

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 3RD DAY of MAY, 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 8:30 a.m.

2. **Conduct Budget Workshops.**

Judge Hebert expressed his disappointment on the requested FY 2018 Budget. In looking at a five year estimate of budget increases, the County is growing at 5% and spending 18 - 20% per year.

Pamela Gubbels, Director of Finance & Investments, gave a summary of the FY 2018 Budget. The County's budget request is at a total of \$363.9 million which is a 5% increase over last year. This does not include a salary increase. Last year's salary increase was \$6.4 million. The budget needs to be reduced by approximately \$20 million to bring it down to the desired 15% fund balance. Revenue estimates and fund balance estimates from the County Auditor's office are not included in the current budget. These fund balance estimates are about \$8 million more than initial estimates. There are 119 new position requests for a total of \$9 million. Last year there were a total of 84 new positions. This year, 33 reclassification requests are included and have been approved and recommended by Human Resources. There are 139 vehicle requests, with 110 replacements and 29 additional vehicles. This year the target budget was the current workforce plus a 2% increase on all other accounts. This budget does include a CIP placeholder of \$11 million, which is included in the \$363 million amount, and \$9.9 million has been submitted. Other revenues received in the budget equal to that of the 2017 adopted budget. Preliminary estimates from the Auditor's office were received, which are very similar to 2017, and are a quarter of a percent increase. The preliminary assessed values were received from CAD. Assuming an 8% decrease from preliminary values to certified values, values are projected to be 2.5% greater than last year. This assumption is based on prior years' decrease of 7% to 8% reduction from Preliminary values to Certified values.

Item 2 continued - Conduct Budget Workshop:

Judge Hebert stated, right now, the projection looks like a 2.5% increase in revenue and a 7% increase in expenditures.

The following County departments explained why their budget was over the target amount:

Facilities Management and Planning

Facilities Maintenance

Facilities Operations

Facility Custodial

Interdepartmental Construction

Information Technology

Risk Management

Department of Public Safety

Sheriff

Sheriff - Enforcement

Sheriff - Bailiffs

Sheriff - Detention

Health & Human Services

Animal Services

Social Services

Clinical Health

Clinical Health Services

Clinical Health Immunization

Indigent Health Care

Emergency Medical Service - Ambulance

Parks Department

Jones Creek Ranch

Fairgrounds

Parks

County Library

Commissioner, Pct 1

Purchasing

3. **Adjournment.**

The Special Meeting/Budget Workshop adjourned at 3:43 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2017.

I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.



Laura Richard

Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas