

MINUTES OF MEETING – SEPTEMBER 7, 2005

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

On Wednesday, the 7th day of September, 2005, the Commissioners' Court convened the Budget Markup Voting Session at 9:58 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 11:16 AM.

The Commissioners Court reconvened the Voting Session at 11:41 AM.

The Commissioners Court recessed the Voting Session at 12:02 PM.

The Commissioners Court reconvened the Voting Session at 2:10 PM.

The Commissioners Court adjourned the Voting Session at 4:47 PM.

Clerk's Note: Please refer to the FY 2006 Budget Agenda Worksheet for a listing of the Reference numbers located in the Minutes.

(9:12 AM) **Review of "Status of Budget Since Preliminary Budget was Filed"**

Clerk's Note: The Court received a status report on the County Budget and reviewed the document entitled: "Status of Budget Since Preliminary Budget Was Filed".

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, Planning and Budget Office (PBO); Susan Spataro, Travis County Auditor; Diana Ramirez, Budget Analyst, PBO; Jessica Rio, Budget Analyst, PBO; Travis Gatlin, Budget Analyst, PBO; and Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO.

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

(10:26 AM) **Review of Corrections List to Preliminary Budget**

Clerk’s Note: The Court reviewed the document entitled “Changes to the Preliminary Budget” containing the recommended line item changes to the Fiscal Year 2006 Preliminary Budget.

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

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to approve the corrections list to the Preliminary Budget.

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| 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 |

(10:28 AM) **Review Television Screens and how to Track Mark-up Changes**

Clerk’s Note: The Court viewed spreadsheets displayed on video screens, which track additions and subtractions to the proposed budget as the Court proceeds with Budget discussions.

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

Discussion only. No action taken.

(10:44 AM) **Approve the Preliminary Budget to Establish a Baseline for the Beginning of Mark-Up**

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

Motion by Commissioner Gómez **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve the Preliminary Budget to establish a baseline for the beginning of Budget Mark-up.

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| 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 |

(10:44 AM) **Compensation Issues**

(11:41 AM) (2:10 PM)

Clerk’s Note: The Court discussed compensation issues related to rank and file employees and Peace Officers.

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Bill Derryberry, Budget Analyst, PBO; Travis Gatlin, Budget Analyst, PBO; Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; Susan Spataro, Travis County Auditor; and Mike Wichern, Chief Assistant County Auditor, Travis County Auditor’s Office.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to give a compensation increase to rank and file of 3% across the board, cost of living adjustment (COLA).

A Substitute Motion was made by Commissioner Davis **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to give a compensation increase to rank and file of 5% - a 3.75% cost of living adjustment (COLA), and 1.25% for performance based pay concerns with the discretion of the supervisor.

A Friendly Amendment to the previous Motion was offered by Commissioner Sonleitner to have a 3% cost of living adjustment (COLA) and 2% for performance based pay.

Clerk’s Note: The Court did not Vote on the Previous Motions.

(2:29 PM) **Non-TCSO POPS Match to Current TCSO Law Enforcement**
(Compensation Issues) (Law Enforcement Scale Match)
(Reference #330G)

Members of the Court heard from: Alex Leo, Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO); Greg Hamilton, Travis County Sheriff; Brett Spicer, TCSO; Tim Henry, TCSO; Carlos Lopez, Chief Deputy, Travis County Constable's Office Precinct 5; Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; and Bill Derryberry, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Clerk's Note: The Court without objection set aside \$150,000.00 for further POPS (Peace Officer Pay Scale) review.

Discussion Only. No formal action taken.

(3:04 PM) **County Auditor** (Compensation Issues)

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; Susan Spataro, Travis County Auditor.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve the request from the District Judges for flexibility to increase the County Auditor's annual salary under Local Government Code section 152.032, as long as the total annual budget approved by the District Judges, plus the countywide compensation related increases allocated to the County Auditor's Office and approved by the Commissioners Court, is not exceeded.

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| 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 |

(4:30 PM) **Council for At Risk Youth** (Health & Human Services)
(Reference #316)

Members of the Court heard from: Sherri Fleming, Executive Manager, TCHHS&VS; and Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to approve funding in the amount of \$75,000.00 for the Council for At Risk Youth.

Withdrawal of the previous Motion was made by Judge Biscoe and Commissioner Sonleitner.

Motion by Commissioner Davis **and seconded by** Judge Biscoe to approve funding in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the Council for At Risk Youth.

Motion failed:

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| County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe | yes |
| Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis | yes |
| Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner | no |
| Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty | no |
| Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez | no |

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Judge Biscoe that the Council for At Risk Youth budget request be put into a parking lot at the \$75,000.00 level, in one-time money.

Motion carried:

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| County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe | yes |
| Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis | yes |
| Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner | yes |
| Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty | no |
| Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez | no |

