



STATE OF TEXAS *
 COUNTY OF HAYS *

ON THIS THE 3rd 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
LINDA C. FRITSCHÉ	DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

WHEN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, THAT IS:

19659 FY2002 HAYS COUNTY BUDGET WORKSHOP WITH ACTION

Summary of Budget Changes made 8/2/01:			
Sheriff's Dept. – reduce three vehicles			\$ - 66,000
Constable Pct. 3 – add one vehicle			\$ + 22,000
Constable Pct. 4 – add one vehicle			\$ + 22,000
Road & Bridge – add to materials			\$ +200,000
Road & Bridge – add to contract services			\$ +200,000
Road & Bridge – add two senior road workers + fringe benefits			\$ + 61,462
Community & Social Services – cut funding for SMART			\$ - 1,000
Community & Social Services – cut fund for CAONHC			\$ - <u>2,000</u>
Adjustment to Budget			\$ 436,462
Tax Rate	General	- 25,000	- .05
	Road & Bridge	+461,462	<u>+ .95</u>
			+ .90

Judge Powers asked for input regarding the proposed budget. Commissioner Molenaar asked about moving the Commissioners budgets to the General Fund since the Commissioners do not directly run the road department. A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar to move the Commissioners budgets to the General Fund . Special Counsel Jacqueline Cullom Murphy spoke of general rule being that R&B money should be used for Road & Bridge purposes and it would be more appropriate for Commissioners to have their budgets in the general fund. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of action taken by other counties who operate with a Unit Road System. He spoke of having a road department run by an Engineer. If this move were to occur, the General Fund would have a higher portion of the tax rate and the R&B General Fund would have less than the current rate. Commissioner Carter asked for more review by Special Counsel and input from the County Auditor before we take action on this matter. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of differences with Unit Road System (election required) and Ex-Officio System. Motion died for lack of a second.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH [T1-209]

Environmental Health Director Allen Walther spoke of difficulty in preparing a budget when you are only 6 months into your current budget. He spoke of fuel bills that have come in late which will make him short in his request - fuel costs have increased. #5271 fuel and lubes needs to be increased back to \$10,000 (proposed budget is \$7,500). He explained consultant line item (unable to determine exactly how much you will need) and temporary personnel line item (a person to place files into computerized system) - line item #5473 Equip Rent/Lease (will need another \$500), #5480 Utilities (another \$1000) and #5489 Telephone (another \$2000). Allen Walther spoke of staffing in the office and staffing in the field - deficient in both of these - TNRCC cited a deficiency in staff. This will be the 6th year that he has not had any increases in staff - the workload has increased dramatically. He spoke of spray systems that have a tremendous need for filings and maintenance issues (3,000-4,000 systems in the county requiring 3 inspections per year that need to be filed with Environmental Health) - a maintenance contract is required each year to be filed with Environmental Health (\$150-500 per year for a contract). They are adding about 400 system each year. Allen Walther spoke of attempts to get an imaging system for records storage. He spoke of more work in the field requiring additional personnel. He spoke of TNRCC rules that push people into using secondary treatments (aerobic systems) - creates spray systems over the aquifer (environmental concerns). He spoke of deficiency in code enforcement - we only have one Officer covering the whole county and he is overloaded. He spoke of considering canceling interlocal agreements/contracts (food establishment inspections, solid waste inspectors, etc.) with cities - that would free up his field staff. Allen Walther spoke of court raising permit fees last year but that money did not go back into his office. He requested addition of one new Sanitarian (\$29,247 + benefits) and a new Environmental Technician (\$18,853 + benefits). A discussion was had regarding Senate Bill 1425 in which cities and counties can enter into interlocal agreements regarding who will enforce subdivision development rules, etc. Judge Powers spoke of getting together with the Mayors to talk about this issue and working together to clean up those issues.



GREATER SAN MARCOS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

[T1-1345] John Boswell, Director of the Greater San Marcos Economic Development Council, (a public private partnership of the City, County, and Private Sector) appeared requesting \$25,000 from the county - they want to continue to provide the same kind of service they have been providing (costs have increased). He spoke of expansion of existing businesses and new businesses that they have been involved in - there has been a benefit to Hays County. He stated that they want to be on an international scale and they are interested in prospects outside the city limits of San Marcos. The City of San Marcos provides \$160,000 in funding. Mr. Boswell explained the services they provide, the programs and the coordination efforts. He spoke of targeting certain types of business to try and bring them to this area. Mr. Boswell spoke of packets that are sent out to prospects. Commissioner Carter asked Commissioner Burnett spoke of need for a diversified tax base - residential growth does not pay for itself. He spoke of budget increases because of the efforts of the GSMEDC and City of San Marcos to bring in industry which increases our tax base. Commissioner Carter spoke of her concerns regarding growth and availability of water. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of ability to lower tax rate for the citizens if we increase economic development.

A motion by Commissioner Burnett, seconded by Commissioner Molenaar to budget \$25,000 for the Greater San Marcos Economic Development Council (line item #5852). Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Molenaar, and Judge Powers voting "Aye". Commissioner Carter voting "No".

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPT.

[T1-1770] **A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar to add \$65,000 into Environmental Health Dept. to fund 1 new sanitarian position and 1 new environmental technician position. MOTION DIED for lack of a second.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar , seconded by Commissioner Burnett to increase Environmental Health Dept. budget by \$6,000 (\$500 for Equip Rent/Lease #5473, \$1,000 for utilities #5480, \$2,000 for telephone #5489, and \$2,500 for fuel & lubes #5471). Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Molenaar and Judge Powers voting "Aye". Commissioner Carter voting "No".

DEBT SERVICES

[T1-1872] Commissioner Burnett advised that Dan Wegmiller (County Financial Advisor) will be coming before the court next week to go over issues regarding the bond package. A trip to New York will be scheduled this month to meet with Standards, Poor and Moody about getting our rate even lower. Attempting to get an upgrade of our rating. It is necessary to travel to New York to meet with these people in person – Commissioner Burnett and Judge Powers will be making this trip.

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

[T1-2068] Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke of cost sharing that could be eliminated (\$200,000 in reserves) – could be put off for one year. She spoke of City of San Marcos plans to upgrade Clovis Barker Road to 4 lanes with a turn lane. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of Sportsplex Road in Dripping Springs that needs to be upgraded for health and safety reasons (used by school buses). Commissioner Carter spoke of a similar situation in Buda (behind the H.E.B.).

Budget workshops will continue on Monday August 6, 2001 at 10:00 a.m.

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
H A Y S COUNTY, TEXAS

