



STATE OF TEXAS *
COUNTY OF HAYS *

ON THIS THE 23RD 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:

JAMES L. POWERS	COUNTY JUDGE
DEBBIE GONZALEZ 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. FRITSCH	DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

WHEN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, THAT IS:

FY2005 HAYS COUNTY BUDGET WORKSHOP

HAYS COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Jan Thompson, Chairman of the Hays County SWCD, spoke of concern about removal of \$4,400 in funding. She spoke of Texas State University interns that work in their office that are dependent on this funding and she spoke of services (technical assistance) provided by these interns. She spoke of programs assisting in the watersheds in Hays County. Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke of previous meeting regarding HCWCD in which the court was advised that they monitor the dams and she asked what services are provided. ? Finch [T1-115] spoke of checking dam sites to make sure they are functioning properly. Jan Thompson advised that the state will match the \$4,400 funded by the county. **A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Carter to keep funding for the Hays County S&WCD in the budget. All voting "Aye".**

UPPER SAN MARCOS WATERSHED DISTRICT

Bill Taylor, USMWD Administrator, spoke of operations and maintenance of the dam structures is the responsibility of the county and has not been done very well – he spoke of maintenance that needs to be done on the dams. He has spoken with Tim at the Road Dept. regarding need for continued maintenance. He spoke of the USMWD being a taxing authority to pay for bonds used to purchase the property for these structures.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY [T1-265]

District Attorney Mike Wenk spoke of staffing crisis in his office – new positions budgeted are to be effective April 1, 2005, however, they were needed a year ago. He spoke of amount of law enforcement officers that have been added in this county over the last 14 years (151 officers) which has created an explosion of cases being filed in his office. He spoke of the number of positions in other District Attorney offices in this area (double the staff). He spoke of the added courtroom at the Justice Center – they now have two district judges on the bench at the same time and they cannot maintain the volume of prosecutions they are doing with the staff they have. New positions are: 1 Assistant DA, 1 Investigator, & 1 staff member – it will cost \$74,000 to start these positions Oct. 1, 2004.

SAN MARCOS/HAYS COUNTY EMS [T1-490]

Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke of agreement between Hays County, City of San Marcos, & the SM/HCEMS. The City of San Marcos increased their funding to \$228,000 and the county is obligated to match those funds. She spoke of 59% of the calls are within the city limits of San Marcos & 41% of the calls are out in the county. The City of Kyle is providing \$100,000, the City of Dripping Springs provides \$395,000, and the City of Buda provides \$295,000. Commissioner Ingalsbe advised that she will have Tom Partin appear tomorrow.

AUSTIN/SAN ANTONIO COORIDOR COUNCIL [T1-636]

Commissioner Burnett advised that they are working towards a commuter rail line from San Antonio to Austin and we need to be part of the decision making process. \$4750 is budgeted.

WIMBERLEY INSTITUTE OF CULTURE [T1-708]

Commissioner Burnett spoke of WIOC being a catalyst in putting a community center in Wimberley – it will have a public swimming pool and preserve the Winters House (oldest building in Wimberley). Special Counsel Jacqueline Collum Murphy spoke of programs that can be funded by counties – it is a policy decision.

COUNTYWIDE OPERATIONS

Discussion was had regarding line items #5329 = \$10,000 for JP Warrant & Other Fee; #5743 = \$150,000 for Infrastructure Improvements for Cabella's Project (TxDot); & #5473 = \$175,052 for election equipment lease.

PERSONNEL [T1-1033]

Discussion was had regarding adding personnel October 1st vs April 1st. The Sheriff has proposed to reduce his budget: \$49,400 in equipment & \$7,600 by reverting a Capt. position to a Lt. Position. Commissioner Ingalsbe suggested making personnel changes on January 1st instead of April 1st.



County Auditor Bill Herzog provided a list of budget considerations thus far:

<u>DEPT</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Precinct 4	01-414-5742 Pct. 4 office complex	\$224,000 reserves
DPS/L&W	01-470-5480 Utilities	\$ 1,180
Indigent Care	01-408-5429 internet data base software	\$ (16,500)
JP#3	01-427-5021 Staff salaries	\$ 12,444
	01-427-5101 Fica/Ret	\$ 2,050
	01-427-5160 Insurance	\$ 1,851
CAPCO 911 Addr	01-727-5448 contract services	\$ 3,335
	01-727-5449 temp personnel	no action \$ 6,000
	01-727-5461 printing	no action \$ 7,000
Environmental Health	01-411-5271 fuel & lubes	no action \$ 3,000
Greater SM Econ	01-407-5851 Greater SM Econ Dev	no action \$ 36,250
Extension Office	01-403-5271 fuel & lubes	no action transfer line item
District Clerk	01-416-5021 Staff salaries	no action \$ 12,444
	01-416-5101 Fica/Ret	no action \$ 2,050
	01-416-5160 Insurance	no action \$ 2,777
Retirees	Retirement	\$ 9,127
	Health Insurance	(\$ 9,127)
TOTAL		\$ 4,360 \$ 69,521

Bill Herzog also provided a list of future projects:

Road Bonds – remaining	\$30,000,000
County Office Complex	\$30,000,000
TxDot – Cabellas	\$ 500,000
Kyle Office Complex	\$ 500,000
Jail Expansion	\$10,000,000
Radio System	\$ 1,000,000
Computer Equipment & Software	\$ 1,000,000
Election Equipment	\$ 1,000,000
TOTAL	\$74,000,000

Court was adjourned.

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 23, 2004.



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

