

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 12TH DAY of MAY, 2020, Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, met at a regular 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 KP George at 1:00 p.m.

2. Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance by Commissioner Grady Prestage.

Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance by Commissioner Grady Prestage.

3. Approve minutes of regular meeting held on May 5, 2020.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales

Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve minutes of regular meeting held on May 5, 2020.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

4. Public Comments regarding the Agenda and Announcements.

There were three proclamations.

National Nurses Week was declared the week of May 6 - 12 in Fort Bend County. Maria Johnson, Coordinator of Health Services, Fort Bend ISD received the proclamation.

National Police Week was observed the week of May 3 - 9 in Fort Bend County. Matt Carter from the Sheriff's Office received the proclamation. Also, proclamations were presented to Constable, Precinct 1 Mike Beard, Constable, Precinct 2 Daryl Smith, Constable, Precinct 3 Wayne Thompson, and District Attorney's Office.

The month of May has been declared by Commissioners Court as Jewish American Heritage month in Fort Bend County. Randy Czarlinsky- AJC Houston Region Director accepted the proclamation.

Dr. Jacquelyn Minter, Director of Health & Human Services, gave an update on COVID-19. Dr. Minter stated she continues to watch the numbers and cases go up. These numbers represent our neighbors who should be protected by physical distancing, wearing a face covering and going back to work to help those who have suffered through economic difficulties. The County needs to continue doing what they are doing safely and carefully. The testing for Coronavirus has been increased in order to have the availability to people, when there are symptoms, for those who have come in contact with someone and for those who are most vulnerable. The County wants to make sure there is affordable testing close to people, and for those who may have the disease be isolated and make sure it does not spread to others.

Judge George stated, in the news, the White House is recognizing various places of interest all over the country and Fort Bend County is mentioned.

Dr. Minter commented to Judge George's statement about an article mentioning that numbers are going up in Fort Bend County. She said data, when reported, often does not represent something that just happened. It could represent information over a few weeks period and are just now reported from a facility. Dr. Minter has no idea where the numbers came from for the article; but numbers were expected to go up, due to the new requirements for Long Term Care Facilities, which came up the same week Texas was starting to open up. The increased numbers reflect numbers being reported as opposed to increased cases during a certain period of time.

Mark Flathouse, OEM Coordinator stated his office is working with the recovery aspect of COVID and the preparation of the Hurricane Season. Mr. Flathouse will be working with local partners on sheltering during hurricanes and long term planning over the next six months. The initial plans presented for hurricane season will be modified due to COVID.

Commissioner DeMerchant thanked Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor and Pamela Gubbels, Director of Finance & Investments and all who worked on tightening the belt on the 2020 Budget. He also thanked Jim McIngvale, Gallery Furniture for being a great partner and having a COVID-19 testing site and Facilities Management and Planning and Judge George for putting up the plexiglass shields.

Commissioner Morales also thanked Ed and Pamela for their hard work on 2020 Budget reductions. Commissioner would like to see those departments, that are still lacking, step up to help out during this time.

Commissioner Meyers stated with actions taken, in regard to the hiring freeze and 20% reduction, only about half the projection of the shortfall has been covered and there is still work to be done.

Item 4 continued - Public Comments:

There were eight Fort Bend County leaders who spoke on Agenda Item 19.

1. Mayor Joe Zimmerman, Sugar Land spoke in regards to Agenda Item 19, the CARES funding and on behalf of the citizens of Sugar Land. The city, as well as the County, will be facing a sales tax and use shortfall in revenue. The CARES funding currently does not provide for this gap. However, Mayor Zimmerman believes the work being done with the federal government could help. The initial allocation for the CARES funding came to the court to be shared with the cities. The governor went through a funding formula and all the cities in Fort Bend County look forward to working out an equitable way to distribute the funds.

2. Assistant City Manager, Jennifer May, 2603 Planters Row, Sugar Land addressed the court on Item 19, regarding the CARES Act Local Government Assistance. Ms. May will be representing the city of Sugar Land on the Advisory Team. She thanked the County for the opportunity to engage with other local governments and entities across the County on this topic and for the opportunity to submit recommendations and priorities on how best to utilize \$134 million in funding allocated to Fort Bend. She is in support of the priorities listed by the committee and for putting revenue loss on the list of priorities even though it is currently an ineligible use.

3. Mayor Charles Jessup, City of Meadows Place, thanked the court for the participation in the CARES Act and letting the cities participate. Mayor Jessup stated there will be unexpected costs that will come up and should consider this when reimbursing cities for costs incurring today.

4. Bryan Guinn, 72 Grants Lake Circle, Sugar Land, CFO, Fort Bend ISD, thanked the court for allowing the district to be a member of the Advisory team and for looking into the \$134 million in CARES Act Funding available to assist the Fort Bend community. Since the onset of the pandemic, Fort Bend ISD and all the districts in the County have been on the front lines of responding. Immediate response to this emergency was taken by providing meals and mental health services. There are concerns about receiving funding for these critical services.

5. Fort Bend EDC - Jeff Wiley, 2415 Hodges Bend Circle, Sugar Land, President of EDC. Mr. Wiley is in support of the County's efforts to distribute allocated CARES funds. He commended the efforts of the staff and the County Auditor in putting the Advisory Committee together and for giving businesses a voice on the committee. The Federal Guidelines state the CARES ACT funding can be utilized to assist with second order effects of the emergency such as those suffering from unemployment and business interruption.

6. Spurgeon Robinson, Mpack Strategic Consulting, 3209 Drake Springs Lane, Pearland, addressed the court on how the County will determine what the basic needs are countywide. Mr. Robinson will work with the committee to identify what is important to the County; but put analytics in order for people to understand the basic needs for economic development or ISD or other public entities and have a countywide approach. The balance of the approach is to find the defined needs that are needed for their institution and how the County will maximize the funding and have results to make sure all citizen's needs are prioritized. Mr. Robinson will help to prioritize all the different needs of the County.

7. Mayor Aaron Groff, City of Fulshear, 4114 Brighton Loop, Fulshear spoke on Item #19. He is a member of the CARES Advisory Committee and represents the citizens of Fulshear and local jurisdictions. Mayor Groff thanked the court for efforts to fight for residents on property appraisals.

8. Senior Pastor David Sincere, Fort Bend Transformation Church, 10402 Deer Branch, Missouri City, is representing Faith Leaders in Fort Bend County. Pastor Sincere stated individuals who are struggling to pay rent need help and asked to set aside funds to assist these residents. He also asked to place a moratorium on evictions until August.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: 1:43 p.m.: Conduct Public Hearings and take all appropriate action on the following matters:

Public hearing held. No public comments.

A. Acceptance of the traffic control plan for Mission Bend Section 6 for the addition of “No Parking” signs on Sierra Valle Drive, Precinct 2.

B. Acceptance of the traffic control plan for Jordan Ranch Section 16, Precinct 3.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Agenda Items 5A - 5B.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 6 - 17:

6. COUNTY JUDGE:

A. Record into Minutes the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2019, as prescribed by Health & Safety Code, Section 775.082 for Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 6.

B. Record into Minutes the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2019 as prescribed by Health & Safety Code, Section 775.082 for Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 8.

7. AUDITOR:

A. Accept Monthly Financial Report prepared by County Auditor for the eleven months ended August 31, 2019, pursuant to Local Government Code Section 114.023.

B. Accept Monthly Financial Report prepared by County Auditor for the twelve months ended September 30, 2019, pursuant to Local Government Code Section 114.023.

8. ENGINEERING-PAYMENTS:

A. Approve correction to Agenda Item 21B approved by Commissioners Court on April 7, 2020 so it reads: Take all appropriate action on Advance Funding Agreement between Fort Bend County and Texas Department of Transportation in an estimated amount of \$5,688,000 regarding FM 521 (south), Mobility Bond Project No. 17111, Precinct 1. (Fund: FM 521 Project Account)

Item 8 continued - Engineering - Payments:

- B. Approve correction for Agenda Item 20C approved by Commissioners Court on April 14, 2020 so it reads: Take all appropriate action on Advance Funding Agreement between Fort Bend County and Texas Department of Transportation in an estimated amount of \$8,130,000 regarding Grand Parkway (SH 99) Frontage Roads Segment 1, Mobility Bond Project No. 17303, Precinct 3. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- C. Record into minutes a correction to Agenda Item 11G from Commissioners Court on April 28, 2020, to correct the amount so it reads: Approve payment of Invoice No. 202005261 in the amount of \$1,555.00 to Berg-Oliver Associates, Inc. for professional environmental services regarding Lake Olympia, Segment 2, Mobility Bond Project No. 13217x, Precincts 1 and 2. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- D. Approve payment of Invoice No. H013353 in the amount of \$6,047.00 and Invoice No. H013427 in the amount of \$6,677.00 to Raba Kistner Consultants, Inc. for construction materials observation and testing services regarding Various Roads in Arcola, Mobility Bond Project No. 17120x, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- E. Approve payment of Invoice No. 80630 in the amount of \$23,531.37 to R.G. Miller Engineers, Inc. for professional engineering services regarding Ransom Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17102, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- F. Approve payment of Invoice No. U2770-07 in the amount of \$13,169.00 to S&B Infrastructure, Ltd. for professional engineering services regarding Old Needville-Fairchilds, Mobility Bond Project No. 17108, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- G. Approve payment of Invoice No. 16 in the amount of \$6,300.00 to The Guess Group, Inc. for property acquisitions services regarding 2017 Mobility Bond Projects within Precinct 2. (Fund: Right of Way)**
- H. Approve payment of Invoice No. 56 in the amount of \$8,835.00 to Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. for project management services regarding 2013 Mobility Bond Projects within Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- I. Approve payment of Invoice No. 17CM01-13 in the amount of \$45,127.50 to Isani Consultants, L.P. for professional construction management services regarding Mobility Projects, Precinct 1,2,3, and 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- J. Approve payment of Invoice No. 25 in the amount of \$19,290.00 to Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. for project management services regarding 2017 Mobility Bond Projects within Precinct 3. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- K. Approve payment of Invoice No. 3346 in the amount of \$88,906.19 to CivilCorp LLC for professional engineering services regarding McCrary Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17313x, Precinct 3. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- L. Approve payment of Invoice No. 9286R1 in the amount of \$22,177.78 to Aguirre & Fields for professional engineering services regarding Greenbusch Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 13312, Precinct 3. (Fund: 2013 Mobility Bonds)**

9. ENGINEERING-PERMITS:

- A. Approve permit application from M2E3, LLC to install driveway on Rabbs Prairie Road, Permit No. 2020-34064, Precinct 1.**
- B. Approve permit application from First American Homes, Ltd. to install driveway at 7602 Kovar Road, Permit No. 2020-35193, Precinct 1.**
- C. Approve permit application from Hurtado Construction Company to install a residential street connection to Ricefield Road, Permit No. 2020-34786, Precinct 1.**
- D. Approve permit application from CEMEX Construction Materials Houston, LLC/ESDM INC. to install a temporary driveway at 17820 Madden Road, Permit No. 2020-35192, Precinct 3.**
- E. Approve release of performance bond to Camilo Properties, Ltd./Morris + Associates for completion of driveways at 16801 Bissonnet Street, Permit No. 2019-30740, Precinct 3.**
- F. Approve permit application from CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. d/b/a Texas Gas Operations to install a gas line along West Bellfort, Permit No. 2020-34682, Precinct 4.**
- G. Approve permit application from A & A Development Inc/Kings Construction to install two driveways and a left-turn lane at 16123 West Bellfort, Permit No. 2020-34921, Precinct 4.**
- H. Approve release of performance bond to Joe I. Salvide dba Joe Salvide Paving Contractor for completion of two driveways along Hagerson Road, Permit No. 2019-27859, Precinct 4.**
- I. Approve permit application from Crain Group, L.L.C. to install a driveway at 8921 Harlem Road, Permit No. 2019-30897, Precinct 4.**
- J. Approve permit application from VIP Fund II, LLC to install a driveway at 19311 West Bellfort, Permit No. 2020-34468, Precinct 4.**

10. ENGINEERING-DEVELOPMENT:

- A. Approve the plat for the roads within Tamarron, Section 12, Precinct 3.**
- B. Approve the plat for the reserves within Tamarron, Section 12, Precinct 3.**
- C. Set public hearing for acceptance of the traffic control plan for Hagerson Road Street Dedication Phase One and Hagerson Road Street Dedication Phase Two, Precinct 4. *(Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.)***
- D. Set public hearing for acceptance of the traffic control plan for Golden Acres Subdivision, Precinct 1. *(Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.)***

11. **FACILITIES MANAGEMENT & PLANNING:** The Director of Facilities Management & Planning submits these invoices for approval and payment for projects that are funded by 2015 Facility Bonds and by General Fund through Advance Funding Resolution:
 - A. Pay Application No. 8 in the amount of \$409,205.25 to Teal Construction for construction services regarding the Missouri City Gym Project;
 - B. Pay Application No. 5 in the amount of \$80,100.00 to Apex Consulting Group, for design/build services regarding the Medic 6 EMS Facility Improvements.

12. **GRANTS ADMINISTRATION:** The grant application for the below item has been approved by Commissioners Court; the Grants Coordinator has reviewed the acceptance documents and makes the following recommendation to Commissioners Court:

Social Services: Accept grant funds in the amount of \$125,000 from The Henderson-Wessendorff Foundation, to support relief efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic, specifically to assist qualified Fort Bend County residents with rent/mortgage, utilities, and daycare assistance.

13. **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES:**

Clinical Health Services: Approve Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. HHS000436300012 between Texas Department of State Health Services and Fort Bend County to revise the scope of work regarding the disease surveillance and epidemiology program effective through August 31, 2021.

14. **PARKS & RECREATION:**
 - A. Approve payment of Invoice No 11529 in the amount of \$4,018.00 to Ward, Getz & Associates, PLLC for preparation of the as-built water well application to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regarding the Freedom Park water well, Precinct 3. (Fund: 2015 Facilities Bond, Proposition 1)
 - B. Approve payment of Invoice No. AP020-008 in the amount of \$10,500.00 to Apex Consulting Group for side walk construction at Harlem Park Sports Fields, Precinct 3. (Fund: 2015 Facilities Bond, Proposition 1)
 - C. Approve payment of Invoice No.1234 in the amount of \$3,904.00 to Rellim Well Service, LLC for well testing and analysis on existing well at Daily Park, in compliance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality requirements, Precinct 3. (Fund: 2015 Facilities Bond, Proposition 1)

15. **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:**
 - A. Approve payment of Invoice No. 9084376358 in the amount of \$6,429.96 to Cintas for the first aid supplies regarding the Transit Center, Mobility Bond Project No. 13406. (Fund: 2013 Mobility Fund)
 - B. Approve payment of Invoice No. 9084358476 in the amount of \$25.70 to Cintas for the first aid supplies regarding the Transit Center, Mobility Bond Project No. 13406. (Fund: 2013 Mobility Fund)

Item 15 continued - Public Transportation:

- C. Approve payment of Invoice No. 5015577972 in the amount of \$1,002.26 to Cintas for the first aid supplies regarding the Transit Center, Mobility Bond Project No. 13406. (Fund: 2013 Mobility Fund)**

16. PURCHASING:

Authorize advertising for bids for construction of Humphrey Way Roadway and Drainage Improvements from Braxton Road to Texas 541 Loop for Mobility Bond Project x9.

17. TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR:

- A. Approve and record into Minutes the Bonds of Laura Gutowsky as Chief Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector for a term of one year effective April 28, 2020.**
- B. Approve refunds over \$500 detailed in Tax Assessor/Collector's report submitted on May 5, 2020 for an amount totaling \$8,669.26 for the Office of Carrie Surratt.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Consent Agenda
Items 6 - 17.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

18. COUNTY JUDGE:

- A. Take all appropriate action on First Amendment to Tax Abatement Agreement between Fort Bend County and AP Solar 2, LLC, to modify dates regarding the project located in Reinvestment Zone No. 24, Precinct 1.**

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve First Amendment to Tax
Abatement Agreement between Fort Bend County and AP Solar 2, LLC, to modify dates
regarding the project located in Reinvestment Zone No. 24, Precinct 1.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

Item 18 continued - County Judge:

- B. Take all appropriate action on request by Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 1 for an extension of thirty days for filing the 2019 District Audit report due by June 1, 2020, pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 775.082.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
 Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request by Fort Bend County
 Emergency Services District No. 1 for an extension of thirty days for filing the 2019 District
 Audit report due by June 1, 2020, pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 775.082.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

19. AUDITOR:

Take all appropriate action on initial priorities to be funded by the CARES Act Local Government Assistance allocation, and authorize the Auditor to begin the distribution process with input from the Advisory Team and Commissioners Court.

No action.

Commissioner Prestage stated information from the Advisory Committee was just received. Some basic priorities were put in place and were compared to the matrix presented by the committee. Commissioner indicated the prioritization is consistent and is part of the initial budget.

Commissioner Meyers stated he would like to see more emphasis placed on assisting small businesses. He explained if assistance is given to small businesses, people will be able to go back to work and will be able to pay rent and utilities. In addition, the cities have been complaining about lack of revenue. This is due to shutting down the retail establishments and therefore, have no sales tax revenue. Commissioner Meyers asked that another look be taken at the priority matrix from the standpoint of trying to get businesses opened by assisting them. He appreciates Commissioner Prestage, Commissioner DeMerchant and the committee's efforts; but does believe there's more work to be done.

Judge George stated, if necessary, a Special Meeting will be called for discussion on the allocation of funds.

Commissioner Morales publicly stated the CARES ACT says it is to give assistance for American workers and families, assistance for small businesses, assistance to state and local government and preserving jobs for the American industry. This is where the focus needs to be.

Marcus Spencer indicated having a workshop for this item is not necessary, as long as it is posted for action, there can be a discussion and input can be received for this item.

20. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Take all appropriate action on the Substantial Amendment to the FY 2019 Consolidated Annual Action Plan to include special Emergency Solutions Grant Program funds in the amount of \$936,303 authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve the Substantial Amendment to the FY 2019 Consolidated Annual Action Plan to include special Emergency Solutions Grant Program funds in the amount of \$936,303 authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

21. COUNTY ATTORNEY:

A. Take all appropriate action on request to purchase Parcel 6 in the amount of \$240,725.95 plus other necessary costs, and authorize the County Judge to sign all closing documents, regarding the parcel for OEM Expansion Project, Precinct 1.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to purchase Parcel 6 in the amount of \$240,725.95 plus other necessary costs, and authorize the County Judge to sign all closing documents, regarding the parcel for OEM Expansion Project, Precinct 1.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

B. Take all appropriate action on request to fund relocation supplement in the amount of \$66,419 plus necessary costs, and authorize County Judge to sign all closing documents regarding Parcel 3 of the OEM Expansion Project, Precinct 1. (Fund: Advance Funding Resolution)

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to fund relocation supplement in the amount of \$66,419 plus necessary costs, and authorize County Judge to sign all closing documents regarding Parcel 3 of the OEM Expansion Project, Precinct 1. (Fund: Advance Funding Resolution)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

22. ENGINEERING:

A. Take all appropriate action on request for variance to the block length requirements as stated in Section 5.5.A.2, of the Fort Bend County Regulations of Subdivisions for Tamarron, Section 38 on behalf of D. R. Horton-Texas Ltd., Precinct 3.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve variance to the block length requirements as stated in Section 5.5.A.2, of the Fort Bend County Regulations of Subdivisions for Tamarron, Section 38 on behalf of D. R. Horton-Texas Ltd., Precinct 3.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

B. Take all appropriate action on plat for the roads within Tamarron, Section 38, Precinct 3.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve plat for the roads within Tamarron, Section 38, Precinct 3.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

C. Take all appropriate action on plat for the reserves within Tamarron, Section 38, Pct. 3.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve plat for the reserves within Tamarron, Section 38, Pct. 3.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

23. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES:

A. Animal Services: Take all appropriate action on request to ratify application to Maddie’s Fund for their Pet Care Stimulus Grant in the amount of \$2,500 for foster program needs in the wake of COVID-19.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to ratify application to Maddie’s Fund for their Pet Care Stimulus Grant in the amount of \$2,500 for foster program needs in the wake of COVID-19.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

B. Animal Services: Take all appropriate action on request to ratify application to Adopt-a-Pet.com for their COVID-19 Emergency Grant in the amount of \$2,000 for expanded foster care and other needs in the wake of COVID-19.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to ratify application to Adopt-a-Pet.com for their COVID-19 Emergency Grant in the amount of \$2,000 for expanded foster care and other needs in the wake of COVID-19.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

C. Social Services: Take all appropriate action on application to The Alliance of Community Assistance Ministries for participation in the National Emergency Food and Shelter Program, Phase CARES in the amount of \$751,930 to supplement the County's existing Public Assistance Program.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve application to The Alliance of Community Assistance Ministries for participation in the National Emergency Food and Shelter Program, Phase CARES in the amount of \$751,930 to supplement the County's existing Public Assistance Program.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

24. HUMAN RESOURCES:

A. Take all appropriate action on requests by various elected officials and departments to fill positions during the hiring freeze, as detailed in report submitted by Director of Human Resources.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve requests by various elected officials and departments to fill positions during the hiring freeze, as detailed in report submitted by Director of Human Resources.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

Kent Edwards, Director of Human Resources, agreed the list of positions for this item are those that had offers made and had been accepted and are in various stages of approval at the time of the hiring freeze.

B. Take all appropriate action on requests by various elected officials and departments to post job openings during the hiring freeze, as detailed in report submitted by Director of Human Resources.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and carried (3-2), it is ordered to approve requests for Parks and Recreation program for monitors and site supervisors for the summer lunch program and the Sheriff Deputy position (5601 0850) for the contract only.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	No
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	No
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

Kent Edwards, Director of Human Resources, agreed the list for this item did not have offers made and departments would like to post and hire to fill a vacant position.

Commissioner Meyers stated this would violate the hiring freeze and he will not support any of these positions.

Commissioner Prestage indicated the Parks & Recreation positions are for a summer lunch program.

Pamela Gubbels, Director of Finance and Investments stated the Parks position is always vacant until now due to the hiring is for summer positions. This position is to administer the summer food program.

Item 24 continued - Human Resources:

- C. Take all appropriate action on amendment to include the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provisions as presented by Nationwide Retirement Solutions as it pertains to the Fort Bend County's 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan, and authorize County Judge to execute all documents necessary to implement this change.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
 Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve amendment to include the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provisions as presented by Nationwide Retirement Solutions as it pertains to the Fort Bend County's 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan, and authorize County Judge to execute all documents necessary to implement this change.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

Kent Edwards, Director of Human Resources stated this is a repeat of an item from last week's meeting with a different vendor for the 457 plan.

25. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:

- Take all appropriate action on Application to Texas Department of Transportation for CARES Act Rural Federal funds in the amount of \$500,080 with no local match required, for assistance with transportation programs, including grantor's request for submittal of additional information.**

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
 Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Application to Texas Department of Transportation for CARES Act Rural Federal funds in the amount of \$500,080 with no local match required, for assistance with transportation programs, including grantor's request for submittal of additional information.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

26. PURCHASING:

A. Take all appropriate action on Bid 20-068 for demolition services regarding Disaster Relief Program DR 4269-0006 and DR 4269-0007.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to award Bid 20-068 for demolition services regarding Disaster Relief Program DR 4269-0006 and DR 4269-0007 to low bidder per item.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

B. Take all appropriate action on RFP 20-069 for Redundant Ethernet Services.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to negotiate RFP 20-069 for Redundant Ethernet Services with the most highly qualified respondent, Comcast Business communications, LLC.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

C. Take all appropriate action on Bid 20-080 for Concrete Slab Resurfacing.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to award Bid 20-080 for Concrete Slab Resurfacing to low bidder, Crain Group LLC in the amount of \$75,000.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

Item 26 continued - Purchasing:

- D. Take all appropriate action on Agreement for Arbitrage Rebate Compliance Services between Fort Bend County and Arbitrage Compliance Services, Inc. pursuant to SOQ 04-029 in an amount not to exceed \$22,500 effective through September 30, 2020. (Fund: Non-Departmental, Fees)**

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Agreement for Arbitrage Rebate Compliance Services between Fort Bend County and Arbitrage Compliance Services, Inc. pursuant to SOQ 04-029 in an amount not to exceed \$22,500 effective through September 30, 2020. (Fund: Non-Departmental, Fees)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

- E. Take all appropriate action on Change Order No. 4 to the Agreement between Fort Bend County and Mar-Con Services, LLC to increase the scope of services by \$12,619.34 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,670,781.99, and to extend the contract time until July 2, 2018, pursuant to Bid No. 17-077 regarding Ladonia Street, Mobility Bond Project No. 13107, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Change Order No. 4 to the Agreement between Fort Bend County and Mar-Con Services, LLC to increase the scope of services by \$12,619.34 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,670,781.99, and to extend the contract time until July 2, 2018, pursuant to Bid No. 17-077 regarding Ladonia Street, Mobility Bond Project No. 13107, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

Item 26 continued - Purchasing:

- F. Take all appropriate action on Change Order No. 4 to the Agreement between Fort Bend County and Allgood Construction Company, Inc. to increase the scope of services by \$155,443.17 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$7,413,105.75, pursuant to Bid 18-069 regarding Gaston Road Segment 1, Mobility Bond Project No. 13311, Precinct 3. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Change Order No. 4 to the Agreement between Fort Bend County and Allgood Construction Company, Inc. to increase the scope of services by \$155,443.17 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$7,413,105.75, pursuant to Bid 18-069 regarding Gaston Road Segment 1, Mobility Bond Project No. 13311, Precinct 3. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

- G. Take all appropriate action on Agreement for Construction Materials Testing Services between Fort Bend County and Geotest Engineering, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$35,995 pursuant to SOQ 14-025 regarding Mason Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17405, Precinct 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Agreement for Construction Materials Testing Services between Fort Bend County and Geotest Engineering, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$35,995 pursuant to SOQ 14-025 regarding Mason Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17405, Precinct 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

27. SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

- A. Take all appropriate action on Application for Federal Assistance for grant funds in the amount of \$1,632,546 for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program for use through December 31, 2021.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Application for Federal Assistance for grant funds in the amount of \$1,632,546 for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program for use through December 31, 2021.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

28. Approve Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve bills in the amount of \$7,785,431.19, with operating expenditures in the amount of \$6,925,202.83.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

29. Authorize County Auditor to pay and release time-sensitive disbursements on May 21, 2020, to be ratified by Commissioners Court on May 26, 2020.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to authorize County Auditor to pay and release time-sensitive disbursements on May 21, 2020, to be ratified by Commissioners Court on May 26, 2020.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

Recess:

Recessed at 2:23 p.m.

30. Meet in Closed Session to deliberate the following matters as authorized by the Texas Government Code:

§ 551.071. Consultation With Attorney. Commissioners Court will meet in Closed Session to seek the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation; a settlement offer; or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to Commissioners Court under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

- A. Cause No. 19-CCV-064529; Fort Bend County, Texas v Minnie Thomas and/or The Unknown Heirs, Successors, and Assigns of Minnie Thomas, et al; South Post Oak Project - Parcel 31, Precinct 1.**
- B. State and Federal litigation regarding voting by mail.**

Closed Session:

Convened at 2:32 p.m.
Adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Reconvene:

Reconvened at 3:17 p.m.

31. Reconvene Open Session and consider taking action on the following matters:

§ 551.071. Consultation With Attorney.

A. Cause No. 19-CCV-064529; Fort Bend County, Texas v Minnie Thomas and/or The Unknown Heirs, Successors, and Assigns of Minnie Thomas, et al; South Post Oak Project - Parcel 31, Precinct 1.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered in 19-CCV-064529; Fort Bend County, Texas v Minnie Thomas and/or The Unknown Heirs, Successors, and Assigns of Minnie Thomas, et al; South Post Oak Project-Parcel 31, Precinct 1, County Attorney of Fort Bend County, Texas, be authorized to incur litigation expenses for any and all costs of pre-trial, trial, appeal and incidental costs in an amount not to exceed \$2,884.80. Fund Account 758622888 63000 P622-14SPSTOAK 23600 be designated as the funding source.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

B. State and Federal litigation regarding voting by mail.

No action.

32. Adjournment.

Commissioners Court adjourned at 3:19 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2020.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers,
to adjourn.

I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.



Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas

