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 COUNTY OF HAYS *

ON THIS THE 13th 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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Commissioner Molenaar spoke of insurance costs are not available at this time - it may a 15% increase in premiums.

VILLAGE INN OF WIMBERLEY

A motion was made by Commissioner Burnett to approve \$7500 for the Village Inn of Wimberley. Motion died for lack of second. **A motion was made by Judge Powers, seconded by Commissioner Burnett to fund \$2,500 for Village Inn of Wimberley. Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Burnett, and Judge Powers voting "Aye". Commissioner Molenaar voting "No". Commissioner Carter was not present for vote.**

CIVIC CENTER [T1-401]

Commissioner Molenaar spoke of possibly doing away with the Civic Center. County Auditor Bill Herzog advised that it would save \$120,000.00 if it was deleted from the budget. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of possibly leasing the property to the Youth Association. He feels like we will continue to lose without assistance from other entities. Commissioner Burnett spoke of civic centers being a service and they do not generally make money - it is similar to the transfer station operation. It would take a lot of money to renovate it to where it would be more marketable. Commissioner Molenaar felt like the City of San Marcos should be involved in its operation. Environmental Health Director Allen Walther spoke of that area being largely commercial.

Court discussed problems with water at the Justice Center. Judge Powers will be meeting with Insurance people to see what can be determined and done about the situation.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

[T1-1011] A discussion was had regarding reduction in the Road Department budget and discussed equipment rental in the Road Department - \$17,000 is budgeted for rental of an oil distributor. Road Supt/Eng. Jerry Borcharding spoke of problems with the Oil Distributor - he supports a buy-back contract for equipment. \$120,000 to purchase an Oil Distributor. He would like to buy another one and keep the current one - requires continued maintenance with their aggressive schedule. \$17,000 rental is for 3 months use only (3500 gallon Distributor). Jerry advised that he would like to have a workshop to go through the priority list and work out a program. Discussed roads listed on the road bond issue - it is flexible in order to be fair. Jerry Borcharding gave the following figures for each precinct:

Reconstruction:	#1 = 0%	#2 = 29%	#3 = 37%	#4 = 34%
Chip seal:	#1 = 17%	#2 = 18%	#3 = 24%	#4 = 41%

[T1-1468] Jacqueline Cullom Murphy spoke of contacting Bond Counsel Carolyn Palumbo - the general rule is that bond proceeds can only be expended for things related to the bond project - she suggested that you could purchase an oil distributor for the Road Department as long as it is used the majority of the time for the bond road project - you would need to make sure it is used for the life of the bond project as well.

VEHICLES

[T1-1210] Discussion was had regarding vehicles inventory. County Auditor Bill Herzog spoke of inventory his office has compiled (which was started by Pct. 2 office) - it has been done twice. Commissioner Carter suggested avoiding buying vehicles not related to the road dept. this year. Bill Herzog advised that there are 31 vehicles that are budgeted but are not for the Road Dept. [T1-1400] **A motion was made by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Judge Powers to eliminate all vehicles not related to the Road Department from the FY2002 budget. Commissioner Carter voting "Aye". Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Molenaar and Judge Powers voting "No". MOTION FAILED.**

**NEW POSITIONS**

[T1-1579] A motion was made by Judge Powers that all new positions in the FY2002 Budget will be delayed until January 1, 2002 (a three months savings in the budget) which reflects a savings of \$121,359.00. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of revenue that could be lost by delaying the Sheriff's Deputies. MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND. [T1-1745] Commissioner Carter asked about the Parks Administrator position. She feels like the Parks Administrator should be at the park whenever the park is open. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of the amount of work Jerry Pinnix has put into the park to make it work. Commissioner Carter spoke of need for enforcement at the park – she spoke of San Marcos having one man overseeing a lot of volunteers who man the park all the time. Commissioner Carter spoke of need for increase in duty with increase in pay. Commissioner Molenaar stated that you are not going to have one guy doing it all. Richard Salmon spoke of work being done at the Park by Jerry Pinnix – he has had no complaints. Commissioner Burnett spoke of starting the two new positions in Environmental Health in January 2002. [T1-2019] **A motion was made by Commissioner Burnett, seconded by Judge Powers to delay new positions as follows: Sanitarian and Environmental Technician, Deputy Constable Pct. 2, Constable Pct. 4 Part-time Office Specialist, and the Engineer in Training in the Road & Bridge Operations, in the FY2002 Budget until January 1, 2002 which reflects a savings of \$43,786. All voting "Aye".** Commissioner Carter questioned the reasoning for approving a Deputy Constable for Pct. 2. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of education required for Officers – Constable Pct. 2 James Kohler is grand-fathered.

[T1-2230]

Commissioner Burnett spoke of road bond program – the roads included on the ballot should be done as soon as possible. Discussion was had regarding proposed tax rate. Commissioner Burnett spoke of Inspector position for the Road Dept. to be utilized for Bond Roads. Current tax rate is 45.39 cents – proposed tax rate at this time is 44.61 cents. Bill Herzog spoke of average home values and increase to the taxpayer of approximately \$35 overall compared to last year.

Court was adjourned.

MINUTES APPROVED IN OPEN COURT ON THE 21st DAY OF AUGUST, 2001.

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

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

