

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 26TH DAY of JULY, 2018, Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, met at a special budget 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
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, including Capital Improvement Projects.**

Pamela Gubbels, Director of Finance and Investments reviewed the 2019 Budget. The total recommended budget today is \$367.9 million, which is a 0.7% increase over last year's budget. This amount does include a COLA placeholder of \$7.5 million. The total budget is less than 1% increase over last year's budget. The certified values are a 4% increase over the 2017 values. The placeholder tax rate is at \$0.469 with a budget ending balance of 21%.

Discussion Items:

- New 2019 position request for Departments
- Human Resources FY2019 Salary Proposals - recommends Proposal I - Year Three of a Four Year Plan with Evergreen for all policy group's salaries, including fringe benefits
- Water Shed Study - Drainage CIP
- Propose increase of Drainage Tax Rate
- Fort Bend Seniors - requesting a five year commitment of \$150,000 for their outreach, marketing and technology to improve the Seniors quality of life.
- 1033 Programs - Law Enforcement/Military Surplus Inventory - The protocols are set with the authorization of the relevant local governing body. A process to be set in the Budget Policy.

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Commissioner Meyers recognized Lila Smith, Project Manager, Commissioner Precinct 3, in attending her last Budget meeting.

Capital Improvement Projects (CIP):

- Sienna Annex Flooring - Boys and Girls Club - Withdrawn
- Fairground Renovations
- Fire Marshal - Hazmat
- Fire Marshal & EMS - Dispatch System Software
- Park Projects - Renovations to outdoor restrooms for Bates Allen and Kitty Hollow
- EMS Sienna Annex - Control for Mannequin
- Road & Bridge, Drainage, Fire Marshal and OEM - Drones
- Deferred Maintenance - Unforeseen Maintenance

Finance Summary:

- Estimated Effective Tax Rate - Fort Bend County - \$0.442990
- Estimated Roll Back Rate - Fort Bend County - \$0.481625
- Estimated Effective Tax Rate - Drainage - \$0.015550
- Estimated Roll Back Rate - Drainage - \$0.016794
- Drainage - \$0.019
- Road & Bridge - \$0.025
- General Fund - \$0.357
- Interest and Sinking Fund - \$0.063
- Total Overall Tax Rate - \$0.464 - (1/2 cent reduction in the Tax Rate)

This gives an ending balance of 19% for General Fund.

3. **Adjournment.**

The Commissioner Court Budget Workshop adjourned at 11:07 a.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2018.

I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.



Laura Richard

Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas