

**MINUTES**

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 13TH DAY of OCTOBER, 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.

Judge George inadvertently announced today's date as September 13, 2020. This was corrected when Court Reconvened from Closed Session. Judge stated the record should indicate today's date is October 13, 2020.

**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 October 6, 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 October 6, 2020.

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

**4. Public Comments regarding the Agenda and Announcements.**

Judge George reminded everyone today is the first day of early voting in Texas. This morning Judge personally went to vote at Smart Financial, a mega voting site, and was extremely disappointed with the technical glitches that riddled Fort Bend County's election machines. Judge and Commissioners Court will do everything possible, under their power, to have an investigation and accountability for this technical error. He apologized for the inconvenience caused to our voters. Judge did encourage everyone to go back to vote at a convenient time. There are three weeks of early voting and the last three days have been extended until 9:00 p.m. For more information, go to [www.fortbendvotes.org](http://www.fortbendvotes.org) and for the early voting schedule.

Judge George will submit paperwork today to the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission under GA- 32, to allow bars and similar establishments to open at 50% capacity starting tomorrow, October 14, 2020. A survey has shown bar owners will be responsible to implement the Department of Health Services Protocol in their establishment. Fort Bend Health and Human Services department will issue important public health messages and communications of how we can assess our personal risk to operate safely. Governor Abbott's Executive Order explains if hospital rates go up, due to COVID-19, to a certain level these establishments may have to shut down. This is not the time to let our guard down. Judge's message to all the bar owners, business owners and customers is be safe, be smart and please don't mess it up.

A proclamation was presented to Kristen Barley, Sr. Development Director at Susan G. Komen® Houston and Shaneka Smith, Breast Cancer Survivor. Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County declares the month of October 2020 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

There was one public speaker.

Tim Kaminski, 3514 East Creek Club Drive, Missouri City, TX, Director of Operations for the Gingerbread Kids Academy, Richmond and the Gingerbread House Learning Center, Rosenberg, along with five onsite after school programs in Lamar Consolidated Independent School District. Mr. Kaminski spoke in favor of Item # 22F, Childcare Assistance Program. At the beginning of the COVID pandemic, there were approximately 475 daycare centers in Fort Bend County. In April, more than half of the centers closed and one third were not going to reopen. There has been a big decrease in daycare centers in Fort Bend County and across the state. Mr. Kaminski appreciates the court looking into possibly supporting the childcare centers in Fort Bend County.

**5. PUBLIC HEARING: 1:11 p.m.: Conduct Public Hearing and take all appropriate action on the following matter:**

Public hearing held. No public comments.

**Acceptance of the traffic control plans for Harvest Green Section 21 and Section 28, Precinct 3.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 5.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 6 - 19:**

**6. COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3:**

**Approve Agreement between Fort Bend County and Hawks Landing Homeowners Association, Inc. for the installation and maintenance of donated trees.**

**7. BUDGET TRANSFERS:**

**A. Human Resources: Approve transfer in the amount of \$1,000 from Fees into Information Technology to allocate funds for the installation of a new network cable.**

**B. Information Technology: Approve transfer in the amount of \$18,000 from Salaries and Labor into Temporary or Part-Time to allocate funds for temporary assistance required during employee's leave of absence.**

**C. Sheriff's Office - Forfeited Assets - State: Approve transfer in the amount of \$400 from Property & Equipment into Information Technology to allocate funds for the purchase of monitors.**

**8. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

**Approve application for assistance under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and issue funds for a total amount not to exceed \$65,972.50 for Application 16-859 (revised).**

**9. CONSTABLE, PCT. 1:**

**Approve Interlocal Agreement for Additional Law Enforcement Services between Fort Bend County and Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 155, with services to be provided by the Office of the Constable, Precinct 1, effective November 7, 2020 through September 30, 2021.**

**10. COUNTY ATTORNEY:**

**Approve Renewal Agreement between Fort Bend County and Child Advocates of Fort Bend County, Inc. for lease of office space by employees of the Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office and Fort Bend County Attorney's Office, effective October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. (Fund: County Attorney and District Attorney)**

**Item 10 has been moved to Discussion.**

**11. ENGINEERING-PAYMENTS:**

- A. Approve payment of Invoice No. 1935745 in the amount of \$2,051.00 to Atkins North America, Inc. for professional engineering services regarding FM 762/FM 2759 (Crabb River Road), Mobility Bond Project No. x28, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- B. Approve payment of Invoice No. 42674 in the amount of \$118,997.50 to Binkley & Barfield, Inc. for professional engineering services regarding FM 521, Mobility Bond Project No. 17111, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- C. Approve payment of Invoice No. 2 in the amount of \$121,901.40 to Triple B Services, LLP regarding construction of Humphrey Way Roadway and Drainage Improvements, Mobility Bond Project No. x9, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- D. Approve payment of Invoice No. 0310848 0310850 0310851 0310852 in the amount of \$8,309.15 to Percheron, LLC for professional acquisition services for 2017 Mobility Projects within Precinct 3. (Fund: Right of Way)**
- E. Approve payment of Invoice No. 202018644 in the amount of \$1,050.00 to Berg-Oliver Associates, Inc. for professional environmental services regarding FM 521 South, Mobility Bond Project No. 17111, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- F. Approve payment of Invoice No. 17CM01-18 in the amount of \$37,586.50 to Isani Consultants, L.P. for professional construction management services regarding Mobility Projects, Precinct 1, 2, 3, and 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- G. Approve payment of Invoice No. 2-0153007 in the amount of \$9,365.00 to IDS Engineering Group for professional engineering services regarding Precinct 4 Mobility Study, Mobility Bond Project No. 17420x, Precinct 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

**12. ENGINEERING-PERMITS:**

- A. Approve permit application from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T Texas/Cobb Fendley & Associates, to install utility cable along Belknap Road, Permit No. 2020-39231, Precinct 3.**
- B. Approve permit application from CenterPoint Energy to install a gas line along Lakemont Bend, Permit No. 2020-37047, Precinct 3.**
- C. Approve permit application from Reddico Construction Co., Inc. to install waterline crossing under Old Richmond Road, Permit No. 2020-38925, Precinct 3.**

**Item 12 continued - Engineering - Permits:**

- D. Approve release of performance bond from SiEnergy for work completed on Woods Road, Permit No. 2019-30541, Precinct 3.
  - E. Approve permit application from Online Directional Boring, LP/Byers Engineering Company to install utility cables over County drainage easement Ditch H, Permit No. 2020-38529, Pct 4.
  - F. Approve permit application from Lecon, Inc. to install articulated concrete blocks for channel stabilization within County drainage easement Ditch H, Permit No. 2020-39385, Precinct 4.
  - G. Approve permit application from Flock Group Inc/Flock Safety to install surveillance cameras along University Boulevard, LJ Parkway and Oilfield Road, Permit No. 2020-39283, Precinct 4.
  - H. Approve permit application from CenterPoint Energy to install a gas line along Harlem Road, Permit No. 2020-39568, Precinct 4.
13. **ENGINEERING-DEVELOPMENT:**
- A. Accept the streets in Sienna Parkway Section 3 Street Dedication: Sienna Parkway 4,803.00LF and release the bond in the amount of \$672,420.00, Precinct 1.
  - B. Accept the streets in Camellia Section 3: Hailey Harbor Drive 976.62 LF, Andrew Nook Lane 911.01 LF, Lacey Bell Lane 672.65 LF, Matthew Branch Drive 275.15 LF, Thomas Knob Trail 405.40 LF for a total of 3,240.83 LF and release the bond in the amount of \$217,436.80, Pct 3.
  - C. Approve the plat for the Circle Seven Road Street Dedication, Precinct 1.
  - D. Approve the plat for Lakemont Waste Water Treatment Plant, Precinct 3.
  - E. Approve the plat for the KNZSK Beechnut Plaza, Precinct 2.
  - F. Set public hearing for acceptance of traffic control plan for Sienna Section 27, Precinct 1. *(Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.)*
  - G. Set public hearing for acceptance of traffic control plan for Jordan Ranch Section 19, Precinct 3. *(Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.)*
  - H. Set public hearing for acceptance of traffic control plan for Katy Creek Ranch Section 10, Precinct 3. *(Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.)*
14. **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. Invoice No. 012 in the amount of \$98,155.67 to AutoArch Architects for architectural services regarding renovations to the Missouri City Gymnasium Rehabilitation;

**Item 14 continued - Facilities & Management:**

- B. Invoice No. 4710313, No. 4693723, No. 4690520 and No. 4690624 for an amount totaling \$4,328.20 to Best Buy for technology equipment regarding renovations to the Missouri City Middle School Gymnasium;
  - C. Invoice No. 124547 in the amount of \$4,042.00 to Alpha Testing for materials testing regarding the South Post Oak Football Complex.
15. **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:
- Clinical Health Services:** Accept and electronically sign renewal contract with Texas Department of State Health Services for grant funding in the amount of \$326,384 for HIV Prevention activities, with no cash match required by Fort Bend County for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
16. **PURCHASING:**
- A. Rescind action on Agenda Item 37J by Commissioners Court on September 22, 2020, Bid 21-004, term contract for tree removal, planting and watering services.
  - B. Authorize the continued purchase of used electronics collection, transportation, and recycling services from CompuCycle, Inc., utilizing Houston-Galveston Area Council Contract No. H-GAC CE20-00765 for various departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2021 budgets.
  - C. Authorize advertising for bids for term contract for HVAC repairs.
  - D. Authorize advertising for bids for term contract for plumbing repairs.
17. **RISK MANAGEMENT:**
- Approve renewal of supplement medical coverage for retiree and retiree dependents aged 65 years and over by TransAmerica Premier Life Insurance Company through the Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool, and accept premium rates, with no change, for the 2021 plan year to be effective January 1, 2021; authorize County Judge to execute member contract designations.
18. **SHERIFF'S OFFICE:**
- A. Approve renewal of Agreement between Fort Bend County and the City of Beasley for Law Enforcement Services.
  - B. Ratify request to approve additional day of travel for J. Kelly to Durango, Colorado to attend Equine Investigations Academy from August 22-30, 2020; additional time required due to driving based on pandemic conditions. (Fund: Sheriff, Enforcement)

**19. TREASURER:**

**Approve Monthly Report submitted by County Treasurer for September 2020, and authorize advertisement of Affidavit of the same, in accordance with Local Government Code Section 114.026.**

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Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Consent Agenda Items 6 - 19, except Item 10.

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

**Consent Agenda Item 10 Moved To Discussion:**

**COUNTY ATTORNEY:**

**Approve Renewal Agreement between Fort Bend County and Child Advocates of Fort Bend County, Inc. for lease of office space by employees of the Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office and Fort Bend County Attorney's Office, effective October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. (Fund: County Attorney and District Attorney)**

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Renewal Agreement between Fort Bend County and Child Advocates of Fort Bend County, Inc. for lease of office space by employees of the Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office and Fort Bend County Attorney's Office, subject to final approval of terms by the County and District Attorney.

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

**ADDENDUM TO AGENDA**

**Take all appropriate action on Resolution Authorizing Publication of Notice of Intention to Issue Certificates of Obligation.**

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Resolution Authorizing  
Publication of Notice of Intention to Issue Certificates of Obligation.

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

**20. COUNTY JUDGE:**

**Take all appropriate action on Tax Abatement Agreement between Fort Bend County, Trinity Development, LLC, and Wet Sounds, Inc. for project located in City of Rosenberg 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 Tax Abatement Agreement  
between Fort Bend County, Trinity Development, LLC, and Wet Sounds, Inc. for project  
located in City of Rosenberg Reinvestment Zone No. 24, Precinct 1.

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

**21. COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3:**

**Take all appropriate action on Intergovernmental Agreement between Fort Bend County and Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 185 for extension of the underpass trail, Precinct 3.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Intergovernmental Agreement  
between Fort Bend County and Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 185 for  
extension of the underpass trail, Precinct 3.

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

**22. AUDITOR:**

**A. Take all appropriate action on Resolution Declaring Intention to Advance Funding and Reimburse Expenditures related to the Capital Improvement Projects authorized for Fiscal Year 2021.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Resolution Declaring Intention to Advance Funding and Reimburse Expenditures related to the Capital Improvement Projects authorized for Fiscal Year 2021.

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

**B. Take all appropriate action on Resolution Declaring Intention to Advance Funding and Reimburse Expenditures related to the purchase of Vehicles and Equipment approved for Fiscal Year 2021.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Resolution Declaring Intention to Advance Funding and Reimburse Expenditures related to the purchase of Vehicles and Equipment approved for Fiscal Year 2021.

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

**C. Take all appropriate action on Resolution Declaring Intention to Advance Funding and Reimburse Expenditures related to the purchase of Road and Bridge Vehicles and Equipment for Fiscal Year 2021.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Resolution Declaring Intention to Advance Funding and Reimburse Expenditures related to the purchase of Road and Bridge Vehicles and Equipment for Fiscal Year 2021.

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

**Item 22 continued - Auditor:**

**D. Take all appropriate action on Resolution Declaring Intention to Advance Funding and Reimburse Expenditures related to the purchase of Drainage District capital vehicles and equipment for Fiscal Year 2021.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Resolution Declaring Intention to Advance Funding and Reimburse Expenditures related to the purchase of Drainage District capital vehicles and equipment for Fiscal Year 2021.

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

**E. Discuss and consider taking all appropriate action to approve Revision No. 4 to amend the Fort Bend County CARES Act Local Government Assistance budget by transferring \$5,000,000 from the “HHS Testing & Contact Tracing” account into the “Rental & Mortgage Assistance” account.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Revision No. 4 to amend the Fort Bend County CARES Act Local Government Assistance budget by transferring \$5,000,000 from the “HHS Testing & Contact Tracing” account into the “Rental & Mortgage Assistance” account.

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

Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor stated funds will be added to the existing program. Everyone currently pulled in with an application will already be identified as eligible. These applicants will be helped through December, with this additional allocation.

**Item 22 continued - Auditor:**

**F. Take all appropriate action on Child Care Assistance Program to be coordinated through participating child care businesses in Fort Bend County for eligible expenditures under CARES/Local Government Assistance. (Fund: CARES Act - Local Government Assistance Program)**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Child Care Assistance Program to be coordinated through participating child care businesses in Fort Bend County for eligible expenditures under CARES/Local Government Assistance. (Fund: CARES Act - Local Government Assistance Program)

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

Commissioner Prestage explained this is a program where the remaining license childcare facilities in Fort Bend County will be afforded an opportunity to apply and get a grant to sustain that industry. Commissioner thanked Mr. Kaminski for being in court and had not realized how many childcare facilities were lost this past Spring. Hopefully, this item will be approved and perhaps if some of those businesses can be resurrected and looked into before the term ends for the CARES Act program.

**G. Take all appropriate action on Agreement between the Young Men’s Christian Association of Greater Houston (YMCA) and Fort Bend County to provide CARES Act funding for eligible Child Care Services and authorize the County Judge to sign the agreement pending County Attorney approval as to form. (Fund: CARES Act - Local Government Assistance Program)**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Agreement between the Young Men’s Christian Association of Greater Houston (YMCA) and Fort Bend County to provide CARES Act funding for eligible Child Care Services and authorize the County Judge to sign the agreement pending County Attorney approval as to form. (Fund: CARES Act - Local Government Assistance Program)

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

**Item 22 continued - Auditor:**

**H. Take all appropriate action on Agreement between Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Houston and Fort Bend County to provide funding for eligible Child Care Services and authorize the County Judge to sign the agreement pending County Attorney approval as to form. (Fund: CARES Act - Local Government Assistance Program)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0-1), it is ordered to approve Agreement between Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Houston and Fort Bend County to provide funding for eligible Child Care Services and authorize the County Judge to sign the agreement pending County Attorney approval as to form. (Fund: CARES Act - Local Government Assistance Program)

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

Commissioner Prestage stated, for the record, he abstains on this item because last month he was voted on the Board for the Boys and Girls Club for Greater Houston and does not receive any pecuniary gain. Commissioner is making sure there are no problems with getting money to support these families.

**I. Take all appropriate action on Agreement between Texas Black Expo Inc. and Fort Bend County to provide CARES Act funding for the nutrition program We All Eat - Fort Bend, and authorize the County Judge to sign the agreement pending County Attorney approval as to form. (Fund: CARES Act - Local Government Assistance Program)**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Agreement between Texas Black Expo Inc. and Fort Bend County to provide CARES Act funding for the nutrition program We All Eat - Fort Bend, and authorize the County Judge to sign the agreement pending County Attorney approval as to form. (Fund: CARES Act - Local Government Assistance Program)

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

Commissioner Prestage stated there was a creative program done in Vermont and aired on 60 minutes. Local restaurants are paid to provide meals to families in need by using the CARES ACT Funds. The intent is to rotate this all around the County and all the communities can have a chance to participate in this program. This is the first phase of the program.

**Item 22 continued - Auditor:**

**J. Take all appropriate action on Municipal Advisor Engagement Letter pursuant to RFQ 19-024, with Post Oak Municipal Advisors LLC for the Texas Heritage Parkway and Drainage Bond issues that are scheduled to close on December 22, 2020.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to enter into an Engagement Letter with Post Oak Municipal Partners LLC and TKG and Associates as a minority consultant at 25% for the Texas Heritage Parkway and Drainage Bond issues that are scheduled to close on December 22, 2020.

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

**23. CONSTABLE, PCT. 3:**

**A. Take all appropriate action on request to transfer Position No 5503-0061 and Vehicle Unit Number Y056 from the Office of Constable, Precinct 3 to the Office of District Attorney effective October 17, 2020.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to transfer Position No 5503-0061 and Vehicle Unit Number Y056 from the Office of Constable, Precinct 3 to the Office of District Attorney effective October 17, 2020.

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

**B. Take all appropriate action on request to transfer the amount of \$75,314 as detailed on Constable's form dated October 6, 2020 into the Office of District Attorney to reallocate salary and benefit accounts for Position No. 5503-0061 effective October 17, 2020.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to transfer the amount of \$75,314 as detailed on Constable's form dated October 6, 2020 into the Office of District Attorney to reallocate salary and benefit accounts for Position No. 5503-0061 effective October 17, 2020.

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

**Item 23 continued - Constable, Pct. 3:**

- C. Take all appropriate action on request to assign one truck, 2016 Ford F150, Unit V072, as an addition to fleet for the Office of Constable, Pct. 3 for patrol use.**

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**24. COUNTY ATTORNEY:**

**Take all appropriate action on Resolution and Order decreeing the acquisition of property to be a public necessity and authorizing the acquisition and payment of compensation by record vote regarding Old Richmond Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17208, Precinct 2.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers

Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered that Fort Bend County, by record vote, authorize the use of the power of eminent domain to acquire all property needed for the Old Richmond Road Project #17208 beginning at Sugarland Howell Road and ending at Belknap in Fort Bend County, Texas, including but not limited to a parcel approximately 10 feet wide and approximately 585 linear feet long (contiguous with the northern Right of Way line of Old Richmond Road). Such parcel to be taken from a parent tract located at 14000 Old Richmond Road, Sugar Land, Texas, which such parent tract is described by the Fort Bend County Appraisal District as Parcel No. R103479, and legally described as RICHMOND ROAD FARMS (GARDENS), ACRES 14.6452, Lot 63, Lot 64 (E 1/3), Lot 65 (E 2/3), Block 66 Lot 66 (E 2/3), in Fort Bend County, Texas BY ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AND ORDER DECREEING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC NECESSITY AND AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION for the public purpose of constructing, operating, maintaining and draining a public roadway, including any appurtenant parcels required for said project.

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

MOTION PASSES

**25. ENGINEERING:**

- A. Take all appropriate action on request to correct Agenda item 33D approved by Commissioners Court on September 22, 2020 so it reads: Take all appropriate action on Consent to Encroach Agreement between Fort Bend County and CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$500 regarding Lake Olympia Segment 2, Mobility Bond Project No. 13207, Precinct 2. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Morales  
 Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to correct Agenda item 33D approved by Commissioners Court on September 22, 2020 so it reads: Take all appropriate action on Consent to Encroach Agreement between Fort Bend County and CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$500 regarding Lake Olympia Segment 2, Mobility Bond Project No. 13207, Precinct 2. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

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

- B. Take all appropriate action on request to purchase Parcel 1 in the amount of \$5,384.33 plus the necessary costs, and authorize the County Judge to sign all closing documents regarding said parcel for Rohan Road Intersection Improvements, Mobility Bond Project No. 17114, Precinct 1, and authorize County Clerk to record in the Official Public Records at no cost. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
 Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to purchase Parcel 1 in the amount of \$5,384.33 plus the necessary costs, and authorize the County Judge to sign all closing documents regarding said parcel for Rohan Road Intersection Improvements, Mobility Bond Project No. 17114, Precinct 1, and authorize County Clerk to record in the Official Public Records at no cost. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

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

**Item 25 continued - Engineering:**

**C. Take all appropriate action on Drainage Access Easement Agreement between Fort Bend County and Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 30 regarding Beechnut Street, Mobility Bond Project No. 17204, Precincts 2 and 3.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Drainage Access Easement Agreement between Fort Bend County and Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 30 regarding Beechnut Street, Mobility Bond Project No. 17204, Precincts 2 and 3.

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

**26. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES:**

**Animal Services: Take all appropriate action on acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$11,000 from Fort Bend PAWS (Pets Are Worth Saving) to Fort Bend County Animal Services to help defray the cost of the project to enclose the outdoor dog kennels.**

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to accept a donation in the amount of \$11,000 from Fort Bend PAWS (Pets Are Worth Saving) to Fort Bend County Animal Services to help defray the cost of the project to enclose the outdoor dog kennels.

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

Commissioner Morales stated on behalf of the Board for Fort Bend PAWS, they are pleased to contribute \$11,000 which was raised over the last year for this project. This amount will help to defray the cost. Commissioner DeMerchant has interest in this project as well and Animal Services is looking at what type of structure, through Facilities, they will be able to do.

Commissioner DeMerchant thanked Commissioner Morales for leading this effort and Fort Bend PAWS for the donation. Commissioner stated it is very important to keep the animals safe and being prepared is of utmost importance.

**27. PURCHASING:**

- A. Take all appropriate action to consider granting an exemption to the competitive bid process as authorized by Local Government Code §262.024(a)(7) for the purchase of an item available from only one source for welcome voter kiosks and software licenses from VOTEC Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$64,075. (Fund: Help America Vote Act Grant)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve granting an exemption to the competitive bid process as authorized by Local Government Code §262.024(a)(7) for the purchase of an item available from only one source for welcome voter kiosks and software licenses from VOTEC Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$64,075. (Fund: Help America Vote Act Grant)

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

- B. Take all appropriate action on Third Amendment to Agreement between Fort Bend County and MPACT Strategic Consulting, LLC for additional professional consulting services in the amount of \$2,453,100 regarding COVID-19 emergency management and grant management services for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,916,600 (Fund: COVID-19)**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Third Amendment to Agreement between Fort Bend County and MPACT Strategic Consulting, LLC for additional professional consulting services in the amount of \$2,453,100 regarding COVID-19 emergency management and grant management services for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,916,600 (Fund: COVID-19) Also, authorize MPACT to administer the Childcare Funding Program, which was approved earlier in the agenda, with that cost being borne by that particular line item.

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

**Item 27 continued - Purchasing:**

- C. Take all appropriate action on Second Amendment to Agreement for Professional Architectural Construction Administration Services between Fort Bend County and STOA Architects, pursuant to SOQ 16-045 regarding upgrade and restoration of the County Jail, to increase the contract by \$2,200 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$34,900. (Fund: General Fund, Advance Funding Resolution)**

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Second Amendment to Agreement for Professional Architectural Construction Administration Services between Fort Bend County and STOA Architects, pursuant to SOQ 16-045 regarding upgrade and restoration of the County Jail, to increase the contract by \$2,200 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$34,900. (Fund: General Fund, Advance Funding Resolution)

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

- D. Take all appropriate action on Addendum to Agreement between Fort Bend County and Marathon Fitness, utilizing Buyboard Contract Number 583-19 for fitness equipment at the Missouri City Gym, in an amount not to exceed \$52,784.20. (Fund: Advanced Funding Resolution)**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Morales  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Addendum to Agreement between Fort Bend County and Marathon Fitness, utilizing Buyboard Contract Number 583-19 for fitness equipment at the Missouri City Gym, in an amount not to exceed \$52,784.20. (Fund: Advanced Funding Resolution)

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

**Item 27 continued - Purchasing:**

- E. Take all appropriate action on approval of utility costs to Realco TX 001, LLC in the amount of \$30,470, regarding the rental of space of all COVID-19 response operations, pursuant to Lease Agreement approved in Commissioners Court on September 1, 2020, item 21E, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$353,636.68. (Fund: CARES Act)**

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve utility costs to Realco TX 001, LLC in the amount of \$30,470, regarding the rental of space of all COVID-19 response operations, pursuant to Lease Agreement approved in Commissioners Court on September 1, 2020, item 21E, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$353,636.68. (Fund: CARES Act)

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

- F. Take all appropriate action on Bid 20-108 for the Installation of Used Synthetic Turf for Football Field at Mustang Park.**

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to award Bid 20-108 for the Installation of Used Synthetic Turf for Football Field at Mustang Park to low bidder, P2MG, LLC, Houston, TX.

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

Commissioner Prestage explained the artificial turf is from University of Houston, which was sitting around in their warehouse for five years and still good to use.

Commissioner Morales added there's a Football Little League at this park, which is being run by a former professional football player. The turf will be a good addition to the park.

**Item 27 continued - Purchasing:**

**G. Take all appropriate action on Agreement Construction Materials Testing Services between Fort Bend County and HVJ Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$92,000 regarding Old Richmond Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17208, Precincts 2 and 3. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Agreement Construction Materials Testing Services between Fort Bend County and HVJ Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$92,000 regarding Old Richmond Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17208, Precincts 2 and 3. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

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

**H. Take all appropriate action on Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between Fort Bend County and Isani Consultants, LP in an amount not to exceed \$781,514.12 pursuant to SOQ 14-025 regarding West Sycamore Road Segment 3, Mobility Bond Project No. 17123x, Precinct 1. (Fund: Landfill Tipping Fees)**

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between Fort Bend County and Isani Consultants, LP in an amount not to exceed \$781,514.12 pursuant to SOQ 14-025 regarding West Sycamore Road Segment 3, Mobility Bond Project No. 17123x, Precinct 1. (Fund: Landfill Tipping Fees)

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

**28. RISK MANAGEMENT:**

**Take all appropriate action on Employee, Retiree under 65, Leave of Absence, and COBRA rates for the Fort Bend County medical, dental, and vision plans effective January 1, 2021, as presented by the Risk Management Director.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Employee, Retiree under 65, Leave of Absence, and COBRA rates for the Fort Bend County medical, dental, and vision plans effective January 1, 2021, as presented by the Risk Management Director.

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

**29. SHERIFF'S OFFICE:**

**A. Take all appropriate action on Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Agreement, to accept additional grant funds for the strike force/strategic initiative programs administered by the Sheriff's Office as follows: \$155,347.20 for professional language analyst services; \$67,474.72 for radios and programming; \$19,180.25 for overtime; and \$15,963.04 for rental vehicle, incidental expenditures and aircards with no additional funds required by Fort Bend County for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales  
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Agreement, to accept additional grant funds for the strike force/strategic initiative programs administered by the Sheriff's Office as follows: \$155,347.20 for professional language analyst services; \$67,474.72 for radios and programming; \$19,180.25 for overtime; and \$15,963.04 for rental vehicle, incidental expenditures and aircards with no additional funds required by Fort Bend County for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

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

**Item 29 continued - Sheriff's Office:**

- B. Take all appropriate action on Modification Number 3 to Award No. G19HN0010A for the County to receive additional funds in the amount of \$40,200 from the Executive Office of the President for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program, for a total award of \$1,812,725 with no cash match from Fort Bend County for use through December 31, 2020.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales  
 Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Modification Number 3 to Award No. G19HN0010A for the County to receive additional funds in the amount of \$40,200 from the Executive Office of the President for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program, for a total award of \$1,812,725 with no cash match from Fort Bend County for use through December 31, 2020.

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

**30. 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 \$9,963,643.69 including operating payments of \$8,933,217.32.

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

**31. Authorize County Auditor to pay and release time-sensitive disbursements on October 22, 2020, to be ratified by Commissioners Court on October 27, 2020.**

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
 Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to authorize County Auditor to pay and release time-sensitive disbursements on October 22, 2020, to be ratified by Commissioners Court on October 27, 2020.

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

**Recess:**

Recessed at 1:41 p.m.

- 32. Meet in Closed Session to deliberate the following matters as authorized by the Texas Government Code:**
- A. § 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.**
- 1. Negotiated purchase of Parcel 6, McCrary Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17313; Precinct 3 (Landowner Travis Slade).**  
  
**And under 551.071, as well as section 551.076, deliberation regarding security.**
  - 2. Elections Administration.**
- B. § 551.074. Personnel Matters. Commissioners Court will meet in Closed Session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.**
- 1. Annual Evaluation, Information Technology Director.**
  - 2. Annual Evaluation, County Engineer.**

**Closed Session:**

Convened at 1:54 p.m.

Adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

**Reconvene:**

Reconvened at 4:07 p.m.

**Judge George stated, when opening today's meeting, he wrongly mentioned the date is September 13 and the record should indicate today is October 13, 2020.**

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

**A. § 551.071. Consultation With Attorney.**

**1. Negotiated purchase of Parcel 6, McCrary Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17313; Precinct 3 (Landowner Travis Slade).**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Morales

Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to authorize the County Attorney to pay to the Landowner a negotiated purchase price, inclusive of any and all alleged damages and cost to cure, for Parcel 6 of the McCrary Road Project #17313, Precinct 3 in the total amount of \$162,500.00. And that the County Judge and/or his designee be authorized to draw all such purchase funds from the funding source referenced below and the County Attorney and/or his designee be authorized to exchange such purchase funds for a Warranty Deed containing a release of all damages, and to execute any and all further instruments, documents and/or pleadings necessary to effectuate the full resolution of this matter and to vest the fee simple title to the property described in the County. And that ACCOUNT # 762622888 64500 P622-18MCCRARY 23600 BE DESIGNATED AS THE FUNDING SOURCE.

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

**Item 33 continued - Reconvene:**

**And under 551.071, as well as section 551.076, deliberation regarding security.**

**2. Elections Administration.**

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to take the following actions:

- To set the hourly pay for election workers for the 2020 Election Cycle as follows:
  - Election workers \$17.00/hour
  - Alternate Judges \$17.00/hour
  - Election/Presiding Judges \$20.00/hour

These rates of pay will be effective as of the first day of this current pay period through the end of the 2020 election cycle, only.

- To extend the hours of early voting at all Fort Bend County Polling Places as follows:
  - Wednesday, October 14, 2020 8 AM - 7 PM
  - Thursday, October 15, 2020 8 AM - 7 PM
  - Friday, October 16, 2020 8 AM - 7 PM
  - Saturday, October 17, 2020 8 AM - 7 PM
- To authorize funding of special peace officers, to be determined at the discretion of the Elections Task Force. Funding not to exceed \$250,000 (Funding Source: Center for Tech and Civic Life Grant with any shortfall to come from Contingency.)

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

**B. § 551.074. Personnel Matters.**

**1. Annual Evaluation, Information Technology Director.**

The Commissioners Court conducted an annual evaluation of the Information Technology Director.

**2. Annual Evaluation, County Engineer.**

The Commissioners Court conducted an annual evaluation of the County Engineer.

**34. Adjournment.**

Commissioners Court adjourned at 4:12 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

Moved by Commissioner Morales,  
to adjourn.

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



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

