

**MINUTES**

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 8TH DAY of JANUARY, 2019, Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, met at a special meeting with the following present:

KP GEORGE	COUNTY JUDGE
VINCENT MORALES	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1
GRADY PRESTAGE	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2
ANDY MEYERS	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3
KEN R. DEMERCHANT	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 George at 2:00 p.m.

**2. Workshop to discuss initiatives for the Texas 86th Legislative Session.**

Mr. Jim Short, Legislative Consultant, explained the steps of how a bill is introduced, reviewed the County process of interacting with the members of the legislature and the County’s legislative team and the Austin process in passing legislation or keep from passing. Mr. Short indicated the process, in general, is set up for things not to happen. The reason there are many steps is because the goal is to minimize the number of things that can happen, which has been the policy of legislative leadership for many years. In order to pass bills for the County, there are steps to take, such as: Find a sponsor, the Bill must be drafted by the legislative council, the Bill must be passed by both the House of Representatives and the Senate in identical form, the Bills must be sent to the Calendar Committee, deadlines must be met, such as the deadline for introducing bills is in early March and having unanimous resolutions are important.

**Initiatives for the Texas 86th Legislative Session.**

**County Judge: Presented by Taral Patel, Chief of Staff**

- Revenue Caps – Continue to oppose the State’s effort to cap revenue in County Government
- Online Voter Registration
- Voting System Fund
- Medicaid Expansion

**Commissioner Precinct 1: Presented by Robert Quarles, Staff Director and Commissioner Morales**

- State Legislation Allowing City of Richmond to develop a hotel and convention center.

**Commissioner Precinct 2: Presented by Commissioner Prestage**

- Community Colleges

**Commissioner Precinct 3: Presented by Robert Pechukas and Commissioner Meyers**

- ETJ Detachment
- Strategic Partnership Agreements
- Open Meetings
- County Assistance District Spending
- Municipal Authority With CADS
- Disbanding County Assistance Districts
- CAD Ability To Make Loans
- County Regulation Of Parks
- Junkyard Licensing Fees
- Human Trafficking Training
- Utility Relocation Cost Sharing
- Local Flood Control Districts
- CAD Spending That Benefits The District

**Commissioner Precinct 4: Presented by Commissioner DeMerchant**

- Emergency Notification
- Mental Health
- Mental Health, Jail Diversion
- Equal Pay For Equal Work
- Support Of Trap, Neuter and Return (TNR)
- Puppy (Dogs & Cats) Mill Regulation

**Judicial Legislative Agenda: Presented by Judge Morales**

- Master Interpreter Requirements
- Magistration Process

**3. Adjournment.**

The Special Meeting/Workshop adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales



**I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.**

*Laura Richard*

**Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas**