



STATE OF TEXAS \*  
 COUNTY OF HAYS \*

ON THIS THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST A.D., 2008, THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS, MET IN SPECIAL MEETING. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, TO-WIT:

<b>ELIZABETH "LIZ" SUMTER</b>	<b>COUNTY JUDGE</b>
<b>DEBBIE GONZALES INGALSBE</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1</b>
<b>JEFFERSON W. BARTON</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2</b>
<b>WILL CONLEY</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3</b>
<b>KAREN FORD</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4</b>
<b>LIZ GONZALEZ</b>	<b>DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK</b>

AND THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, THAT IS:

Judge Sumter called the meeting to order.

**HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FY2009 HAYS COUNTY BUDGET**

Judge Sumter declared the public hearing opened

**CONSTABLES**

Constable Pct. 1 David Peterson spoke on behalf of the other Constable's and he spoke of uniform allowance – requesting that it be increased from \$30 to \$65 per month. Constable Pct. 3 Darrell Ayres spoke of increase needed because the allowance hasn't had an increase in a number of years. Deputy Constable Pct. 1 Bill Kuykendall spoke of need for paid comp time due to an illness in Constable Pct. 1's office. He asked for a \$2,500 increase in the Precinct 1 budget. Constable David Peterson spoke of need for this to be budgeted for the other Constables as well. Commissioner Conley asked if it would work to have a pool for all the Constable's to use.

**SHERIFF**

Sheriff Allen Bridges spoke of increasing 5 deputies and he spoke of a uniform policy. Human Resources Director Dee Dee Baen spoke of uniform allowance that is still in the draft stage but will soon be ready for the court to consider. Sheriff Bridges requested an additional \$13,000 that is needed to get everything for this year. He also spoke of need to sell a motorcycle - cap of \$12,000 for the sale of the bike. Deputy Sheriff Brad Robinson spoke of IT issues - network printer needed for \$3,500. County Auditor Bill Herzog spoke of the money coming out of this year's budget. The Sheriff spoke of trying to get all his deputies in the same uniform (ie same color shirt, pants). The Sheriff also spoke of Hurricane Ike and the effects it will have on Hays County, such as housing inmates from the coast.

**COMMUNITY ACTION**

Executive Director, Carol Bellburn, thanked the court for the support with the senior citizens program.

**SAN MARCOS/HAYS COUNTY EMS**

SM/HC EMS Director Tom Partin spoke of budget he received from City of San Marcos and Hays County. He spoke of needing \$100,000 for an additional ambulance. Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke of the cost of an ambulance and additional \$80,000 that is need to equip it. Judge Sumter spoke of taking funds from Capital Improvements to purchase a fire truck.

Judge Sumter closed the public hearing.

**25552      CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SALARY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 152 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE [T1 – 999]**

Judge Sumter spoke of Grievance Committee that met and unanimously voted to not increase the salaries for Justices of the Peace. The committee voted 8-1 for a raise for Hays County Treasurer Michele Tuttle. The Commissioners Court was asked to consider raising the Treasurer's pay. **A motion was made by Commissioner Conley seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to follow the recommendation of the grievance committee and give the County Treasurer a pay increase to \$64,000. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED**



**25553 SET THE SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES FOR HAYS COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR FY2009 [T1-1042]**

Commissioner Barton advised that he will not be accepting more than a 3 percent salary increase and he will be filing an Affidavit stating the same. Commissioner Ingalsbe advised that she too will be filing an affidavit to not accept more than a 3 percent salary increase. They both stated that they are in favor of salary increases for other elected officials. Commissioner Conley spoke of getting a citizens committee to assess the elected official's salaries. Commissioner Ford spoke of need to support the vote for the elected officials. Judge Sumter spoke of last year when the Court gave elected officials a 4 ½ percent increase and only took a 2 percent increase for themselves. **A motion was made by County Judge seconded by Commissioner Ford to set the salaries and allowances for County Elected Officials for FY2009. Commissioner Conley voting "No". Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Barton, Commissioner Ford and Judge Sumter voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED**

**25554 ADOPT THE FY2009 HAYS COUNTY BUDGET AFTER MAKING FINAL CHANGES**

[T1 - 1418] **A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe seconded by Commissioner Barton to take \$100,000 for San Marcos/Hays County EMS out of reserves for an ambulance. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED**

[T1 - 1430] **A motion was made by Judge Sumter seconded by Commissioner Ford to remove the stipulation of \$12,000 from the sale of the Harley Davidson before the Honda can be purchased for the Sheriff's Department. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED**

[T1 - 1818] **A motion was made by Commissioner Barton seconded by County Judge to adopt FY2009 Budget for Hays County and accept the changes presented by the County Auditor. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED**

**25555 RATIFY THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE FY2009 HAYS COUNTY BUDGET [T1 - 1915]**

This budget proposes to increase the total tax revenues of the county from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 4.19 percent. The total tax revenue raised last year at last years tax rate of \$0.4574 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$41,869,651. The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.4550 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$43,273,332. The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.4550 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$45,849,124. **A motion was made by Commissioner Barton seconded by Commissioner Ford to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the FY2009 Hays County Budget as presented by the County Auditor and posted in the newspaper. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED**

**25556 APPROVE AN ORDER ADOPTING THE TAX RATE FOR FY2009 AND LEVY THE TAXES [T - 2000]**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Barton seconded by Judge Sumter to approve an order adopting a tax rate of 45.50 cents for FY2009 and levy the taxes. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED**

General Maintenance and Operations	30.61 cents
General Debt	6.88 cents
Road and Bridge M&O	8.01 cents
<b>TOTAL AD VALOREM TAX RATE</b>	
<b>FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009</b>	<b>45.50 cents</b>

**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 10, 2008.**



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

