

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS COURT
FORT BEND COUNTY

I, Laura Richard, duly elected County Clerk and Clerk of Court, Fort Bend County, Texas do hereby submit the Official Minutes of Commissioners Court held on the 12th day of September, 2016. (Special Meeting – Budget Public Hearing)



LAURA RICHARD, COUNTY CLERK

Now, therefore, be it resolved upon the motion of Commissioner Meyers seconded by Commissioner Patterson, duly put and carried, it is ordered to accept as presented for record the attached minutes approved on this the 27th day of September, 2016.



ROBERT E. HEBERT, COUNTY JUDGE

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 12TH DAY of SEPTEMBER, 2016, Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, met at a public hearing 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 5:32 p.m.

2. **Conduct Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2017 Budget for Fort Bend County, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 111.067.**

Public hearing held. There were three individuals who spoke on the Proposed FY 2017 Budget.

Ms. Claudine Vass, a Fort Bend County, Precinct 4, resident spoke on behalf of Fort Bend Pets Alive. Ms. Vass supports the 17% increase for the Animal Services Budget. She thanked Animal Services Director, Rene Vasquez and his team on the increase in save rate and Commissioner Morrison and the Court for taking Pets Alive recommendations to budget. Ms. Vass presented further recommendations to the court for the newly allocated resources.

Ms. Ann Gardner, a Fort Bend County resident and volunteer for a No Kill Rescue Shelter, spoke on the need for a full time vet at the shelter, educational follow up to prevent animals from being returned and IT training to input every animal daily on social media. She supports the increase in budget for Animal Services.

Ms. Mary Alvarez, resident of Sugar Land and involved with Fort Bend County Animal Control is concerned about animals leaving with new families unaltered by not receiving rabies vaccinations or being spayed and neutered.

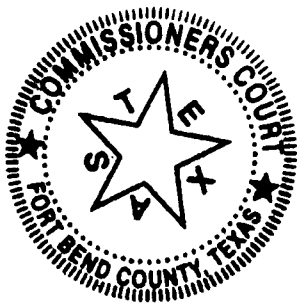
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Item 2 continued - Conduct Public Hearing:

Judge Hebert stated for the record, the budget does include renovations to the existing animal services office to allow a veterinarian and a veterinarian tech to spay and neuter all animals that come to the facility. Also in the budget is a \$1.1 million expansion to the animal services facility to help with the rapidly growing population. There are many wonderful volunteer groups to see that animals are properly treated and homes are found. The County is doing everything to solve issues in trying to run a high volume adoption animal center and will continue to take measured steps, that make sense, to maintain a quality animal services operation in Fort Bend County.

3. **Adjournment.**

Commissioners Court Public Hearing adjourned at 5:45 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2016.



I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.

Laura Richard

Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas