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ON THIS THE 18th DAY OF AUGUST A.D., 2003, 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
LEE CARLISLE	COUNTY CLERK

WHEN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, THAT IS:

Judge Powers called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. Commissioner Molenaar led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags.

Commissioner Burnett was absent at the beginning of the meeting.

FY2004 HAYS COUNTY BUDGET WORKSHOP

CONSTABLES [T1-27]

Constable Pct. 3 Ron Magill appeared representing all the Constables in Hays County. He spoke of Sheriff's Dept. salaries that were increased this year – the lowest paid supervisory sheriff deputy received \$59,019 per year. He spoke of Grievance Committee recommendation last year for Constables that was turned down by the Commissioners' Court. They are requesting a salary of \$60,000.00 per year for FY2004. [T1-134] Constable Pct. 5 Billy Reeves spoke of Sheriff's Sergeants (lowest ranked supervisors) and their duties (some have no personnel responsibilities) and salary increases that were given to them. [T1-210] Morris Haggerton spoke of his concern about disparity of salaries for Constables – he urged the court to give a duly earned raise to the Constables. [T1-276] Jim Green urged the court to hold the line on salaries – he feels like elected officials are different from hired help. He feels like the court made a mistake raising Sheriff's Dept. salaries. [T1-312] Dottie Barnes feels like the court went way above parity – she asked about the Sheriff's Posse – who pays for the horses? Constable Reeves spoke in support of horse patrols in subdivisions, etc. – he feels like they are a crime deterrent. [T1-387] Constable Pct. 4 Debra Brown passed out letters from citizens in support of their request.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

[T1-234] Mary Elena Gonzalez presented a Republican National Hispanic Assembly (RNHA) position statement concerning the Community and Social Services budget request for fiscal year 2004 requesting the Court to establish guidelines that will hold community and social organizations accountable for their tax-funded expenditures.

Commissioner Burnett came to the meeting at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Environmental Health Director Allen Walther requested an increase in postage (line item #5212) – they have already exceeded their travel amount of \$1,200 (requested \$1,500). He spoke of consulting expenses that were deleted – money is needed for technical reviews. Line item #5311 travel has already exceeded the amount budgeted for FY2004. Programs Manager, GIS/911 Addressing Steve Floyd gave a power point presentation showing amount of water/wastewater system records – they are in need of a scanner for easier access to the records (to be accessed through their current data base). Computer Services Director Jeff McGill spoke in support of upgrading Environmental Health's computer operating system from Windows ME to Windows XP. This will cost \$250 X 10 for Windows XP, \$3,000-4,000 for a good quality scanner, \$295 for PDF writer, & \$2000 for a new scanner PC. Approximately \$10,000 total cost. County Auditor Bill Herzog advised that money is already budgeted for this expense out of records preservation. This will be considered at the next regular meeting. Steve Floyd also advised that the Subdivision Coordinator needs a new computer system that will be compatible with the GIS software – he is not able to view digital subdivision files on his current computer – requesting a laptop with a port replicator to substitute for a desktop system – enables integration of digital subdivision data and aerial photos into Commissioners' Court presentations – approximately \$3,000. [T1-1077] Tom Parten (SM/Hays County EMS) spoke in support of new map books. Steve Floyd spoke of new grid system (smaller grids) and need for a new book. Constable Pct. 5 Billy Reeves spoke of MapsCo that produces a professional map book available at local stores. Mr. Parten advised that there are a tremendous amount of streets that are not in the MapsCo book. Steve Floyd spoke of control of content and frequency of updating – he spoke of mile markers, cemeteries, etc. in our book – they are looking at a layer that would show low water crossings, etc. – new grid system would have a new page numbering system.

**EXTENSION OFFICE**

[T1-1452] County Extension Agent Rachel Bauer spoke of travel allowance and requested an increase of \$500. County Agent Susan Schram spoke of not having a county vehicle – they are in a 12 county district (from Bastrop County to El Paso) which requires extensive travel for training, conferences, etc. Rachel Bauer spoke of fuel & lubes line item – allotment was reduced from \$2,000 to \$1,500 – would like to bring that back up to \$2,000. Requesting an increase in Equipment Rent/Lease line item due to increase in monthly payment on a copy machine (replaced the old copier). Utilities line item – requesting a \$1,000 increase due to fact that they went over by \$700 last year. Office equipment line item - \$1300 to purchase a computer through A&M University cost system – they want this expenditure to remain in their budget for accounting purposes.

DEPUTY CONSTABLES

[T1-1804] Pct. 1 Deputy Constables Clemente Verastegui and Steve Velasquez requested laptops for their vehicles – this would provide them with information they need regarding individuals they are serving – they would be able to access the county computer and TLETS. They have problems going through the Sheriff's Dept. and getting information timely. A discussion was had regarding the Constable offices and their computer access to TLETS, etc.

Human Resources was scheduled for today, however, they requested postponement until tomorrow.

COURT WAS ADJOURNED.

MINUTES APPROVED IN OPEN COURT ON THE 26TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2003.

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

LEE CARLISLE, COUNTY CLERK
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