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 COUNTY OF HAYS *

ON THIS THE 2nd DAY OF AUGUST, A.D., 2001, THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS, MET IN BUDGET WORKSHOP. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, TO-WIT:

JAMES L. POWERS	COUNTY JUDGE
DEBBIE GONZALES INGALSBE	COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1
H. S. "SUSIE" CARTER	COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2
WILLIAM "BILL" BURNETT	COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3
RUSS G. MOLENAAR	COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4
LEE CARLISLE	COUNTY CLERK

WHEN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, THAT IS:

Judge Powers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

19658 FY2002 HAYS COUNTY BUDGET WORKSHOP WITH ACTION

Judge Powers advised that on Wednesday dept. heads/elected officials will appear, if they wish, before the court regarding their budgets.

VEHICLES

Commissioner Burnett asked Chief Deputy Sheriff Ramsay Garza if there are vehicles that could be utilized by the Constables that are being turned in by the Sheriff's Dept. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of pulling money from reserve funds to purchase new cars for Constables. County Auditor Bill Herzog advised that Constable 4 is due a car this year but it was not put in the proposed budget. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of services provided by Constables and need for good vehicles. Bill Herzog spoke of 31 cars being budgeted - we normally purchase 20. Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke of 23 vehicles plus 1 van for the Sheriff's Dept. in the budget instead of the usual 20. Bill Herzog stated that 3 trucks were added, 2 cars were taken out and 3 motorcycles were added.

[T1-242] **A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Judge Powers to take out 3 vehicles (\$66,000) budgeted for the Sheriff's Dept. - 12 cars, 5 trucks, 1 van, and 3 motorcycles will be budgeted for a total of 21 vehicles for the Sheriff's Dept. All voting "Aye".**

This leaves 3 vehicles (total of \$66,000) that could be utilized for other departments.

[T1- 295] **A motion was made by Commissioner Burnett, seconded by Commissioner Molenaar to budget one new vehicle for Constable Pct. 3 (\$22,000). All voting "Aye".**

Bill Herzog stated that it will not cover the lightbar, siren, etc. Commissioner Burnett spoke of \$1500 budgeted now that could be used for equipment and he could use some of his current equipment.

[T1-352] **A motion was made by Molenaar, seconded by Judge Powers to budget one new vehicle for Constable Pct. 4 (\$22,000). All voting "Aye".**

Chief Deputy Ramsay Garza advised that they may have a truck that could be utilized by Computer Services. Bill Herzog spoke of trucks from environmental health that could be used for other depts. (ie building mtc., etc) to be decided later. Commissioner Ingalsbe asked about recruit deputies starting at Grade 28. Chief Deputy Garza spoke of getting steps up in order to keep people. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of salaries at San Marcos Police Dept.

FIRE/EMS

[T1-545] Commissioner Burnett spoke of request by volunteer fire departments. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of fire districts not being able to bring in the needed funds - some are changing over to Emergency Services Districts in order to generate more funds. Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke of the San Marcos/Hays County EMS funding which generally receives matching funds from the City of San Marcos and Hays County. Judge Powers left funding same as last year (\$120,000).

SOCIAL SERVICES

San Marcos Area Recovery Team/Divers & Community Alliance of North Hays County have been late filing their reports and [Social Service line item# 5834 & 5854] have not received the remainder of their funding this year. Judge Powers suggested cutting their funds if they are not going to submit the necessary reports. The Court will consider reinstating funding if they will appear and present their budget.

[T1-693] **A motion was made by Judge Powers, seconded by Commissioner Molenaar to cut funding for the San Marcos Area Recovery Team/Divers & Community Alliance of North Hays County (Social Services line item #5834 & #5854). Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Molenaar and Judge Powers voting "Aye". Commissioner Burnett voting "No".**

**LIBRARIES**

[T1-730] Commissioner Molenaar spoke of libraries that created library districts (Dripping Springs & Wimberley) – the court needs to see how much money they are generating from taxes. Commissioner Burnett stated that he would like to hear from all the Libraries.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

[T1-827] Commissioner Carter asked about social service organizations and what services are being provided to Hays County? Judge Powers spoke of them being for a public purpose and they must provide accountability by filing reports. Special Counsel Jacqueline Cullom Murphy spoke of spending public funds for public purpose - there must be sufficient controls in place to make sure that public purpose is met – we require them to enter into a contract with Hays County that highlights the public purpose. Commissioner Carter asked the public purpose for the Clean Air Force. Commissioner Burnett spoke of Clean Air Force (CAF) working on plans to keep us from going into “non-attainment” which could prevent us from getting transportation funding. He feels like it is important to be a part of this program. Commissioner Carter felt like TNRCC is in control of the air in Texas - she spoke of other counties that participate and don't put money in it. The plan should come from TNRCC. County Road Supt/Eng. Jerry Borcharding spoke of not wanting the EPA to come in and take control. Commissioner Burnett feels like the CAF is very important. Commissioner Molenaar spoke in support of the Clean Air Force. Judge Powers spoke of need to stay involved in this plan.

ROAD DEPT.

[T1-1021] County Road Supt/Eng. Jerry Borcharding spoke of submitting a \$8 million budget with an alternative that brought that down to \$7.4 million. He worked with Bill Herzog and they cut \$200,000 f/materials \$200,000 f/contract roadwork & \$80,000 from positions (2 employees). He stated that \$480,000 = 25 miles of mtc. chip seal that he feels like it could be used OR 5 miles of reconstruction work in Pct. 3 or 4 OR 34 miles of reconstruction work in Pct. 1 & 2. Line Item #5351: \$2,183,000 original budget last year (FY2001) and final requested figure was \$2,000,325 (adjusted budget for FY2002). Commissioner Carter spoke of cutting back on bond program amount in order to fund the road dept. – don't fund up to \$14 million of bond work (cut it back \$1 million or so). She stated that she would like to see more roads being done by the Road Dept. Jerry Borcharding advised that 89 miles of roads are scheduled for this year and anywhere from 75-80 miles next year. Commissioner Carter suggested not purchasing new vehicles in order to fund the road dept.

[T1-1279] **A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Carter to add \$480,000 back into the Road Dept. budget (\$200,000 for materials \$200,000 for contract roadwork & 2 new employees). Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Molenaar voting “Aye”. Commissioner Burnett and Judge Powers voting “No”. MOTION PASSED.**

County Auditor Bill Herzog advised that he will work on the \$80,000 figure for the two employees – the amount should be lower. He advised that a 1 cent increase in tax rate will generate approximately \$492,000.

Workshops are scheduled for next Monday & Tuesday @ 10a.m and on Wednesday: Dept. Heads/Elected Officials (Sheriffs Dept. @ 10 am)

Court was adjourned.

MINUTES APPROVED IN OPEN COURT ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2001.

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

LEE CARLISLE, COUNTY CLERK
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