

**Tom Green County Commissioners' Court
Meeting to Consider Budget and Tax Rate
September 5th, 2006**

The Commissioners' Court of Tom Green County, Texas, met to Consider the FY 2007 Budget and Tax Rate in the Edd B. Keyes Building, with the following members present:

Ralph Hoelscher, Commissioner of Precinct #1
Karl Bookter, Commissioner of Precinct #2
Steve Floyd, Commissioner of Precinct #3
Richard Easingwood, Commissioner of Precinct #4
Michael D. Brown, County Judge

1. County Judge, Michael Brown, called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

1 A. Judge Brown moved to approve recommended funding modifications for the Tom Green County DWI/Drug Court Program to Judge Brown, Judge Roberts, Judge Nolan and the County Attorney's Office due to the Grant Funding Cut of Elected Officials from the Program. Commissioner Easingwood seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

1 B. Judge Brown moved to approve additional funding for an Assistant District Attorney for approximately \$5,000.00 to be transferred from the capital outlay special projects line item. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0

2. **Judge Brown opened the floor for Public Comments on the Proposed Budget or Tax Rate at 9:16 AM.**

There was no public comment.

Judge Brown ended the public input at 9:17 AM.

Commissioner Hoelscher moved to approve the recommendations of the Nine Public Member Grievance Board that met on August 31, 2006 as follows:

Justices of the Peace for Precincts 1,2,3&4 were recommended a 10% raise above the 2.5% approved by the Court for Elected Officials.

The County Treasurer was recommended a 2.5% raise above the 2.5% approved by the Court for Elected Officials.

Constables for Precincts 3 & 4 were recommended a 2.5% raise above the 2.5% approved by the Court for the Elected officials.

Judge Brown seconded the motion. Judge Brown, Commissioners Hoelscher and Floyd voted in favor of the recommended raises. Commissioners Bookter and Easingwood were opposed to the motion. The motion passed 3-2.

3. Other Budget recommendations were considered, discussed and adjustments made as were needed to correct oversights or errors.

4. **Judge Brown moved to adopt the Tom Green County FY 2007 Budget in the amount of \$27,096,032.00 plus the Capital Outlay in the amount of \$1,948,591.00. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The following individual votes were taken: Commissioner Hoelscher in favor; Commissioner Bookter in favor; Judge Brown in favor; Commissioner Floyd in favor; Commissioner Easingwood in favor. The motion passed 5-0.**

5. **Judge Brown moved that the Property Tax increase by the adoption of a Tax Rate of 0.4584 in Operating and Maintenance and .06445 in Interest and Sinking for a total Tax Rate for FY 2007 of .52285, which is no increase from last year. Commissioner Easingwood seconded the motion. The following individual votes were taken: Commissioner Hoelscher in favor; Commissioner Bookter in favor; Judge Brown in favor; Commissioner Floyd in favor; Commissioner Easingwood in favor. The motion passed 5-0. (Recorded with these minutes.)**

6. **Judge Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:07 PM.**

As per HB 2931, Section 4:

I, Elizabeth McGill, County Clerk of Tom Green County, Texas do hereby attest that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners' Court that met to consider the FY 2007 Budget and Tax Rate on September 5th, 2006.

I hereby set my hand and seal to this record September 5th, 2006.

Elizabeth McGill, County Clerk and
Ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court

