

MINUTES – JUNE 25, 1998

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

FY 1999 PLANNING AND BUDGET PROCESS

On Thursday, the 25th day of June 1998, the Commissioners' Court convened the FY 1999 Planning and Budget Process Voting Session at 1:43 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 3:03 PM.

The Commissioners' Court record notes that Judge Bill Aleshire was not present during this Voting Session.

The Commissioners' Court record notes that Precinct Three Commissioner Margaret Moore was not present during this Voting Session.

1. CONSIDER AND ACT ON PLANNING ISSUES AS PART OF THE FY 1999 PLANNING & BUDGET PROCESS. (1:43 PM)

SESSION OVERVIEW (1:43 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; and Karen Shafer Castro, Senior Budget Analyst, Planning and Budget Office (PBO).

Discussion Only.

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RECORDS MANAGEMENT (1:46 PM)

LEASING COPIERS (1:46 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Steven Broberg, Director, Records Management and Communication Resources (RMCR); Karen Shafer Castro, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO; Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; and Teresa Howard, Records Control Manager, RMCR.

Motion by Commissioner McKee **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez that the idea of moving to leasing rather than purchasing of copiers be moved forward to the budget process.

Motion carried:

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

PRINT SHOP (1:52 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Steven Broberg, Director, RMCR; Karen Shafer Castro, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO; and Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations.

Motion by Commissioner McKee **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to move forward to the budget process with this issue.

Motion carried:

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

ITEM 1 CONTINUED

MEDIA SERVICES (2:02 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Steven Broberg, Director, RMCR; Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; and Al Jackson, Operations Manager of Media Services, (RMCR).

Motion by Commissioner McKee **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to proceed with the equipment side of this issue to the budget process.

Maker and Second accept the Friendly Amendment by Commissioner Sonleitner to direct this division's staff to fully explore any and all possible internships to assist in terms of alleviating staffing problems.

Acceptance of the Friendly Amendment was made by Commissioner McKee **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez.

Motion carried:

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

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT (2:15 PM)

SESSION OVERVIEW (2:15 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; and Linda Moore Smith, Director, Human Resources Management Department (HRMD).

Discussion Only.

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GROUP BENEFITS PROGRAM/REALLOCATION OF STAFF RESOURCES (2:17 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Linda Moore Smith, Director, HRMD; Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; and Karen Shafer Castro, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion by Commissioner McKee **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve this new position to go forward to the budget process.

Motion carried:

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

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE (2:27 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Daniel Mansour, Risk Manager, HRMD; and Karen Shafer Castro, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner McKee to approve this program to move forward to the budget process.

Motion carried:

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

Clerk's Note: The Commissioners' Court stood in a brief recess to allow sufficient time for the District Attorney's staff to arrive in the Chamber. (2:36 PM)

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE (2:42 PM)

SESSION OVERVIEW (2:42 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; and Jessica Rio, Budget Analyst, PBO.

CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTER (2:43 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Ronald Earle, Travis County District Attorney; Tom Forbes, Chair of Government Affairs, and Member, Board of Directors for Travis County Children’s Advocacy Center, Inc.; Rosemary Lehmborg, First Assistant District Attorney; Sandra Martin, Executive Director, Travis County Children’s Advocacy Center, Inc.; Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; Cathy Casey, President, Board of Directors for Travis County Children’s Advocacy Center, Inc.; and Jessica Rio, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner McKee to allow the planning proposal related to the Travis County Children’s Advocacy Center, Inc., to move forward during the budget process with emphasis on two particular areas. First, that PBO fully explore, with the District Attorney’s Office, and identify specific costs at the Advocacy Center that can clearly be traced back as the responsibility of Travis County. Staff should not limit this study to what is in this proposal, but should let the Commissioners’ Court know what is found to be in that category. Secondly, the District Attorney’s Office and PBO should work hand in hand with the Griffith folks in trying to identify if any costs at the Advocacy Center can properly be eligible for the federal reimbursement. Staff should bring those suggestions back to the Commissioners’ Court as a part of any kind of proposal that is prepared.

A Clarification was made of the previous Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner that things that would clearly be the responsibility of Travis County be identified. If it is Travis County’s responsibility to pay for the rental space of an Assistant District Attorney housed at the Advocacy Center it would be captured in that fashion and form in the stated Motion.

Motion carried:

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Gómez **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to adjourn the FY 1999 Planning and Budget Process Voting Session. (3:03 PM)

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

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Date of Approval

Bill Aleshire, Travis County Judge