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 COUNTY OF HAYS *

ON THIS THE 10th DAY OF AUGUST, A.D., 2001, THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS, MET IN BUDGET WORKSHOP. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, TO-WIT:

JAMES L. POWERS
DEBBIE GONZALES INGALSBE
WILLIAM "BILL" BURNETT
RUSS G. MOLENAAR
LINDA C. FRITSCH

COUNTY JUDGE
COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1
COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3
COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4
DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

AND THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE ABSENT: COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2 H. S. "SUSIE" CARTER; WHEN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, THAT IS:

19675 FY2002 HAYS COUNTY BUDGET WORKSHOP WITH ACTION

VILLAGE INN OF WIMBERLEY [Line Item #01407-5882]

Wayne Crawford, President of Village Inn of Wimberley, appeared before the court requesting \$7,500. He stated that they are a licensed not-for-profit organization. The Inn provides an assisted living residence for older citizens who are relatively mobile, in moderate health that does not require nursing or custodial care, and who wish to live in a secure and dignified setting of a home. They have been in existence since 1982 without public assistance except for initial funding from Hays County. He spoke of needs (washing machine, dish washer, etc.) He spoke of needed repair to the air conditioning system. They are licensed for 8 people but find it better to maintain 7. He spoke of experienced dedicated staff. Their revenue is approx. \$10,000 per month from room rentals. Commissioner Burnett stated that he would make a motion later to add money into the budget for this. He wants to look at other requests as well. This budget request came in late and was not considered in the Judge's Proposed Budget.

M. F. Johnson spoke of being grateful for funding received for Wimberley Community Center.

JUVENILE PROBATION DEPT. [T1-212]

Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Ed Cooper spoke of Juvenile Probation Officers (JPO's) salaries - the legislature appropriated \$28 million state-wide for salary adjustments and it looks like counties will receive \$2800-3000 per year for each Officer (there are 9 JPO's in Hays County). He is asking the county to consider funding the fringe benefits portion of the increase (cost would be approximately \$4500).

BUDGET WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

A motion was made by Judge Powers, seconded by Commissioner Molenaar to have a Budget Workshop at 1:00 p.m. on Monday August 13, 2001. All present voting 'Aye'.

ROAD DEPARTMENT [T1-419]

Commissioner Burnett spoke of Bond Roads that are duplicated in the regular budget. Road Supt/Eng. Jerry Borcharding spoke of tentative schedule for next year that could be considered in the bond package. He spoke of part of money funded for certain projects contains salaries which cannot be pulled out of the amount. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of taking money out of contract labor. Jerry Borcharding spoke of "cost per mile" includes salaries when figuring jobs - about 25% of costs on priority list is for salaries. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of taking 30% out of contract labor. He spoke of building country roads instead of highways. Jerry Borcharding spoke of his concerns in cutting these funds - he would like adequate money left in for salaries. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of cutting 50% instead of 70%. Jerry Borcharding spoke of budget adjustments that have already been made. Contract labor is utilized as needed and not designated to specific projects. \$6.6 million this year - \$150,000 was pulled out of salaries and put into contract labor or materials - he will need \$7.2 million FY2002. [T1-900] Commissioner Burnett spoke of roads duplicated: Sycamore Roads (\$96,000), Longhorn Trail (\$271,000) and Las Lomas (has already been done) equals \$657,000 minus 35%, leaves you with \$427,000.00. Discussion was had regarding work that can be done with bond money - there is flexibility. Commissioner Burnett stated that we do have a legal obligation to fix the roads listed on the road bond ballot. [T1-1096] Commissioner Burnett spoke of \$100,000 for insurance could be used to cover budget errors if the medical/dental insurance bids come in @ 15% instead of 20% that was budgeted for insurance (the 3% COLA will be wiped out by a 15% increase in insurance). [T1-1243] **A motion was made by Commissioner Burnett, seconded by Commissioner Molenaar to take \$367,500 out of the road department budget: \$200,000.00 out of construction line item, \$100,000.00 out of contract labor line item, \$30,000 out of the TNRCC Pollution Abatement line item, and \$37,500 out of the Consultant Expense line item.** Jerry Borcharding spoke of possibly having to put some of the county crew on a bond road to make up for some of the salaries and materials as needed. County Auditor Bill Herzog suggested using the infrastructure line item if necessary. **All present voting "Aye".**

**COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE (COLA) & MISC. ADJUSTMENTS** [T1-1300]

Discussion was had regarding Cost of Living Increase for county employees. County Auditor Bill Herzog advised that it costs \$407,333 for a 2% Cost of Living increase (includes fringe benefits) or \$1 million for a 5% COLA. He spoke of need to look at employees that are receiving increases from other sources (i.e. Juvenile Probation Officers, County Court at Law Judges, etc.

[T1-1486] **A motion was made by Commissioner Burnett, seconded by Commissioner Molenaar to adjust the Justice of the Peace Pct. 4 revenue to show an increase of \$80,000.00, adjust the Park Administration line item to show an increase of \$1,795.00 and to pay out of that increase in revenue the errors noted by the County Auditor as follows: \$29,946.00 for Residential Services line item 01-463, \$8,165.00 for Election Administration Salary and fringe benefits, \$5,500.00 for Misc. Equipment in the Jail Budget, which leaves a total of \$38,184.00 which will be added to \$376,500.00 which brings us to a total of \$405,684 which will be used to increase the COLA to 2% above the 3% that is already budgeted (a total of 5% for COLA). All present voting "Aye".** [T1-1542] **A motion by Judge Powers, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to take \$22,000 for dishwasher out of reserves. All present voting "Aye".**

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH [T1-1554]

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Molenaar to approve a Sanitarian and Environmental Technician for Environmental Health Dept. (\$65,000) from the insurance line item. Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Burnett, and Judge Powers voting "Aye". Commissioner Burnett abstained.

ADULT PROBATION, TAX OFFICE, & PERSONAL HEALTH [T1-1647]

A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Burnett to increase Adult Probation lease \$12,540, increase Tax Assessor-Collector office supplies by \$5,500 & continuing education by \$500, and increase Personal Health medical supplies by \$5,000 – a total budget adjustment of \$23,540. All present voting "Aye".

VETERANS ADMIN [T1-1749]

Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke of contract services - requested \$19,000. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of Tom Tvrdik spending more time in Dripping Springs. He is not willing to cut his funds.

JUVENILE PROBATION DEPT. [T1-1866]

Court discussed taking fringe benefits out of the \$3,000 supplemental salary – fringe benefits would equal \$428 of the \$3,000 supplement. If the county provided the fringe benefits for this supplement you would have to provide \$500 for those fringes. **A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Judge Powers to take the fringe benefits out of the \$3,000 supplemental salary for Juvenile Probation Officers (\$2572 salary + \$428 fringe benefits). All present voting "Aye".** [T1-1996] **A motion was made by Judge Powers, seconded by Commissioner Molenaar to pay Juvenile Probation Officer's Cost-of-living Allowance (COLA) based on the salary received by the County (not to include the supplemental salary from the state). All present voting "Aye".**

SALARIES [T1-2060]

Discussion was had regarding salaries for County Court at Law Judges. **A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to set salaries of County Court at Law Judges at the minimum amount required by law. All present voting "Aye".**

[T1-2173]

A motion was made by Judge Powers, seconded by Commissioner Molenaar to pay the Cost-of-Living increase based only on what the county pays employees - across the board. All present voting "Aye".

DISTRICT COURT SPACE/JUSTICE CENTER [T1-2338]

Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke of putting JP1-2 and Constable Pct. 1 on second floor of the Records Building (least expensive option). Commissioner Molenaar suggested budgeting \$600,000 for the Justice Center only - cannot be used for any other item. Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke of need to consider building a facility that will house all the offices. Commissioner Burnett agrees with building a facility at the old hospital property. Judge Powers spoke of water damage at the Justice Center and he feels like repair costs will be expensive. Commissioner Molenaar suggested having Jerry Borcharding take a look at the drainage problems at the Justice Center.

Court adjourned.

MINUTES APPROVED IN OPEN COURT ON THE 21ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2001

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

**LEE CARLISLE, COUNTY CLERK
H A Y S COUNTY, TEXAS**