

MINUTES – JULY 22, 1998

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

PLANNING AND BUDGET PROCESS

On Wednesday, the 22nd day of July 1998, the Commissioners' Court convened the Planning and Budget Process Voting Session at 1:52 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 Robert Resnick.

The Commissioners' Court ended the Planning and Budget Process Voting Session at 5:05 PM.

Clerk's Note: The Commissioners' Court record notes that Precinct 3 Commissioner Margaret Moore was not present during this Planning and Budget Process Voting Session.

**1. CONSIDER AND ACT ON PLANNING ISSUES AS PART OF THE FY 1999
PLANNING AND BUDGET PROCESS. (1:52 PM)**

A. DISTRICT CLERK STORAGE SPACE (1:52 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Amalia Rodriguez-Mendoza, District Clerk; Michelle Brinkman, Chief Deputy, District Clerk's Office; Jessica Rio, Planning and Budget Analyst, Planning and Budget Office (PBO); Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; and Steven Broberg, Director, Records Management and Communications Resources (RMCR).

B. COUNTY ATTORNEY (2:34 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: David Escamilla, First Assistant County Attorney, Jessica Rio, Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO; and Ken Oden, Travis County Attorney.

COLLECTIONS DIVISION (2:39 PM) (2:46 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: David Escamilla, First Assistant County Attorney, Jim W. Collins, Executive Assistant County Attorney; and Ken Oden, Travis County Attorney.

ITEM 1.B CONTINUED

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT (2:41 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: David Escamilla, First Assistant County Attorney; and Ken Oden, Travis County Attorney.

EVIDENCE ROOM (3:02 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Ken Oden, Travis County Attorney.

INTAKE ATTORNEY (3:02 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Mack Martinez, Director of Intake Division, Travis County Attorney's Office; Ken Oden, Travis County Attorney; and David Escamilla, First Assistant County Attorney.

Clerk's Note: **EVIDENCE ROOM** and **INTAKE ATTORNEY** are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

CONSOLIDATING OFFICE SPACE (3:23 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Ken Oden, Travis County Attorney; Jim W. Collins, Executive Assistant County Attorney; and David Escamilla, First Assistant County Attorney.

UNDERAGE DRINKING PREVENTION PROGRAM (3:25 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Ken Oden, Travis County Attorney; Gloria Souhami, Program Director, Underage Drinking Prevention Program; Jim W. Collins, Executive Assistant County Attorney; and David Escamilla, First Assistant County Attorney.

Motion by Commissioner McKee that, for planning purposes, and subject to the availability of funds, the Court directs the County Attorney's Office to revise its budget proposal to include funding for part of a Collections Team (an attorney and a secretary).

Maker accept the Friendly Amendment by Judge Aleshire that the County Attorney demonstrate that the new staff would be at least "cost-neutral".

ITEM 1.B CONTINUED

Acceptance of the Friendly Amendment was made by Commissioner McKee.

The Motion was continued by Commissioner McKee **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner that the issue of the Domestic Violence Court Investigator proceed to the FY 99 Budget Process, and that \$1,200.00 funding (\$100.00 per month) for the Underage Drinking Program be taken from the General Fund.

Clerk's Note: Judge Aleshire requested a division of the vote to include the issue of the **COLLECTIONS DIVISION** and the **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT** separately from the **UNDERAGE DRINKING PREVENTION PROGRAM**.

A Clarification was made of the previous Motion by Commissioner Gómez that these votes are intended to advance these requests to the next step of the Budget Process, and that no promises are made by the Court as far as actual funding is concerned.

For **COLLECTIONS DIVISION** and the **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT**:

Motion carried:	County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
	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

For **UNDERAGE DRINKING PREVENTION PROGRAM**:

Motion failed:	County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	no
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	absent
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	no

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to monitor the Intake Attorney's case load over the next year for the FY 2000 Planning Process.

Clerk's Note: The previous Motion led to the following discussion on **CASELOAD**.

ITEM 1.B CONTINUED

CASELOAD, INCLUDING HOT CHECKS (3:47 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Ken Oden, Travis County Attorney; Rita Lambert, Manager, Hot Checks Division, Travis County Attorney's Office; Jim W. Collins, Executive Assistant County Attorney; and David Escamilla, First Assistant County Attorney.

The previous Motion was restated by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez that, based on a six-month trend, the Court revise and proceed in November for the FY 2000 Planning Process for the Intake Attorney. However, if the Court sees, at some point during the next budget year, that the six-month trend continues and needs more immediate attention, the Court would give permission for the County Attorney to come to the Court mid-year for a request related to the Intake Attorney.

Clerk's Note: Judge Aleshire noted that Commissioner Sonleitner's original Motion was withdrawn.

Withdrawal of the restated Motion was made by Commissioner Sonleitner.

C. CAPITAL ISSUES – PLANNING AND BUDGET OFFICE (4:02 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Karen Shafer Castro, Senior Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO; and Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO.

BUDGET PROCESS (4:15 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Karen Shafer Castro, Senior Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO; and Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO.

BALANCING THE FY 99 GENERAL FUND BUDGET (4:30 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Karen Shafer Castro, Senior Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO; and Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO.

RECLASSES, POPS, MSS '99, APPEALS (4:42 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations.

ITEM 1.C CONTINUED

HHS REORGANIZATION (4:45 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Alan Miller, Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO; and Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO.

D. CITIZENS' GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE (5:01 PM)

ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: Having no quorum present, Judge Aleshire announced that the Planning and Budget Process Voting Session was ended. (5:05 PM)

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Date of Approval

Bill Aleshire, Travis County Judge