

**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 13th day of April, 2021.



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 27th day of April, 2021.



County Judge KP George

KP GEORGE, COUNTY JUDGE

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 13TH DAY of APRIL, 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

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 April 6, 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 April 6, 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.

Dr. Jacquelyn Minter, Director of Health & Human Services gave an update on the fight against COVID. Dr. Minter stated there is a decrease in the number of cases; however every day we are getting new cases with the average being around 100 per day. There has been a decrease in the hospitalization rate and in the number of people hospitalized with COVID. In looking across the country, we are not out of the woods. We are very fortunate in having a lot of vaccinations in this County. If case rates do go up, the effect of hospitalizations and deaths should be blunted by the fact the County has so many people who are vaccinated.

Judge George stated there are several announcements:

- At a press conference today, Judge stated the COVID-19 numbers are getting better. As of today, the threat level is being downgraded from Orange to Yellow.
- 2021 Emergency preparation supplies and sales tax holiday will be on April 24 - April 26, in preparation for the hurricane season.
- A mobile unit was unveiled today during a press conference, which will be used for COVID-19 vaccinations. This will help with reaching out to people who do not have access to our locations and will help in getting the herd immunity to 70% or higher. The Federal Government - CARES Act and taxpayers have allowed the County to have this mobile unit, which will continue to serve the County after COVID, for other health related issues.
- Fort Bend County recognizes the Muslim holiday, holy month of Ramadan, which begins today a month of fasting and spiritual renewal.
- Three members joined the County Judge's Office.
 - Tami Frazier - Media and Communications Specialist
 - Mercedeh Mohagheghi - Fort Bend County Grant Program Manager
 - Vanessa McKeehan - Executive Assistant, Agenda Coordinator
- Judge George strongly opposes SB10 and on behalf of the Commissioners Court, made a public statement of opposition to this bill. The current bill will restrict Counties much more than the state of Texas in how the state funds and pays for its own political voice.

Commissioner Meyers stated SB10 can negatively impact the County's ability to deal with elected representatives in Austin.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: 1:11 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 McCrary Meadows Sec 6, Precinct 3.**
- B. Acceptance of the traffic control plan for Fulbrook Section Three "D", Precinct 3.**
- C. Acceptance of the traffic control plan for Candela Sec 3, Precinct 3.**

Item 5 continued - Public Hearings:

D. Acceptance of the traffic control plan for Sienna Section 33B, Precinct 1.

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: 6-15

6. COUNTY JUDGE:

Approve the appointment of Vanessa McKeehan as the County Judge Designee to fill the position held by Xavier Herrera on the Fort Bend County Historical Commission, effective April 13, 2021.

7. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Set public hearing to receive comments from the public regarding the Housing and Community Development needs of low-and-moderate-income persons in Fort Bend County for the FY2021 Consolidated Annual Action Plan, to be conducted, Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fort Bend County Commissioners Courtroom, located on the second floor at 401 Jackson Street in Richmond Texas.

8. ENGINEERING-PAYMENTS:

- A. Approve payment of Invoice No. 202220 in the amount of \$6,631.28 to TEDSI Infrastructure Group, Inc. for professional engineering services regarding Sims Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17119x, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- B. Approve payment of Invoice No. FBC1907-17 in the amount of \$74,398.00 to AIG Technical Services, LLC for professional engineering services regarding Mobility Projects within Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4. (Funding: Mobility Bonds)**
- C. Approve payment of Invoice No. 20-12 in the amount of \$627.20 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)**
- D. Approve payment of Invoice. No. 17CM01-23 in the amount of \$21,739.50 and Invoice No. 17CM01-24 in the amount of \$23,944.75 to Isani Consultants, L.P. for professional construction management services regarding Mobility Projects, Precinct 1, 2, 3, and 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- E. Approve payment of Invoice No. 7760 in the amount of \$24,878.75 and Invoice No. 7806 in the amount of \$47,086.25 to Property Acquisition Services, LLC for right of way services regarding 2017 Mobility Bond Projects within Precincts 1 and 4. (Fund: Right of Way)**

Item 8 continued - Engineering-Payments:

- F. Approve payment of Invoice No. 32498 in the amount of \$1,325.00 to Terra Associates, Inc. for professional engineering services regarding Lake Olympia, Segment 1, Mobility Bond Project No. 13207, Precinct 2. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- G. Approve payment of Invoice No. 6 in the amount of \$189,823.77 to Allgood Construction Company, Inc. for construction of Old Richmond Road, Mobility Project No. 17208, Precinct 2. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- H. Approve payment of Invoice No. 4 in the amount of \$115,581.74 to Allgood Construction Company, Inc. for paving and drainage improvements regarding Beechnut Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17204, Precinct 2. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- I. Approve payment of Invoice No. 6 in the amount of \$956,116.64 to Triple B Services, LLP for construction of Lake Olympia Parkway Extension Segment 1, Mobility Project No. 13207, Precinct 2. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- J. Approve payment of Invoice 5-00120-HJ in the amount of \$17,317.00 to HJ Consulting, Inc. for professional engineering services regarding West Sycamore Road, Segment 2, Mobility Bond Project No. 17122x, Precinct 1. (Fund: Landfill Tipping Fees)**
- 9. ENGINEERING-PERMITS:**
 - A. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install fiber optic cable along Sienna River Parkway, Permit No. 2021-44553, Precinct 1.**
 - B. Approve permit application from D.R. Horton - Texas LTD/No Limit Construction Services, LLC to utilize a construction entrance on Benton Road, Permit No. 2021-45033, Precinct 1.**
 - C. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install fiber optic cable along Macek Road, Permit No. 2021-44730, Precinct 1.**
 - D. Approve permit application from Tackle Construction, Inc. to adjust a water line and two force mains along Beechnut Street, Permit No. 2021-44723, Precinct 2.**
 - E. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install fiber optic cable along Sienna Ranch Road and Old Pointe Drive, Permit No. 2021-44737, Precinct 2.**
 - F. Approve release of cashier's check from Haven at Bellaire, LLC/Guefen Construction Services for work completed at 20220 Bellaire Boulevard, Permit No. 2019-29829, Precinct 3.**
 - G. Approve permit application from Windstream Sugar Land, LLC to install fiber optic cable along Harlem Road, Permit No. 2021-44399, Precinct 3.**
 - H. Approve permit application from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T Texas/ United Engineers Inc to install fiber optic cable along Spring Green Boulevard and Pine Mill Ranch Drive, Permit No. 2021-44741, Precinct 3.**

Item 9 continued - Engineering - Permits:

- I. Approve release of performance bond from TDJJ Construction for work completed at 4411 Los Alamos Court, Permit No. 2020-40001, Precinct 3.
 - J. Approve permit application from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T Texas/United Engineers Inc to install a telecommunication cabinet along West Bellfort, Permit No. 2021-44589, Precinct 4.
10. **ENGINEERING-DEVELOPMENT:**
- A. Approve the plat for Waller Crossing Drive Street Dedication, Precinct 1.
 - B. Approve the plat for the roads within Caldwell Ranch Section 3A, Precinct 1.
 - C. Approve the plat for the lots within Caldwell Ranch Section 3A, Precinct 1.
 - D. Set public hearing for acceptance of the traffic control plan for Jordan Ranch Street Dedication No 5 and Reserves, Precinct 3. *(Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.)*
 - E. Set public hearing on the request to modify the Fort Bend County Major Thoroughfare Plan, specifically Golfview Drive extension from Richmond Parkway to FM 359, Pitts Road, and Edgewood and Baudet Drives within the extraterritorial jurisdictions of Richmond, Precinct 1. *(Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.)*
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. Pay Application No. 5 in the amount of \$98,924.36 to Nash Industries, for renovations regarding the Jail Shower Renovation;
 - B. Pay Application No. 3 (Bob Lutts Library) in the amount of \$16,650.00, to Gutier, for roof replacement regarding the 6 Roof Replacements;
 - C. Invoice No. 53730 in the amount of \$3,510.00 to Pacheco Koch, for Engineering Services regarding Daily Park.
12. **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES:**
- Social Services: Accept funds in the amount of \$5,000 from Reliant Energy to provide assistance to qualified County residents under Reliant Energy Assistance Program.**
13. **HUMAN RESOURCES:**
- A. Approve and record into Minutes the application for appointment of Deputy Constables Gilbert Perez, James Reed, Edgar Clayton, Genea Arambula, Muhammad Tariq, Jimmy Evans III, Salvador DeLaRiva Jr, Asia Jones, James Stewart, Marco Scott, Michael Waller, Kenisha Brown, Andrew Cachero, John Johnson, Henry Palacios and Usama Shahid, by Constable Precinct 4, in accordance with Constable's form dated April 6, 2021 pursuant to Local Government Code §86.011.

Item 13 continued - Human Resources:

- B. Approve and record into Minutes the application for appointment of Deputy Constables, Meka Patterson, Kendria Newsome and Marquita Hilliard, by Constable Precinct 2, in accordance with Constable’s form dated April 7, 2021 pursuant to Local Government Code §86.011.**

14. PURCHASING:

- A. Authorize advertising for bids for cement stabilized sand.**
- B. Authorize advertising bids to purchase stylus pens for the Elections Department.**
- C. Approve Fourth Addendum to Renewal Service Agreement between Fort Bend County and Indigent Healthcare Solutions, pursuant to RFP 02-069, to provide data processing service for the Indigent Health Care Department, effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$196,158.96. (Fund: Indigent Health Care)**
- D. Approve Amendment to Agreement between Fort Bend County and The Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Houston to provide CARES Act funding for eligible Child Care Services originally approved on October 13, 2020 to extend the performance date through December 31, 2021 with no change in funding amount. (Funding from CARES Act - Local Government Assistance Program)**

15. TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR:

Record into Minutes the Summary Monthly Report of Property Taxes Collected in February 2021 as submitted by the Office of Carmen P. Turner, Tax Assessor/Collector.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Consent Agenda
Items 6 - 15.

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

16. COUNTY JUDGE:

- A. Take all appropriate action on Resolution in support of Senate Bills 1988 and 1990 in the 87th session of the Texas Legislature and the Gulf Coast Rail District's efforts to advocate for quality transportation options in the Fort Bend County and the Gulf Coast Region.**

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Resolution in support of Senate Bills 1988 and 1990 in the 87th session of the Texas Legislature and the Gulf Coast Rail District's efforts to advocate for quality transportation options in (remove "the") Fort Bend County and the Gulf Coast Region.

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

- B. Take all appropriate action to approve the hourly wages of Fort Bend County Election Judges to \$20 per hour, Election Day Clerks to \$17 per hour, Early Voting Clerks to \$20 per hour and Members of the Early Voting Ballot Board to \$20 per hour, effective with the May 1, 2021 Election. (Fund: Elections)**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve the hourly wages of Fort Bend County Election Judges to \$20 per hour, Election Day Clerks to \$17 per hour, Early Voting Clerks to \$20 per hour and Members of the Early Voting Ballot Board to \$20 per hour, effective with the May 1, 2021 Election. (Fund: Elections)

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

17. DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

Take all appropriate action on grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, for funding in an amount of \$159,410 for a Gangs/Organized Crimes Criminal Intelligence Analyst for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023, with no cash match required by Fort Bend County. (Fund: District Attorney)

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, for funding in an amount of \$159,410 for a Gangs/Organized Crimes Criminal Intelligence Analyst for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023, with no cash match required by Fort Bend County. (Fund: District Attorney)

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

18. ENGINEERING:

A. 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 Grand Trails Sec 1 on behalf of R.G. Miller Engineers, Precinct 3.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
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 Grand Trails Sec 1 on behalf of R.G. Miller Engineers, Precinct 3.

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

B. Take all appropriate action on plat for the roads within Grand Trails Sec 1, Precinct 3.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve plat for the roads within Grand Trails Sec 1, Precinct 3.

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

Item 18 continued - Engineering:

C. Take all appropriate action on the plat for the lots within Grand Trails Sec 1, Precinct 3.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve plat for the lots within Grand Trails Sec 1, Precinct 3.

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

D. Take all appropriate action on Letter of No Objection between Fort Bend County and Atmos Energy Corporation, regarding construction of Katy Flewellen Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 13316, Precinct 3.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Letter of No Objection between Fort Bend County and Atmos Energy Corporation, regarding construction of Katy Flewellen Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 13316, Precinct 3.

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

E. Take all appropriate action on Amendment to Interlocal Agreement between Fort Bend County and the City of Rosenberg, regarding sanitary sewer improvements related to Benton Road - Segment 1, Mobility Bond Project No. 17110.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Amendment to Interlocal Agreement between Fort Bend County and the City of Rosenberg, regarding sanitary sewer improvements related to Benton Road - Segment 1, Mobility Bond Project No. 17110.

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

Item 18 continued - Engineering:

- F. Take all appropriate action on Interlocal Governmental Agreement between Fort Bend County and Renn Road Municipal Utility District of Harris and Fort Bend Counties, for Road Facilities in an amount not to exceed \$8,884 regarding Sugarland-Howell Road at West Keegans Bayou Improvement District Trail Connection, Mobility Bond Project No. 13218x, Precinct 2. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Interlocal Governmental Agreement between Fort Bend County and Renn Road Municipal Utility District of Harris and Fort Bend Counties, for Road Facilities in an amount not to exceed \$8,884 regarding Sugarland-Howell Road at West Keegans Bayou Improvement District Trail Connection, Mobility Bond Project No. 13218x, Precinct 2. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

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

- G. Take all appropriate action on Interlocal Agreement between Fort Bend County and Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No.190, regarding a detention pond for the Fort Bend Westpark Tollway, Precinct 2.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Interlocal Agreement between Fort Bend County and Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No.190, regarding a detention pond for the Fort Bend Westpark Tollway, Precinct 2.

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

Item 18 continued - Engineering:

H. Take all appropriate action on requests for authorization to purchase the following parcels plus necessary costs and authorize County Judge to sign all necessary closing documents regarding FM 521 (North), Mobility Bond Project No. 17113, Precinct 1, and authorize County Clerk to record in the Official Public Records at no cost. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

- Parcel 102A in the amount of \$26,970.95;
- Parcel 102B in the amount of \$23,653.00;
- Parcel 102C in the amount of \$27,978.95;
- Parcel 102D in the amount of \$6,968.95;
- Parcel 108 in the amount of \$37,219.95.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve, as stated, requests for authorization to purchase the following parcels plus necessary costs and authorize County Judge to sign all necessary closing documents regarding FM 521 (North), Mobility Bond Project No. 17113, Precinct 1, and authorize County Clerk to record in the Official Public Records at no cost. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

- Parcel 102A in the amount of \$26,970.95;
- Parcel 102B in the amount of \$23,653.00;
- Parcel 102C in the amount of \$27,978.95;
- Parcel 102D in the amount of \$6,968.95;
- Parcel 108 in the amount of \$37,219.95.

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

19. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT & PLANNING:

A. Take all appropriate action on First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for Joint Use of the Missouri City Middle School Gymnasium between Fort Bend County and Fort Bend County Independent School District.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for Joint Use of the Missouri City Middle School Gymnasium between Fort Bend County and Fort Bend County Independent School District.

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

Item 19 continued - Facilities Management & Planning:

- B. Take all appropriate action to accept a 0.889 acre tract of land pursuant to the First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for Joint Use of the Missouri City Middle School Gymnasium between Fort Bend County and Fort Bend County Independent School District, and authorize County Clerk to record the same in the Official Public Records at no cost.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to accept a 0.889 acre tract of land pursuant to the First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for Joint Use of the Missouri City Middle School Gymnasium between Fort Bend County and Fort Bend County Independent School District, and authorize County Clerk to record the same in the Official Public Records at no cost.

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

20. FAIRGROUNDS:

Take all appropriate action on changes to the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds fee schedule effective April 13, 2021.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve changes to the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds fee schedule effective April 13, 2021.

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

21. PUBLIC DEFENDER:

- A. Take all appropriate action on the FY2022 Grant Renewal Application and Resolution to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission in an amount of \$128,559 with a match by Fort Bend County of \$71,045 and authorize County Judge to sign all documents pertaining to acceptance of the grant. (Fund: FY2022 Public Defender)**

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve the FY2022 Grant Renewal Application and Resolution to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission in an amount of \$128,559 with a match by Fort Bend County of \$71,045 and authorize County Judge to sign all documents pertaining to acceptance of the grant. (Fund: FY2022 Public Defender)

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

- B. Take all appropriate action on request to transfer the amount of \$4,000 from Travel (\$2,000) and from Non-Departmental Contingency (\$2,000) into Information Technology as detailed on Chief's form dated April 7, 2021 to allocate funds for the installation of an Intercom.**

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to transfer the amount of \$4,000 from Travel (\$2,000) and from Non-Departmental Contingency (\$2,000) into Information Technology as detailed on Chief's form dated April 7, 2021 to allocate funds for the installation of an Intercom.

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

Roderick Glass, Chief Public Defender stated the Intercom will be placed in the entryway to the Public Defender's space in the Justice Center.

22. PURCHASING:

- A. Take all appropriate action on Agreement between Fort Bend County and University of Houston for Mental Health Collaboration FOCUS Youth Program, in an amount not to exceed \$193,527 to provide evaluations and assessments for mental health treatment, engagement and adherence, effective March 23, 2021 through September 30, 2023. (Fund: Grant, Bureau of Justice Assistance)**

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve the Agreement between Fort Bend County and University of Houston for Mental Health Collaboration FOCUS Youth Program, in an amount not to exceed \$193,527 to provide evaluations and assessments for mental health treatment, engagement and adherence, effective March 23, 2021 through September 30, 2023. (Fund: Grant, Bureau of Justice Assistance)

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

- B. Take all appropriate action on Addendum to Agreement between Fort Bend County and Hunton Services utilizing Choice Partners Purchasing Cooperative Contract Number 19/036MR-03 for refrigeration equipment replacement at the Fort Bend County Jail, in an amount not to exceed \$128,198. (Fund: Facilities Jail Maintenance)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
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 19/036MR-03 for refrigeration equipment replacement at the Fort Bend County Jail, in an amount not to exceed \$128,198. (Fund: Facilities Jail Maintenance)

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

Item 22 continued - Purchasing:

- C. Take all appropriate action on First Amendment to Agreement between Fort Bend County and Carter Brothers Consulting, LLP for professional consulting services in support of the County's plan to assist small and minority businesses negatively impacted by COVID-19 as part of the Fort Bend CARES Act Local Government Assistance Program to increase the scope of services by \$250,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,250,000. (Fund: CARES Small Business)**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve First Amendment to Agreement between Fort Bend County and Carter Brothers Consulting, LLP for professional consulting services in support of the County's plan to assist small and minority businesses negatively impacted by COVID-19 as part of the Fort Bend CARES Act Local Government Assistance Program to increase the scope of services by \$250,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,250,000. (Fund: CARES Small Business)

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

23. 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 \$14,352,795.79 with operating expenditures totaling \$8,965,750.12.

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

24. Authorize County Auditor to pay and release time-sensitive disbursements on April 22, 2021 to be ratified by Commissioners Court on April 27, 2021.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to authorize County Auditor to pay and release time-sensitive disbursements on April 22, 2021 to be ratified by Commissioners Court on April 27, 2021.

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

25. WORKSHOP:

Workshop to receive presentation by Central Appraisal District.

Jordan Wise, Chief Appraiser, Fort Bend Central Appraisal District presented to the court information regarding the 2021 appraisal values, market trends and provided information about some of the programs the Appraisal District has engaged over the last year to improve the Appraisal District's ability to serve the public. Mr. Wise gave an overview of the residential real estate market, new construction, commercial real estate market, a summary of the market values and the new FBCAD programs.

Recess:

Recessed at 1:59 p.m.

26. 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.

ERCOT system failures to the electric grid experienced during the February 2021 Winter Storm.

Closed Session:

Convened at 2:14 p.m.
Adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Reconvene:

Reconvened at 2:32 p.m.

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

§ 551.071. Consultation With Attorney.

ERCOT system failures to the electric grid experienced during the February 2021 Winter Storm.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to authorize the Fort Bend County Attorney's Office to act, on behalf of Fort Bend County to engage outside counsel to file suit to ensure accountability to the residents of Fort Bend County regarding recent failures in the reliable provision of electric services and to ensure future reliable provision of electric services to the residents of Fort Bend County and/or the structure of Chapter 39 of the Texas Public Utility Regulatory Act.

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

28. Adjournment.

Commissioners Court adjourned at 2:33 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers,
to adjourn.

I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.



Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas