MINUTES OF MEETING – SEPTEMBER 7, 2006

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

On Thursday, the 7th day of September, 2006, the Commissioners' Court convened the Budget Markup Voting Session at 9:20 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 Gillian Porter.

The Commissioners Court recessed the Voting Session at 10:09 AM.

The Commissioners Court reconvened the Voting Session at 10:56 AM.

The Commissioners Court adjourned the Voting Session at 11:59 AM.

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

(9:20 AM) **Review of the Budget**

Clerk's Note: The Court received a status report on the County Budget and reviewed the items to be discussed during the Budget Voting Session.

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, Planning and Budget Office (PBO).

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

(9:24 AM) **Performance Management Initiative** (Human Resources) (Reference #7A)

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; Joe Harlow, Chief Technology Officer, Information and Telecommunications Systems (ITS): and Linda Moore Smith, Director, Human Resources Management Department (HRMD).

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

(9:29 AM) **Network Access Control** (Information and Telecommunications Systems) (Reference #New 1)

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Harlow, Chief Technology Officer, ITS.

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed the request for Performance Initiative Software, Reference #New1.

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

(9:35 AM) **Review**

Clerk's Note: The Court explored ways in which to proceed with the remainder of the Budget.

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

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to limit Certificates of Obligation (CO) issuance to \$13,000,000.00.

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

(9:52 AM) Farmers Market Property

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed the possible uses, within the budget, of the proceeds from the sale of the Farmers Market property.

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

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

(10:05 AM) Space Issues (Adult Probation)

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed space issues regarding moving certain areas of Adult Probation to the Executive Office Building (EOB).

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Belinda Powell, Capital Planning Coordinator, PBO; Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; Bill Derryberry, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO; and Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations.

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

(10:56 AM) Summary of Commissioners Court Final FY 07 Markup List

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed the final markup list compiled during the recess and how the Scrubs process will affect the budget.

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

(11:00 AM) Addressing Poverty (Health and Human Services)

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed the contents of a memo from Sherri Fleming, Executive Manager, TCHHS&VS, titled "Addressing Poverty" and the three options offered to the Court.

Members of the Court heard from: Andrea Colunga Bussey, Division Director, Family Support Services, Travis County Health and Human Services and Veteran Services (TCHHS&VS); and Deborah E. Britton, Director, Community Services Division, TCHHS&VS.

Motion by Commissioner Gómez **and seconded by** Judge Biscoe to place \$300,000.00 into the Anti-Poverty Reserve, for meals.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	s yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen So	nleitner yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Da	augherty yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret	J. Gómez yes

Clerk's Note: The Court chose Option 3, which requests the allocation of \$300,000.00 - d \$150,000.00 to go to Meals for Kids (Option 1) and \$150,000.00 to be set aside for innovative projects to impact families in poverty (Option 2).

(11:05 AM) Workforce Development (Health and Human Services)

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed Criminal Justice Planning (CJP) and Health and Human Services (HHS) working together on a program for the employment of exoffenders.

Motion by Commissioner Davis **and seconded by** Judge Biscoe to approve the Workforce Development Item.

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

Clerk's Note: The County Judge noted that the Commissioners Court would need to see a plan before starting any programs. The money would be placed in Criminal Justice Planning's budget.

(11:06 AM) **Corrections Transportation** (Travis County Sheriff's Office)

Clerk's Note: The County Judge recommended that the Vehicle Use Committee work with Corrections and see the level of need and report back to the Court. The source of financing for the purchase of transportation was also discussed, with the County Judge suggesting that funding from CAR would be acceptable.

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

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve the recommendation.

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

(11:08 AM) **Early Education and Care** (Health and Human Services) (Reference #380)

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed funding a mentoring quality education program.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve the budget request.

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

(11:09 AM) Three TCSO Specialists - Sex Offender, Child Abuse, and Family Violence (Travis County Sheriff's Office - TCSO) (Reference #227, 228 and 229)

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed the addition of three full time civilian employees to the Travis County Sheriff's Office to cover the three categories.

