

Approve the Interlocal Agreement between UTMB Galveston and Fort Bend County for UTMB Forensic Pathology Services.

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**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
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AND
FORT BEND COUNTY
FOR UTMB FORENSIC PATHOLOGY SERVICES**

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UTMB: William R. Elger, CPA
Executive Vice President and Chief Business & Finance Officer
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
301 University Boulevard, Suite 621
Route Number 0126
Galveston, Texas 77555-0126

cc: David H. Walker, M.D.
Professor and Chair, Department of Pathology
University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
301 University Blvd.
Galveston, Texas 77555-0609

COUNTY: Fort Bend County Judge, Robert E. Hebert
301 Jackson, Suite 719
Richmond, Texas 77469

All payments shall be made to UTMB in the following manner:

Fiscal Services Route Number 0107
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
Room 2.204 Administration Annex II
301 University Boulevard
Galveston, Texas 77555-0107

- 3.5 **Term.** Regardless of the date of execution, this Agreement shall be in effect from September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010, unless terminated earlier as provided herein. The Agreement supercedes any prior agreement between the parties. A subsequent one (1) year term may be effected upon the mutual written consent of the parties. A party may terminate this Agreement for any reason by giving the other party ninety (90) days written notice of such intent to terminate. The parties understand and agree that this Agreement is contingent upon the existence of an agreement between UTMB and the County of Galveston allowing UTMB to use the County's autopsy facilities located in Texas City, or the availability of another suitable forensic facility acceptable to both the County and UTMB.
- 3.6 **Assignment.** Neither party may assign any of the rights or duties created by this contract without the prior written approval of the other party.
- 3.7 **Venue.** This contract is governed by the laws of the State of Texas.
- 3.8 **Severability.** Any invalidity of any part of this contract will not cause the remaining parts hereof to be invalid.

- 3.9 **Waiver.** No waiver of any default by COUNTY in the performance of UTMB will constitute a waiver of any subsequent default.
- 3.10 **Independent Contractor.** UTMB recognizes that it is engaged as an independent contractor and acknowledges that COUNTY will have no responsibility to provide benefits normally associated with employee status. UTMB, in accordance with its status as an independent contractor, agrees that it shall conduct itself consistent with such status, that it will neither hold itself out as nor claim to be an officer or employee of the COUNTY, and that it will not make any claim, demand or application to or for any right or privilege applicable to an officer or employee of the COUNTY, including, but not limited to, unemployment insurance benefits, social security coverage or retirement benefits.
- 3.11 **Entire Agreement.** This contract constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties and no oral representation between the parties made prior to or after the execution of this contract will be given any force and effect unless reduced to writing herein.
- 3.12 **HIPAA COMPLIANCE**
Acknowledgment of HIPAA Obligation and Other Regulations Implementing the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. §1320(d) ("HIPAA"). To the extent County comes into contact with information considered Individually Identifiable Health Information as defined by 42 U.S.C. §1320(d), Protected Health Information or Electronic Protected Health Information (collectively known as "Protected Information") as regulated by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) through the adoption of standards, 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164 (Privacy Rule) and 45 CFR Parts 160, 162 and 164 (Security Rule), collectively referred to as "the HIPAA Rules," County agrees to keep private and to secure any information considered Protected Information in accordance with federal law.
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 - B. County will not use or further disclose Protected Information other than as permitted or required under this Agreement or as required by law.
 - C. County will use appropriate safeguards to prevent the use or disclosure of Protected Information for any reason other than as provided by this Agreement. County shall implement administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the electronic Protected Information that it creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of UTMB.
 - D. County agrees to promptly notify UTMB of any use or disclosure of Protected Information not provided for in this Agreement of which it becomes aware. Contractor shall report to UTMB any instances, including security incidents, of which it is aware in which Protected Information is used or disclosed for a purpose that is not otherwise provided for in this Agreement or for a purpose not expressly permitted by the HIPAA Rules.
 - E. County shall require any agents or subcontractors who receive Protected Information to be bound by the same restrictions and conditions outlined in this

Agreement. Additionally, County shall ensure that any agent, including a sub-contractor, agrees to implement reasonable and appropriate safeguards to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of electronic Protected Information that County creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of UTMB.


