

MINUTES – JUNE 17, 1998

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

FY 1999 PLANNING AND BUDGET PROCESS

On Wednesday, the 17th day of June 1998, the Commissioners' Court convened the FY 1999 Planning and Budget Process Voting Session at 1:41 PM 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 Anna M. Valdez.

The Commissioners' Court adjourned the FY 1999 Planning and Budget Process Voting Session at 4:53 PM.

The Commissioners' Court record notes that Precinct Two Commissioner Karen Sonleitner was not present during this Voting Session.

The Commissioners' Court record notes that Precinct Four Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez was not present during this Voting Session.

1. CONSIDER AND ACT ON PLANNING ISSUES AS PART OF THE FY 1999 PLANNING & BUDGET PROCESS. (1:41 PM)

SESSION OVERVIEW (1:41 PM)

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

Discussion Only.

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CIVIL COURTS (1:42 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Shoshanna Lansberg, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Discussion Only.

FAMILY PROJECT (1:45 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: The Honorable Joe Hart, Judge, 126th District and Presiding Judge for all Travis County District Courts; The Honorable Suzanne Covington, Judge, 201st District; and Ron Ledford, Director of Court Management, Civil Courts.

Discussion Only.

**MOVING THROUGH PROGRAM/ACCESS TO EDUCATION
(2:03 PM)**

Members of the Court heard from: The Honorable Suzanne Covington, Judge, 201st District; and Ron Ledford, Director of Court Management, Civil Courts.

Discussion Only.

FEES (2:10 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Shoshanna Lansberg, Budget Analyst, PBO; The Honorable Suzanne Covington, Judge, 201st District; and The Honorable Joe Hart, Judge, 126th District and Presiding Judge for all Travis County District Courts.

Motion by Commissioner McKee and seconded by Judge Aleshire that this item (Family Project) be included in the budget discussions.

Motion carried: County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	absent

ITEM 1 CONTINUED

STAFFING/BUDGET REQUESTS/SPACE (2:24 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Ron Ledford, Director of Court Management, Civil Courts.

Discussion Only.

CONSTABLES – ASAP PROGRAM (2:27 PM)

SESSION OVERVIEW

Members of the Court heard from: Mark McCray, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Discussion Only.

ATTENDANCE (2:34 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Mark McCray, Budget Analyst, PBO; Roger Martinez, ASAP Coordinator, Criminal Justice Planning (CJP); Jim Stewart, Superintendent, Del Valle Independent School District; Bruce Elfant, Constable, Precinct Five; Kevin Miskell, Constable, Precinct Three; Bob Vann, Constable, Precinct Two; and Kati Broderick, Manager, CJP.

Discussion Only.

SCHOOL PARTICIPATION (2:45 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Roger Martinez, ASAP Coordinator, CJP; Kevin Miskell, Constable, Precinct Three; Bruce Elfant, Constable, Precinct Five; and Kati Broderick, Manager, CJP.

Discussion Only.

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PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT/ACCURACY RATES/9TH GRADE

(2:58 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Bob Vann, Constable, Precinct Two; Jim Stewart, Superintendent, Del Valle Independent School District; Bruce Elfant, Constable, Precinct Five; Kevin Miskell, Constable, Precinct Three; Mark McCray, Budget Analyst, PBO; and Roger Martinez, ASAP Coordinator, CJP.

Discussion Only.

OTHER ISSUES/CARS/SPACE (3:48 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Mark McCray, Budget Analyst, PBO; Roger Martinez, ASAP Coordinator, CJP; and Bruce Elfant, Constable, Precinct Five.

Motion by Commissioner Moore **and seconded by** Commissioner McKee to give the go ahead to explore the expansion in the ninth grade for the Austin Independent School District, and to continue the ASAP program in the Del Valle and Austin Independent School Districts (as far as the number of grades as a service level measure). Staff should conduct an examination of the program by considering, first, what portion of expenditures (between the schools and the County) are going into those first visits, and if a response is needed; secondly, if a response is needed, is it necessary to respond in all cases; and third, if a response is needed in some cases, must there be a personal visit in order to be effective. The direction is to go ahead, but there must be a fiscally prudent examination regarding what the tactics will be.

Motion carried: County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	absent

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CUT OFF TIME FOR VISITS (3:59 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Mark McCray, Budget Analyst, PBO; Bob Vann, Constable, Precinct Two; and Kevin Miskell, Constable, Precinct Three.

Discussion Only.

DEBT ISSUES (4:04 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Karen Shafer Castro, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO; and Ladd Patillo, Owner, D. Ladd Patillo and Associates, Inc.

Discussion Only.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner McKee **and seconded by** Commissioner Moore to adjourn the FY 1999 Planning and Budget Process Voting Session. (4:53 PM)

Motion carried: County Judge Bill Aleshire - yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee - yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner - absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore - yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez - absent

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Date of Approval

Bill Aleshire, Travis County Judge