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

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve the budget request as an ongoing item.

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

(11:11 AM) Adult Probation Space Renovation, Executive Office Building (EOB) (Community Services and Corrections Department - CSCD) (Reference #290A)

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed the relocation of two Adult Probation Departments to the EOB at a cost of \$56,290.00.

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 Davis to approve the budget item.

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

(11:11 AM) **Workforce Development** (Health and Human Services) (Reference #379A)

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

Motion by Commissioner Davis **and seconded by** Judge Biscoe to provide some funds to beef up the Workforce Development effort.

A Friendly Amendment to the previous Motion was offered by Judge Biscoe to put the \$100,000.00 in Health and Human Services' budget.

Acceptance of the Friendly Amendment was made by Commissioner Davis.

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

Clerk's Note: The Court noted that a plan would need to be presented to the Court before any projects are started.

(11:16 AM) **Shift Differential** (Travis County Sheriff's Office) (Reference #429)

Members of the Court heard from: Bill Derryberry, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO; and Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO.

Clerk's Note: The Court recommended that PBO and TSCO work together on a plan for the Court to look at on September 19, 2006.

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

Item to be reposted September 19, 2006.

(11:20 AM) **2006 Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) Data** (Transportation and Natural Resources) (Reference #342)

Clerk's Note: The Court explained that LIDAR is a flyover mapping device and is used for development purposes.

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

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the LIDAR expense.

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

Clerk's Note: The Court announced that the \$192,780.00 for LIDAR would be financed out of the General Fund.

(11:23 AM) Lockers EOB (Adult Probation – CSCD) (Reference #402A)

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed the expenditure of \$6,000.00 for lockers to be used by Adult Probation.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the budget item.

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

(11:24 AM) **Basic Needs Coalition** (Health and Human Services)

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to redirect \$100,000.00 to the Basic Needs Coalition existing County contract, in one-time money to deal with poverty issues that are more related to rent, utilities etc.

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

(11:28 AM) **West Side Service Center** (Transportation and Natural Resources) (Reference #347)

Clerk's Note: The Court noted that this is to expand the West Side Service Center.

Motion by Commissioner Daugherty **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to put \$250,000.00 into the West Side Service Center.

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

(11:30 AM) Available Funds Summary

Clerk's Note: The Court received an update from Staff on the status of the Budget after the morning's decisions.

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Jessica Rio, Budget Analyst, PBO; Blain Keith, Chief Assistant County Auditor, Travis County Auditor's Office; and Barbara Wilson, Assistant County Attorney.

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

(11:41 AM) APPROVE EARMARKS ON RESERVES: ALLOCATED RESERVES (11:42 AM) AND CAR RESERVE

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

Motion by Commissioner Daugherty **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to approve the Earmarks.

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

(11:41 AM) REBUDGETING CAPITAL ACCOUNTS A) CAPITAL ACQUISITION RESOURCES ACCOUNT B) CO'S AND BONDS

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

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

Item to be reposted on September 12, 2006.

(11:41 AM) REVIEW OF CAPITAL BUDGETING – "SCRUBBING" CO'S AND BONDS IDENTIFYING AVAILABLE RESOURCES CONSISTENT WITH RESTRICTIONS OF OFFICIAL STATEMENTS

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

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

Item to be reposted September 19, 2006.

(11:41 AM)AUTHORIZE PBO TO BALANCE AGAINST ALLOCATED RESERVE(11:44 AM)BASED ON FIFTH REVENUE ESTIMATE

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Blain Keith, Chief Assistant County Auditor, Travis County Auditor's Office; and Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner for the Vehicle Users Committee and Fleet Management to bring recommendations to the Court by September 19, 2006.

A Friendly Amendment to the previous Motion was offered by Commissioner Sonleitner that they take another look to see if there are things that could go hybrid as opposed to gas-powered.

Acceptance of the Friendly Amendment was made by Judge Biscoe.

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

(11:52 AM) Transportation and Natural Resources Budget deficit

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

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

Item to be reposted September 12, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to adjourn the Budget Voting Session. (11:59 AM)

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