

**Tom Green County Commissioner's Court
Budget Meeting –July 23rd, 2003**

The Tom Green County Commissioners' Court met in a Special Session in the Commissioners' Court Room of the Edd B. Keyes Building Wednesday July 23, 2003 with the following present:

Clayton Friend, Commissioner Precinct #1
Karl Bookter, Commissioner Precinct #2
Jodie R. Weeks, Commissioner Precinct #3
Richard Easingwood, Commissioner Precinct #4
Michael D. Brown, County Judge

1. **Judge Brown** reconvened the Budget meeting at 9:00 AM.
Lynn Rutland explained the State cuts and possible impact on the Concho Valley.
Rates for utilities and options were discussed.

Budget meeting was recessed at 10:04 AM to reconvene the Commissioners' Court Meeting that had been recessed on July 22, 2003. (Motion for Utility rates and provider included in July 22, 2003 Court Minutes.)

The Budget meeting was reconvened at 10:11 AM.

Various options were discussed regarding elected officials salary and the need for setting base salaries for newly elected officials due to the inexperience factors. Increases in car allowances was discussed, due to the increase in gas and vehicle cost and maintenance instead of mileage cost, for elected officials, who use their personal vehicles for County use. Commissioner Friend suggested a \$50.00 per month increase.

Commissioner Easingwood moved to not grant the proposed \$2500.00 supplemental salary for an elected official in the Collections Department. Commissioner Bookter seconded the motion. Commissioners Bookter, Weeks and Easingwood voted in favor of the motion. Judge Brown and Commissioner Friend voted against the motion. The motion passed 3 to 2.

Judge Brown recessed the Budget meeting and reconvened the Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court at 11:53 AM. (Motion for setting the Elected Officials Salary is included in the Regular Meeting Minutes from July 22, 2003.) The Budget hearing is to reconvene at 1:30 PM.

Judge Brown reconvened the Budget meeting at 1:30 PM, July 23rd, 2003 with the following present:
Judge Brown, Commissioners Friend, Weeks and Easingwood.

Commissioner Easingwood moved that the following schedule be adopted as the "base pay for newly elected officials":

Commissioner, Precinct #1	\$29,000.00
Commissioner, Precinct #2	\$29,000.00
Commissioner, Precinct #3	\$29,000.00
Commissioner, Precinct #4	\$29,000.00
County Judge	\$52,000.00
Justice of the Peace, Precinct #1	\$29,000.00
Justice of the Peace, Precinct #2	\$29,000.00
Justice of the Peace, Precinct #3	\$29,000.00
Justice of the Peace, Precinct #4	\$29,000.00
Constable, Precinct #1	\$27,000.00
Constable, Precinct #2	\$27,000.00
Constable, Precinct #3	\$27,000.00
Constable, Precinct #4	\$27,000.00
County Sheriff	\$50,000.00
County Attorney	\$49,000.00
District Clerk	\$40,000.00
County Clerk	\$40,000.00
County Tax Assessor/Collector	\$40,000.00
County Treasurer	\$40,000.00

Commissioner Friend seconded the motion and all present voted in favor.

Commissioner Bookter arrived after a short break and the entire Court was present for the remainder of the day's session.

The Budget Meeting was recessed at 5:40 P.M., July 23, 2003.

Michael D. Brown, County Judge

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