

MINUTES

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BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 12TH DAY of JANUARY, 2021, 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

A roll call of the Commissioners was called by Laura Richard, County Clerk with all present. In addition, the County Clerk confirmed other ancillary attendees were present.
Office of the County Attorney Representative - Marcus Spencer
County Auditor - Ed Sturdivant
Director of Finance & Investments - Pamela Gubbels

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 Vincent Morales.

Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance by Commissioner Vincent Morales.

3. Approve minutes of regular meeting held on January 5, 2021.

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 January 5, 2021.

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

4. Public Comments regarding the Agenda and Announcements.

No public comments.

Judge George announced the County Offices will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2021 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Jacquelyn Minter, Director of Health and Human Services gave an update on Fort Bend County COVID-19 and the vaccine. There are 35,769 cases of COVID-19 in Fort Bend County. Over 29,022 have recovered and 100,000 test have been performed in the County. There are approximately 388 deaths that have occurred. The test positivity rate at the County's testing sites and hospitals are at 14%. Vaccinations have been underway for a few weeks, with the County's hospitals and EMS workers being vaccinated first. The County received the first allocation of public doses of COVID-19 vaccines last week. There were 1,000 doses administered to healthcare workers, anyone over 65 and anyone with certain medical conditions. There was concern about who is eligible and how and when the County will get more vaccines. The Federal Government has laid out a plan for the distribution of the vaccine, which is different than it has been done in the past. The Houston area has three vaccination HUBs, in Harris County, the City of Houston and in the Methodist hospital system. Two of the sites are already filled with registrants. Methodist is giving out their vaccine in their own method. The supply is limited and it is frustrating for all. The County is prepared to receive the vaccines and has the equipment, locations in each precinct and staff who are waiting to vaccinate the public. Dr. Minter thanked the Commissioners for helping HHS by reaching out to partners at the state level to receive the vaccines. The County is ready with their partner Access Health to push out the vaccine throughout the area. The process takes a while and Dr. Minter asked everyone to continue to watch for updates on registering for the vaccine. The County will let everyone know as information becomes available.

Judge George thanked Commissioners Court in reaching out to delegates, Representative Gary Gates, Senator Lois Kolkhorst, and former Representative Dr. Zerwas in helping the County to get more vaccines.

Congratulations was extended to Dr. Connie Almeida, Director of Behavioral Health Services for being appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to the Commission of the Judicial Commission on Mental Health.

Judge Goerge announced this month is designated as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Awareness Month.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: 1:15 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 Lakeview Retreat Section 5, Precinct 2.**
- B. Acceptance of the traffic control plan for Old South Drive in Pecan Grove Plantation Section 7, Precinct 3.**
- C. Acceptance of traffic control plan for Richtowne Lane and Village Point Lane in Townewest, Section 1 and Section 3, Precinct 3.**

Item 5 continued - Public Hearings:

- D. Request to modify the Major Thoroughfare Plan (MTP), specifically an Unnamed Thoroughfare between Bowser Road and Guylar Road within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of City of Simonton, Precinct 3.**
- E. Acceptance of the traffic control plans for Jordan Ranch Sections 20, 21, and 23, Precinct 3.**

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 6 - 16:

6. COUNTY JUDGE:

Record into Minutes the Public Official Bond for John Godbee as Treasurer for Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 5 in the amount of \$100,000 effective through December 15, 2021.

7. COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1:

- A. Reappoint Quart Graves as a Director to the Fort Bend Subsidence District representing agriculture interests for a two year term effective February 1, 2021 through January 31, 2023.**
- B. Approve the reappointment of Paula Arrington and Alice Bijarro to the Fort Bend County Library Advisory Board for terms effective through December 31, 2023.**

8. COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3:

- A. Approve the appointment of Molly McColgan and Nicole Johnson to the Fort Bend County Child Welfare Board for a three-year term, effective January 1, 2021.**
- B. Approve reappointment of members to the Board of Commissioners of Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 1 as follows: Gayle “Pat” Hawkins, Mark “Skip” Hutnek, and Dean McBride for terms effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021; and Hank Wenzler and Paul Lambert for terms effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022.**

9. BUDGET TRANSFER:

Parks Department: Approve transfer in the amount of \$1,251 from Property and Equipment into Information Technology to allocate funds for the purchase of computer equipment for new Parks Director.

10. ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION:

Approve payment of invoice in the amount of \$77,292.40 to The Ambassador Theatre Group for utilization of Smart Financial Center for voter polling site. (Fund: Elections)

11. ENGINEERING-PAYMENTS:

- A. Approve correction to funding source for Agenda Item 35Z from Commissioners Court meeting on December 15, 2020 so it reads: "Take all appropriate action on Amendment to Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between Fort Bend County and Costello, Inc. to increase the contract by \$403,469 for a total contract not to exceed \$511,913 pursuant to SOQ 14-025 regarding Pecan Creek Road and Cedar Creek, Project No. BR19301, Pct 3, (Fund: Mobility Bonds); instead of Drainage Bonds.**
- B. Approve payment of Invoice No. 19085-14 in the amount of \$33,678.51 and Invoice No. 19085-15 in the amount of \$2,582.00 to Earth Engineering, Inc. for professional engineering services regarding Old Needville-Fairchilds Road, Mobility Bond Projects No. 13109 and No. 17109, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- C. Approve payment of Invoice No. 3131380102 Final in the amount of \$50,590.00 to Huitt-Zollars, Inc. for major thoroughfare plan alignment analysis regarding SH 99 (Grand Parkway) and Fort Bend Parkway, Precinct 1. (Fund: Landfill Tipping Fees)**
- D. Approve payment of Invoice No. 1 in the amount of \$10,220.62 to Allgood Construction Company, Inc. for paving and drainage improvements regarding Beechnut Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17204, Precinct 2. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- E. Approve payment of Invoice No. 3 in the amount of \$307,855.02 to Allgood Construction Company, Inc. for construction of Old Richmond Road, Mobility Project No. 17208, Pct 2. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

12. ENGINEERING-PERMITS:

- A. Approve permit application from SiEnergy, L.P. to install a gas line along Juliff Manvel Road, Permit No. 2020-42288, Precinct 1.**
- B. Approve permit application from CenterPoint Energy to install residential street lights along Ashland Way Drive and West Bellfort, Permit No. 2020-42298, Precinct 3.**
- C. Approve permit application from CenterPoint Energy to install a gas line across Katy Gaston Road, Permit No. 2020-42362, Precinct 3.**
- D. Approve permit application from CenterPoint Energy to install a gas line along James Lane, Permit No. 2020-42374, Precinct 3.**
- E. Approve permit application from CenterPoint Energy to install residential street lights along Kirkshaw Drive, Ancrum Avenue and Dochart Way, Permit No. 2020-42296, Precinct 4.**
- F. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install fiber optic cable along various roads within Rosedale Addition, Ridgewood Estates, Televue Terrace, Magnolia Place and Fresno Subdivisions, Permit No. 2020-42376, Precinct 1.**

Item 12 continued - Engineering - Permits:

- G. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install fiber optic cable along Fenn Road, Porter Road, Coen Road, Long Street, North Pine Street and along various roads within Gulfview Acres and One Oak Chase subdivisions, Permit No. 2020-42144, Precinct 1.**
 - H. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install fiber optic cable along Willow Street, Wood Street, E. Dallas Street, Marilyn Street and Laurel Street, Permit No. 2020-42137, Precinct 1.**
 - I. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install fiber optic cable across Bellaire Boulevard, Permit No. 2020-42283, Precinct 3.**
 - J. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install fiber optic cable along Via Renata Drive and Palmanova Drive, Permit No. 2020-42396, Pct. 3.**
 - K. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install fiber optic cable along Peek Road, Permit No. 2020-42395, Precinct 3.**
- 13. ENGINEERING-DEVELOPMENT:**
- A. Approve the plat for Southern Colony Plaza, Precinct 1.**
 - B. Approve the plat for Magnolia Place Tract 621 Replat No 1, Precinct 1.**
 - C. Set public hearing for acceptance of the traffic control plan for Gaston Road at Northlight Lane, Precinct 3. *(Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.)***
 - D. Set public hearing for acceptance of the traffic control plan for Aliana Kirkshaw Drive and Reserve, Precinct 4. *(Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.)***
 - E. Set public hearing for acceptance of the traffic control plan for Tamarron Section 14, Precinct 3. *(Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.)***
 - F. Set public hearing for acceptance of the traffic control plan for Kingdom Heights Section Five, Precinct 1. *(Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.)***
 - G. Set public hearing for acceptance of the traffic control plan for Grand Vista Section 22, Precinct 2. *(Tuesday, February 9, 2021 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 2020 Certificates of Obligation:**
- A. Invoice No. 320021 in the amount of \$4,479.00 to Brazos-Valley Division LLC for roofing work regarding the Landmark Community Center;**
 - B. Invoice No. GB00395455 in the amount of \$406.28 to SHI Government Solutions for technology regarding expansion of the Missouri City Branch Library;**

Item 14 continued - Facilities Management & Planning:

- C. Invoice No. 10033955 in the amount of \$47,800.00 to Cherry Demolition for demolition services regarding the Emergency Operations Center;
- D. Invoice No. 12191 in the amount of \$5,080.00 to Dolphin Environmental for asbestos testing regarding the Emergency Operations Center;
- E. Invoice No. 10052372 in the amount of \$61,164.88 to PGAL for design services regarding the Emergency Operations Center.

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:

Health & Human Services: Accept grant funds from the National Association of County and City Health Officials in the amount of \$99,999.69 for COVID-19 related services, with no cash match required by Fort Bend County effective through July 31, 2021.

16. **PURCHASING:**

- A. Approve Amendment to Lease Agreement between Fort Bend County and the University of Houston System for extension of lease time through March 31, 2021 for the Public Transportation Park & Ride facility at no additional cost.
- B. Approve Fifth Amendment to Work Authorization No. 8 for professional services between Fort Bend County and WSP USA, Inc. formerly dba Parsons Brinckerhoff, pursuant to RFP 15-072, to replace cost proposal for long-term financial strategies with no change in contract total. (Fund: Public Transportation Grant)
- C. Authorize renewal of Bid 20-042, term contract for purchase and installation of carpet, with Gomez Floor Covering, Inc.
- D. Authorize renewal of Bid 20-070, term contract for purchase and hauling of road materials, with Century Asphalt, Ltd and Waller County Asphalt, Inc.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Consent Agenda
Items 6 - 16.

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

17. COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3:

A. Take all appropriate action on Resolution in support of modifying the Fort Bend Subsidence District Board Allocation to include the City of Fulshear as an appointing authority.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Resolution in support of modifying the Fort Bend Subsidence District Board Allocation to include the City of Fulshear as an appointing authority.

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

B. Take all appropriate action on 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.

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

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

18. AUDITOR:

A. Take all appropriate action to set the mileage reimbursement rate at 56.0 cents (same as Internal Revenue Service) effective January 13, 2021.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to set the mileage reimbursement rate at 56.0 cents (same as Internal Revenue Service) effective January 13, 2021.

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

Item 18 continued - Auditor:

B. Take all appropriate action on the CARES Act Budget Allocations and extension of the County's current programs.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to revise the CARES Act budget to apply the remaining available funding to the following:

1. We All Eat Fort Bend program extension \$2,800,000
2. Small/Minority Business Assistance program \$250,000
3. FB Seniors Meals on Wheels program for (congregate and in home meals) \$250,000
4. A new Child Care Voucher Program \$250,000
5. City of Fairchilds \$24,400
6. City of Stafford \$99,500

It is further moved, to authorize the County Auditor to first utilize available CARES Act funding for the county COVID-19 vaccination effort and subsequently utilize general fund balance money as authorized by a Reimbursement Resolution approved by Commissioners Court on 3/31/2020 for \$50 million for COVID-19 response with reimbursement anticipated by the Federal Government.

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 from General Fund for an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 and reimburse expenditures related to construction of the new Fort Bend County Emergency Operations Center from issuance of certificates of obligation within eighteen months from the start of construction.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Resolution declaring intention to advance funding from General Fund for an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 and reimburse expenditures related to construction of the new Fort Bend County Emergency Operations Center from issuance of certificates of obligation within eighteen months from the start of construction.

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

Item 18 continued - Auditor:

- D. Take all appropriate action on Resolution declaring intention to advance funding from General Fund for an amount not to exceed \$460,000 and reimburse expenditure related to the purchase of one asphalt roller from issuance of certificates of obligation within eighteen months of the purchase.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Resolution declaring intention to advance funding from General Fund for an amount not to exceed \$460,000 and reimburse expenditure related to the purchase of one asphalt roller from issuance of certificates of obligation within eighteen months of the purchase.

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

19. BUDGET & FINANCE:

- Take all appropriate action on request to transfer the amount of \$6,250 from Non-Departmental Contingency into Budget Office, Fees, to allocate funds for a subscription of ClearGov budget presentation software.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to transfer the amount of \$6,250 from Non-Departmental Contingency into Budget Office, Fees, to allocate funds for a subscription of ClearGov budget presentation software.

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

20. COMMUNITY SUPERVISION & CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT:

- A. Take all appropriate action on request to create three new position, Pre-Trial Monitor, Grade 7 of the Administrative/Clerical Policy Group, to assist with the pre-trial bond caseload that has grown to a number of 1,782 participants; and authorize funding for the new positions from Non-Departmental Contingency.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
 Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to create three new position, Pre-Trial Monitor, Grade 7 of the Administrative/Clerical Policy Group, to assist with the pre-trial bond caseload that has grown to a number of 1,782 participants; and authorize funding for the new positions from Non-Departmental Contingency.

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

Commissioner Morales asked if in the future more explanation could be provided for this kind of request.

Pamela Gubbels, Director of Finance and Investments stated she spoke with Mr. Robinson about this item. The initial request was reduced to three positions. Mr. Robinson will return to the court for the remainder of the requested positions for the 2022 Budget.

Commissioner Prestage stated this is a problem which is getting worse. The caseload for the current number of staff is not manageable and will begin to affect public safety. Currently, there are people on probation who are not being monitored due to the lack of manpower. There are savings when fewer people are in jail. However, it doesn't make sense to have people in jail, who don't belong in jail or put on probation, when they cannot be monitored properly. The state has decreased this funding over the past 20 years and it is only getting worse. Currently, those who are monitored are not required to pay the cost to cover the monitoring, therefore, the County must pay.

Judge George stated the County must act proactively, look into this matter comprehensively and address it with a long term perspective.

Commissioner Meyers commented that the state is continuing to reduce this funding. Many years ago the state funding was basically even between the state and the county. Currently the funding is about 85/15. The consultants need to be engaged to approach the state with a request to reinstate some of funding. Commissioner's concern is the state will wrestle with a \$1 - \$2 billion shortfall and will try to solve their problems by continuing to push these costs back to the counties. The counties need to resist this approach in every way possible.

Item 20 continued - Community Supervision & Corrections Department:

- B. Take all appropriate action on request to transfer the amount of \$139,950 from Non-Departmental Contingency into salary accounts as detailed on Director's form dated January 8, 2021, to allocate funds for three new positions.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
 Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to to transfer the amount of \$139,950 from Non-Departmental Contingency into salary accounts as detailed on Director's form dated January 8, 2021, to allocate funds for three new positions.

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

21. DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

- A. Take all appropriate action on request to ratify Application to Texas Council on Family Violence for grant funding in the amount of \$6,000 to enhance responses to family violence calls for service, with no cash match required by Fort Bend County.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
 Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request to ratify Application to Texas Council on Family Violence for grant funding in the amount of \$6,000 to enhance responses to family violence calls for service, with no cash match required by Fort Bend County.

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

- B. Take all appropriate action on request to assign two vehicles: a Chevrolet Tahoe, Unit No. R102, and a Ford F-150 Truck, Unit No. V072, from Vehicle Maintenance as additions to fleet for the Office of District Attorney.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
 Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request to assign two vehicles: a Chevrolet Tahoe, Unit No. R102, and a Ford F-150 Truck, Unit No. V072, from Vehicle Maintenance as additions to fleet for the Office of District Attorney.

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 temporary road closure pursuant to Section 251.011 of the Texas Transportation Code for Needville Fairchilds Road at FM 361 for pavement repairs beginning February 1, 2021 until the project is complete, Precinct 1.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request for temporary road closure pursuant to Section 251.011 of the Texas Transportation Code for Needville Fairchilds Road at FM 361 for pavement repairs beginning February 1, 2021 until the project is complete, Precinct 1.

