

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 26th DAY of JULY, 2011, Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, met at a special meeting with the following present:

ROBERT E. HEBERT	COUNTY JUDGE
RICHARD MORRISON	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1
GRADY PRESTAGE	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2
ANDY MEYERS	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3
JAMES PATTERSON	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4
SHERRY FISK for DIANNE WILSON	COUNTY CLERK

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

1. Call to Order.

Call to Order by Judge Hebert at 1:08 p.m. at the Wm. B. Travis Building.

Pursuant to Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code, notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas will now convene in special session to receive public comment on redistricting of County Election, Justice of the Peace and Commissioners Court Precincts. Following the public hearings, the Commissioners Court will take up for consideration and possible action one or more alternative plans for the redistricting of County Commissioners Court precincts. The Court reserves the right to take any and all appropriate action regarding the redistricting of Fort Bend County political boundaries, including the acceptance of new boundaries for the Commissioners Court precincts, modification of any boundaries, and/or tabling the pending proposals for later consideration and/or action.

2. Robert T. Bass, Attorney with Allison Bass, LLP will present the proposed plans for Redistricting of political boundaries within Fort Bend County.

Robert Bass presented a history of the redistricting process. Redistricting is needed because the new census figures of 2010 show Fort Bend County precincts are unbalanced by population. Three proposals have been developed. Proposal #3 has the best numerical balance and ethnicity representation. The proposal needs to be submitted to the Department of Justice for pre-clearance by September 1. Robert thanked the Citizen Committee for their hard work and dedication.

3. Receive Public Comments.

The Public is invited to attend and participate in these meetings. Those wishing to address the Court should sign a speakers request form provided for this purpose. Each speaker will be asked to come before the Court, to identify themselves, their address, and the Commissioners Court precinct and Election Precinct they reside within. Comments should be reasonably concise and to the point. Questions will be answered, but the Court will not permit argument or excessive discussion of any particular topic. The hearing will be conducted under rules of judicial decorum. A video recording will be made of this hearing. Your written comments will be included with the submission of the proposed changes to existing Commissioners Court precincts to the United States Department of Justice.

Public Comments.

Jim Ashmore, President of Pecan Grove POA, is in favor of Proposal #3.

Joe Taylor, on behalf of Pecan Grove MUD, is in favor of Proposal #3.

4. Adjournment.

The special Redistricting Meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2011.