

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 1ST DAY of DECEMBER, 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. Public Comments regarding the Agenda and Announcements.

Judge George announced the County's traditional Christmas Tree Lighting was performed virtually today and can be viewed on the County website. Judge thanked everyone who worked behind the scenes to make this happen.

Commissioners Court recognized County Attorney, Honorable Roy Cordes with a proclamation. Mr. Cordes' public service is greatly appreciated. He began his distinguished public service career in the US Air Force and served as General Counsel for many companies. In 1979, Mr. Cordes began his elected service with the City of Sugar Land until 1991. He served as Fort Bend County Judge from 1991 - 1994. Mr. Cordes was elected in 2006 as Fort Bend County Attorney. He has given to this community by serving to the Fort Bend Museum Association, Sugar Land Heritage Foundation, Child Advocacy Center, Fort Bend Seniors, Fort Bend Regional Counsel, YMCA and the Board of Alzheimer's Association. Ms. Betty Cordes, Roy Cordes' mother, was present in court in honor of this occasion.

Judge George thanked Angie Wierzbicki, HEB Representative who provided cupcakes for the Christmas Tree Lighting event.

Judge introduced two interns who began working for his office. Ruhi Patel, University of Houston, Business student and Haad Qamar, University of Houston Political Science student.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS: 1:09 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 Park Westheimer Boulevard in Park Westheimer, Precinct 3.

B. Acceptance of the traffic control plans for Mason Road, from FM 359 to SH99, Mobility Bond Project No. 735, Precincts 3 and 4.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Agenda Items 4A and 4B.

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 5 - 10:

5. COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3:

Approve Amended Interlocal Agreement for Additional Law Enforcement Services between Fort Bend County and Fort Bend County Assistance Districts No. 1, No. 7, No. 9, No. 10 and No. 11, with services to be provided by the Office of Constable Precinct 3 effective through September 30, 2021.

6. ENGINEERING-PAYMENTS:

A. Approve payment of Invoice No. 2000428341 in the amount of \$17,217.00 to AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for professional construction management services regarding 2013 and 2017 Mobility Projects within all Precincts. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

B. Approve payment of Invoice No. 1938395 in the amount of \$3,534.00 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)

C. Approve payment of Invoice No. 479701/20/II in the amount of \$11,354.31 to Dannenbaum Engineering Corporation for plan, specification, and estimate design services of FM 521 Expansion Project, Mobility Bond Project No. 17113, Precinct 1. (Fund: FM 521 Project Account)

D. Approve payment of Invoice No. 43376 in the amount of \$68,820.00 to Binkley & Barfield, Inc. for professional engineering services regarding FM 521, Mobility Bond Project No. 17111, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

E. Approve payment of Invoice No. 10043039 in the amount of \$5,541.55 to Halff Associates, Inc. for professional engineering services regarding Bamore Road Segment 2, Mobility Bond Project No. 17105, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

Item 6 continued - Engineering - Payments:

- F. Approve payment of Invoice No. 11310-14 in the amount of \$37,157.40 to Othon, Inc. for professional construction management services regarding Mobility Projects in Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
 - G. Approve payment of Invoice No. 1020041 in the amount of \$7,280.00 to RPS for professional project management services regarding 2013 Mobility Bond Projects within Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
 - H. Approve payment of Invoice No. 20-07 in the amount of \$17,585.60 to Sowell's Construction Management & Inspection, LLC for construction inspection services regarding Mobility Bond Projects within Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
 - I. Approve payment of Invoice No. 58 in the amount of \$4,995.00 to Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. for project management services regarding 2013 Mobility Bond Projects within Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
 - J. Approve payment of Invoice No. 1020091 in the amount of \$35,860.21 to RPS for project management services regarding 2017 Mobility Bond Projects within Precinct 2. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
 - K. Approve payment of Invoice No. 32127 in the amount of \$12,645.00 to Terra Associates, Inc. for professional engineering services regarding Lake Olympia, Segment 1, Mobility Bond Project No. 13207, Precinct 2. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
 - L. Approve payment of Invoice No. 16 in the amount of \$3,435.00 to Huitt-Zollars, Inc. for professional engineering services regarding Old Richmond Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17208, Precincts 2 and 3. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
 - M. Approve payment of Invoice No. 202021671 in the amount of \$46,077.15 to LJA Engineering, Inc. for project management services regarding 2017 Mobility Bond Projects within Precinct 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- 7. ENGINEERING-PERMITS:**
- A. Approve permit application from Harris Construction Company, Ltd. to allow the crossing of the full boulevard section of South Post Oak Boulevard using heavy load transportation vehicles, Permit No. 2020-41026, Precinct 1.**
 - B. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install utility cable crossing under Green Embers Lane, Permit No. 2020-40998, Precinct 1.**
 - C. Approve permit application from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T Texas/Tesinc, LLC to install fiber optic cable along Cambridge Falls Drive, Permit No. 2020-40943, Precinct 2.**
 - D. Approve permit application from Juan Sarmientos DBS One Construction/IBA Design PLLC to install a commercial driveway on Boss Gaston Road, Permit No. 2020-40350, Precinct 3.**
 - E. Approve permit application from True Grit Construction, LLC to install a commercial driveway at 25226 Lakeview Road, Permit No. 2020-39992, Precinct 3.**

Item 7 continued - Engineering - Permits:

- F. Approve permit application from AnSCO & Associates, LLC to install utility cable along Pine Mill Ranch Drive, Permit No. 2020-40945, Precinct 3.
- G. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install utility cable crossing over University Boulevard, Permit No. 2020-32982, Precinct 4.
- 8. **ENGINEERING-DEVELOPMENT:**
 - A. Release the bond and bond rider in the amount of \$25,865.00 for Sienna Village of Destrehan Section 6B. The streets are private and will be maintained by the Homeowners Association, Precinct 1.
 - B. Accept the streets in Southern Colony Section 3B: Harvest Bluff Drive 899.10 LF, Calm Court 724.77 LF, Ideal Drive 799.39 LF, Abloom Court 739.53 LF, Autumn Flats Way 876.86 LF, Cozy Bayou Way 228.91 LF, Southern Colony Avenue 558.95 LF for a total of 4,827.51 LF and release the bond in the amount of \$338,548.00, Precinct 1.
 - C. Accept the streets in Sienna Plantation Section 16: Heritage Park Drive 1,401.00 LF, Amelia Way Drive 391.00 LF, Milam Grove Drive 356.17 LF, Emerald Cane Drive 913.48 LF, Cherrywood Court 681.13 LF, Cow Bayou Drive 386.53 LF, Calm Channel Court 648.15 LF, Stanley Oak Drive 794.02 LF, Golden Mist Drive 650.00 LF, Harriswood Drive 53.77 LF for a total of 6,275.25 LF and release the bond and rider in the amount of \$213,047.80, Precinct 1.
 - D. Accept the streets in Tamarron Trace Section 3 Street Dedication: Tamarron Trace 2,212.63 LF, Yulee Mill Drive 179.78 LF for a total of 2,392.41 LF and release the bond in the amount of \$334,937.40, Precinct 3.
 - E. Set public hearing for acceptance of the traffic control plan for Bissonnet Street in the Mission Trace Subdivision, Precinct 3. *(Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.)*
 - F. Set public hearing for acceptance of the traffic control plans for Harvest Green Section 25B, Precinct 3. *(Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.)*
 - G. Set public hearing regarding adoption of "An Order of the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas Imposing Thru Trucks Restriction on Great Blue Heron Lane in Precinct 1 and Imposing a Criminal Penalty for Violation of This Order", and for the acceptance of the traffic control plan for the Del Webb-Richmond and Veranda Subdivisions for the placement of "No Thru Trucks" signs pursuant to the Order, in accordance with Chapter 251, Subchapter E, Texas Transportation Code Sections 251.151 – 251.161; the public hearing will be conducted on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom located on the second floor at 401 Jackson Street in Richmond, Texas. *(Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.)*
- 9. **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 2020 Certificates of Obligation:**
 - A. Invoice No. 1005688 in the amount of \$6,710.00 to Tejas Surveying for surveying services regarding the Emergency Operations Center;

Item 9 continued - Facilities Management & Planning:

- B. Invoice No. 126411 in the amount of \$6,895.00 to Alpha Testing for materials testing regarding the South Post Oak Expansion;**
- C. Invoice No. 3023710203 in the amount of \$142,002.26 to Huitt-Zollars for design services regarding the New North Library;**
- D. Invoice No. 20/51142 in the amount of \$10,170.00 to Geoscience Engineering & Testing for geotechnical services regarding the New North Library.**

