

MINUTES OF MEETING – SEPTEMBER 9, 2004

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

On Thursday, the 9th day of September, 2004, the Commissioners' Court convened the Budget Voting Session at 9:08 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 1st Floor of the Ned Granger Administration Building, 314 West 11th Street, Austin, Texas. Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Melissa Velasquez.

The Commissioners Court recessed the Voting Session at 9:09 AM.

The Commissioners Court reconvened the Voting Session at 2:11 PM.

The Commissioners Court adjourned the Voting Session at 3:01 PM.

(2:11 AM) **Budget Overview**

Clerk's Note: The Commissioners' Court discussed the September 9, 2004 memo from Christian Smith, Executive Manager, Planning and Budget Office entitled, "Special Judge/PBO Mark-up Proposal", in which additional resources were identified to fund the Votes taken in the September 8, 2004 Budget Voting Session. The memo also indicated an available balance in General Fund resources of \$134,450.00.

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, Planning and Budget Office (PBO); Alan Miller, Budget Analyst, PBO; Dana DeBeauvoir, Travis County Clerk; and Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to approve the financial options that were brought to Court, and are contained in the document entitled, "Special Judge/PBO Mark-up Proposal", and which net out to a positive \$134,450.00 in total resources.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

ITEM Budget Overview CONTINUED

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the updated 5th Revenue Estimate and the net is \$59,261.00.

Motion carried:	County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(2:38 PM) **Review of Department Budget Requests from the Budget Agenda Request Form**

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO.

Clerk's Note: The Commissioners reviewed requests from all County departments for funding in Fiscal Year 2005 beyond those items included in the Preliminary Budget. The requests are grouped by department, and numbered for easy reference. The Commissioners mark those requests they wish to discuss during the Budget Mark-up Voting Sessions.

Discussion Only. No formal action taken.

(2:38 PM) **New Civil Courts Building – Planning** (Facilities Management)
(Reference #102)

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; and Jessica Rio, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to indicate to the District Judges that the Court will cover the \$150,000.00 New Civil Court Building Planning expenditure one way or another.

Motion carried:	County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(2:40 PM) **Law Library Move to the Granger Building** (Facilities Management)
(Reference #105)

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to fund the Law Library Move to the Granger Building, in the amount of \$39,500.00.

Motion carried:	County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(2:40 PM) **Move ITS Help Desk to the University Savings Building** (Facilities Management) (Reference #104)

Members of the Court heard from: Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; and Roger El Khoury, Director, Facilities Management.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to fund moving the ITS Help Desk and the Work Order Desk to University Savings Building, in the amount of \$37,000.00.

Motion carried:	County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(2:42 PM) **Community Supervision and Corrections Department Remodel in the Criminal Justice Center 1st Floor** (Facilities Management) (Reference #124)

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

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Judge Biscoe to fund the Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD) Remodel Criminal Justice Center (CJC) 1st Floor, in the amount of \$20,000.00, and that the funds come from the CJC leftover bond funds.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(2:44 PM) **Replacement Vehicle** (Constable Precinct 2) (Reference #284)

Members of the Court heard from: Diana Ramirez, Budget Analyst, PBO; and Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO.

Motion by Commissioner Daugherty **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to approve the Replacement Vehicle for Constable 2, in the amount of \$21,000.00.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(2:46 PM) **Envision Central Texas Funding** (General Administration)

Members of the Court heard from: Travis Gatlin, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis to put the \$25,000.00 for Envision Central Texas as an earmark against Allocated Reserve.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(2:49 PM) **Urban Animal Science Expansion** (Cooperative Extension Service)
(Reference #143)

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to fund the Urban Animal Science Expansion, in the amount of \$8,000.00.

Motion carried:	County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(2:50 PM) **SW Plan (in conjunction with LCRA)** (Transportation and Natural Resources) (Reference #552)

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO.

Motion by Commissioner Daugherty **and seconded by** Judge Biscoe to appropriate \$25,000.00 for the Southwest Water Plan in conjunction with LCRA.

Motion carried:	County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(2:51 PM) **Accounting Auto Mileage** (Constable Precinct 2) (Reference #280)

Members of the Court heard from: Diana Ramirez, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Judge Biscoe fund Accounting Auto Mileage, in the amount of \$1,500.00.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(2:52 PM) **Exposition Center Funding**

Members of the Court heard from: Jessica Rio, Budget Analyst, PBO; and Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO.

Discussion only. No action taken.

(2:54 PM) **Using Existing Certificates of Obligation for FY 05 Capital Items - Scrubs**

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed Staff's recommendations contained in the September 9, 2004 memo from Jessica Rio, Budget Analyst, PBO, entitled, "Using Existing Certificates of Obligation for FY 05 Capital Items." The Planning and Budget Office recommends using the Allocated Reserve of four Certificates of Obligation (CO) funds (Funds 431, 456, 458, and 463), for projects or equipment already approved by the Court during the FY 05 budget process. Approval of these recommendations will free up a total of \$1,704,785.00 in one-time resources.

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; and Jessica Rio, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve Staff's recommendations as listed on the tables, on pages 3 and 4, in the memo by Jessica Rio, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(2:56 PM) **County Auditor's Salary**

Members of the Court heard from: Susan Spataro, Travis County Auditor.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Judge Biscoe to approve the request from the District Judges on flexibility related to the County Auditor's salary.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(2:56 PM) **Newspaper Advertisement**

Clerk's Note: Commissioner Sonleitner presented a draft of a newspaper advertisement entitled, "Important Information Impacting Your Travis County Taxes".

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO.

Discussion only. No action taken.

(3:00 PM) **Reduction in Tax Revenue from Hospital District**

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed the verification of the revenue reduction amount for the Hospital District.

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO.

Discussion only. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Daugherty **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to adjourn the Voting Session. (3:01 PM)

Motion carried:	County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Date of Approval

Samuel T. Biscoe, Travis County Judge