

MINUTES OF MEETING – SEPTEMBER 6, 2007

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

On Thursday, the 6th day of September, 2007, the Commissioners' Court convened the Budget Markup Voting Session at 9:15 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 11:53 AM.

The Commissioners Court reconvened the Voting Session at 1:41 PM.

The Commissioners Court retired to Executive Session at 1:41 PM.

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

The Commissioners Court adjourned the Voting Session at 5:05 PM.

Clerk's Note: Please refer to the FY 2008 Budget Agenda Worksheet for a listing of the Reference numbers located in the Minutes.

(9:15 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); Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; and Susan Spataro, Travis County Auditor.

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

(9:39 AM) **REVENUE UPDATE**

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

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

(9:40 AM) **4 or 5 Checks to Discuss**

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

(9:42 AM) **Family Eldercare Capital Project – Option 1 \$250K in FY ‘08**
(Health and Human Services) (Reference #New 2)
Family Eldercare Capital Project – Option 2 \$125K in FY ‘08 and \$125K in FY ‘09 (Health and Human Services) (Reference #New 2A)

Clerk’s Note: The Court discussed funding the Family Eldercare Capital Project out of \$450,000.00 from the Travis County Health Facilities Corporation.

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Travis Gatlin, Budget Analyst, PBO; Harvey Davis, Manager, Travis County Corporations; and Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez that we fund \$125,000.00 in FY ‘08, and indicate our intention to fund the second \$125,000.00 in FY ‘09.

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

(9:48 AM) **REVENUE UPDATE**

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

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

(10:07 AM) **Contra Account**

Clerk’s Note: The Court discussed the transfer of \$2.4 million from a Contra Account for Health Care savings, which reduces the expenditure budget and frees up General Fund resources.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to take the \$2.4 million.

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

(10:09 AM) **Attorney II as discussed at Budget Hearing (Department will fund all one time costs and has one frozen position with \$0 budget that it has offered to eliminate with the addition of this requested position)**
 (Civil Courts) (Reference #144A)

Clerk’s Note: The Court discussed the addition of an Attorney II for the Civil Courts.

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

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

Motion failed:

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

Clerk’s Note: This Item was further discussed at 4:13 PM.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Daugherty to reconsider.

Motion carried:

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

Members of the Court heard from: The Honorable Eric Shepperd, Judge, County Court at Law Number Two; and Jessica Rio, Budget Analyst, PBO.

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

Motion carried:

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

(10:13 AM) **Renovate Central Austin Property (910 Lavaca) – updated with IT costs** (Information and Telecommunications Systems)
(Reference #118A)

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

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

Motion carried:

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

(10:14 AM) **Civil Courts Planning Special Project Support (budget home to be determined)** (Information and Telecommunications Systems)
(Reference #124)

Clerk’s Note: The Court discussed adding a temporary project employee to aid in the planning of the new Civil Courthouse.

Members of the Court heard from: Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; and Diana Ramirez, Budget Analyst, PBO.

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

Motion carried:

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

Clerk’s Note: The Court noted that the position would be funded with one-time money.

(10:16 AM) **Additional General Fund Subsidy to match any compensation allocation made to General Fund employees at 4.5%.**
(Facilities Management) (Reference #88A)

Clerk’s Note: The Court noted that this request is for the employees at the Travis County Exposition Center.

Members of the Court heard from: Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; and Diana Ramirez, Budget Analyst, PBO.

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 Sarah Eckhardt	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(10:18 AM) **Deputy Medical Examiner II for NAME Accreditation**
(Medical Examiner) (Reference #New 1)

Members of the Court heard from: Danny Hobby, Executive Manager, Travis County Emergency Services; Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; and Katy Peterson-Gibson, PBO.

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

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(10:36 AM) **Texas Youth Commission (TYC) Remediation – Revised Request (Place additional \$2,001,662.00 in Reserve) – Now Priority 1. Request includes authorization for services and staff. Department will present plan to Commissioners Court based on approved funding (Juvenile Probation) (Reference #295)**

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Travis Gatlin, Budget Analyst, PBO; Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; and Susan Spataro, Travis County Auditor.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to get up to at least \$750,000.00 by adding \$450,000.00 to the \$300,000.00 in the Allocated Reserve.

A Friendly Amendment to the previous Motion was offered by Commissioner Davis to establish a Texas Youth Commission (TYC) Reserve.

Acceptance of the Friendly Amendment was made by Judge Biscoe.

Clerk’s Note: The Court noted that the TYC Reserve would be called “Juvenile Justice TYC Reserve”.

Clerk’s Note: The Court did not vote on the Standing Motion at this time.

A Substitute Motion was made by Commissioner Eckhardt and Seconded by Commissioner Davis of \$700,000.00 in the General Fund with the \$300,00.00 Allocated Reserve.

Clerk’s Note: The Court took a vote on whether to vote on the Substitute Motion before the Standing Motion.

Motion failed:

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

Clerk’s Note: The Court took a Vote on the Standing Motion at this time.

Motion carried:

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

(10:58 AM) **HIV Minority Targeted Case Management - Now Priority 3**
 (Health and Human Services) (Reference #376)

Members of the Court heard from: Travis Gatlin, Budget Analyst, PBO; Sherri Fleming, Executive Manager, TCHHS&VS; Ana Almaguel, Planner, TCHHS&VS; and Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO.

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

A Friendly Amendment to the previous Motion was offered by Judge Biscoe that we put this amount in the Department (HHS), but spending will be contingent upon a specific plan.

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 Sarah Eckhardt	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(11:12 AM) **State Children’s Protective Services Board – Remaining \$75K of request – Now Priority 10** (Health and Human Services)
 (Reference #377)

Members of the Court heard from: Sherri Fleming, Executive Manager, TCHHS&VS; and Travis Gatlin, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve \$25,000.00.

Clerk’s Note: The Court did not take a Vote on the Standing Motion.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to add \$50,000.00.

Motion carried:

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

Clerk’s Note: The Court noted that this would be in on-going funds.

(11:16 AM) **Housing Services Carpenter Position Increase - Now priority 4**
(Health and Human Services) (Reference #378)

Members of the Court heard from: Sherri Fleming, Executive Manager, TCHHS&VS; and Christy Moffett, Social Services Manager, Travis County Health and Human Services (TCHHS).

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

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(11:23 AM) **Council on At-Risk Youth (CARY)** (Health and Human Services)
(Reference #394)

Motion by Commissioner Daugherty **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to fund it at \$100,000.00.

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

Clerk’s Note: The Court noted that this is to be funded with one-time money.

(11:24 AM) **Emancipet – New request – Now priority 11**
(Health and Human Services) (Reference #New1)

Members of the Court heard from: Sherri Fleming, Executive Manager, TCHHS&VS.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **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 Sarah Eckhardt	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(11:33 AM) **Capital Idea Expansion** (Reference #CRT4)

Members of the Court heard from: Travis Gatlin, Budget Analyst, PBO; Minerva Camarena-Skith, Executive Team, Austin Interfaith; and Lawrence Lyman, Social Services Program Administrator, Workforce Development, TCHHS&VS.

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

Clerk’s Note: The Court requested that this item be brought back to Court in FY ’08.

(1:41 PM) **Update on Additional Funding**
(2:10 PM)

Clerk’s Note: Judge Biscoe announced that this Item would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov’t. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

Clerk’s Note: The Court discussed the transfer of \$953,453.56 from the Jury Management Fund to the General Fund.

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

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis that we accept that money.

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

(2:10 PM) **Review**

Clerk’s Note: The Court explored ways in which to proceed with the remainder of the Budget, and were reminded of the 5:00 PM, Thursday, September 6, 2007 deadline for a decision on the 2008 Tax Rate.

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

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

(2:19 PM) **Medical Examiner’s Office – FTE Funding** (Information and Telecommunications Systems) (Reference #20)

Members of the Court heard from: Randy Lott, Budget Analyst, PBO; Joe Harlow, Chief Technology Officer, ITS; and Danny Hobby, Executive Manager, Travis County Emergency Services.

Clerk’s Note: The Court discussed the addition of a Full-Time Employee to work with the Medical Examiner’s Office integrating and running a new software system.

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

Motion carried:

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

(2:21 PM) **FACTS Staff Succession Plan – Now Priority 2**
(Information and Telecommunications Systems) (Reference #34)

Members of the Court heard from: Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; and Joe Harlow, Chief Technology Officer, ITS.

Motion by Commissioner Daugherty **and seconded by** Judge Biscoe to approve one Full Time Employee (FTE).

Motion carried:

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

(2:23 PM) **Citrix Remote Access – FTE at Midpoint – Now Priority 2**
 (Information and Telecommunications Systems) (Reference #42)

Members of the Court heard from: Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; Joe Harlow, Chief Technology Officer, ITS; and Judy Pittsford, Project Manager, ITS.

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

Motion carried:

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

(2:28 PM) **Additional FTE’s – Two Windows Admin and one for Backup and Restore – FTE at midpoint. Now priority 1** (Information and Telecommunications Systems) (Reference #43)

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Harlow, Chief Technology Officer, ITS; Randy Lott, Budget Analyst, PBO; Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; Judy Pittsford, Project Manager, ITS; Walter Lagrone, Director, Operations and Technology, ITS; and Sherri Fleming, Executive Manager, TCHHS&VS.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to add \$160,000.00 of ongoing money and direct Staff to put Reference #42 and #43 together, and come back and let the Court know how the money would be used.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	abstain
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(2:39 PM) **New CSCD and MHMR Building** (Facilities Management)
(Reference #96)

Clerk’s Note: The Court noted that while the County provides the space plus the ITS support and the State provides all the operating costs for the facility.

Members of the Court heard from: Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; Diana Ramirez, Budget Analyst, PBO; Jessica Rio, Budget Analyst, PBO; and Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to fund an on-going lease increase of \$83,707.00 and put an \$8,552.00 encumbrance against FY '07.

Motion carried:

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

(2:44 PM) **New CSCD Day Treatment Center** (Facilities Management)
(Reference #97)

Clerk’s Note: The Court noted that while the County provides the space plus the ITS support and the State provides all the operating costs for the facility.

Members of the Court heard from: Roger El Khoury, Director, Facilities Management; Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Diana Ramirez, Budget Analyst, PBO; Donna Farris, Probation Division Manager, Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD); Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; and Bill Derryberry, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to look at the '08 lease of \$112,000.00, make the appropriation to add it to the FY '08 Allocated Reserve and put an earmark against it, and deal with the Information and Telecommunications Systems (ITS) one-time money of \$116,160.00 as part of the Capital Program.

Motion carried:

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

(2:50 PM) **Add Building Services Superintendent, Grade 16 – Now Priority 1**
 (Facilities Management) (Reference #76A)

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

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 Sarah Eckhardt	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	abstain

(2:54 PM) **New Civil Courthouse Planning/Programming Study (revised to include funds for experts as needed)** (Facilities Management)
 (Reference #120A)

Members of the Court heard from: Diana Ramirez, Budget Analyst, PBO; Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; Roger El Khoury, Director, Facilities Management; and Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Daugherty to fund an additional \$200,000.00, and if we need another \$100,000.00 sometime in the next year, just come to us and let us know. Also to seriously look at competing this.

A Restatement of the previous Motion was made by Judge Biscoe to allocate an additional \$200,000.00 with the understanding that it may cost another \$100,000.00.

Motion carried:

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

- (3:18 PM) **Law Enforcement Detectives**
- (4:17 PM) (Travis County Sheriff's Office) (Reference #239)
Law Enforcement Patrol (Travis County Sheriff's Office)
(Reference #240)

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Greg Hamilton, Travis County Sheriff; Bill Derryberry, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO; Major Scott Burroughs, Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO); and Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve 17 Law Enforcement Deputies, 3 Sergeants, and 2 Detectives, beginning in January and June, 2008, and that we fund the hit – not annualized, but the actual hit for 2008.

Clerk's Note: The Court did not take a Vote on the Standing Motion.

Clerk's Note: This Item was further discussed at 4:17 PM.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve this and the strategy of not annualizing these new hires, and taking the full hit in the next budget cycle.

Motion carried:

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

(3:37 PM) **Legal Services – Court Clerk – Now Priority 2** (Juvenile Probation)
(Reference #296A)
Legal Services - Court Reporter - \$35,919.00 in department for 6 months – amount shown is annualized amount – Now Priority 4
(Juvenile Probation) (Reference #296B)

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

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve Priority 2.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	abstain
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

Clerk’s Note: The County Judge suggested that the Court work with the Department to work out a way to get the Court Reporter position funded.

(3:40 PM) **BCP Fund – BCP Operating Fund increase as discussed at Budget Hearing – Now Priority 6** (Transportation and Natural Resources)
(Reference #313)

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR); and Jessica Rio, Budget Analyst, PBO.

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

Motion carried:

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

(3:41 PM) **US Army Corps of Engineering Flood Damage Reduction Walnut Creek/Garfield – now priority 15**
(Transportation and Natural Resources) (Reference #323)

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR; and Stacey Scheffel, Flood Plain Manager, TNR.

Motion by Commissioner Gómez **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 Sarah Eckhardt	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(3:42 PM) **Floodplain Buyout Software & Services – Now Priority 17**
 (Transportation and Natural Resources) (Reference #325)

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR; Stacey Scheffel, Flood Plain Manager, TNR; and Melinda Mallia, Environmental Project Manager, TNR.

Motion by Commissioner Gómez **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 Sarah Eckhardt	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

(3:45 PM) **Gilliland Creek Hike and Bike Trail, Phase III – CAMPO match (if Approved) Option as discussed at Budget Hearing** (Transportation and Natural Resources) (Reference #337A)

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR.

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

Motion carried:

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

(3:46 PM) **Tuscany Way South Final Design Only as Discussed at Budget Hearing** (Transportation and Natural Resources) (Reference #340A)

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR; Jessica Rio, Budget Analyst, PBO; and Steve Manilla, Director, Public Works, TNR.

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

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

(3:51 PM) **Update on Expenditure Reduction**

Clerk’s Note: The Court discussed an expenditure reduction of \$910,556.00 from the FY '08 preliminary budget.

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

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to remove the expenditure from the Preliminary Budget.

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

(4:01 PM) **Deaf Services Temporary Salaries including contractual and hired Staff – Now priority 9** (Health and Human Services) (Reference #383)

Members of the Court heard from: Sherri Fleming, Executive Manager, TCHHS&VS; Deborah E. Britton, Director, Community Services Division, TCHHS&VS; and Travis Gatlin, Budget Analyst, PBO.

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

Motion carried:

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

(4:02 PM) **CDBG Program Planning and Administration \$64,833.00 for additional Planner – Now priority 5** (Health and Human Services) (Reference #385A)

Clerk’s Note: The Court discussed a Planning and Budget Office (PBO) recommendation to fund the position with salary savings for FY '08 and review the situation for FY '09.

Members of the Court heard from: Sherri Fleming, Executive Manager, TCHHS&VS; Travis Gatlin, Budget Analyst, PBO; and Christy Moffett, Social Services Manager, TCHHS.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the PBO recommendation to fund this.

Motion carried:

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

(4:31 PM) **Psychiatric Services Reserve – Now Priority 2**
(Travis County Sheriff’s Office) (Reference #New 2)

Members of the Court heard from: Major David Balagia, Corrections Division; TCSO; and Bill Derryberry, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez that we increase the Psychiatric Services Reserve by \$100,000.00, and we indicate an earmark against Allocated Reserve of an additional \$100,000.00.

Motion carried:

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

(4:33 PM) **Corrections Relief Factor** (Travis County Sheriff’s Office)
(Reference #245)

Members of the Court heard from: Major David Balagia, Corrections Division, TCSO.

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

(4:37 PM) **Command Staff Compression** (Travis County Sheriff’s Office)

Members of the Court heard from: Greg Hamilton, Travis County Sheriff.

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

(4:43 PM) **Post Road Security for Drug Court/SHORT (Pending siting decision by Commissioners Court after neighborhood meeting on 08/20/2007 (Security Committee) (Reference #408)**
Armed Contract Staff for 5501 Airport Boulevard (Security Committee) (Reference #412A-D)

Members of the Court heard from: Michael Hemby, TCSO; Belinda Powell, Capital Planning Coordinator, PBO; and Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve #412D and revisit this in 4-6 months.

A Friendly Amendment to the previous Motion was offered by Commissioner Gómez to include approval of #408.

Acceptance of the Friendly Amendment was made by Judge Biscoe.

Withdrawal of the Friendly Amendment was made by Commissioner Gómez.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve Reference #408.

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

(4:56 PM) **APPROVE FY '08 TAX RATE**

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed a tax rate of \$0.4216 per \$100.00 valuation.

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

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the \$0.4216 tax rate.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Davis **and seconded by** Commissioner Daugherty to adjourn the Budget Voting Session. (5:05 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