10. PURCHASING:

- A. Authorize advertising for bids for the purchase and installation of overhead doors for outdoor kennel runs for Animal Services.**
- B. Approval Fourth Amendment to Work Authorization No. 8 regarding agreement for professional services between Fort Bend County and WSP, USA, Inc., formerly dba Parsons Brinckerhoff, pursuant to RFP 15-072, to extend the time of performance through February 28, 2021 with no change in compensation.**
- C. Approve renewal of Agreement for Operation and Programming between Fort Bend County and the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Houston, Inc. to provide outreach services at Fifth Street Community Center for an amount not to exceed \$162,100 effective October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. (Fund: Parks)**

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

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

11. COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4:

Take all appropriate action on request by Avni Choski to waive penalty, interest, and collection fees totaling \$464.06 on property taxes for tax year 2019, Precinct 4.

Mr. Avni Choski, property taxpayer, stated his taxes were paid in time and received a refund, which he believes was for a homestead exemption. Mr. Choski is uncertain why he is being charged for penalty and interest.

This item was tabled for further information.

12. AUDITOR:

Take all appropriate action on request to authorize County Auditor to continue funding administrative support regarding the CARES Act beyond December 31, 2020 from County General Fund, pursuant to reimbursement resolution limited to \$1,000,000.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to authorize County Auditor to continue funding administrative support regarding the CARES Act beyond December 31, 2020 from County General Fund, pursuant to reimbursement resolution limited to \$1,000,000.

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

Commissioner Meyers indicated that the state has \$3 - \$4 billion of CARES funds that have not been allocated.

Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor stated communication was received through the State Treasury's Association of the US and the state offices are proposing to make an allocation of the distributions to the states. Detail has not been provided on how to access the funds. There is a specific amount for local governments that has been earmarked which would come back to the County, but not until late January. There are two separate parts for the current CARES funding, first, the program expenditures, such as the small business, rent/mortgage/utility, childcare and food distribution must be incurred by the end of December and second, the deadline to pay the bills is at the end of March. In order to accomplish this, there is a need for the consultants to work past December. Those expenditures will be incurred after the current deadline, which is the reason for this request.

13. BUDGET & FINANCE:

Take all appropriate action on adoption of the Fort Bend County Debt Policy as presented by Director of Finance & Investments.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to adopt the Fort Bend County Debt Policy as presented by Director of Finance & Investments.

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

Item 13 continued - Budget & Finance:

Pamela Gubbels, Director of Finance & Investments explained that the current policy has the County's debt limit at 15% of the total tax rate. This year was exceeded due to lowering the tax rate. There were two new bonds approved last month and the County will need to increase the debt service rate. In the past, when the debt service rate was increased the maintenance and operation rate was decreased to offset the increase of the overall tax rate. Therefore, the debt limit percentage would be greater than 15%. The Texas Administrative Code limits the County to 40 cents. The County is just under 7 1/2 cents. The County's Financial Advisor recommends moving between 20 - 25%, knowing there are two bond referendums. Ms. Gubbels recommends to the court the debt service rate be increased to 25%.

14. COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Take all appropriate action on request for Payment of Actual Moving Expenses - Re-Establishment and Temporary Storage Submission in the amount of \$24,142.90 regarding Parcel 6 of the OEM Expansion Project, Precinct 1. (Fund: 2020 Certificates of Obligation)

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Payment of Actual Moving Expenses - Re-Establishment and Temporary Storage Submission in the amount of \$24,142.90 regarding Parcel 6 of the OEM Expansion Project, Precinct 1. (Fund: 2020 Certificates of Obligation)

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

15. ENGINEERING:

A. Take all appropriate action on request to purchase Parcel 4 in the amount of \$79,762.33 and Parcel 8 in the amount of \$939,598.33 plus the necessary costs, and authorize the County Judge to sign all closing documents regarding said parcels for Benton Road Segment 1, Mobility Bond Project No. 17110, 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 4 in the amount of \$79,762.33 and Parcel 8 in the amount of \$939,598.33 plus the necessary costs, and authorize the County Judge to sign all closing documents regarding said parcels for Benton Road Segment 1, Mobility Bond Project No. 17110, 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 15 continued - Engineering:

B. Take all appropriate action on Development Agreement between Fort Bend County and Grand Park Professional Place, LLC regarding the construction of a left turn lane on Peek Road, Precinct 3.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Development Agreement between Fort Bend County and Grand Park Professional Place, LLC regarding the construction of a left turn lane on Peek Road, Precinct 3.

