

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 26TH DAY of JULY, 2017, Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, met at a special meeting with the following present:

ROBERT E. HEBERT	COUNTY JUDGE
VINCENT MORALES	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 9:00 a.m.

2. **Conduct Budget Workshops.**

Pamela Gubbels, Director of Finance and Investments reviewed the FY2018 Budget. The Budget Office did receive the certified values; but did not receive the Effective Tax Rate, as of today. The proposed tax rate used (.474) is the same as last year. The total recommended budget today is \$357.4 million, which is a 3.2% increase over the 2017 Adopted Budget. Today the ending balance for the General Fund Budget, which is a percentage of the budget, is at 19%, Road and Bridge is 16.9% and Drainage District is 19.6% with a Total Fort Bend County ending balance of 23.7%. Currently, there are 93 new positions in the budget, 32 reclassifications and 100 vehicles, with 86 replacements and 14 new vehicles with the majority of the new vehicles added due to new positions. There are nine departments here today to discuss their budgets with a total of \$940,000 requested above the recommended budget. Other areas to be discussed are COLA, Right of Way and Capital Improvement Projects.

Commissioner Meyers requested possibly having an Internal Auditor in the Budget Office to review operations from the stand point of efficiency and being able to recommend ways of reducing operating expenses.

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The following departments discussed their budgets:

Constable, Precinct 1
Constable, Precinct 2
Constable, Precinct 3
Constable, Precinct 4
District Attorney

Recess: 10:03

Reconvene: 10:10

Behavioral Health
Social Services
Clinical Health
Sheriff Bailiffs

There is a \$6.8 million placeholder included in the budget for COLA. Information received from Human Resources recommends \$6.9 million, which includes everyone. Employees hired after July 1 would not get a step increase. The increases would be the same as last year.

Currently, there is no money in the budget for Right Of Way. It was recommended to add \$3 million to the FY2018 Budget.

A total of \$7,288,552 million is in the Budget for Capital Improvement Projects.

3. **Adjournment.**

The Special Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m. on Wednesday, July 26, 2017.

I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.



Laura Richard

Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas