

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 3rd day of May, 2017. (Special Meeting – Budget Workshop)



LAURA RICHARD, COUNTY CLERK

Now, therefore, be it resolved upon the motion of Commissioner Meyers seconded by Commissioner Morales, duly put and carried, it is ordered to accept as presented for record the attached minutes approved on this the 9th day of May, 2017.



ROBERT E. HEBERT, COUNTY JUDGE

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.

May 3, 2017

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.

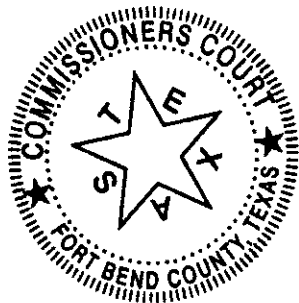
The following County departments explained why their budget was over the target amount:

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