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

B. Take all appropriate action on letter of verification regarding Fort Bend County Development Regulations requested by representatives of Cutlass Solar II LLC pertaining to the Cutlass Solar II Project, Precinct 1.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve letter of verification regarding Fort Bend County Development Regulations requested by representatives of Cutlass Solar II LLC pertaining to the Cutlass Solar II Project, Precinct 1.

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

C. Take all appropriate action on request to purchase Parcel 51 of South Post Oak in the amount of \$27,035.65 plus the necessary closing costs and authorize County Judge to sign all closing documents, Mobility Bond Project No. 13112, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to purchase Parcel 51 of South Post Oak in the amount of \$27,035.65 plus the necessary closing costs and authorize County Judge to sign all closing documents, Mobility Bond Project No. 13112, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

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

Item 22 continued - Engineering:

- D. Take all appropriate action on request to purchase Parcel 1A in the amount of \$11,466.33 plus the necessary costs, and authorize the County Judge to sign all the necessary closing documents, regarding Burney-Old Richmond Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17207, Precincts 2, 3, and 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to purchase Parcel 1A in the amount of \$11,466.33 plus the necessary costs, and authorize the County Judge to sign all the necessary closing documents, regarding Burney-Old Richmond Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17207, Precincts 2, 3, and 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

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

- E. Take all appropriate action on Interlocal Agreement for County-Managed Road Construction Project between Fort Bend County and Harris County regarding the construction of Belknap Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17211, Precinct 2.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Interlocal Agreement for County-Managed Road Construction Project between Fort Bend County and Harris County regarding the construction of Belknap Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17211, Precinct 2.

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

- F. Take all appropriate action on Application for Department of the Army Permit regarding Lake Olympia, Mobility Bond Project No. 17201, Precincts 1 and 2.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Application for Department of the Army Permit regarding Lake Olympia, Mobility Bond Project No. 17201, Precincts 1 and 2.

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

23. HUMAN RESOURCES:

Take all appropriate action on revisions to the Employee Information Manual, specifically Section 709, Sick Leave, as submitted by Human Resources.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve revisions to the Employee Information Manual, specifically Section 709, Sick Leave, as submitted by Human Resources.

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

Randi Lintner, Human Resources Director stated the provision that was extended last year expired on December 31, 2020. What is being proposed is for a maximum of up to 80 hours to be available to support the ongoing pandemic and prevention of employees coming into work, who may be ill and continuing the spread of COVID-19. A study was performed on surrounding areas and this is supported and consistent with what other areas are doing. It is proposed to expire on April 30 and if needed to be extended further, this can be taken up at that time.

24. LIBRARY:

A. Take all appropriate action on request to reclassify part time position 6501-P001 to a full time, Library Clerk II, Grade 6 of the Administrative Clerical Policy Group, effective January 25, 2021. (Fund: Library)

Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to reclassify part time position 6501-P001 to a full time, Library Clerk II, Grade 6 of the Administrative Clerical Policy Group, effective January 25, 2021. (Fund: Library)

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

Item 24 continued - Library:

- B. Take all appropriate action on request to transfer the amount of \$13,100 as detailed on Director's form dated January 8, 2021 to allocate funds for the reclassification of a part-time position to a full-time position.**

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to transfer the amount of \$13,100 as detailed on Director's form dated January 8, 2021 to allocate funds for the reclassification of a part-time position to a full-time position.

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

25. PURCHASING:

- A. Take all appropriate action on Second Amendment to Agreement for Laboratory Services between Fort Bend County and Baylor Miraca Genetics Laboratories, LLC for additional COVID-19 testing services and specimens in the amount of \$200,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$700,000. (Fund: COVID-19/FEMA-PA)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Second Amendment to Agreement for Laboratory Services between Fort Bend County and Baylor Miraca Genetics Laboratories, LLC for additional COVID-19 testing services and specimens in the amount of \$200,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$700,000. (Fund: COVID-19/FEMA-PA)

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

Item 25 continued - Purchasing:

- B. Take all appropriate action on Fourth Amendment to Agreement between Fort Bend County and Staffing Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$300,000 for additional medical staff services related to COVID-19 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,500,000. (Fund: FEMA PA)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Fourth Amendment to Agreement between Fort Bend County and Staffing Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$300,000 for additional medical staff services related to COVID-19 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,500,000. (Fund: FEMA PA)

