

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS COURT
FORT BEND COUNTY**

I, **Laura Richard**, duly elected County Clerk and Clerk of Court, Fort Bend County, Texas do hereby submit the Official Minutes of Commissioners Court held on the **11th** day of February, 2021. (Special Meeting)



LAURA RICHARD, COUNTY CLERK

Now, therefore, be it resolved upon the motion of Commissioner Meyers seconded by Commissioner Morales, duly put and carried, it is ordered to accept as presented for record the attached minutes approved on this the **9th** day of March, 2021.



County Judge KP George

KP GEORGE, COUNTY JUDGE

MINUTES

DUE TO EMERGENCY CONDITIONS, THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED BY TELEPHONE AND/OR VIDEO CONFERENCE

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 11TH DAY of FEBRUARY, 2021, Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, met at a special 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
LINDA WILLIS FOR LAURA RICHARD	COUNTY CLERK

A roll call of the Commissioners was called by Linda Willis on behalf of Laura Richard, County Clerk with all present.

In addition, the County Clerk confirmed other ancillary attendees were present.

Office of the County Attorney Representative - Michelle Turner

County Auditor Representative - Amy Hartman

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 2:00 p.m.

There were three public comments.

Chia Foster, 106 Drake Elm Ct, spoke on Agenda Item 2. Ms. Foster is concerned about the distribution and safety of COVID vaccines. She believes the public should be informed accurately about the vaccine and asked if the participants will have informed consent about the dangers and ingredients of the vaccine before getting the shot, will participants have access to vaccine damage funds of 1986 if there are any side effects or deaths and is the County collecting information on all vaccine related injuries and deaths during the process.

Vishalaxi Magdum, 5018 Tramonte Trail, spoke on Agenda Item 2 the need for additional staffing for COVID-19 clinics. Ms. Magdum is concerned about adverse side effects of the vaccine and would like to know if the County's local health service is keeping record, as they are with COVID testing. Ms. Magdum would like the County to share this information in order for the public to make informed decisions.

Item 1A continued - Public Comments:

Jim Preston, spoke on Agenda Item 2. Mr. Preston had questions regarding the need of additional staffing, the safety of the vaccine, if each precinct commissioner has any say regarding this item and FEMA's involvement.

2. Take all appropriate action on request to create vaccine administration related positions as presented by Health & Human Services Director to ensure the timely and efficient administration of vaccine in all precincts of Fort Bend County. (Fund: FEMA-PA Grants)

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request to create vaccine administration related positions, 12 1/2 positions, as presented by Health & Human Services Director to ensure the timely and efficient administration of vaccine in all precincts of Fort Bend County. (Fund: FEMA-PA Grants)

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

Dr. Jacqueline Minter, Director of Health and Human Services gave an update of the vaccine distribution. Dr. Minter stated that over 70,000 people in Fort Bend County received their first dose of the vaccine. Due to efforts of many people, more vaccines have been delivered. The demand of the vaccine in the community is high and many people understand the vaccine will help with getting back to normal. The hope is by having the vaccine clinics all around the County, the County will partner with private partners, pharmacies and others to push the vaccines. It is important to vaccinate the most vulnerable people first to keep them out of the hospitals and at work. If people are vaccinated fully, the economy will get back faster. Next, all others should be vaccinated in order to herd immunity and make sure our population is protected and are able to get back to normal with work, school and recreation. As of today, the mass vaccination site at Smart Financial, a drive through site is opened. There is also a vaccination site in Precinct 2 and the facility in Precinct 3 will open, once it is ready. The University of Texas school of public health has partnered with the County to show what part of the community has been more affected by the disease with death. Vaccines are being pushed and available in those areas to decrease the burden of this disease.

Commissioner Meyers stated these positions are 12 1/2 full time equivalent positions and would like to know how long they will work and the total dollar amount estimated to be spent.

Dr. Minter stated this is a mass vaccination plan. The Texas Department of Emergency Management's best practices recommends having seven County people at each of the four sites and another 100 of contractors or partners. With enough vaccines, by October, a scale back of the staff will begin. This item is funded by FEMA. When there is no need for staff, the positions will go away. This plan is through the end of the year.

Item 2A continued - Discussion:

Commissioner Prestage stated the County is in an emergency, the demand is high and the supply is catching up. The County must be ready when Phase 1A, 1B, 1C are complete and must move to the general population.

Randi Lintner, Human Resources Director explained the costs for a one year funding cycle for additional staff is \$1.7 million, which will be covered through FEMA.

Pamela Gubbels, Director of Finance and Investments stated the total with fringe benefits is \$2.5 million for one year.

Amy Hartman, First Assistant County Auditor, stated at this time there is no expiration on the funds.

3. Adjournment.

Commissioners Court Special Session adjourned at 2:23 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2021.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers,
to adjourn.



I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.

Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas