

September 24, 2014

Special meeting/workshop held at Fort Bend County Justice Center, Jury Assembly Room 10196 in accordance with Texas Local Government Code Section 81.005(b).

No audio recorded. Written minutes only.

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 24th DAY of SEPTEMBER, 2014, Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, met at a special meeting / workshop with the following present:

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

Commissioner Prestage absent.

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

1. Call to Order.

Call to Order by Judge Hebert at 10:32 a.m.

2. Workshop to receive presentation by Transportation Economics & Management Systems, Inc. on the State Highway 36A Development Corridor Rail Business Plan.

Dr. Alexander Metcalf, President of Transportation Economics & Management Systems Inc., presented the Rail Business Plan. Dr. Metcalf explained that when the Panama Canal expansion is completed in 2016 the Port of Houston and the Port of Freeport will have an increase in deliveries from Asia, Europe and South America. This will then cause an increase of heavy truck use on highways. A potential solution is to create a new rail corridor along Hwy. 36A from Freeport to Rosenberg. The rail corridor could also bring in distribution and industrial jobs to the Rosenberg area.

Commissioner Meyers stated that in 1998 Fort Bend County joined Brazoria County for the creation of the Gulf Link Rail Transportation District.

Commissioner Meyers and Commissioner Morrison have been in contact with the Mayor of Rosenberg and the Harris County, County Judge with details about the proposed railway.

3. Adjournment.

The special meeting/workshop adjourned at 11:50 a.m. on Wednesday, September 24, 2014.