

**MINUTES**

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 5TH DAY of MAY, 2015, Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, met at a regular 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
LINDA WILLIS FOR LAURA RICHARD	COUNTY CLERK

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

**1. Call to Order.**

Call to Order by Judge Hebert at 1:00 p.m.

**2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Andy Meyers.**

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Andy Meyers.

**3. Approve minutes of regular meeting held on April 28, 2015.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Patterson  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve the minutes of regular meeting held on April 28, 2015.

Judge Hebert	Yes
Commissioner Morrison	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner Patterson	Yes

**4. Public Comments regarding the Agenda and Announcements.**

Paul Tu, President of Fort Bend County Criminal Defense Attorneys Association, presented the unanimous resolution from the Fort Bend County Criminal Defense Attorneys Association Board in opposition of Agenda Item #19, specifically any general public defenders office in Fort Bend County. Attached to the resolution was a petition signed by over 80 attorneys and citizens of Fort Bend County who are also opposed to Agenda Item #19. Mr. Tu stated that the County is well represented and the citizens who are indigent in this county are fairly represented by the defense attorneys that are on the Fort Bend County Defense Board and any public defenders office would not be cost efficient to the County.

Commissioner Morrison noted that there was a 2015 Notice of appraisal error message on the Central Appraisal District's website. Fort Bend CAD will resend notices to all accounts affected by May 12 and CAD will extend the protest deadline to June 12.

Commissioner Patterson asked any news media present in court to please get the word out to the county about the appraisal error.

Commissioner Morrison stated that according to an email he received, Glen Whitehead, with CAD, will be meeting with the media to apprise them of this matter.

Commissioner Meyers reminded the court that today is the last day of early voting and urged all to exercise their right to vote.

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: 1:00 p.m.: Conduct Public Hearings and take all appropriate action on the following matters:**

Public hearing held. No public comments.

**A. Acceptance of the traffic control plan for Fairpark Village, Section 3, Precinct 1.**

**B. Acceptance of the traffic control plan for Lakes of Bella Terra, Section 17 and Mirandola Lane & West Lugano Verde Drive STD, Precinct 3.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morrison  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve agenda item 5 A-B.

Judge Hebert	Yes
Commissioner Morrison	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner Patterson	Yes

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 6-13**

6. **OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL:** Approve out-of-state travel request for County personnel:  
  
**Office of Emergency Management** : Krista Whitehead to Denver, Colorado, September 20-25, 2015, to attend International Association of Crime Analysts (IACA) Training Conference. (Fund: Urban Area Security Initiative Grant)
  
7. **BUDGET & FINANCE/BUDGET TRANSFERS:**
  - A. **Budget Office** : Approve transfer in the amount of \$923,344 as detailed on Director's form dated April 30, 2015, pursuant to FY 2015 Second Quarter salary audit.
  
  - B. **Facilities Management & Planning** : Approve transfer in the amount of \$5,310 from Capital Acquisitions into Fees to allocate funds into correct account for Meeting Room Manager software.
  
  - C. **Facilities Management & Planning - Maintenance** : Approve transfer in the amount of \$5,655 as detailed on Director's form dated April 24, 2015 to allocate funds for temporary general laborer while looking to fill full-time position.
  
  - D. **Facilities Management & Planning - Operations** : Approve transfer in the amount of \$3,389 as detailed on Director's form dated April 27, 2015 to allocate funds for temporary clerical assistance while employee is absent on leave.
  
  - E. **Information Technology** : Approve transfer in the amount of \$7,200 as detailed on Director form dated April 28, 2015 to combine project accounts and allocate funds for the purchase of additional software for the County network.
  
  - F. **Road & Bridge** : Approve transfer in the amount of \$241,856 as detailed on Budget Director's form dated April 29, 2015, pursuant to FY 2015 Second Quarter salary audit.
  
  - G. **Sheriff's Office - Detention** : Approve transfer in the amount of \$200,000 from Salaries into Overtime to reallocate funds necessary for overtime incurred and anticipated through September 30, 2015.
  
  - H. **Sheriff's Office** : Approve transfer in the amount of \$11,000 from Federal Forfeited Assets, Contingency, into line items detailed on Sheriff's form dated April 30, 2015, to allocate funds for upfitting of new vehicle.
  
8. **ENGINEERING:**
  - A. Approve payment of Invoice No. 00356464 in the amount of \$1,540.50 to PSI, Inc. regarding Williams Way, Mobility Bond Project No. 747, Precinct 1. (Fund: 2007 Mobility Bonds)
  
  - B. Approve payment of Invoice No. 1364 in the amount of \$6,715.58 to Austin-Reed Engineers, LLC regarding Brand Lane, Mobility Bond Project No. 718/769, Precinct 2. (Fund: 2007 Mobility Bonds)
  
  - C. Approve payment of Invoice No. 031552C in the amount of \$989.75 to Aviles Engineering Corp. regarding West Bellfort, Mobility Bond Project No. 741, Pct 4. (Fund: 2007 Mobility Bonds)

**Item 8 continued - Engineering:**

- D. Approve payment of Invoice No. 031512C in the amount of \$8,683.20 to Aviles Engineering Corp. regarding West Bellfort, Mobility Bond Project No. 741, Precinct 4. (Fund: 2007 Mobility Bonds)
  - E. Approve payment of Invoice No. 415025 in the amount of \$14,344.50 to Klotz Associates for Project Management Services regarding Mobility Bond Projects within Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4. (Fund: 2013 Mobility Bonds)
  - F. Record into Minutes a corrected amount for Agenda Item 28E from Commissioners Court meeting held on May 6, 2014, due to an error of \$.40 in the Change Order shown, so the item reads: Take all appropriate action on Change Order No. 2 to the Agreement between Fort Bend County and Allgood Construction Company, Inc. to increase the scope of services by \$17,140.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,557,358.45 regarding West Bellfort, Mobility Bond Project No. 741, Precinct 4. (Fund: 2007 Mobility Bonds)
  - G. Approve release of perpetual bond #SUR0025461 in the amount of \$50,000.00 to Kinder Morgan Tejas Pipeline, LLC for completion of work on Day Road, Permit #84589, Precinct 1.
  - H. Approve the release of perpetual bond # TX 809980 in the amount of \$7,956.00 to Crostex Construction, Inc. for completion of work on West Bellfort, Permit # 84447, Precinct 4.
  - I. Approve application from AT&T to bury cable along Bowser Road, Precinct 3.
  - J. Accept the street in Rancho Bella Parkway Street Dedication, Sec. 3: Rancho Bella Parkway 882.00 LF, and release bond #58S205677 in the amount of \$61,740.00, Precinct 3. Accept the street in Rancho Bella Parkway Street Dedication, Sec. 3: Rancho Bella Parkway 882.00 LF, and release bond #58S205677 in the amount of \$61,740.00, Precinct 3.
  - K. Accept the street in Rancho Bella Parkway from Padova Drive Past Mirandola Lane STD: Rancho Bella Parkway 2,166.90 LF, and release bond #8215-49-55 in the amount of \$303,364.60, Precinct 3.
  - L. Approve release of bond #58S203488 in the amount of \$257,670.00 for Avalon at Riverstone, Section Two. The streets are private and will be maintained by the Homeowners Association, Precinct 4.
  - M. Set public hearing for acceptance of the traffic control plans for Rancho Bella Parkway Street Dedication, Sec. 3, and Rancho Bella Parkway from Padova Drive Past Mirandola Lane STD, Precinct 3. *(Tuesday, June 2, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.)*
9. ENGINEERING - PLATS:
- A. Approve plat for the roads within Sienna Village of Destrehan, Section 5, Precinct 1.
  - B. Approve plat for the lots within Sienna Village of Destrehan, Section 5, Precinct 1.
  - C. Approve plat for the roads within Sienna Village of Destrehan, Section 6, Precinct 1.
  - D. Approve plat for the lots within Sienna Village of Destrehan, Section 6, Precinct 1.
  - E. Approve plat for the roads within Sienna Village of Destrehan, Section 8, Precinct 1.

**Item 9 continued - Engineering - Plats:**

- F. Approve plat for the lots within Sienna Village of Destrehan, Section 8, Precinct 1.
- G. Approve plat for the roads within Harvest Green, Sec. 6, Precinct 3.
- H. Approve plat for the lots within Harvest Green, Sec. 6, Precinct 3.
- I. Approve plat for the roads within Harvest Green, Sec. 7, Precinct 3.
- J. Approve plat for the lots within Harvest Green, Sec. 7, Precinct 3.
- K. Approve plat for the roads within Harvest Green, Sec. 8, Precinct 3.
- L. Approve plat for the lots within Harvest Green, Sec. 8, Precinct 3.
- M. Approve the plat for Shops at Cinco-Spring Green, Precinct 3.
- N. Approve the plat for Satya Long Meadow Farms Partial Replat No. 1, Precinct 4.
- O. Approve plat for the roads within Fieldstone, Section 9, Precinct 4.
- P. Approve plat for the lots within Fieldstone, Section 9, Precinct 4.
- Q. Approve plat for the roads within Fieldstone, Section 10, Precinct 4.
- R. Approve plat for the lots within Fieldstone, Section 10, Precinct 4.
- S. Approve plat for the roads within Avalon at Riverstone Section Eleven-B, Precinct 4.
- T. Approve plat for the lots within Avalon at Riverstone Section Eleven-B, Precinct 4.

**10. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES:**

**Clinical Health : Ratify acceptance of additional funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services in the amount of \$36,736 for a total of \$146,943 in federal funding for the FY 2015 Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Program, and extend the term of the Contract through December 31, 2015.**

**11. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

**Approve the 2015 Annual Inventory Control Certification Form for submittal to the Texas Department of Public Safety Homeland Security State Administrative Agency to certify Fort Bend County's eligibility to participate in the 2015 Homeland Security Grant Program.**

**12. PURCHASING:**

**Authorize advertising for bids for LED display sign for the George Memorial Library.**

**13. ROAD & BRIDGE:**

- A. Approve payment of Invoice No. 1505 in the amount of \$25,271.50 to EPIC Transportation Group, LP for engineering services regarding ADA improvements to three intersections along Cinco Ranch Boulevard, Pct. 3. (Fund: Road & Bridge, Traffic Signals)**
  - B. Approve payment of Invoice No. 1511 in the amount of \$768.00 to EPIC Transportation Group, LP for Traffic Signal Design at the intersection of Falcon Landing Boulevard and Spring Green Boulevard, Pct. 3. (Fund: Road & Bridge, Traffic Signals)**
  - C. Approve payment of Invoice #20152294 in the amount of \$3,024.04 to TEDSI Infrastructure Group for Traffic Signal Timing Services at various locations in the County. (Fund: Road & Bridge, Traffic Signals)**
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Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Patterson  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve consent agenda items 6-13.

Judge Hebert	Yes
Commissioner Morrison	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner Patterson	Yes

**14. COUNTY JUDGE:**

**Take all appropriate action on Application and Resolution to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission for grant funding in the amount of \$20,000 to support a Veterans Court Program in FY 2016 with no additional funds required by Fort Bend County, and authorize County Judge to sign all documents pertaining to the application.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Morrison  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Application and Resolution to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission for grant funding in the amount of \$20,000 to support a Veterans Court Program in FY 2016 with no additional funds required by Fort Bend County, and authorize County Judge to sign all documents pertaining to the application.

Judge Hebert	Yes
Commissioner Morrison	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner Patterson	Yes

**15. COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1:**

**Take all appropriate action on request by Rosenberg Masonic Lodge #881 to waive the rental fee for use of the midway parking lot area at the Fairgrounds for their event held March 14-15, 2015.**

Moved by Commissioner Morrison, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request by Rosenberg Masonic Lodge #881 to waive the rental fee for use of the midway parking lot area at the Fairgrounds for their event held March 14-15, 2015.

Judge Hebert	Yes
Commissioner Morrison	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner Patterson	Yes

**16. AUDITOR:**

**Take all appropriate action on request to authorize funding in an amount not to exceed \$111,950 from employee benefits for programs and equipment to facilitate utilization of the fitness facility at the Gus George Law Enforcement Academy.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morrison  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to authorize funding in an amount not to exceed \$111,950 from employee benefits for programs and equipment to facilitate utilization of the fitness facility at the Gus George Law Enforcement Academy.

Judge Hebert	Yes
Commissioner Morrison	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner Patterson	Yes

**17. ENGINEERING:**

**A. Take all appropriate action for temporary daytime road closure of Golfview Drive, Phase II Project during construction. The closure date is May 6, 2015 and will remain closed as needed until construction is completed, Precinct 1.**

Moved by Commissioner Morrison, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve temporary daytime road closure of Golfview Drive, Phase II Project during construction. The closure date is May 6, 2015 and will remain closed as needed until construction is completed, Precinct 1.

Judge Hebert	Yes
Commissioner Morrison	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner Patterson	Yes

**Item 17 continued - Engineering:**

- B. Take all appropriate action on acceptance of a 0.216 acre tract of real property by Donation Deed from Rudolfo Sutuj Pichiya and Alberto Sutuj Pichiya for right-of-way to McFarlane Road and record same in Official Public Records, Precinct 1.**

Moved by Commissioner Morrison, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
 Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve acceptance of a 0.216 acre tract of real property by Donation Deed from Rudolfo Sutuj Pichiya and Alberto Sutuj Pichiya for right-of-way to McFarlane Road and record same in Official Public Records, Precinct 1.

Judge Hebert	Yes
Commissioner Morrison	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner Patterson	Yes

**18. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES:**

- A. Animal Services : Take all appropriate action on request to authorize short-term, special event reduced fee adoptions.**

Moved by Commissioner Morrison, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
 Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to authorize short-term, special event reduced fee adoptions.

Judge Hebert	Yes
Commissioner Morrison	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner Patterson	Yes

- B. Animal Services : Take all appropriate action on request to authorize use of the Fort Bend County Animal Services logo by the organization *Saving Our Companion Animals - Fort Bend County (SOCA)* together with the SOCA logo on promotional materials for the benefit of the animals held at the Fort Bend County shelter.**

Moved by Commissioner Morrison, Seconded by Commissioner Patterson  
 Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to authorize use of the Fort Bend County Animal Services logo by the organization *Saving Our Companion Animals - Fort Bend County (SOCA)* together with the SOCA logo on promotional materials for the benefit of the animals held at the Fort Bend County shelter.

Judge Hebert	Yes
Commissioner Morrison	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner Patterson	Yes

Moved by Commissioner Patterson to amend this item to require SOCA get advanced approval from the Health and Human Services director before each new use of the logo to ensure the logo is used in the manner consistent with the goals of Animal Services Department.

**19. MENTAL HEALTH PUBLIC DEFENDER:**

**Take all appropriate action on Application and Resolution to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission for a multi-year discretionary grant in the amount of \$783,346 with a cash match of \$195,837 provided by Fort Bend County for a total program cost of \$979,183 to support a Public Defender Program, and authorize County Judge to sign all documents pertaining to the application.**

Commissioner Prestage requested that Ed Sturdivant explain the proposal before the vote.

Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor, stated that the proposal is to consider moving forward with the grant application with the Texas Indigent Defense Commission. The scope that the budget numbers are based on is the maximum scope. The County will stay within the scope in the application, with the possibility that it may be reduced slightly; but will not go over the scope. The proposal is a pilot program with two courts, at this time, to prove feasibility of moving forward with the public defenders office in the future with Fort Bend County. The funding ratio by the commission, based on what has been enjoyed in the past, is a declining balance funding over a four year period. The County would share in the cost, 50/50. The commission in the first year would be 80/20, the second year 60/40, the third year 40/60 and fourth year 20/80, which on average is 50/50.

Commissioner Patterson asked when would the defenders office begin.

Ed Sturdivant noted that the funding period would be fiscal year 2016.

Commissioner Meyers remarked it would be the 2016-2017 budget year and Ed Sturdivant confirmed this to be the case.

Commissioner Morrison asked if this would be an expansion of the mental health public defenders office.

Ed Sturdivant explained that the expansion of the mental health public defenders office would be up to Commissioners Court as to the form that it takes. It will be necessary to write this in the grant to make this clear. The final details are being worked out to meet the submission deadline.

Commissioner Patterson noted that there was a motion passed several months ago to expand, as Mr. Sturdivant described.

**Item 19 continued - Mental Health Public Defender:**

Judge Hebert introduced Jim Bethke, Executive Director of Texas Indigent Defense Commission, giving him an opportunity to respond to the earlier opposition by Mr. Tu.

Mr. Bethke agrees with Mr. Tu that Fort Bend County has many laudable practices. This will be an opportunity for the County to take a good system and make it better. It is also leveraging state money. Right now the County is getting ten cents on the dollar and over the next four years, as Mr. Sturdivant explained, it will be fifty cents on the dollar.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Morrison  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Application and Resolution to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission for a multi-year discretionary grant in the amount of \$783,346 with a cash match of \$195,837 provided by Fort Bend County for a total program cost of \$979,183 to support a Public Defender Program, and authorize County Judge to sign all documents pertaining to the application.

Judge Hebert	Yes
Commissioner Morrison	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner Patterson	Yes

**20. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:**

- A. Take all appropriate action on Amendment to Interlocal Cooperation Contract for Downtown Houston Transit Options Study between Fort Bend County and Texas A & M Transportation Institute to extend the term of the Agreement until December 31, 2015, with no change in funding.**

Moved by Commissioner Patterson, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Amendment to Interlocal Cooperation Contract for Downtown Houston Transit Options Study between Fort Bend County and Texas A & M Transportation Institute to extend the term of the Agreement until December 31, 2015, with no change in funding.

Judge Hebert	Yes
Commissioner Morrison	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner Patterson	Yes

**Item 20 continued - Public Transportation:**

- B. Take all appropriate action on Amendment to Interlocal Cooperation Contract for Revenue Research and Analysis Study between Fort Bend County and Texas A & M Transportation Institute to extend the term of the Agreement until December 31, 2015, with no change in funding.**

Moved by Commissioner Patterson, Seconded by Commissioner Morrison  
 Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Amendment to Interlocal Cooperation Contract for Revenue Research and Analysis Study between Fort Bend County and Texas A & M Transportation Institute to extend the term of the Agreement until December 31, 2015, with no change in funding.

Judge Hebert	Yes
Commissioner Morrison	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner Patterson	Yes

**21. PURCHASING:**

- A. Take all appropriate action on Agreement for Professional Engineering Services - Design between Fort Bend County and IDC, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2,165,059 pursuant to SOQ 07-080 regarding the final design of FM 2759 /FM 762 (Crabb River Road), Mobility Bond Project No. X28, Precinct 1, and authorize funding for the Agreement from Commissioners Court Projects (\$1,665,059) and Non-Departmental Contingency (\$500,000).**

Moved by Commissioner Morrison, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers  
 Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Agreement for Professional Engineering Services - Design between Fort Bend County and IDC, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2,165,059 pursuant to SOQ 07-080 regarding the final design of FM 2759 /FM 762 (Crabb River Road), Mobility Bond Project No. X28, Precinct 1, and authorize to amend the funding source where the Mobility project in Precinct 1 would be 50% of the amount and Commissioners Court Projects would remain at 50% of the amount.

Judge Hebert	Yes
Commissioner Morrison	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner Patterson	Yes

Commissioner Patterson asked for clarification on where the money would come from.

Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor, clarified the funds would be from the Mobility13 funds.

**Item 21 continued - Purchasing:**

- B. Take all appropriate action on Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between Fort Bend County and Terra Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$17,500 pursuant to SOQ 14-025 regarding construction phase services for Sansbury Boulevard, Mobility Bond Project No. 13111, Precinct 1. (Fund: 2013 Mobility Bonds)**

Moved by Commissioner Morrison, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between Fort Bend County and Terra Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$17,500 pursuant to SOQ 14-025 regarding construction phase services for Sansbury Boulevard, Mobility Bond Project No. 13111, Precinct 1. (Fund: 2013 Mobility Bonds)

Judge Hebert	Yes
Commissioner Morrison	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner Patterson	Yes

- C. Take all appropriate action on Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between Fort Bend County and Professional Service Industries, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$30,955 pursuant to SOQ 14-025, regarding construction materials testing for Sansbury Boulevard, Mobility Bond Project No. 13111, Precinct 1. (Fund: 2013 Mobility Bonds)**

Moved by Commissioner Morrison, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between Fort Bend County and Professional Service Industries, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$30,955 pursuant to SOQ 14-025, regarding construction materials testing for Sansbury Boulevard, Mobility Bond Project No. 13111, Precinct 1. (Fund: 2013 Mobility Bonds)

Judge Hebert	Yes
Commissioner Morrison	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner Patterson	Yes

- D. Take all appropriate action on Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between Fort Bend County and Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$518,474 pursuant to SOQ 14-025, regarding Gaston Road, Segment 1, Mobility Bond Project No. 13311, Precinct 3. (Fund: 2013 Mobility Bonds)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morrison  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between Fort Bend County and Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$518,474 pursuant to SOQ 14-025, regarding Gaston Road, Segment 1, Mobility Bond Project No. 13311, Precinct 3. (Fund: 2013 Mobility Bonds)

Judge Hebert	Yes
Commissioner Morrison	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner Patterson	Yes

**22. Approve Bills.**

Moved by Commissioner Morrison, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve bills in the amount of  
\$4,038.776.44.

Judge Hebert	Yes
Commissioner Morrison	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner Patterson	Yes

**23. WORKSHOP:**

**Engineering : Receive presentation regarding MyPermitNow process to be implemented by the Engineering Department on May 13, 2015.**

Richard Stolleis, County Engineer, gave a brief overview of the MyPermitNow project, which started two years ago, and will go live this month.

Clay Forister, Assistant County Engineer-Development, presented a PowerPoint on the MyPermitNow process which will go live in May with MyGovernmentOnline.org. This process will allow County residents to apply for permits online as well as make payments online. The MyPermitNow process will be in addition to the methods already in place. Mr. Forister also explained that the Engineering Department will recommend to Commissioners Court a \$10 fee increase to the development permit application to cover the cost of MyPermitNow. Positive feedback on the increase has been received from the Building Advisory Committee and the Greater Houston Builders Association. At some point in the future, Engineering is planning to go live with planning and platting online review services.

Commissioner Meyers questioned if Planning and Zoning will be going live August 15.

Mr. Forister confirmed that MyPermitNow should go live May 13 and Planning and Zoning should go live August 15.

Judge Hebert questioned whether Engineering had the authority to zone.

Mr. Forister clarified that Planning and Zoning is the module and there is no zoning in Fort Bend County. The Planning and Zoning is strictly for platting, online plan review and for street acceptance processes.

Commissioner Patterson asked about the module for the Citizens Solution Center.

Mr. Forister explained that our IT Department is evaluating an online citizen concern/complaint center.

Commissioner Morrison pointed out that IT may be looking at a different App for the Citizens Solution Center.

**Recess:**

Recessed at 1:32 p.m.

**24. Meet in Closed Session to deliberate the following matters as authorized by the Texas Government Code:**

- A. § 551.071. Consultation With Attorney. Commissioners Court will meet in Closed Session to seek the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation; a settlement offer; or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to Commissioners Court under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Texas Government Code Chapter 551.**

**Fort Bend County vs. AFC Transportation, GBJ, Inc. D/B/A/ AFC Transportation and National Interstate Insurance; Cause No. 13-DCV-20451; In the 240th Judicial District Court of Fort Bend County, Texas.**

- B. § 551.072. Deliberation Regarding Real Property. Commissioners Court will meet in Closed Session to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.**

**Acquisition of Real Property: 0.80 acre tract of land near downtown Richmond, Texas, Precinct 1.**

- C. § 551.074. Personnel Matters. Commissioners Court will meet in Closed Session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.**

**Annual Evaluation - Director of Public Transportation.**

**Closed Session:**

Convened at 1:46 p.m.  
Adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

**Reconvene:**

Reconvened at 2:34 p.m.

**25. Reconvene Open Session and consider taking action on the following matters:**

**A. § 551.071. Consultation With Attorney.**

**Fort Bend County vs. AFC Transportation, GBJ, Inc. D/B/A/ AFC Transportation and National Interstate Insurance; Cause No. 13-DCV-20451; In the 240th Judicial District Court of Fort Bend County, Texas.**

Moved by Commissioner Patterson, Seconded by Commissioner Morrison  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is moved that the County Attorney be authorized to negotiate the complete terms and provisions for the full and final settlement of Cause No.13-DCV-204651 pending in the 240th Judicial District Court of Fort Bend County.

Judge Hebert	Yes
Commissioner Morrison	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner Patterson	Yes

**B. § 551.072. Deliberation Regarding Real Property.**

**Acquisition of Real Property: 0.80 acre tract of land near downtown Richmond, Texas, Precinct 1.**

No action.

**C. § 551.074. Personnel Matters.**

**Annual Evaluation - Director of Public Transportation.**

Completed review of the annual evaluation with the Director of Public Transportation.

**26. Adjournment.**

Commissioners Court adjourned at 2:36 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2015.