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

- C. Take all appropriate action on Agreement for Professional Environmental Services between Fort Bend County and MPACT Strategic Consulting LLC, pursuant to RFQ 20-109, for environmental consulting services in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 regarding infrastructure projects effective through January 31, 2022. (Fund: Community Development Grants)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Agreement for Professional Environmental Services between Fort Bend County and MPACT Strategic Consulting LLC, pursuant to RFQ 20-109, for environmental consulting services in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 regarding infrastructure projects effective through January 31, 2022. (Fund: Community Development Grants)

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

Item 25 continued - Purchasing:

- D. Take all appropriate action on Agreement for Professional Environmental Services between Fort Bend County and SWCA, Inc., pursuant to RFQ 20-109 for environmental review and consulting services in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 for housing improvement projects effective through January 31, 2022. (Fund: Community Development Block Grant)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Agreement for Professional Environmental Services between Fort Bend County and SWCA, Inc., pursuant to RFQ 20-109 for environmental review and consulting services in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 for housing improvement projects effective through January 31, 2022. (Fund: Community Development Block Grant)

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

- E. Take all appropriate action on Change Order No. 1 to the Agreement between Fort Bend County and Nash Industries, pursuant to Bid 20-085 for Shower Renovation in Fort Bend County Jail, to increase the contract by \$3,107.88 for a total amount not to exceed \$961,107.88 (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 Change Order No. 1 to the Agreement between Fort Bend County and Nash Industries, pursuant to Bid 20-085 for Shower Renovation in Fort Bend County Jail, to increase the contract by \$3,107.88 for a total amount not to exceed \$961,107.88 (Fund: 2020 Certificates of Obligation)

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

- F. Take all appropriate action on Consultant Agreement between Fort Bend County and Jim Short, Inc. for professional services regarding state legislative matters in the amount of \$60,000 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$120,000 effective through September 30, 2022. (Fund: Non-Departmental-Developer Fees)**

- G. Take all appropriate action on Consultant Agreement between Fort Bend County and Michelle Wittenburg for professional services regarding state legislative matters in the amount of \$60,000 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$120,000 effective through September 30, 2022. (Fund: Non-Departmental-Developer Fees)**

Item 25 continued - Purchasing:

- H. Take all appropriate action on Consultant Agreement between Fort Bend County and Darryl B. Carter for professional services regarding state legislative matters in the amount of \$60,000 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$120,000 effective through September 30, 2022. (Fund: Non-Departmental-Developer Fees)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Agenda Items 25F - 25H.

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

26. TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR:

- A. Take all appropriate action on request to reclassify vacant position number 4991-0021 from Clerk III, Grade 7 of the Administrative Clerical policy group to Staff Director, Grade 13 of the Professional Management policy group in the office of the Tax Assessor/Collector, effective January 12, 2021. (Fund: Tax Assessor Salaries)**

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request to reclassify vacant position number 4991-0021 from Clerk III, Grade 7 of the Administrative Clerical policy group to Staff Director, Grade 13 of the Professional Management policy group in the office of the Tax Assessor/Collector, effective January 12, 2021. (Fund: Tax Assessor Salaries)

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

- B. Take all appropriate action on request to reclassify vacant position number 4991-0028 from Clerk III, Grade 7 of the Administrative Clerical policy group to Project Manager, Grade 13 of the Professional Management policy group in the office of the Tax Assessor/Collector, effective January 12, 2021. (Fund: Tax Assessor Salaries)**

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request to reclassify vacant position number 4991-0028 from Clerk III, Grade 7 of the Administrative Clerical policy group to Project Manager, Grade 13 of the Professional Management policy group in the office of the Tax Assessor/Collector, effective January 12, 2021. (Fund: Tax Assessor Salaries)

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

27. 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 \$257,846,163.47, with operating payments totaling \$12,263,215.10. The total disbursement of \$245,582,948.37 represents distributions from the fee officers, primarily from the Tax Office disbursing to other taxing jurisdictions.

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

28. Authorize County Auditor to pay and release time sensitive disbursements on January 21, 2021, to be ratified by Commissioners Court on January 26, 2021.

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 January 21, 2021, to be ratified by Commissioners Court on January 26, 2021.

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

29. Adjournment.

Commissioners Court adjourned at 1:49 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers,
to adjourn.



I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.

Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas