



STATE OF TEXAS \*  
 COUNTY OF HAYS \*

ON THIS THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST A.D., 2009, 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>LINDA C. FRITSCHKE</b>	<b>COUNTY CLERK</b>

AND THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, THAT IS:

*Commissioner Ford was not present when meeting was called to order.*

**BUDGET WORKSHOP FY09-10**

**LIBRARIES**

Jeff Hauff spoke of Social Services budget requests that were reviewed by the County Committee. He spoke of library requests – he spoke of looking at the number of customers served in each library. He also spoke of EMS budget requests *Commissioner Ford came to the meeting at this time.*

**EMS**

Discussed capital improvement funds held by various social/community services and income sources.

**SAN MARCOS YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU**

Discussed number of children being served and discussed other services being provided to youth. Schedule them to come before the court.

**HAYS TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION**

Commissioner Conley spoke of need for an independent professional study. Schedule them to come in for a presentation on how money is to be spent.

**BUDA LIBRARY**

Discussion was had regarding services provided and funds being requested. Discussed giving all the libraries a lump sum and let them divide it as they see fit. Discussed funding: \$196,570 is current funding – recommended amount was \$190,000 – suggested amount is \$200,000.

[T1-1922] Judge Sumter spoke of goals: not raising the operations side of the tax rate, adequately fund our social services, put aside as much of the tax rate for future capital improvement projects as possible, and fiscally restraining our re-occurring expenditures to only market driven adjustments and essential additional personnel. Discussed effective tax rate (45.33¢), proposed tax rate (47¢), rollback rate (51.21¢). The proposed tax rate represents a 3.7% increase in the effective rate and a 3.3% increase in the current rate of 45.5. The increase is mostly due to the increase in the debt rate to pay for voter approved general obligation bonds. Also discussed was new personnel requests and Buda Patrol contract. Court went through the Revenue Estimate Worksheet by funds.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY** [T2-244]

Sherrri Tibbe spoke of compensating lawyers for their years of service in their specific area of work. Discussion was had regarding supplements that are being paid to some employees. She also spoke of travel allowance requested for her and her Chief at \$2500 each.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP CALENDAR/SCHEDULE** [T2-1776]

August 12 @ 2 p.m. - Wednesday - for Transportation & budget workshop  
 August 18 @ 11 a.m. - Tuesday - budget workshop

**BUDGET PRIORITIES**

Commissioner Conley spoke of not providing merit increases this year – he would like to ask departments to go back and look at possible 2-5% in cuts – no new hires. Commissioner Barton spoke of honoring step increases in law enforcement. Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke of need to find cuts in the Sheriff's budget in order to honor those step increases. Commissioner Barton requested that all Commissioners get the same for continuing education and staffing (1 fulltime and part-time help). Court discussed use of funds for special projects. Discussion was had regarding 4% step increase for law enforcement and additional personnel being requested. Discussion was had regarding 4% step increase for law enforcement, additional personnel being requested, and absorption of Buda Patrol (9 Deputies). 3 main priorities: (1) roads, (2) 4% step for law enforcement, and (3) cut all new positions [except for grant positions]. Discussion was had regarding a tax rate of 47 cents (1.5 cents of that is voter approved). Discussed LCRA Service fees and membership fees/dues.

**Court was adjourned.**

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I, LINDA C. FRITSCHÉ, 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 6, 2009.



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