- F. To the extent it is determined County maintains a Designated Record Set, County agrees to follow 45 CFR §164.524 (Access of Individuals to PHI), 164.526 (Amendment of PHI) and 164.528 (Accounting of Disclosures of PHI) of the HIPAA Privacy Rules.
- G. County agrees to make its internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from UTMB available to the Secretary of Health and Human Services or the Secretary's designee for purposes of determining UTMB's compliance with the HIPAA Privacy Regulations.
- H. After termination of the Agreement, County agrees to return or destroy all Protected Information, if feasible, and, if not feasible, County agrees to continue to protect the Protected Information from wrongful uses and disclosures.
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3.14 Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither party waives any rights of sovereign immunity to which it may be entitled pursuant to statute or at common law.

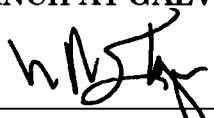
EXECUTED this 24 day of November, 2009.

FORT BEND COUNTY

By: 
Robert E. Hebert
County Judge

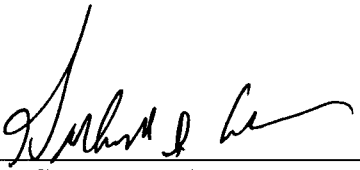
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**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL
BRANCH AT GALVESTON**

By: 
William R. Elger, CPA
Executive Vice President and
Chief Business and Finance Officer

Date: 9/28/2009

Content Reviewed


By: 
Garland D. Anderson, M.D.
Executive Vice President & Provost
Dean, School of Medicine

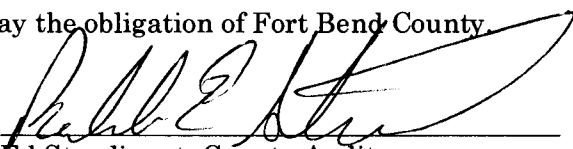
Date: 10/1/09

ATTEST:


Dianne Wilson, County Clerk

Auditor's Certificate

I hereby certify that funds are available to pay the obligation of Fort Bend County.


Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor

4520 Reading Road, Suite A Rosenberg, TX 77471
Phone: 281-342-7300 Fax: 281-342-0557

**Fort Bend County
Social Services**

Fax

To: Ann Werlin

From: Hopie Solomon

Fax: 281-341-8609

Pages: 15 including cover

Phone: 281-341-8634

Date: 11-19-2009

Re: Interlocal agreement - UTMB

CC:

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• Comments:

Attached is a copy of last year agreement with Court minutes.



HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS

HOPIE SOLOMON, LSW
DIRECTOR

August 13, 2008

Leo Castillo, Business Manager
Department of Pathology
1.116 Keiller Bldg.
301 University Blvd.
Galveston, TX 77555-0609

Mr. Castillo:

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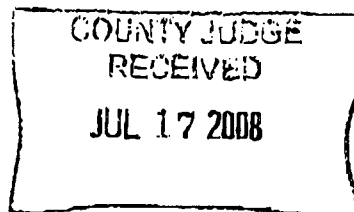
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Hopie Solomon", followed by a horizontal line.

Hopie Solomon, LSW
Director of Social Services
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July 15, 2008

Ann Werlein
Assistant to County Judge
301 Jackson
Richmond, Texas 77469



Ms. Werlein

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Leo Castillo
Business Manager
Department of Pathology

Cc: Alex Kadrie

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Vice President of Finance
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Route Number 0153
Galveston, Texas 77555-0153

cc: David H. Walker, M.D.
Professor and Chair, Department of Pathology
University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
301 University Blvd.
Galveston, Texas 77555-0609

COUNTY: Fort Bend County Judge
Robert E. Hebert
301 Jackson, Suite 719
Richmond, Texas 77469

All payments shall be made to UTMB in the following manner:

Fiscal Services Route Number 0107
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
Room 2.204 Administration Annex II
301 University Boulevard
Galveston, Texas 77555-0107

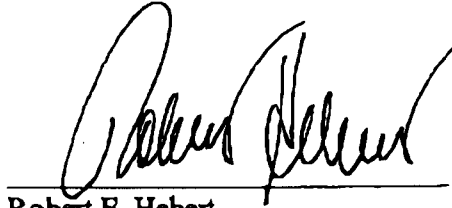
- 3.5 Term. Regardless of the date of execution, this Agreement shall be in effect from September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009, unless terminated earlier as provided herein. The Agreement supercedes any prior agreement between the parties. A subsequent one (1) year term may be effected upon the mutual written consent of the parties. A party may terminate this Agreement for any reason by giving the other party ninety (90) days written notice of such intent to terminate. The parties understand and agree that this Agreement is contingent upon the existence of an agreement between UTMB and the County of Galveston allowing UTMB to use the County's autopsy facilities located in Texas City, or the availability of another suitable forensic facility acceptable to both the County and UTMB.
- 3.6 Assignment. Neither party may assign any of the rights or duties created by this contract without the prior written approval of the other party.
- 3.7 Venue. This contract is governed by the laws of the State of Texas.
- 3.8 Severability. Any invalidity of any part of this contract will not cause the remaining parts hereof to be invalid.
- 3.9 Waiver. No waiver of any default by COUNTY in the performance of UTMB will constitute a waiver of any subsequent default.
- 3.10 Independent Contractor. UTMB recognizes that it is engaged as an independent contractor and acknowledges that COUNTY will have no responsibility to provide benefits normally associated with employee status. UTMB, in accordance with its status as an independent contractor, agrees that it shall conduct itself consistent with such status, that it will neither hold itself out as nor claim to be an officer or employee of the COUNTY, and that it will not make any claim, demand or application to or for any right or privilege applicable to an officer or employee of the COUNTY, including, but not limited to, unemployment insurance benefits, social security coverage or retirement benefits.
- 3.11 Entire Agreement. This contract constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties and no oral representation between the parties made prior to or after the execution of this contract will be given any force and effect unless reduced to writing herein.
- 3.12 HIPAA Compliance. COUNTY agrees to keep private and to secure any information provided by UTMB that is considered either Individually Identifiable Health Information

(IIHI) by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, codified at 42 USC § 1320d through d-8 (HIPAA) or Protected Health Information (PHI) as promulgated in 45 CFR Part 164 (HIPAA Privacy Regulations) and 45 CFR Part 142 (HIPAA Security Regulations) should the HIPAA Security Regulations become final and effective. COUNTY agrees to only use and disclose PHI as required to perform the services outlined in this Agreement, which may include the proper management and administration of the Agreement and COUNTY may provide data aggregation services to the health care operations of UTMB. COUNTY will not use or further disclose PHI other than as permitted under this Agreement and COUNTY will use appropriate safeguards to prevent the use or disclosure of PHI for any reason other than as provided by the Agreement. COUNTY agrees to promptly notify UTMB of any use or disclosure of PHI not provided for in this Agreement. COUNTY agrees to notify UTMB of its corrective actions to cure any breaches as soon as possible. COUNTY understands that UTMB may terminate this Agreement immediately if COUNTY'S actions are not successful in remedying the breach and UTMB may report the problem to the Secretary of Health and Human Services. COUNTY shall require any agents or subcontractors who receive PHI to be bound by the same restrictions and conditions outlined in this Agreement. COUNTY agrees to follow §164.524 (Access of Individuals to PHI), 164.526 (Amendment of PHI) and 164.528 (Accounting of Disclosures of PHI) of the HIPAA Privacy Regulations. COUNTY agrees to make its internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from or created or received by UTMB available to the Secretary of Health and Human Services or UTMB for purposes of determining the COUNTY'S compliance with the HIPAA Privacy Regulations. After COUNTY has completed working with or using PHI provided by UTMB, COUNTY agrees to return or destroy all PHI if feasible and if not feasible COUNTY agrees to continue to protect the PHI from wrongful uses and disclosures. If COUNTY decides to destroy PHI provided by UTMB under this Agreement, COUNTY will keep a record of the proper destruction or provide UTMB with notice and certification of proper destruction of PHI.

- 3.13 **Dispute Resolution.** To the extent that Chapter 2260, *Texas Government Code*, is applicable to this Agreement and is not preempted by other applicable law, the dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260 and the related rules adopted by the Texas Attorney General pursuant to Chapter 2260, shall be used by UTMB and COUNTY to attempt to resolve any claim for breach of contract made by COUNTY that cannot be resolved in the ordinary course of business. The Vice President for Business and Administration officer of UTMB shall examine COUNTY'S claim and any counterclaim and negotiate with COUNTY in an effort to resolve such claims. The parties hereto specifically agree that (i) neither the occurrence of an event giving rise to a breach of contract claim nor the pendency of a claim constitute grounds for the suspension of performance by COUNTY; (ii) neither the issuance of this Agreement by UTMB nor any other conduct, action or inaction of any representative of UTMB relating to this Agreement constitutes or is intended to constitute a waiver of UTMB's or the state's sovereign immunity to suit; and (iii) UTMB has not waived its right to seek redress in the courts.