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

C. 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 Veranda Section Thirty-Three on behalf of HW 589 Holdings LLC and FBC LID No 6, Precinct 1.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
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 Veranda Section Thirty-Three on behalf of HW 589 Holdings LLC and FBC LID No 6, Precinct 1.

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

D. Take all appropriate action on plat for the roads within Veranda Section Thirty-Three, Pct 1.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve plat for the roads within Veranda Section Thirty-Three, Precinct 1.

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

Item 15 continued - Engineering:

E. Take all appropriate action on plat for the lots within Veranda Section Thirty-Three, Pct 1.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve plat for the lots within Veranda Section Thirty-Three, Precinct 1.

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

F. Take all appropriate action on request for variance to the block length requirements as stated in Section 5.5.A.2, and to the lot size requirements as stated in Section 5.14.E.4 of the Fort Bend County Regulations of Subdivisions for Veranda Section Thirty-Four on behalf of HW 589 Holdings LLC, Precinct 1.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
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, and to the lot size requirements as stated in Section 5.14.E.4 of the Fort Bend County Regulations of Subdivisions for Veranda Section Thirty-Four on behalf of HW 589 Holdings LLC, Precinct 1.

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

G. Take all appropriate action on plat for the roads within Veranda Section Thirty-Four, Pct 1.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve plat for the roads within Veranda Section Thirty-Four, Precinct 1.

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

Item 15 continued - Engineering:

H. Take all appropriate action on plat for the lots within Veranda Section Thirty-Four, Pct 1.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve plat for the lots within
Veranda Section Thirty-Four, Precinct 1.

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

16. PURCHASING:

A. Take all appropriate action on Fifth Renewal to Records Management Master Agreement between Fort Bend County and Manatron, Inc. for maintenance and support services in an amount not to exceed \$132,766 effective October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. (Fund: County Clerk)

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Fifth Renewal to Records
Management Master Agreement between Fort Bend County and Manatron, Inc. for
maintenance and support services in an amount not to exceed \$132,766 effective October 1,
2020 through September 30, 2021. (Fund: County Clerk; **corrected to: Fund: County
Clerk Records Management**)

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

B. Take all appropriate action on request to purchase Veterinary Services from Needville Animal Hospital for an amount not to exceed \$6,000 effective October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 and authorize payment pursuant to Section 130.908 of the Texas Local Government Code. (Fund: Sheriff's Office)

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to purchase Veterinary Services from
Needville Animal Hospital for an amount not to exceed \$6,000 effective October 1, 2020
through September 30, 2021 and authorize payment pursuant to Section 130.908 of the Texas
Local Government Code. (Fund: Sheriff's Office)

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

Item 16 continued - Purchasing:

- C. Take all appropriate action on Agreement between Fort Bend County and OakBend Medical Center for Colonoscopy Services for an amount not to exceed \$54,000 effective October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. (Fund: 1115 Waiver)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Agreement between Fort Bend County and OakBend Medical Center for Colonoscopy Services for an amount not to exceed \$54,000 effective October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. (Fund: 1115 Waiver)

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

- D. Take all appropriate action on request to purchase portable radio systems from Motorola Solutions, Inc. utilizing Houston-Galveston Area Council Contract RA05-18 for Emergency Medical Services in the amount of \$320,637.75. (Fund: CARES Act)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to purchase portable radio systems from Motorola Solutions, Inc. utilizing Houston-Galveston Area Council Contract RA05-18 for Emergency Medical Services in the amount of \$320,637.75. (Fund: CARES Act)

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

- E. Take all appropriate action on request to purchase medical supplies from Bound Tree utilizing Texas Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Agreement No. 610-20 for Emergency Medical Services in an amount not to exceed \$73,491. (Fund: CARES Act)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to purchase medical supplies from Bound Tree utilizing Texas Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Agreement No. 610-20 for Emergency Medical Services in an amount not to exceed \$73,491. (Fund: CARES Act)

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

Item 16 continued - Purchasing:

- F. Take all appropriate action to consider granting an exemption to the competitive bid process as authorized by Local Government Code Section 262.024(a)(7) for the purchase of Stryker Emergency Medical Service equipment from only one source, Stryker EMS Equipment for an amount not to exceed \$326,386.95. (Fund: Health & Human Services, Emergency Medical Service)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to grant an exemption to the competitive bid process as authorized by Local Government Code Section 262.024(a)(7) for the purchase of Stryker Emergency Medical Service equipment from only one source, Stryker EMS Equipment for an amount not to exceed \$326,386.95. (Fund: Health & Human Services, Emergency Medical Service)

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

- G. Take all appropriate action on Bid 21-030 Closed Circuit Television Equipment and Services for Juvenile Probation.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to award Bid 21-030 Closed Circuit Television Equipment and Services for Juvenile Probation to low bidder, Design Security Controls, LLC, Houston, TX.

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

- H. Take all appropriate action on Bid 21-010 Term Contract for Concrete Curbs and Gutters.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to award Bid 21-010 Term Contract for Concrete Curbs and Gutters to low bidder, Antwi Industries, LLC.

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

Item 16 continued - Purchasing:

- I. Take all appropriate action on Change Order 4 to the Agreement between Fort Bend County and Conrad Construction to increase the contract by \$108,982.24 for a total amount not to exceed \$2,463,732.97 and to extend the contract time until October 8, 2020, pursuant to Bid No. 19-084 regarding Braxton Street, Mobility Bond Project No. 13116x, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
 Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Change Order 4 to the Agreement between Fort Bend County and Conrad Construction to increase the contract by \$108,982.24 for a total amount not to exceed \$2,463,732.97 and to extend the contract time until October 8, 2020, pursuant to Bid No. 19-084 regarding Braxton Street, Mobility Bond Project No. 13116x, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

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

- 17. 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 \$11,497,808.05 which include operating expenditures of \$7,182,832.21.

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

- 18. WORKSHOP:**

Workshop to discuss initiatives for the Texas 87th Legislative Session.

Commissioner Meyers commented saying this will be a unique challenging session. There is an unprecedented budget shortfall the legislatures will have to deal with and redistricting. As a result, various people have offered their opinion that not many bills will be passed during this legislative session. Commissioner stated the court should focus on those bills that are the most important, will directly impact County residents and may have an opportunity to get passed.

Item 18 continued - Workshop:

Legislative Consultants, Michelle Whittenburg and Jim Short were in court to give an overview of what to expect during the 87th Legislative Session. Ms. Whittenburg gave an election update on the Texas Legislature. There will be a new speaker in the house. Ms. Whittenburg spoke on how the session will work and currently no one is allowed in the Capitol. She believes there will not be many bills considered. Some of the dominant issues for this session are: the \$4.6 billion deficit in the current biennium, which will be the number one item, the criminal justice reform to raise the age of Juvenile, the George Floyd Act, body cameras, COVID issue of who has the power to act and when, redistricting may be done in a special session.

A portion of the Fort Bend County Legislative Items were presented to the court.

The Workshop was tabled until further notice.

Recess:

Recessed at 3:42 p.m.

- 19. 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. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Charge No. 460-2020-04304.**
 - 2. Settlement discussions regarding Tax Assessor Collector Parcel No. R103479; Old Richmond Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17208.**
 - 3. Potential challenges to county-level orders enacted to reduce the spread of COVID-19.**
- 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.**

Director of Human Resources.

Closed Session:

Convened at 4:00 p.m.

Adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Reconvene:

Reconvened at 5:49 p.m.

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

A. § 551.071. Consultation With Attorney.

1. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Charge No. 460-2020-04304.

No action.

2. Settlement discussions regarding Tax Assessor Collector Parcel No. R103479; Old Richmond Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17208.

No action.

3. Potential challenges to county-level orders enacted to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

No action.

B. § 551.074. Personnel Matters.

Director of Human Resources.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to appoint Randi Lintner as Fort Bend
County's Director of Human Resources, Grade 16 effective January 2, 2021.

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

21. Adjournment.

Commissioners Court adjourned at 5:51 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2020.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers,
to adjourn.

I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.



Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas

