



STATE OF TEXAS    □  
 COUNTY OF HAYS   □

**ON THIS THE 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST A.D., 2000, THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS, MET IN SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, TO-WIT:**

**JAMES L. POWERS  
 DEBBIE GONZALES INGALSBE  
 H. S. "SUSIE" CARTER  
 WILLIAM "BILL" BURNETT  
 RUSS G. MOLENAAR  
 LINDA C. FRITSCH**

**COUNTY JUDGE  
 COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1  
 COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2  
 COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3  
 COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4  
 DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK**

**WHEN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, THAT IS:**

**18869            FY2001 BUDGET WORKSHOP WITH ACTION**

**INSURANCE (MEDICAL)**

County Auditor Bill Herzog spoke of having approximately \$100,000 left in the county self insurance fund. A 20% increase in the premiums = approximately \$330,000 (10% = \$160,000). He is hoping we can negotiate the prices down. 3-5% of the total budget is not spent every year - he spoke of shortfalls in the jail & juvenile detention areas. Bill Herzog spoke of flexibility with self insurance. Judge Powers spoke of using your money first and the insurance company's money last - there is an element of risk. Bill Herzog felt like we will benefit with self insurance. Judge Powers spoke of raising the deductible to lower the premium. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of coverage he had when he worked for the City of Austin. Judge Powers spoke of having a shared deductible in which the county would pay 1/2 of a higher deductible.

**POPULATION/GROWTH** [T1-276]

Commissioner Carter spoke of figures given for population growth in Hays County at the last meeting - she got information from Texas Assoc. that was sent to Hays County for that purpose and the counties that were used by Commissioner Burnett were not the counties she used - did not include Comal, Kaufman, Liberty, or other counties she used. Commissioner Burnett spoke of their being two list that he received (90,000 - 120,000 & 50,000 - 999,999/used by Commissioner Carter). Commissioner Carter stated that she calculated the growth rates for 23 counties and we are not the fastest growing county on this list. She spoke of finding that there are counties, in our group of suburban counties, that do not have any debt. She spoke of Bond Review Board list of all the counties in the State of Texas and they feel like what is relevant is the growth in the last five years. She does not believe that she was wrong in her facts. Commissioner Burnett spoke of growth rate figures he gave for counties in the 50,000 - 100,000 population over a nine year period - we have a 40% growth rate and the average of all the counties she used was at 19%. Commissioner Carter does not feel like growth rate is such a big deal - not a relevant argument against what she was saying. Commissioner Burnett stated that growth rate is a factor. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of increase in population growth after the census - we will be over 100,000 people - could vary from 54-58% growth rate.

**FY2001 HAYS COUNTY BUDGET** [T1-403]

**A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Judge Powers to approve the FY2001 Hays County Budget as proposed. Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Molenaar and Judge Powers voting "AYE". Commissioner Carter voting "NO".**

**ROAD DEPARTMENT** [T1-430]

Road Supt/County Engineer Jerry Borcharding advised that he feels like he can get a lot of work done with the proposed budget for his department. Commissioner Burnett commended him on the job he is doing. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of Road Dept. trying to catch up on projects. A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar to rollover funds to complete ongoing projects on the road priority list. HE WITHDREW HIS MOTION. \$610,000 is already going to be rolled over - need to rollover bond roads. County Bill Herzog spoke of transfer of \$800,000 built into the budget - there may be a lot to rollover. Commissioner Carter spoke of paying as you go and not going into debt. Bill Herzog stated that changes can still be made to the budget before adopting the final budget. Jerry Borcharding spoke of one-man operation patching machine which should save money.

[T1-549] Jacqueline Cullom Murphy spoke of posted agenda item - she spoke of statute that says the tax should be levied at a regular meeting of the Court (Tuesday) and September 6th is not a regular meeting date. County Auditor Bill Herzog spoke of difference/conflicts in "Truth in Taxation" booklet vs. Local Government Code.

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[T1-586] County Auditor Bill Herzog spoke of \$861,000 that was budgeted for purchase of equipment and that money was not used this fiscal year and can be rolled over FY2001. Bill Herzog spoke of need to find \$32,000 to cover the Elected Officials salaries. He suggested the following areas that could be adjusted:

- Transfer Station line item #5303 recycling expense - cut **\$11,000** (\$22,000 budgeted). Commissioner Burnett spoke of using some of this money for disposal of household hazardous waste.
- ✕ Building Mtc. Travel line item #5311 take out **\$300**, courthouse utilities line item #5484 take out **\$2500**, vehicle line item #5713 take out request and give them vehicles from Environmental Health. Commissioner Carter spoke of information she got from a mechanic that vehicles should last up to 300,000 miles. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of police vehicles being different from privately owned vehicles. Commissioner Burnett spoke of not wanting any law enforcement officer to drive an unreliable vehicle. Bill Herzog spoke of the sheriff's mileage log: 153,198 miles are driven per month X 12 months = 1,838,000 miles which means we should be buying 18 cars per year for the Sheriff's Dept. (106 total vehicles) - some are going to auction. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of use of vehicles by reserve deputies and reserve vehicles that are used when others are in the shop or have been wrecked. Suggested taking new truck out of Bldg. Mtc. budget = **\$18,000**
- ✕ Cut **\$5,000** in Sheriff's Office & **\$20,000** in the Jail (Line Item 5031 Holiday/comp/overtime). Commissioner Molenaar felt like comp time is what costs the county money. Judge Powers felt like you don't need to pay overtime if you hire more officers.

[T1-1153]

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Molenaar to take \$2500 out of Building Maintenance Line Item #5484/courthouse utility and \$18,381 out of Line Item #5713/vehicle, \$1500 out of Transfer Station Line Item #5303/recycling expense, and \$10,000 out of Jail line item #5031/Holiday-Comp-overtime. All voting "AYE".**

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH – PERMIT FEES**

Allen Walther, Environmental Health Director, suggested increasing septic permit fees (currently fees are \$200 for residential and \$400 for commercial). He recommended increasing these fees by \$50-100. Fees have not been raised in a number of years (salaries are higher, gasoline is higher, etc.) Suggested \$275 for residential & \$500 for commercial.

**POPULATION/GROWTH** [T1-1214]

Commissioner Burnett wanted to change the population growth figures he had given on August 2nd – the minutes show an average growth rate of 19.03%, however, the actual average growth rate of those counties was 17.35%. Hays County is double what they are.

COUNTY	1990 POP	1999 POP (est)	Growth rate %
Walker	50,917.00	56,280.00	10.53%
Nacogdoches	54,753.00	59,722.00	9.08%
Harrison	57,483.00	61,299.00	6.64%
Kaufman	52,220.00	66,068.00	26.52%
Liberty	52,726.00	66,695.00	26.49%
Henderson	58,543.00	68,634.00	17.24%
Hunt	64,343.00	70,265.00	9.67%
San Patricio	58,749.00	70,562.00	20.11%
Comal	51,832.00	74,308.00	43.36%
Coryell	64,226.00	76,896.00	19.73%
Guadalupe	64,873.00	78,516.00	21.03%
Angelina	69,884.00	78,527.00	12.37%
Parker	64,785.00	81,105.00	25.19%
Bowie	81,665.00	82,727.00	1.30%
Victoria	74,361.00	84,019.00	12.99%
Orange	80,509.00	85,623.00	6.35%
Hays	65,614.00	91,887.00	40.04%
Randall	89,673.00	103,091.00	14.06%
Grayson	95,019.00	103,676.00	9.11%
Tom Green	98,458.00	105,648.00	7.30%
Ellis	85,167.00	105,904.00	24.35%
Potter	97,841.00	109,458.00	11.87%
Johnson	97,165.00	120,226.00	23.73%

Court was adjourned.

**MINUTES APPROVED IN OPEN COURT ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2000.**

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**JAMES L. POWERS, COUNTY JUDGE**  
**H A Y S COUNTY, TEXAS**

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**LEE CARLISLE, COUNTY CLERK**  
**H A Y S COUNTY, TEXAS**