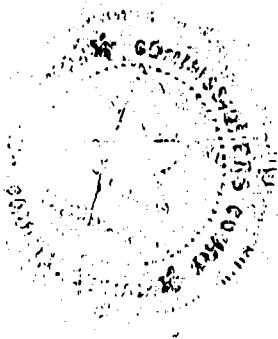
3.14 Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither party waives any rights of sovereign immunity to which it may be entitled pursuant to statute or at common law.

FORT BEND COUNTY



Robert E. Hebert
County Judge

8-6-08
Date:




ATTEST:



Dianne Wilson, County Clerk

Auditor's Certificate

I hereby certify that funds are available to pay the obligation of Fort Bend County.



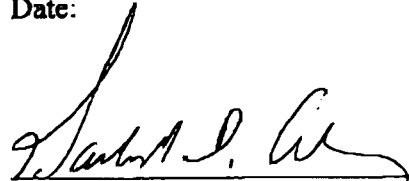
Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL
BRANCH AT GALVESTON



Lawrence E. Revill
Vice President of Finance

7/9/08
Date:



Garland D. Anderson
Executive Vice President and Provost
Dean, School of Medicine
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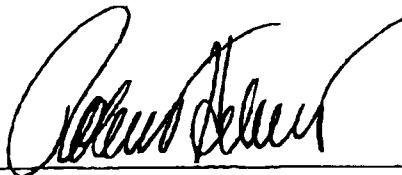
APPROVAL OF MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS COURT
FORT BEND COUNTY

I, Dianne Wilson, duly elected County Clerk and Clerk of Court, Fort Bend County, Texas
do hereby submit the Official Minutes of Commissioners Court held on the 6th day of
August, 2008. (Emergency meeting)



DIANNE WILSON, COUNTY CLERK

Now, therefore, be it resolved upon the motion of Commissioner Starvinha seconded
by Commissioner Prestige, duly put and carried, it is ordered to accept as
presented for record the attached minutes approved on this the 12th day of
August, 2008.



ROBERT E. HEBERT, COUNTY JUDGE

August 6, 2008

Approved

The Regular Meeting of Commissioners Court posted for August 5, 2008 has been postponed in case of a catastrophe including Tropical Storm Edourdo, flooding, wind, and rain pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0411 and said meeting is hereby posted as an Emergency Meeting in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.045.

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 6th DAY of AUGUST, 2008, Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, met at an emergency meeting with the following present:

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| ROBERT E. HEBERT | COUNTY JUDGE |
| TOM D. STAVINOH | COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1 |
| GRADY PRESTAGE | COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2 |
| JAMES PATTERSON | COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4 |
| DIANNE WILSON | COUNTY CLERK |

Commissioner Meyers absent.

When the following were heard and the following orders were passed:

1. Call to Order.

Call to Order by Judge Hebert at 10:31 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Patterson.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Patterson.

3. Approve minutes of special meeting held on July 21, 2008, and regular meeting held on July 22, 2008.

Moved by Commissioner Stavino, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage, duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve minutes of special meeting held on July 21, 2008, and regular meeting held on July 22, 2008.

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| Judge Hebert | yes | Commissioner Meyers | absent |
| Commissioner Stavino | yes | Commissioner Patterson | yes |
| Commissioner Prestage | yes | | |

4. Announcements and Public Comments.

Commissioner Stavino wished good luck to Richmond Lamar Little League on the playoffs.

Judge Hebert announced that Tropical Storm Edourdo passed by Fort Bend County.

August 6, 2008

Item 16 continued – Engineering:

- T. Set public hearing for acceptance of the traffic control plan for Lakemont Manor, Section 1, and Lakemont Manor, Section 2, Pct. 3. *(Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2008, at 1:00 p.m.)*
- U. Set public hearing for acceptance of the traffic control plan for Greatwood Forest, Section 4, Pct. 1. *(Tuesday, September 2, 2008, at 1:00 p.m.)*
- V. Set public hearing for acceptance of the traffic control plan Lost Creek, Section 3, Pct. 3. *(Tuesday, September 2, 2008, at 1:00 p.m.)*
- W. Set public hearing for Shops at Grand Parkway being a replat of restricted reserve "A" of Shops at Parkway Lakes Reserves A, B, C, D Subdivision, Pct. 3. *(Tuesday, September 9, 2008, at 1:00 p.m.)*

17. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT & PLANNING:

- A. Approve payment of Invoice No. 10023001 in the amount of \$4,075.96 to PGAL for professional services regarding the Fort Bend County Judicial Complex. (Fund: Court Complex)
- B. Approve Pay Application No. 4 in the amount of \$49,059.90 to ROCA Construction for work done on the South Post Oak Expansion project. (Fund: Facility Bond Project)

18. FORT BEND FLOOD CONTROL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION: The Board of Directors of the Fort Bend Flood Control Water Supply Corporation reviewed these items at their regular meeting on July 23, 2008, and made the following recommendations to Commissioners Court: Authorize payment of invoices for work performed by consultants and/or contractors and listed on Board Report for an amount totaling \$158,676.77 regarding Big Creek. (Fund: Big Creek, Fees)

19. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES:

- A. Clinical Health: Approve Contract No. 2009-028250 with the Department of State Health Services, to accept grant funding in the amount of \$34,681 for Core Public Health Services to be provided from September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009, with no cash match by Fort Bend County.
- B. Clinical Health: Approve Contract No. 2009-028471 with the Department of State Health Services, to accept grant funding in the amount of \$186,379 for Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Program for use from September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009, with no cash match by Fort Bend County.
- C. Environmental Health: Approve Adopt-A-County-Road Agreement between Fort Bend County and Families & Friends of Rogers Road for Rogers Road from FM 359 to Pool Hill Road.
- D. Social Services: Approve renewal of Agreement between Fort Bend County and University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) at Galveston for UTMB forensic pathology services through August 31, 2009. (Fund: Social Services, Fees)

20. HUMAN RESOURCES:

- A. Approve four days of extended sick leave for employee of the Sheriff's Office, Position No. 5601-0467.
- B. Approve twenty days of extended sick leave for employee of the Sheriff's Office, Position No. 5601-0426.
- C. Approve eight days of extended sick leave for employee of the Road & Bridge Department, Position No. 6111-0065.

August 6, 2008

21. **PARKS DEPARTMENT:** Approve Amendment to Project Agreement between Fort Bend County and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to extend the project date for the Fort Bend County Regional Park and Trail, Project No. 48-001057, until July 15, 2009.
22. **PURCHASING:**
 - A. Approve renewal of term contract for Bid #08-016, Leather Goods.
 - B. Authorize advertising for Design/Build Construction of Carport for Model Airplane Park.
23. **SHERIFF'S OFFICE:**
 - A. Accept grant funding in the amount of \$13,000 from the Texas Comptroller for the Statewide Tobacco Education Program (STEP) for use from September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009, with no match required by Fort Bend County.
 - B. Approve Addendum for renewal of Vehicle Borrower Application and Agreement between Fort Bend County and Mazda North American Operations for vehicles used in the Kids N' Cops Program.
24. **TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR:**
 - A. Approve renewal of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Collection of Taxes between Fort Bend County and Lamar Consolidated Independent School District.
 - B. Record into Minutes the disposal of Tax Office Bankruptcy Documentation as submitted by Tax Office dated July 17, 2008, in accordance with State Archive Retention Schedule.
 - C. Approve refunds over \$500 detailed in Tax Assessor/Collector's Report submitted on July 29, 2008, for an amount totaling \$69,252.17.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Stavinoha, duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve consent agenda items 6-9A and 11-24.

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| Judge Hebert | yes | Commissioner Meyers | absent |
| Commissioner Stavinoha | yes | Commissioner Patterson | yes |
| Commissioner Prestage | yes | | |

Item 9B pass.

Item 10 moved to regular agenda.

10. **COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4:** Approve Project Agreement between Fort Bend County and Texas Department of Criminal Justice to provide assistance with reconstruction and overlay of parking lot at the Carol Vance Unit, County expense not to exceed \$14,675. (Fund: Road & Bridge, Multi)

Moved by Commissioner Patterson, Seconded by Commissioner Stavinoha, duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Project Agreement between Fort Bend County and Texas Department of Criminal Justice to provide assistance with reconstruction and overlay of parking lot at the Carol Vance Unit, County expense not to exceed \$14,675 and contingent upon County Attorney's final approval. (Fund: Road & Bridge, Multi)

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| Judge Hebert | yes | Commissioner Meyers | absent |
| Commissioner Stavinoha | yes | Commissioner Patterson | yes |
| Commissioner Prestage | yes | | |