



STATE OF TEXAS \*  
COUNTY OF HAYS \*

ON THIS THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST A.D., 2004, THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS, MET IN A BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, TO-WIT:

<b>JAMES L. POWERS</b>	<b>COUNTY JUDGE</b>
<b>DEBBIE GONZALEZ INGALSBE</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1</b>
<b>H. S. "SUSIE" CARTER</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2</b>
<b>WILLIAM "BILL" BURNETT</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3</b>
<b>RUSS G. MOLENAAR</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4</b>
<b>LEE CARLISLE</b>	<b>COUNTY CLERK</b>

WHEN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, THAT IS:

**21977 FY2005 HAYS COUNTY BUDGET WORKSHOP WITH ACTION**

**PRECINCT 4 OFFICE SPACE/FACILITY**

Commissioner Molenaar made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burnett to earmark money received from sale of Dripping Springs Triangle (apprx \$224,000) for a new building site for Precinct 4 offices. County Auditor Bill Herzog advised that the money is currently in reserve funds. Discussion was had regarding \$2,000 currently used for lease of office that would go towards the payment on the new facility. Commissioner Carter suggested looking at all office space needs as a whole package. **Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Molenaar, and Judge Powers voting "Aye". Commissioner Carter voting "No".**

**TREASURER'S OFFICE** [T1-233]

County Treasurer Michele Tuttle spoke of struggling to keep up with the workload in her office. She spoke of added reports that are required of her office by the State and the credit card program that was started. The Adult Probation employees will be taken off our insurance plan and the retirees from that department will have to be kept on the county plan. She spoke of work to be done by new part-time employee being requested. This position was included in the budget [effective 4/1/05]

**DPS OFFICE** [T1-344]

DPS Sgt. Mike Holmes spoke of utilities at the southbound weights station – budgeted amount will not cover the actual cost. \$1180 increase is being requested. **A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Carter to increase utilities line item for DPS/License & Weights in the amount of \$1,180 – total of \$2280. Burnett not present to vote All present voting "Aye".**

**GREATER SAN MARCOS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL** [T1-390]

Dan Rogers, Executive Director of the Greater San Marcos Economic Development Council spoke of increase being requested – he spoke of working with other communities in the county. They are working aggressively to bring economic development to this area to offset cost of property taxes.

**JUVENILE PROBATION** [T1-568]

Discussion was had regarding "other" line item in this budget. County Auditor Bill Herzog spoke of use of these funds. **A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Carter to change "other" line item to "juvenile expenses". All voting "Aye".**

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Line Item 5429 - Software to help assist in determining payments and statistical data for indigent health care. **A motion was made by Judge Powers, seconded by Commissioner Carter to eliminate \$16,500 line item #5429 Internet Databse Svcs and have Jeff McGill look into this item. All voting "Aye".**

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Commissioner Carter spoke of \$150 in "other" line item and the \$8,000 tilting skillet being requested. Commissioner Ingalsbe asked about increase in telephone/fax/data line expense. [T1-972] Fire Marshal Mark Chambers spoke about radio systems being considered – FCC rules mandate that we must change our radio system. We are going to have to replace all our radio equipment – a minimum of 3 tower sites are needed and preferably 5 towers (\$1 million per site). LCRA already has towers and we could lease them, which would eliminate the need for us to purchase and maintain tower sites. LCRA has committed to building a tower in the Wimberley area if we agree to go on their system – that would give us 5 tower sites in Hays County. Commissioner Ingalsbe asked about funding for replacement radios – she is concerned about purchasing radios that will have to be replaced when we go on the LCRA system. Mark Chambers advised that LCRA does not want us on their system until the Wimberley Tower is built – that would probably be in about one year. Chief Deputy Sheriff Regis D'Arza spoke of need for radios in replacement cars (used when a unit is down). He advised that they will look closer at the replacement radio requests. Commissioner Ingalsbe asked about purchase of seven tazers – she thought they were suppose to be purchased with grant funds. **A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Carter to eliminate "other" line item from the Sheriff's Dept. budget. All voting "Aye".**



Court recessed for lunch. Commissioner Carter was not present.

**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 3** [T1-1735]

J.P. 3 Andy Cable spoke of sharing a clerk at the present time with the Commissioner in Pct. 3. He requested a fulltime clerk in his office because of increase in workload. He spoke of increase in revenue that has been generated since he took office. Commissioner Burnett spoke in support of this request. JP3 currently has one fulltime clerk and utilizes the Commissioner's clerk. **A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Burnett to include a fulltime clerk for JP3 effective April 1, 2005 with money to come from line item #5429 (Information Technology budget). Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Molenaar, and Judge Powers voting "Aye". Commissioner Ingalsbe voting "No".**

Commissioner Carter came to meeting during the following discussion.

**EXTENSION OFFICE** [T1-1980]

Susan Schramm spoke of concern that fuel/lubes line item was cut from \$1500 to \$1200 – they may run short even with \$1500. County Auditor Bill Herzog advised that there may be other line items that this shortfall could come out of. Susan Schramm spoke of fuel averaging \$242 per month for fuel.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPT** [T1-2145]

Environmental Health Director Allen Walther spoke of fuel costs and postage expenses for Environmental Health.

**CAPCO/911 ADDRESSING MAINT GRANT** [T1-2220]

GIS/911 Addressing Programs Manager Steve Floyd spoke of contract services – payment is due annually (in August) and are not yet reflected in the YTD expenses. \$93,545 is allocated from CAPCO, therefore, budget needs to be bumped up to match the revenue from CAPCO. County Auditor Bill Herzog advised that the \$93,545 is reflected in the revenue section of the budget. **A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Judge Powers to increase line item for contract services from \$5,000 to \$8,335 (\$3,335 increase). All voting "Aye".** Steve Floyd spoke of temporary personnel (intern @ \$10 per hour) request. This was moved into staff salaries. Steve Floyd spoke of map books – he wanted to invest in internet mapping software that would be accessible on the county internet site. Software is \$8,000 X 2 = \$16,000 + \$2,000 annual software mtc. – could tailor one of the map servers for use by emergency personnel (information needs to be made available in a way that would accommodate air cards by emergency personnel). We could use at least one server to be utilized by the public – this would have the most current information available. He spoke of wanting to burn the map pages to a CD that could be made available instead of hard copy books.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP SCHEDULE**

**A motion was made by Judge Powers, seconded by Commissioner Carter to schedule a budget workshop for Monday @ 10a.m. All voting "Aye".**

On Tuesday the court will vote on a proposed tax rate.

Court was adjourned.

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**I, LEE CARLISLE, COUNTY CLERK and EXOFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains a true and accurate record of the proceedings had by the Hays County Commissioners' Court on AUGUST 16, 2004.**




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**LEE CARLISLE, COUNTY CLERK AND EXOFFICIO  
CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF  
HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS**

