



STATE OF TEXAS *
COUNTY OF HAYS *

ON THIS THE 19th DAY OF SEPTEMBER A.D., 2007, THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS, MET IN SPECIAL MEETING. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, TO-WIT:

ELIZABETH "LIZ" SUMTER	COUNTY JUDGE
DEBBIE GONZALES INGALSBE	COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1
JEFFERSON W. BARTON	COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2
WILL CONLEY	COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3
KAREN FORD	COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4
LINDA C. FRITSCHÉ	COUNTY CLERK

THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, THAT IS:

Judge Sumter called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY2008 HAYS COUNTY BUDGET

Judge Sumter declared the public hearing open. Al Broun (Geologist) spoke of budget request and role of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District. Stephen Doerr spoke of services provided by RSVP and request for funding. Jan Thompson spoke of services provided by the Hays County Soil & Water Conservation District and funding. Public hearing was closed.

24610 SET THE SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES FOR HAYS COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR FY2008 [T1-183]

A motion was made by Commissioner Sumter, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to increase travel allowance to \$3600 for District Clerk. Commissioner Ingalsbe & Judge Sumter voting "Aye". Commissioner Barton, Commissioner Conley, and Commissioner Ford voting "No". MOTION FAILED.

[T1-246] A motion was made by Judge Sumter, seconded by Commissioner Barton to set salaries and allowance for Hays County Elected Officials as published in the newspaper with exception of District Clerk auto allowance being \$2400 for FY2008. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED.

24611 ADOPT THE FY2008 HAYS COUNTY BUDGET AFTER MAKING ANY FINAL CHANGES [T1-252]

Court went through the recommended "clean-up" items submitted by the County Auditor and took action as follows.

A motion was made by Judge Sumter, seconded by Commissioner Barton to approve changes as submitted by the County Auditor: -\$7,369 for Indigent Care insurance calculation correction, -\$7,369 for District Court insurance calculation correction, -\$13,217 for County Clerk part-time position budgeted in 08-445 and 01-417, -\$7,369 for Courthouse Security insurance calculation correction (fund 29-606), +\$1,799 for Personal Health computer system with software, +\$1,799 for Constable Pct. 5 for computer system with software, +\$22,650 to budget time payment expenses for JP's/Courts, -\$500 for removal of printer cost for District Attorney Special Counsel, -\$1,250 for Extension Agents to receive only 2% COLA, -\$14,926 grant clean-up to increase general fund revenue, -\$7,940 grant clean-up to reduce general fund expenditures, +\$100,000 to reduce revenue for Personal Health Fund 35, -\$101,987 to clean-up Health Services Grants Fund 10 revenue increase, and +\$27,692 to clean-up/increase expenses for Health Services Grants Fund 10. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

[T1-424]

A motion was made by Commissioner Barton, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve changes as submitted by the County Auditor: Juvenile Center improvements – Fund 24 – rollover FY07 balance of \$640,000, Sheriffs Drug Forfeiture Fund – rollover FY07 balance of \$10,000, '06 Road Bond Fund 42 – rollover FY07 balance of \$3,000,000, redistribute funds related to actual grant expenses for the District Attorney, budget staff position from contract services in the County Clerk Archives Fund, increase equipment rent/lease by \$6,000 for County Clerk's Records Management, and rollover FY07 balance of \$90,000 for FEMA-01-718 Early Warning System. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

[T1-454]

A motion was made by Judge Sumter, seconded by Commissioner Conley to approve \$22,000 FY07 balance rollover for Watershed Dams Maintenance. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED



No action was taken regarding supplemental pay for District Judges – leave as is. No action was taken regarding consideration for a full time fire marshal. Discussion was had regarding delay in merit increases from October 1, 2007 to January 1, 2008.

[T1-807]

A motion was made by Judge Sumter, seconded by Commissioner Conley to approve regrade of Engineer in training position to Environmental Compliance Specialist in the Road Department with additional funding of \$5,400. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED.

[T1-936]

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Conley to fund a Time Keeping System out of reserves in the amount of \$35,000. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

[T1-1077]

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Barton to fund entire request to match the City of San Marcos for the Hays/San Marcos EMS in the amount of \$275,000 (\$250,000 already funded +\$25,000 additional request) per contract. Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Barton, and Commissioner Conley voting "Aye". Commissioner Ford and Judge Sumter voting "No". MOTION PASSED

[T1-1207]

Court advised that computer system (\$1,929) can be purchased out of the current budget. **A motion was made by Judge Sumter, seconded by Commissioner Barton to increase the Compliance Department budget by \$7,329 in personnel cost, remove contract services line item of \$5,400, effecting a budget increase of \$1,929. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED**

[T1-1283]

A motion was made by Commissioner Barton, seconded by Judge Sumter to approve \$3,375 for protection bars for motorcycles (5 @ \$675 each). All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

[T1-1301]

A motion was made by Judge Sumter, seconded by Commissioner Barton to approve \$950 for electrical work for new staff in the District Attorney's office. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

Chief Deputy Sherman Brodbeck spoke of number of bays (2) and mechanics (4) at the Sheriff's Department shop and the work being done. \$52,000 would add two more bays to the shop. Discussion was had regarding possible use of the existing building maintenance facility – would only required \$16,000 for two lifts & one compressor if that building is utilized. Court will need to find a new location for building maintenance and space for records being stored in that building. [T1-1500] **A motion was made by Commissioner Barton, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to allocate \$16,000 out of reserves for two lifts and one compressor to be installed in the existing building maintenance facility. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED**

[T1-1861]

A motion was made by Commissioner Ford, seconded by Commissioner Conley to fund four (4) patrol deputies for precinct 4 beginning April 1, 2008 in the amount of \$271,435. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

[T1-1925]

A motion was made by Commissioner Conley, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve increase in hours from 20 to 30 for part-time position in J.P. 1-2 at a cost of \$9,513 effective January 1, 2008. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

[T1-2150]

A motion was made by Commissioner Conley, seconded by Commissioner Ford to take \$5,000 out of the social services budget (previously budgeted for HCSWCD) and approve funding in the amount of \$6,000 from the LCRA fund for the Hays County Soil & Water Conservation District. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

[T1-2234]

A motion was made by Judge Sumter, seconded by Commissioner Ford to increase Parks part-time staff to full-time with benefits to begin January 1, 2008 in the amount of \$14,711. Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Barton, Commissioner Ford, and Judge Sumter voting "Aye". Commissioner Conley voting "No". MOTION PASSED

[T1-2313]

A motion was made by Commissioner Barton, seconded by Commissioner Ford to increase membership fees and bonds amount for Justice of the Peace Pct. 3 by \$300. Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Barton, Commissioner Ford, and Judge Sumter voting "Aye". Commissioner Conley voting "No". MOTION PASSED



[T1-2491]

A motion was made by Commissioner Conley, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to rollover an additional \$300,000 into the Road Department budget, contingent on existence of those funds. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

[T1-3031]

Suggested categories for line items that can be amended transferring money between line items.

Wage & benefits & travel allowance

Office supplies

Travel

Continuing education

Buildings & equipment & misc

[T1-3166]

A motion was made by Judge Sumter, seconded by Commissioner Barton to adopt policy to categorize line items in the budget as follows: (1) Wages/Benefits = 5000 & 5100 series, (2) Supplies = 5200, 5300, 5400 series with exception of 5311 & 5331, (3) Travel = 5311, (4) Continuing Education = 5331, and (5) Capital Equip/Improv = 5700 series; and allow line item transfers within these categories without Commissioners Court prior approval. Any line item transfers between categories will require Commissioners' Court approval. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

[T1-3189]

A motion was made by Judge Sumter, seconded by Commissioner Barton to adopt the FY2008 Hays County budget with changes made this date. Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Barton, Commissioner Ford, and Judge Sumter voting "Aye". Commissioner Conley voting "No". MOTION PASSED

**24612 ACTION TO RATIFY THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE
FY2008 HAYS COUNTY BUDGET [T1-3559]**

A motion was made by Judge Sumter, seconded by Commissioner Ford to ratify that this budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$4,334,251 or 11% and of that amount \$3,164,003 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year. Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Barton, Commissioner Ford, and Judge Sumter voting "Aye". Commissioner Conley voting "No". MOTION PASSED

**24613 APPROVE AN ORDER ADOPTING THE TAX RATE FOR FY2008 AND LEVY THE
TAXES**

A motion was made by Judge Sumter, seconded by Commissioner Barton to approve an Order Adopting an Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2008 for Hays County of 45.74 cents with a breakdown as follows: General Maintenance & Operations = 30.97 cents, General Debt = 6.17 cents, and Road & Bridge M&O = 8.60 cents; and to levy the taxes. Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Barton, Commissioner Conley, and Judge Sumter voting "Aye". Commissioner Conley voting "No". MOTION PASSED

Court was adjourned.

I, LINDA C. FRITSCHKE, 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 SEPTEMBER 19, 2007.



LINDA C. FRITSCHKE, COUNTY CLERK AND EXOFFICIO
CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF
HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS