

**AGENDA ITEM # 32****JULY 20, 1999****\***

Consider authorizing advertising and setting date for preliminary public hearing on the 1999/2000 County Budget.

Moved: Judge Doerfler

Seconded: Commissioner Limmer

Motion: To authorize advertising 7 p.m. August 10, 1999, for preliminary public hearing on the 1999/2000 County Budget in Justice of the Peace #3 courtroom on the second floor of the Williamson County courthouse.

Vote: Motion carried 3 - 0

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Hear comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Boatright expressed his appreciation for the morning (9 a.m.) instead of afternoon budget workshop on July 22, 1999.

Commissioner Limmer discussed the department budgets he has read and mentioned he would have liked Road and Bridge to include a back hoe with hoe ram in their budget. The combined costs of the Inner Loop, Brushy Creek at Noack and anticipated rock excavation on Booty's Crossing Road would probably have paid 80% of the purchase price of a back hoe. He felt the work requiring this particular piece of equipment would pay the purchase price in no more than two (2) years at \$250.00 per hour lease price.

Judge Doerfler felt the Road and Bridge budget could be funded with very few cuts. The General fund however is another matter. The budget for this year is looking good.

The 9 o'clock a.m. Thursday, July 22, 1999, budget workshops will be held for all Constables and Justices of the Peace, EMS, Juvenile Services, Tax Assessor-Collector and Sheriff's Department.

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECESSED AT 10:32 A.M. ON TUESDAY, JULY 20, 1999

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECONVENED AT 9:00 A.M. ON THURSDAY, JULY 22, 1999, WITH  
COUNTY JUDGE JOHN C. DOERFLER  
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #2 GREGORY W. BOATRIGHT  
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #3 DAVID HAYS  
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #4 FRANKIE LIMMER  
COUNTY ATTORNEY EUGENE D. TAYLOR  
COUNTY CLERK NANCY E. RISTER AND  
COUNTY AUDITOR DAVID U. FLORES PRESENT FOR THE WORK SESSION.

AGENDA ITEM #34

Work Session, 2000 County Budget - various departments

The order in which the various departments appeared before the court is as follows:

Sheriff Ed Richards  
Tax Assessor-Collector Deborah Hunt  
EMS Director John Sneed  
Precinct #1 Constable Gary Griffin  
Precinct #2 Constable Jim Wilson  
Precinct #3 Constable Bobby Guterrez  
Precinct #4 Constable Marty Ruble  
Precinct #3 Justice of the Peace Jimmy G. Bitz  
Juvenile Services Director Charles Skaggs  
Precinct #1 Justice of the Peace Patricia Ott

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County Judge John Doerfler advised a decision regarding the salaries of elected officials would be necessary by August 5, 1999, in order to publish the figures.

The County Judge is recommending a 2.5% across the board employee salary increase effective October 1, 1999, and a 2.5% merit increase to be distributed at the discretion of each department head.

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