



STATE OF TEXAS *
 COUNTY OF HAYS *

ON THIS THE 6th 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:

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LIBRARIES

Missy Atwood spoke in reference to funding for the Dripping Springs Library - she spoke of increased use at the library. Judge Powers asked about tax income being received after they became a district. Mrs. Atwood spoke of the tax not being enough to cover their operating expenses - they have increased hours of operation (6 days per week 10am-8pm) and have increased staff. She spoke of grant committees trying to obtain money for books. County money represents 20% of the operating funds needed for the library. The City of Dripping Springs does not have the sales tax base of other cities. Mrs. Atwood spoke of providing free internet access and no charge for library cards - they want to expand and have a children's area for children's programs.

COMMISSIONERS' BUDGETS [T1-303]

Commissioner Carter spoke of Travis County & Comal County having moved their Commissioner budgets to the General Fund as suggested by Commissioner Molenaar last week. County Auditor Bill Herzog presented a summary of budget changes and noted the changes to the tax rate if Commissioners budgets are moved:

Summary of Budget Changes 8/3/01			
Sheriffs Dept - reduce 3 vehicles			\$ -66,000
Constable Pct. 3 - add 1 vehicle			+22,000
Constable Pct. 4 - add 1 vehicle			+22,000
R&B - add to materials			+200,000
R&B - add to contract service			+200,000
R&B - add 2 Sr. Road Workers & fringe benefits			+61,462
Community & Social Svcs - cut funding f/SM Area Recovery Team			-1,000
Community & Social Svcs - cut funding f/Community Alliance of No HC			-2,000
Community & Social Svcs - Incr funding f/San Marcos Economic Dev Co			+5,200
Environmental Health - add to fuel & lubes			+2,500
Environmental Health - add to equipment rent/lease			+500
Environmental Health - add to utilities			+1,000
Environmental Health - add to telephone			+2,000
Adjustment to Budget			\$ +447,662
Tax Rate	General	-13,800	-.03
	Road & Bridge	+461,462	+.95
			+.92
NOTE:			
03-439 Commissioner Precinct 1			\$ 102,109
03-440 Commissioner Precinct 2			\$ 107,899
03-441 Commissioner Precinct 3			\$ 108,272
03-442 Commissioner Precinct 4			<u>\$ 109,245</u>
			\$ 427,525
Tax Rate:	General =	+.87¢	
	Road & Bridge =	-.88¢	

A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Carter to move the Commissioners budgets from the Road & Bridge General Fund to the General Fund. All voting "Aye".

**CONSTABLE PCT. 4/JP4 STAFF** [T1-350]

Commissioner Molenaar spoke of DPS License & Weights and revenue to be generated. Justice of the Peace Pct. 4 and Constable 4 are each requesting part-time staff. He explained work to be done for the Constable (answer phone, data entry, etc.). County Auditor Bill Herzog spoke of difference in grades for JP staff and Constable staff. JP4 = \$10,000 Constable \$9,426 (total salary of \$19,426). Commissioner Molenaar spoke of creating 1 fulltime position (19/1) - that person will assist the Constable part-time and the Justice of the Peace Pct. 4. **A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to create a clerk position in the Constable Pct. 4 office at Grade 19 Step 1 to assist in JP4 office. Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Molenaar, and Judge Powers voting "Aye". Commissioner Carter & Commissioner Burnett were not present to vote. MOTION PASSED**

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT

Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke of projects in the various precincts. She suggested cutting infrastructure improvements by \$100,000 for purchase of vehicles. County Auditor Bill Herzog spoke of \$59,000 already in reserves for this - \$41,000 needed to make \$100,000. A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Burnett to add one Sanitarian (28/1) and one Environ Technician (19/1) to Environmental Health Dept. \$64,109 [out of reserves]. Motions withdrawn.

ROAD BONDS [T1-747]

Dan Wegmiller (First Southwest Company/Bond Counsel) presented a spreadsheet Re: Preliminary I&S Tax Rate Analysis for \$50,520,000 Capital Improvement Program (6 year program) - Restructuring Currently Callable Debt Only as of 7/13/01. He went over the spreadsheet and spoke of current interest rates. The Post Refunding/existing debt = \$28,789,639. He spoke of assumptions related to \$14,100,000 issuance @ 5.30% interest rate - you can increase or decrease the size of issue to fit in with the tax rate. There is nothing binding about this analysis. Tentative Timetable for Issuance of Unlimited Tax Road Bonds, Series 2001 General Obligation and Refunding Bonds, Series 2001A:

August 14, 2001	First Southwest Co. delivers Preliminary Official Statements to Underwriters
August 23, 2001	Bond Ratings are received and published by First Southwest Company
August 28, 2001	Award. The Commissioners' Court awards the Bonds to the Underwriters
September 25, 2001	Closing. Bonds are delivered and proceeds received.

Dan Wegmiller advised that they will continue to monitor valuations, etc. Discussed time period for completing the projects and use of funds. Commissioner Burnett spoke of need for projects to go through Jerry Borchering - we need to get these projects going as quickly as possible. Jerry Borchering spoke of some roads that can be done without engineering plan work. Commissioner Burnett spoke of need to address roads that were listed on the road bond ballot as quickly as possible. He spoke of need for workshops to discuss what roads will be addressed initially and get some cost estimates. Dan Wegmiller suggested putting this information on the county website or have a phone number for information. [See spreadsheet & time tables in file]

TRAVEL ALLOWANCE [T1-1360]

Commissioner Carter asked about Commissioner Burnett being reimbursed for travel instead of receiving a travel allowance like the other Commissioners. Commissioner Burnett spoke of getting reimbursed for his travel by keeping an accounting of mileage (calculate exact miles he drives). Reimbursement is 34.5¢ per mile. He stated that he started doing that because Sam Davis asked him how much we drive on county time - he now has an exact figure - it is not taxable. Commissioner Ingalsbe stated that she also keeps a record but she is not using the reimbursement method. Commissioner Molenaar stated that he is not interested in changing from receiving a travel allowance to being reimbursed for travel.

CONSTABLE PCT. 1 - VEHICLE [T1-1486]

Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke of request from Constable Pct. 1 regarding vehicles being used by Deputies and Reserves. He will give the 1997 vehicle to his Reserves if he could get a new vehicle. Constable Cruz feels like it is a safety issue. Judge Powers stated that he did not put it in the budget because it was explained to him as a replacement vehicle for the Reserve Deputy. **A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Molenaar to add one new vehicle to the budget for Constable Pct.1. Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Burnett, and Commissioner Molenaar voting "Aye". Commissioner Carter abstained. Judge Powers not present to vote. MOTION PASSED.**

Budget workshop 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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