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STATE OF TEXAS *
 COUNTY OF HAYS *

ON THIS THE 16th DAY OF AUGUST A.D., 2002, THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS, MET IN A BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING. 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:

FY2003 HAYS COUNTY BUDGET * WORKSHOP

COUNTY COURT AT LAW #2

Judge Linda A. Rodriguez spoke of \$100 taken out of her budget this year – last year she lost the funding for her telephone budget. She explained how the County Court at Law offices work – funds comes first out of CCL#1 budget, therefore, she has not had to use funds out of her budget – her funds are depleted during the last few months of the fiscal year. She spoke of "time payment" fees in CCL#1 budget which is to be reserved for court related items and she has been having to use this fund for the deficit in her budget. Judge Rodriguez spoke of longevity that was taken away from her and Judge Warner – she advised that they must be paid "at least" \$1,000 less than District Judges (minimum amount) – they are considered county employees and she feels like the longevity should be reinstated. Commissioner Molenaar asked the judges to read Article 3 Section 53 of the Texas Constitution and let him know what their interpretation is of that statute. County Auditor Bill Herzog spoke of cutting \$50 from the "other expenses" line item which has never been used and \$50.00 from the printing line item. He will look at the time payment fee to see what was paid out of that line item. He advised that he looked at what was being spent over the last several years and he spoke of using the longevity funds to bring them up to the mandated salaries.

COUNTY COURT AT LAW #1

Judge Warner spoke of line item #01-422-5331 for continuing education expenses – additional personnel will be needing to earn continuing education hours this coming year. \$750 was funded for continuing education and \$250 more is needed. The Court suggested using the "time payment" fee for needed expenses.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY

[T1-391] Judge Warner spoke of need for another fulltime employee in court security. There was originally 2 fulltime Deputy Sheriff's in security. His office then created a court security department (this was agreeable with the Sheriff) and they hired only part-time law enforcement officers in order to save the county money – in 1998 they had 14 officers they are now down to 7 officers. Another fulltime security officer is needed to take over the work of Chuck Fritsche (Bailiff/Security Coord) who plans to retire the end of next year. Ed Stapp is willing to take on this position – he is currently a part-time officer. Judge Warner spoke of need to increase the salaries of security personnel. The alternative would be to turn this department back over to the Sheriff's Dept. Commissioner Ingalsbe asked about moving court security position in JP1-2 back into Courthouse Security. Judge Warner spoke of originally providing security in JP1-2, however, that did not work out. [T1-583] A motion was made by Commissioner Burnett, seconded by Commissioner Molenaar to move \$250 from time payment fee to continuing education in the CCL#1 budget. County Auditor Bill Herzog preferred to wait until such time as the funds are needed and amend the budget at that time. Motions were withdrawn. [T1-608] **A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Burnett to transfer court security position from JP1-2 court back into County Court Security.** Bill Herzog spoke of JP1-2 going \$300 over in that line item and he told the Treasurer not to allow him to work anymore. **All voting "Aye".**

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 1 PLACE 2 [T1-633]

Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke of JP Lamont Ramage getting some authority to help the employees of JP1-2 office with computer training – there is a bookkeeper in that office that may not be needed. **A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Judge Powers to eliminate JP1-2 part-time bookkeeper position effective December 31, 2002. Commissioner Molenaar, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Ingalsbe, and Judge Powers voting "Aye". Commissioner Burnett voting "No".**

JAIL OPERATIONS [T1-725]

#01-419-5232 Prisoner Meal Expense – Bill Herzog spoke of new wing being opened (the old juvenile section) therefore more prisoners will be fed. #01-419-5451 Contract Building mtc. & repair. County Auditor Bill Herzog spoke of building getting older and in need of repair – expenses are kept separate from building maintenance department in order to determine "inmate costs". [T1-825] **A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Judge Powers to decrease line item #01-419-5451 from \$35,000 to \$30,000 (decrease of \$5,000). All voting "Aye".**

**DISTRICT COURT OPERATIONS** [T1-893] Pg. 71

Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke of line items #01-436-5211 Office supplies and #01-436-5301 jury expense. County Auditor Bill Herzog spoke of this department – it will be way over budget this year.

VEHICLES [T1-994]

Commissioner Carter spoke of Computer Services vehicles – they have requested 3 Explorer type vehicles = \$75,000, recommended budget = \$25,000 + used vehicle. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of looking at all vehicles together and consider using reserve funds (one time expense). Commissioner Carter felt like they should have several good reliable vehicles. County Auditor Bill Herzog advised that they have a 2002 Explorer, 1996 Chevy Pickup and a 1991 Jeep.

REVENUES – TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUND

Pg. 24 Commissioner Carter asked about increased revenue in Tobacco Settlement Funds. County Auditor Bill Herzog advised that he anticipates increased funds.

JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICE

Pg. 5 Line Item #01-405-5491 Juvenile Detention. County Auditor Bill Herzog spoke of under budgeting this year so he increased it for next year – he explained residential expense #5497.

FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES

Pg. 15 Line Item #5021 Staff Salaries – it was believed that additional staff was hired this year which increased the amount. Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke of line item #5011 & #5448 money shifting – they hope to get rid of contract services and hire a doctor. She stated that we are receiving complaints regarding the CTMA PA position.

ROAD & BRIDGE OPERATIONS [T1-1394]

Line Item #03-438-5714 Road Equipment – Commissioner Carter asked why this line item was so low. County Auditor Bill Herzog stated that they funded the top priority equipment and the top/low priority equipment requested. Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke of new mower purchased – should be able to do away with some contract mower.

Next workshop to be held Monday, August 19, 2002 @ 10 a.m.

Court was adjourned.

MINUTES APPROVED IN OPEN COURT ON THE 27th DAY OF AUGUST, 2002.

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

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

