning and Budget.

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

25. VITAL RECORDS. (11:14 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Shari Holland, Planning and Budget.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to reduce the transfer to the FQHC by the like amount of \$23,899.00 necessary to fund this position in the General Fund for vital records.

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. SYSTEM SUPPORT SPECIALIST. (11:16 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Karen Castro, Planning and Budget.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve this Item, in Fund 30, in the amount of \$21,912.00

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

TWO VOTES TO CHANGE LIST

27. NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE. (11:19 AM)

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

Discussion only.

28. JOB TRAINING. (11:22 AM)

Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to increase the approved amount of \$200,000.00 to \$300,000.00 for job training.

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. ADDITIONAL FURNITURE/PERSONNEL/EQUIPMENT-MORGUE. (11:23 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Alan Miller, Planning and Budget.

Discussion only.

30. LAKE PATROL. (11:25 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Steve Cole, Planning and Budget; Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget, and Donna Scarbrough, TCSO.

Discussion only.

31. PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE. (11:26 AM)

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

Discussion only.

32. PERSONNEL LIFT. (11:31 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Karen Castro, Planning and Budget.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to fund this Item.

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

33. TEMPORARY CUSTODIANS-ELECTIONS SUPPORT. (11:32 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Kevin Bailey, Facilities Manager.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to approve this Item in the amount of \$2,422.00.

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

34. PATROL BOAT. (11:33 AM)

Discussion only.

35. LAW LIBRARY FUND. (11:35 AM)

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner 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

ONE VOTE TO CHANGE LIST

36. CAN SOCIAL SERVICES. (11:36 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Shari Holland, Planning and Budget; and Stephen Williams, Executive Manager of Health, Human Services, and Veterans' Affairs.

Motion by Commissioner Gómez and seconded by Judge Aleshire to move an additional \$53,828.00 into the 1997 preliminary budget..

Motion failed:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	present but not voting
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	present but not voting
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	present but not voting
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	yes

37. ADA COORDINATOR. (11:51 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Karen Castro, Planning and Budget; Alicia Perez, Executive Manager of Administrative Operations; Kevin Bailey, Facilities Manager; and Steven Broberg, Records Manager.

Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to fund in the amount of \$37,447.00.

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

38. 911 RDMT. (12:00 PM)

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

Discussion only.

39. SPACE LEASE. (12:00 PM)

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

Discussion only.

40. STARFLIGHT FUEL. (12:02 PM)

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

Discussion only.

41. GENERAL BUDGET DISCUSSION/ALLOCATED RESERVES. (12:03 PM)

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

Discussion only.

42. SCHOOL NURSE PROGRAM. (12:08 PM)

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

Discussion only.

43. GENERAL BUDGET DISCUSSION. (12:08 PM)

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

Discussion only.

A D J O U R N M E N T

Motion by Commissioner Bristol and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to adjourn the Voting Session, (12:14 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