

MINUTES

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BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 23RD DAY of FEBRUARY, 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 Ken DeMerchant.

Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance by Commissioner Ken DeMerchant.

3. Approve minutes of regular meeting held on February 9, 2021.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve minutes of regular meeting held on February 9, 2021.

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 expressed his appreciation during the emergency weather event last week to the Fort Bend County Team who worked efficiently and effectively around the clock to serve the residents of Fort Bend County.

Mark Flathouse, Emergency Manager/Fire Marshal stated during the last 7 - 8 days, the EOC has been activated in preparation during this unprecedented weather and they have worked diligently to communicate with our jurisdictions. Information for assistance to help people who were affected by this weather event can be found at www.fbcoem.org. There are different links being updated with different resources daily.

Judge George stated the number of COVID related deaths has surpassed half a million. Thoughts and prayers are with the families who have lost loved ones to this disease and a moment of silence was observed to respect and honor those who lost their lives. The distribution of the COVID vaccine was halted last week, due to the inclement weather and has now restarted.

Dr. Jacquelyn Minter, Director of Health and Human Services indicated there are 49,805 positive COVID cases in Fort Bend County and 492 deaths that have been posted. The County is experiencing the expected decrease in COVID cases and test positivity since our peak in late January. Hospitalizations are also decreasing and death reporting may peak this week and trend downward. This trend exists throughout the Houston Region and with the push for vaccination, the cooperation from the public, and with the increased evidence that vaccinations decrease transmission, it is expected these trends will continue. The County has approached 40,000 vaccines given just through Fort Bend County. Over 100,000 vaccines have been given, in the County along with other partners, private partners, hospitals and others. First doses of the vaccine will be given in our location that will open in Precinct 3, the Katy area and second doses are being given out in other areas of the County this week. Dr. Minter pointed out the UT School of Public Health has let the County know where some of the high prevalence areas are and the high need areas are and the County has matched up each one of the vaccination sites with those areas. Dr. Minter appreciates the continued support of the court for vaccinating the public.

Judge George stated approximately 12% of Fort Bend County has been vaccinated with at least their first dose and many have been given their second dose. After numerous conversations with Dr. Minter and our community partners, Judge informed the citizens of Fort Bend County, that the risk level is being lowered from red to orange (Moderate to Significant Risk). While the signs look better, it is not the time to let your guard down and everyone should follow the CDC guidelines. For any risk assessment and more information go to www.coronavirusfortbend.gov. Judge George stated the court is evaluating and considering going back to in person meetings for Commissioners Court meetings.

There were three public comments.

Bonnie Anderson signed up to speak. There was no answer when called to speak.

Seda Hambarchian, 8027 Ivy Bush Bend Lane, Richmond spoke on Item 25A. Ms. Hambarchian believes that wearing masks, social distancing and lock downs have not helped to slow the spread of coronavirus; but has suppressed people's immune system and suppressed people psychologically. Ms. Hambarchian urges the court to reconsider putting an unnecessary medical device on people who have put their trust in the County to do the right thing.

Madlena Preston spoke on Item 18C and D regarding the EpiCenter and does not want the EpiCenter (pandemic center) built in Fort Bend County.

1:19 p.m. - The court returned to Item #3, which was skipped.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: 1:20 p.m.:

- A. Conduct public hearing on the creation of Fort Bend County Reinvestment Zone No. 28, proposed to be located west of the City of Rosenberg, on the north side of the BNSF railroad and SH 36 (also known as 36th Division Memorial Highway), just east of Spur 10 located in Precinct 1.**

Public hearing held. No public comments.

- B. Conduct public hearing on the Guidelines and Criteria for Granting Tax Abatement Agreements in Fort Bend County, pursuant to Section 312.002(c-1) of the Texas Tax Code.**

Public hearing held. No public comments.

- C. Engineering: Conduct Public Hearings and take all appropriate action on the following matters:**

Public hearing held. No public comments.

- 1. Acceptance of the traffic control plan for Chimney Rock Road, Mobility Bond Project No. (2007) x20, from Cambridge Falls Drive to Acorn Glen Trail, Precinct 2.**
- 2. Acceptance of the traffic control plan for Stratford Creek Drive in Stratford Park Village Section 3, Precinct 4.**
- 3. Acceptance of the traffic control plan for Grand at Aliana, Precinct 4.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Agenda Items 5C1 - 5C3.

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 6 -17:

6. COUNTY JUDGE:

- A. Accept and record the generous donation by Deepthi Raju in the amount of \$ 300 to be used for the Adopt-A-Family Fort Bend Program.**
- B. Approve request for Historic Site Property Tax Exemption from the General Fund for the Teague-Waddell House, located at 1810 Avenue M in Rosenberg, Texas, for tax year 2021.**

7. COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1:

Approve Interlocal Project Agreement between Fort Bend County and the City of Rosenberg to provide assistance by overlaying with Type D Asphalt city-owned streets as detailed within the Agreement; County expenditure not to exceed \$73,200. (Fund: Road & Bridge)

8. COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3:

- A. Appoint Debra Cates to the Fort Bend County Library Advisory Board effective February 23, 2021 through December 31, 2022.**
- B. Approve Interlocal Agreement for Contribution to Construction of Fry Road Esplanade Improvements between Fort Bend County and Cinco Municipal Utility District No. 5.**

9. BUDGET TRANSFERS:

- A. 400th District Court: Approve transfer in the amount of \$17 from Supplies and Maintenance into Information Technology to allocate additional funds for computer related equipment.**
- B. Elections Administration: Approve transfer in the amount of \$600 from Fees into Information Technology to allocate funds into correct account for the purchase of flash drives.**
- C. Fire Marshal: Approve transfer in the amount of \$40,000 from Salaries into Overtime to allocate funds for shortage in overtime account.**

10. ENGINEERING-PAYMENTS:

- A. Approve payment of Invoice No. 1 in the amount of \$6,732 to Gonzalez Construction Enterprise Inc. for reconstruction of Bryan Road, Mobility Project No. 17118 Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- B. Approve payment of Invoice No. 202100278 in the amount of \$1,410.88 to Berg-Oliver Associates, Inc. for professional environmental services regarding Lake Olympia, Segment 2, Mobility Bond Project No. 13217x, Precincts 1 and 2. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- C. Approve payment of Invoice No. 17CM01-22 in the amount of \$31,069 to Isani Consultants, L.P. for professional construction management services regarding Mobility Projects, Precinct 1,2,3, and 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- D. Approve payment of Invoice No. FBC1907-15 in the amount of \$38,230 to AIG Technical Services, LLC for professional engineering services regarding Mobility Projects within Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4. (Funding: Mobility Bonds)**
- E. Approve payment of Invoice No. 7696 in the amount of \$30,688.75 to Property Acquisition Services, LLC for right of way services regarding 2017 Mobility Bond Projects within Precincts 1 and 4. (Fund: Right of Way)**
- F. Approve payment of Invoice No. 226-02-14 in the amount of \$11,195.94 to EJES Inc. for professional engineering services regarding Belknap Road Mobility Bond Project No. 17211 Precincts 2 and 3. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- G. Approve payment of Invoice No. 1 in the amount of \$42,808.50 to 717 Construction Services LLC for construction of Westheimer Parkway Turn Lane, Mobility Project No. 17319x, Precinct 3. (Funding: Mobility Bonds)**
- H. Approve payment of Invoice No. 244760 in the amount of \$9,630.75 and Invoice No. 245548 in the amount of \$10,412 to Ninyo & Moore for construction material testing regarding Cane Island, Segment 2, Mobility Project No. 17308, Precinct 3. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

11. **FACILITIES MANAGEMENT & PLANNING: The Director of Facilities Management & Planning submits these invoices for approval and payment for projects that are funded by 2015 Facility Bonds and by 2020 Certificates of Obligation:**
 - A. **Invoice No. 220011 in the amount of \$76,029 to Brazos-Valley Division for roof replacement at the Fifth Street Community Center;**
 - B. **Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$198,512 and Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$284,297 to CS Advantage, Inc. for roof replacement at the Missouri City Branch Library and Cinco Ranch Branch Library respectively;**
 - C. **Pay Application No. 3 in the amount of \$8,400.18 to Nash Industries for renovations regarding the Jail Shower Renovation;**
 - D. **Pay Application No. 4 in the amount of \$242,664.02 to Crain Group for construction services regarding the Precinct 3 Public Safety Annex;**
 - E. **Invoice No. 12409 in the amount of \$7,140 to Airborne Athletics for furniture, fixture, and equipment items regarding the Landmark Community Center;**
 - F. **Invoice No. 2820 in the amount of \$6,465 to Ace Piano Clinic for furniture, fixture, and equipment regarding the Landmark Community Center;**
 - G. **Invoice No. 10052633 in the amount of \$23,704.71 to PGAL for design services regarding the Emergency Operations Center;**
 - H. **Invoice No. S-52671 in the amount of \$3,550 to Howell Services for sewer line services regarding the Emergency Operations Center.**
12. **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES:**
 - A. **Animal Services: Accept Report of donations received for Animal Services operations for the period of October through December 2021.**
 - B. **Social Services: Accept grant funds in the amount of \$227,817 awarded by the National Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Phase 38, administered via the Alliance of Community Assistance Ministries (ACAM) for the use in the following categories: Food: \$32,625; Utilities \$139,265; Rent/ Mortgage \$139,265, with no cash match required by Fort Bend County.**
13. **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

Approve request for withdrawal of 320 hours from the Shared Sick Leave Pool for employee of Road & Bridge, Position No. 6111-0127.
14. **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:**

Approve payment of Invoice No. 10456824240 in the amount of \$7,056 to Dell Marketing L.P. for laptops and desktop computer regarding the Transit Center Mobility Bond Project No. 13406. (Fund: 2013 Mobility Bonds)

15. PURCHASING:

- A. Authorize renewal of Bid 20-040, term contract for pavement painting, marking supplies and services on various roads with Lone Star Pavement Services.**
- B. Authorize renewal of Bid 20-043, term contract for thermoplastic traffic coating with Stripes & Stops Company, Inc.**
- C. Authorize renewal of Bid 20-077, term contract for rental vehicles and services with Enterprises Holdings, Inc. dba Enterprise Rent-A-Car.**
- D. Authorize renewal of Bid 20-017, term contract for on-site clearing, grubbing, demolition and debris removal services for various Fort Bend County road projects with TFR Enterprises, Inc. as primary and D&M Excavating, LLC as secondary.**

16. ROAD & BRIDGE:

Approve payment of Invoice No. 21-0116 in the amount of \$159,580 to Helfman Dodge for four 2021 vehicles. (Fund: 2020 Certificates of Obligation)

17. SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

- A. Record into Minutes the Agreement between Fort Bend County Sheriff and Jail Chaplaincy Ministries, Inc. for Jail Chaplaincy Services. (Fund: Sheriff's Office Commissary)**
- B. Record into Minutes the 2020 Racial Profiling Report for the Sheriff's Office, pursuant to Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 2.121-2.138.**

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

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

18. COUNTY JUDGE:

A. Discuss and take any appropriate action regarding the Declaration of Local Disaster related to Severe Winter Weather ordered by County Judge on February 17, 2021.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to extend the Disaster Declaration until Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

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

Judge George explained the Declaration is being extended because the County is in a declared disaster area.

Commissioner stated the County must declare an emergency in order to apply for and receive Federal Assistance that is provided in an emergency of this nature.

B. Take all appropriate action on Order Creating Fort Bend County Reinvestment Zone No. 28.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Order Creating Fort Bend County Reinvestment Zone No. 28.

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

Commissioner Morales stated this Reinvestment Zone is in Precinct 1 and is for the Frito Lay expansion which will add jobs to the community.

Item 18 continued - County Judge:

- C. Discuss and consider approving an advanced funding resolution to facilitate the purchase of appropriately 51.75 acres of land to be used for the development of the Fort Bend EpiCenter project and authorize the Auditor, County Attorney and County Judge to take all necessary actions to purchase the property.**

Commissioner Prestage stated the Commissioners Court authorized a study by Conventions Sports and Leisure, CSL, to determine the feasibility of a multipurpose facility near the Fairgrounds complex. CSL had previously performed similar feasibility studies for Constellation Field and Smart Financial Center in the City of Sugar Land and had extensive knowledge of the Fort Bend County market. The result of the study was delivered to the County Judge in 2018 and was revised in 2019 to consider an expanded scope. The study result showed great demand for the facility and it could be a great benefit to the County as an economic engine, as well as, an emergency command center, make a shelter and a warming center. The Commissioners Court appointed Commissioner Vincent Morales and Commissioner Grady Prestage to serve as the committee, along with other County staff to bring back a recommendation to the County Judge for a presentation to the court for the development of the multipurpose facility. The County entered into a predevelopment agreement with Stonehenge to finalize the scope of the project which is now dubbed as the Fort Bend EpiCenter. The recommendation calls for privatize public development, where about the County will lease property to the development entity and will construct the project and lease the building to the County. The County will retain ownership of the land and will own the building when the debt on the development is paid. Total development cost, including land, are approximately \$120,000,000 and the project is scheduled for completion in the 4th quarter of 2022. A management company will be engaged to market and operate the facility with the County's oversight. The 53 acre land purchase provides an opportunity for future expansion of the facility, as well as, development of retail, restaurants, and hotels.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve after extensive studies from CSL, and feedback from the community to move forward with this project and authorize the County Auditor, County Attorney and County Judge to take all necessary actions to purchase the property.

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

Commissioner Meyers indicated for clarification purposes, there seems to be some confusion for people who are under the impression that this is an epidemic facility, which it is not. This is a project that has been underway for about three years.

Commissioner Morales stated a study was performed and was publicly put out as a multipurpose building, after the study came back from CSL. The name was changed to EpiCenter because where it will be located is in the center of the County. Commissioner apologized to the community for any confusion; but this will be a project that many generations will enjoy for the future. This project will be completed in the 4th quarter of 2022. This will be a big benefit for Fort Bend County and its residents.

Item 18 continued - County Judge:

Marcus Spencer, First Assistant County Attorney, confirmed the motion is to move forward with the project and includes authorization to the County Auditor, County Attorney and County Judge to take all necessary actions to purchase the property.

- D. Take all appropriate action on the pursuit of a Ground Lease / Lease Back Development Agreement for the development of an approximately 230,000 square foot multipurpose facility to be known as the “Fort Bend Epicenter” subject to County Attorney approval as to form and authorize the County Judge to execute the agreement.**

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve to move on this project subject to the County Attorney approval as to form and authorize by the County Judge to execute the agreement.

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

Marcus Spencer, First Assistant County Attorney explained the approval being sought now is the pursuant of some type of lease back type project agreement. The County will have to get further guidance from the Attorney General as to what is acceptable or not. Overall, in line with the study that has been discussed today and the overall plans for the past three years, the action today will allow the pursuit of some type of lease back agreement in a form that is acceptable and legal.

19. AUDITOR:

Take all appropriate action on request to authorize County Auditor to reimburse County Clerk employees without requiring a purchase order for individual criminal background checks required by the Texas Department of State Health Services Policy No. AA-6001 to access TXEver. (Fund: Vitals Preservation Fund)

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to authorize County Auditor to reimburse County Clerk employees without requiring a purchase order for individual criminal background checks required by the Texas Department of State Health Services Policy No. AA-6001 to access TXEver. (Fund: Vitals Preservation Fund)

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

20. COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Take all appropriate action on request to reclassify vacant Position No. 4751-0013, in the Office of County Attorney from Civil Attorney-Litigation, Grade 15 of the Professional Management Policy Group to Chief - Regulatory, Grade 17 of the Professional Management Policy Group, effective February 23, 2021. (Fund: County Attorney)

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request to reclassify vacant Position No. 4751-0013, in the Office of County Attorney from Civil Attorney-Litigation, Grade 15 of the Professional Management Policy Group to Chief - Regulatory, Grade 17 of the Professional Management Policy Group, effective February 23, 2021. (Fund: County Attorney)

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

21. COURTS ADMINISTRATION:

A. Take all appropriate action on request to create one part-time position to coordinate the Expedited Narcotics Docket (END) Program.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request to create one part-time position to coordinate the Expedited Narcotics Docket (END) Program.

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

Item 21 continued - Courts Administration:

- B. Take all appropriate action on request to transfer the amount of \$40,704 from Non-Departmental Contingency as detailed on Judge William's form dated February 8, 2021 to allocate funds for part time position to coordinate the END program.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to transfer the amount of \$40,704 from Non-Departmental Contingency as detailed on Judge William's form dated February 8, 2021 to allocate funds for part time position to coordinate the END program.

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

Commissioner DeMerchant asked if this item was in the budget.

Commissioner Prestage stated Judge Williams is a new Administrative Judge for the District Judges. There was a period from the end of the year until a few weeks ago, there was no one serving in this role.

Pamela Gubbels, Director of Finance & Investments explained the previous Administrative Judge had put this item on the Agenda back in May of 2020, which was approved. This position was thought to be going away and was not put in the 2021 Budget. The new Administrative Judge is taking on the program and is now requesting this position.

22. ENGINEERING:

- A. Take all appropriate action on Possession and Use Agreement between Fort Bend County and Brian Keith Thomas regarding Parcel 4 of South Post Oak Mobility Bond Project No. 13112, Precinct 1, and record same in official public records.**

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Possession and Use Agreement between Fort Bend County and Brian Keith Thomas regarding Parcel 4 of South Post Oak Mobility Bond Project No. 13112, Precinct 1, and record same in official public records **(corrected to read: authorize County Clerk to record in Official Public Records at no cost.)**

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

Item 22 continued - Engineering:

- B. Take all appropriate action on request to purchase Parcel 1 in the amount of \$25,335.33 plus necessary costs, and authorize the County Judge to sign all closing documents regarding said Parcel for Packer Lane Lift Station No. 3, Mobility Bond Project No. 13219x, Precinct 2; authorize County Clerk to record in Official Public Records at no cost. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to purchase Parcel 1 in the amount of \$25,335.33 plus necessary costs, and authorize the County Judge to sign all closing documents regarding said Parcel for Packer Lane Lift Station No. 3, Mobility Bond Project No. 13219x, Precinct 2; authorize County Clerk to record in Official Public Records at no cost. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

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

Commissioner Prestage explained the reason a Lift Station is under a Mobility project is this Lift Station is located in the middle of a road and will be relocated.

23. HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Take all appropriate action on the revised Application for Federal Assistance for an increase of grants funds in the amount of \$165,000 for the 2016 Hazard Mitigation Buyout Grant. (FEMA Project Number DR 4269-007)

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve the revised Application for Federal Assistance for an increase of grants (corrected to: grant) funds in the amount of \$165,000 for the 2016 Hazard Mitigation Buyout Grant. (FEMA Project Number DR 4269-007)

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

24. PARKS & RECREATION:

Take all appropriate action on request by Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Coalition to release certain wildlife excluding squirrels at county parks within Precincts 2, 3, and 4.

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request by Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Coalition to release certain wildlife excluding squirrels at county parks within Precincts 2, 3, and 4.

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

25. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:

A. Take all appropriate action on the Texas Department of Transportation Federal Mask Mandate Acknowledgment as it relates to the Presidential Executive Order 13998 published on January 26, 2021.

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve the Texas Department of Transportation Federal Mask Mandate Acknowledgment as it relates to the Presidential Executive Order 13998 published on January 26, 2021.

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

Commissioner Meyers stated this is a mandate from the Federal Government for people who travel on our public transportation that is federally funded. The County does not have a choice and would not want to run the risk of losing federal funds.

Judge George indicated the length of time is not known currently and the court will inform and take action when this is known.

Item 25 continued - Public Transportation:

- B. Take all appropriate action on request to ratify Application to Texas Department of Transportation for Fiscal Year 2021 CARES Act Rural Federal funds in the amount of \$930,237 for assistance with transportation programs, including grantor's request for submittal of additional information, with no local match required by Fort Bend County.**

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request to ratify Application to Texas Department of Transportation for Fiscal Year 2021 CARES Act Rural Federal funds in the amount of \$930,237 for assistance with transportation programs, including grantor's request for submittal of additional information, with no local match required by Fort Bend County.

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

26. PURCHASING:

- A. Take all appropriate action on RFP 21-051 for Hazmat Response Vehicle for the Fort Bend County Fire Marshal's Office.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to negotiate on RFP 21-051 for Hazmat Response Vehicle for the Fort Bend County Fire Marshal's Office with the most highly qualified respondent Siddons Martin Emergency Group LLC.

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

Item 26 continued - Purchasing:

B. Take all appropriate action on Bid 21-040 Construction of Ransom Road widening from West of Hudson Oaks Lane to Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 121 Levee. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to award Bid 21-040 Construction of Ransom Road widening from West of Hudson Oaks Lane to Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 121 Levee to the low bidder, DVL Enterprises LLC, in the amount of \$1,291,880. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

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

C. Take all appropriate action on Twelfth Addendum to Software and Maintenance Agreement between Fort Bend County and Trapeze Software Group, Inc. pursuant to RFP 06-101 in an amount not to exceed \$29,630 for Scheduling Software for Public Transportation, effective March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022. (Fund: Public Transportation, Grants)

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Twelfth Addendum to Software and Maintenance Agreement between Fort Bend County and Trapeze Software Group, Inc. pursuant to RFP 06-101 in an amount not to exceed \$29,630 for Scheduling Software for Public Transportation, effective March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022. (Fund: Public Transportation, Grants)

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

Item 26 continued - Purchasing:

- D. Take all appropriate action on Addendum to Agreement between Fort Bend County and Hunton Services utilizing Choice Partners Purchasing Cooperative Contract Number 19/036-MR-03 for mechanical service and scheduled maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$77,882.76. (Fund: Facilities, Operations)**

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Addendum to Agreement between Fort Bend County and Hunton Services utilizing Choice Partners Purchasing Cooperative Contract Number 19/036-MR-03 for mechanical service and scheduled maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$77,882.76 (**corrected to: \$77,882.76**), only for the Medical Examiner's Office. (Fund: Facilities, Operations)

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 \$96,872,961.76 which includes routine disbursements of \$10,391,963.92, along with time sensitive payments of \$3,778,406.86.

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

28. WORKSHOP:

- A. Workshop to receive presentation by Fort Bend County Emergency Medical Service Chief Graig Temple regarding emergency service operations.**

Graig Temple, Chief of EMS presented to the court the Fleet Status Report for Emergency Medical Services and reasons for adding reserve ambulances to the fleet.

- B. Discuss and consider approving an advanced funding resolution to facilitate the purchase of necessary expenditures related to Emergency Medical Service vehicles for an amount not to exceed \$420,000.**

No Action

Recess:

Recessed at 2:28 p.m.

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

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

Threatened litigation regarding payroll-related dispute.

Closed Session:

Convened at 2:33 p.m.
Adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Reconvene:

Reconvened at 3:25 p.m.

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

§ 551.071. Consultation With Attorney.

Threatened litigation regarding payroll-related dispute.

No action.

- 31. Adjournment.**

Commissioners Court adjourned at 3:26 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2021.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers,
to adjourn.

I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.



Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas