

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 16th DAY of JULY, 2014, Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, met at a special budget 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 9:01 a.m.

2. Conduct Budget Workshops.

Pamela Gubbels, Director of Finance & Investments, stated that the budget is \$288 million, which is a 6% increase over last year. Included is \$6.6 million in capital improvement projects and 23 new positions. Certified Values have not been received from the Central Appraisal District, but preliminary numbers show about a 7% increase over last year.

David Jalowy and Linda Urbanek, representing the retired county employees, asked for an increase for all the retirees. The COLA granted last year only affected the ones that retired in 2008 or later. A large group of retirees attended the meeting.

The following county departments explained why their budget was over the recommended amount.

Constable Pct. 3
Fire Marshal
District Attorney
Vehicle Maintenance
Auditor

Item 2 continued - Conduct Budget Workshops:

Capital Improvement Projects:

Radio replacements - entire County due to non compliance
Law Library expansion
Jail - West Tower building automation upgrades, shower renovation and generator tie-in
East Tower access control system upgrade
1/2 of rooftop unit replacements
IDC remodel
IT - backup architecture and Windows 7 Enterprise agreement
OEM - Brazos Bend State Park radio tower
Library - RFID conversion
Parks infrastructure
Sheriff Office - Virtual Servers & Tiburon upgrade
Finance & Human Capital Steering Team - Lawson upgrade
Architectural fees for Sienna Annex
Juvenile Probation - Arcola JJAEP shop buildout
Juvenile Probation Detention - camera system upgrade
Road & Bridge - fuel system upgrade and West Park fuel island

Kent Edwards, Director of Human Resources, explained the 3 options for the 644 county retirees, which are no increase, a one time payment or cost of living adjustment to retirees that retired before January 2014. The possible increase amount could be included in the \$4.9 million placeholder for county employee raises.

Commissioner Meyers asked what impact the health insurance has on the budget. Wyatt Scott, Director of Risk Management, explained several cost saving options which comply with the Affordable Healthcare Act.

3. Adjournment.

The special budget workshop adjourned at 11:37 a.m. on Wednesday, July 16, 2014.