

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 3RD DAY of AUGUST, 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
ANDY MEYERS	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3
KEN R. DEMERCHANT	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4
LAURA RICHARD	COUNTY CLERK

Commissioner Grady Prestage absent.

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 July 27, 2021.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve minutes of regular meeting held on July 27, 2021.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Absent
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 COVID status. An average of 195 new COVID cases per day were reported last week, which is an increase of 149 cases per day over the average a month ago. Hospitalizations for COVID related illnesses averaged 121 patients per day, which is an increase of 70 patients per day compared to the average of the previous month. The 7 day average of ICU patients being admitted for COVID stands at 18.1%, which is an increase of 9.7% over the previous month. Testing has increased at all of the Fort Bend County testing sites. Test positivity has increased and hospitals, who report to Health and Human Services, continue to be in the double digits. Dr. Minter stated the Delta variant is contributing to this increase. The most current data shows at least 84% of the virus circulating in our County is of the Delta variant. Over 90% of our patients, who have COVID and are hospitalized in Fort Bend County are unvaccinated. In Fort Bend County, 96% of COVID related deaths occurring are unvaccinated. The hospitals and ERs are full and the healthcare staff is once again being stretched to their limits. Currently, 60% who are 12 and older are fully vaccinated in Fort Bend County. Over 80% of 65 and over have been fully vaccinated. Residents of Fort Bend County are encouraged to be vaccinated and talk with others to get correct information about getting vaccinated. Based on CDC's recommendation, people who are vaccinated or unvaccinated will wear masks. Local data has shown when people wore masks, were distancing, washed hands really well, we had less disease. People are being asked to do what they know to do to decrease the spread of the disease in our County.

Commissioner Meyers asked Dr. Minter if the Delta variant is more contagious than the original; but not quite as severe.

Dr. Minter stated we are continuing to learn more about the Delta variant. It is more contagious; but cannot say it is more severe.

Commissioner Morales indicated he is getting more requests for testing.

Dr. Minter stated the County has three locations that are regular clinics. There are drive-up testing at the Rosenberg Annex, Katy Annex and Stafford. Many of the pharmacies also have testing.

Judge George stated he has elevated the threat level from yellow to orange, which is significant risk because data suggest the threat in Fort Bend County is greater with the fourth wave of the virus. Judge is calling on all County staff to wear masks and encourage those who are physically able to get vaccinated. Beginning next week, health screenings will resume for all employees and visitors in the County facilities. Additionally, physical distancing is being reinstated in areas of congregation, including Commissioners Court.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: 1:09 p.m.: Conduct Public Hearings and take all appropriate action on the following matters:

Public hearing held. No public comments.

- A. Acceptance of the traffic control plan for Circle Oak Parkway in Berry Tract, Precinct 1.**
- B. Acceptance of the traffic control plan for Trammel Fresno Road at FM 521 Additional Lane Use Sign, Precinct 1.**

Item 5 continued - Public Hearings:

- C. **Street name modification to change a portion from existing Sims Road to Sims Court and add Gaupp Way, due to Mobility Project No. 17119, Precinct 1.**
- D. **Acceptance of the traffic control plan for Winfield Lakes North, Section 6, Precinct 2.**
- E. **Acceptance of the traffic control plan for Deer Run Meadows Section One, Precinct 3.**
- F. **County Judge: Receive public comments on the Application to the U.S. Department of Justice for FY 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funds in the amount of \$64,034.**
- G. **Homeland Security and Emergency Management: Receive public comments on the submission of a Grant Application to the Texas General Land Office under the Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation Program.**

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: 6 - 19

- 6. **OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL: Approve out-of-state travel requests for County personnel:**

Sheriff's Office: Approve out of state travel for J. Kelley to Gallatin, Tennessee, November 8 through November 12, 2021, to attend the Essential Animal Services Training. (Fund: Sheriff's Enforcement)
- 7. **COUNTY JUDGE:**

Record into the minutes the continuation Certificate for the Official Bond of Jerry Bussell, temporary Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, in the amount of \$5,000 effective January 1, 2021 until January 1, 2022.
- 8. **BUDGET TRANSFER(s)**
 - A. **400th District Court: Approve transfer in the amount of \$1,485 from Supplies & Maintenance and Property & Equipment into Information Technology, to allocate additional funds to purchase a new printer.**
 - B. **Public Defender: Approve transfer request in the amount of \$100 from Property & Equipment into Information Technology to allocate funds for the purchase of a printer for Magistration Attorney.**

9. ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION:

Approve Invoice Transmittal in the amount of \$1,899.00 to the Texas Secretary of State for reimbursement of Chapter 19 Funds paid to County twice.

10. ENGINEERING-PAYMENTS:

- A. Approve correction to Agenda Item 11G from Commissioners Court meeting on July 6, 2021; so it reads: Approve payment of Invoice No. 45898 in the amount of \$24,789.54 to Binkley & Barfield, Inc. for project management services regarding 2020 Mobility Bond Projects within Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- B. Approve correction to Agenda Item 11AA from Commissioners Court meeting on July 6, 2021; so it reads: Approve payment of Invoice No. 82786 in the amount of \$71,916.55, Invoice No. 83051 in the amount of \$27,724.10 and Invoice No. 83308 in the amount of \$8,992.00 to R.G. Miller Engineers, Inc. for professional engineering services regarding Beechnut Street, Mobility Bond Project No. 17410, Precincts 3 and 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- C. Approve correction to Agenda Item 23D, on the July 6, 2021 agenda to read as follows: Take all appropriate action to accept a 4.671 acre tract of land conveyed by donation deed and Easement Agreement from Old South Plantation, Inc., to Fort Bend County and authorize payment of title policy fees related to such conveyance, regarding parcels P06, P06A, P06B, P06C and P06D of Brandt Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17310, Precinct 3 and authorize County Clerk to record in the Official Public Records at no cost. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- D. Approve payment of Invoice No. 46352 in the amount of \$20,589.70 to Binkley & Barfield, Inc. for project management services regarding 2017 Mobility Bond Projects within Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- E. Approve payment of Invoice No. 46361 in the amount of \$15,847.58 to Binkley & Barfield, Inc. for project management services regarding 2020 Mobility Bond Projects within Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- F. Approve payment of Invoice No. 7 Final in the amount of \$15,558.27 to Triple B Services, LLP regarding construction of Humphrey Way, Mobility Bond Project No. x9, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- G. Approve payment of Invoice No. 10765-19 in the amount of \$11,381.71 to James Construction Group for construction of Old Needville Fairchilds Road, Mobility Bond Projects No. 13109 and No. 17109, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- H. Approve payment of Invoice No. 6 Final in the amount of \$314,266.74 to Hurtado Construction Company for construction of A. Myers, Mobility Bond Project No. 13102, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- I. Approve payment of Invoice No. 11762-22 in the amount of \$30,153.60 to Othon, Inc. for professional construction management services regarding Mobility Projects in Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- J. Approve payment of Invoice No. 621036 in the amount of \$34,007.91 to RPS for professional project management services regarding 2013 Mobility Bond Projects within Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

Item 10 continued - Engineering - Payments:

- K. Approve payment of Invoice No. 2607 in the amount of \$15,076.80 to Taylor Construction Management, LLC for construction inspection services for Mobility Bond Projects within Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- L. Approve payment of Invoice No. 1 in the amount of \$18,420.80 to HJ Consulting, Inc. for construction inspection services regarding Mobility Bond Projects within Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- M. Approve payment of Invoice No. 778156R in the amount of \$52,380.00 to KCI Technologies for professional engineering services regarding 2017 Mobility Projects within Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- N. Approve payment of Invoice. No. 17CM01-27 in the amount of \$15,420.00 to Isani Consultants, L.P. for professional construction management services regarding Mobility Projects, Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- O. Approve payment of Invoice No. FTBC2000489.00-6 in the amount of \$10,072.64 and Invoice No. FTBC2000489.00-7 in the amount of \$22,500.00 to Chiang, Patel and Yerby, Inc. for professional engineering services regarding Packer Lane Lift Station No. 3, Mobility Bond Project No. 13219x, Precinct 2. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- P. Approve payment of Invoice No. 30 in the amount of \$11,675.00 to The Guess Group, Inc. for property acquisitions services regarding 2017 Mobility Bond Projects within Precinct 2. (Fund: Right of Way)**
- Q. Approve payment of Invoice No. 10055362 in the amount of \$7,822.80 to Halff Associates, Inc. for professional traffic design services regarding FM 359 at Fulshear-Gaston Road, Precinct 3. (Fund: Certificates of Obligation)**
- R. Approve payment of Invoice No. 1072953 in the amount of \$4,131.00 to Neel-Schaffer, Inc. for professional engineering services regarding Traffic Signal I, Mobility Bond Project No. 20315x, Precinct 3. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- S. Approve payment of Invoice No. 22-0156668 in the amount of \$35,608.89 to IDS Engineering Group for professional engineering services regarding Harlem Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17402, Precincts 3 and 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- T. Approve payment of Invoice No. H014379 Final in the amount of \$67,352.32 to Raba Kistner, Inc. for construction materials testing regarding Clodine Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17417, Precinct 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- U. Approve payment of Invoice No. 1072949 in the amount of \$350.00 to Neel-Schaffer, Inc. for professional engineering services regarding Pheasant Creek at Old Richmond Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17415, Precinct 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- V. Approve payment of Invoice No. 202114042 in the amount of \$18,940.49 to LJA Engineering, Inc. for project management services regarding 2017 Mobility Bond Projects within Precinct 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

11. ENGINEERING-PERMITS:

- A. Approve permit application from William Jarrell/The Blodgett Company to install a commercial driveway at 6310 Pleak Road, Permit No. 2021-46868, Precinct 1.**
- B. Approve permit application from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T Texas/TDC2 to install fiber optic cable along Gosling Pass and Owen Bend Drive, Permit No. 2021-47477, Precinct 1.**
- C. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install fiber optic cable along Post Road, Permit No. 2021-47471, Precinct 1.**
- D. Approve permit application from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T Texas/TDC2 to install fiber optic cable along Mount Logan, Permit No. 2021-47472, Precinct 1.**
- E. Approve permit application from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T Texas/TDC2 to install utility cable along Reindeer Run, Caribou Cove and Swift Fox Corner, Permit No. 2021-47470, Precinct 1.**
- F. Approve permit application from PS Light Wave, Inc to install a utility pole along Richmond Parkway, Permit No. 2021-47448, Precinct 1.**
- G. Approve permit application from CNR Contractors Incorporated to install utility cable crossing under Padon Road, Hughes Road, Barek Road and Wolfgang Road, Permit No. 2021-47392, Precinct 1.**
- H. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install utility cable along Alief Clodine Road, Permit No. 2021-47380, Precinct 2.**
- I. Approve permit application from DivisionOne Construction, LLC to install 2 new commercial driveways on Old Richmond Road, one new commercial driveway and a construction entrance on Belknap Road, Permit No. 2021-47312, Precinct 2.**
- J. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install fiber optic cable along Galahad Court, Permit No. 2021-47473, Precinct 2.**
- K. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install fiber optic cable crossing under Fort Bend Parkway Toll Road along Lake Olympia Parkway, Permit No. 2021-47197, Precinct 2.**
- L. Approve permit application from Crown Castle Fiber LLC to install fiber optic cable along Westheimer Parkway, Permit No. 2021-47469, Precinct 3.**
- M. Approve permit application from Crown Castle Fiber LLC to install fiber optic cable along Peek Road, Permit No. 2021-47467, Precinct 3.**
- N. Approve permit application from Crown Castle Fiber LLC to install fiber optic cable along Seven Meadows Parkway, Permit No. 2021-47468, Precinct 3.**
- O. Approve release of performance bond from Tikon Group, Inc. for work completed on W Grand Parkway S, Permit No. 2021-44361, Precinct 4.**

Item 11 continued - Engineering - Permits:

- P. Approve release of Cashier's check from A-S 144 Grand Parkway for work completed on Aliana Trace and Clouston Avenue, Permit No. 2020-37064, Precinct 4.
- 12. ENGINEERING-DEVELOPMENT:**
- A. Approve request for Fort Bend County to sponsor a Texas Department of Transportation project on behalf of D.R. Horton, Ltd. to expedite the construction of a public road connection at FM 2977 to serve Windstone on the Prairie, Precinct 1.
 - B. Accept the bond rider for Sienna Section 29A reducing it from \$77,755.30 to \$38,877.65, Precinct 1.
 - C. Accept the bond rider for Avalon Run and Avalon Point Street Dedication reducing it from \$193,789.40 to \$96,894.70, Precinct 2.
 - D. Approve the plat for Grand Mission Reserves partial replat No. 1, Precinct 3.
 - E. Approve the plat for the lots within Highland Meadows Section Two, Precinct 1.
 - F. Approve the plat for the roads within Highland Meadows Section Two, Precinct 1.
 - G. Set public hearing for acceptance of the traffic control plan for Avalon Run and Avalon Point Street Dedication, Precinct 2. *(Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.)*
- 13. 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 Certificates of Obligation:**
- A. Pay Application No. 4 (Retainage - Boys & Girls Club) and No. 3 (Retainage - Sugar Land Library) for a total amount of \$10,803.95 to Strategic Roofing Solutions for 6 Roof Replacements;
 - B. Invoice No. IN393690 in the amount of \$2,619.90 to NWN, for network equipment regarding the Precinct 3 Public Safety Annex;
 - C. Pay Application No. 5 in the amount of \$301,726.61 to Crain Group for construction services regarding the Emergency Operations Center.
- 14. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES:**
- A. Social Services: Approval Letter from Reliant Energy, accepting contribution of funds in an amount of \$5,000 to provide assistance to qualified County residents under the Reliant CARE Program to Fort Bend County Social Services.
 - B. Health & Human Services: Approve Renewal of Agreement for FFP funding between Fort Bend County and Justice Benefits, Inc., effective June 23, 2021 through June 22, 2022.

Item 14 continued - Health & Human Services:

- C. **Health & Human Services:** Approve Temporary Facility Use Agreement between Fort Bend County and Richmond Rosenberg Boys and Girls Club to use designated space for a communicable disease testing site, vaccination site, or as otherwise mutually agreed by Richmond Rosenberg Boys and Girls Club and Fort Bend Health and Human Services Director.

15. HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Fort Bend County and the National United States Armed Forces Museum to provide assistance with equipment to be used for Search and Rescue, evacuations, and resupply during the disaster.

16. HUMAN RESOURCES:

Approve the rehire of former employee Robin Cole, who terminated employment on July 5, 2019, and who will be rehired effective August 9, 2021.

17. PURCHASING:

Authorize advertising for bids for purchase of vehicles.

18. ROAD & BRIDGE:

- A. **Vehicle Maintenance:** Approve payment of Invoice No. 21-018 in an amount of \$30,280.00 to Helfman Ford for an approved 2021 budgeted vehicle.
- B. **Vehicle Maintenance:** Approve payment of Invoice No. 40292285-00 for an amount totaling \$12,250.00 to Mcgee Company for an approved Brake Lathe.

19. TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR:

Approve & record into Minutes tax payment refunds in the amount of \$11,742.27 for the Office of Carmen P. Turner.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Consent Agenda Items 6 - 19.

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

20. COUNTY JUDGE:

- A. Take all appropriate action on Application to the U.S. Department of Justice for the FY 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in an amount of \$64,034 with no local match, and authorize certification of all documents related to the Application.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Application to the U.S. Department of Justice for the FY 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in an amount of \$64,034 with no local match, and authorize certification of all documents related to the Application.

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

- B. Take all appropriate action on Modification No. M-007 to Contract No. 696-HS-16-17-L089 between Texas Department of Criminal Justice and Fort Bend County for a new contract term effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Modification No. M-007 to Contract No. 696-HS-16-17-L089 between Texas Department of Criminal Justice and Fort Bend County for a new contract term effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023.

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

21. COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1:

- Take all appropriate action on Project Agreement between Fort Bend County and Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No.116, regarding Payne Lane Extension with reimbursement by Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 116 for all materials used.**

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Project Agreement between Fort Bend County and Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No.116, regarding Payne Lane Extension with reimbursement by Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 116 for all materials used.

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

22. COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3:

Take all appropriate action to appoint Gregory Rodger to the Emergency Services District Board No. 1 to fill the unexpired term of Mark “Skip” Hutnek who has stepped down after moving from the District, effective August 31, 2021.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and carried (4-0), it is ordered to appoint Gregory Rodger to the Emergency Services District Board No. 1 to fill the unexpired term of Mark “Skip” Hutnek who has stepped down after moving from the District, effective August 31, 2021.

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

23. AUDITOR:

Take all appropriate action to approve the implementation of the Small Business Employment Incentive Program.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve the implementation of the Small Business Employment Incentive Program.

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

24. ENGINEERING:

Take all appropriate action on conveyance of Special Warranty Deed between Fort Bend County and Fort Bend County Municipal Management District No. 1, regarding Harlem Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17402, Precinct 4, and authorize County Clerk to record in the Official Public Records at no cost. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve conveyance of Special Warranty Deed between Fort Bend County and Fort Bend County Municipal Management District No. 1, regarding Harlem Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17402, Precinct 4, and authorize County Clerk to record in the Official Public Records at no cost. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

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

25. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT & PLANNING:

A. Take all necessary action to authorize the use of Certificates of Obligation to fund replacement of the roof at the Jane Long Building in an amount not to exceed \$271,000. (Fund: Certificates of Obligation)

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and carried (4-0), it is ordered to authorize the use of Certificates of Obligation to fund replacement of the roof at the Jane Long Building in an amount not to exceed \$271,000. (Fund: Certificates of Obligation)

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

B. Take all appropriate action to authorize the use of Certificates of Obligation for additional funds regarding the Jail Elevators in an amount not to exceed \$27,500. (Fund: Certificates of Obligation)

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and carried (4-0), it is ordered to authorize the use of Certificates of Obligation for additional funds regarding the Jail Elevators in an amount not to exceed \$27,500. (Fund: Certificates of Obligation)

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

26. FIRE MARSHAL:

Take all appropriate action on issuance of check to Rosenberg Fire Department in an amount of \$5,000 as part of the Interlocal Agreement between Fort Bend County and the City of Rosenberg for Fire Protection in Unincorporated Fort Bend County. (Fund: Fire Marshal-Public Assistance)

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve issuance of check to Rosenberg Fire Department in an amount of \$5,000 as part of the Interlocal Agreement between Fort Bend County and the City of Rosenberg for Fire Protection in Unincorporated Fort Bend County. (Fund: Fire Marshal-Public Assistance)

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

27. HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Take all appropriate action on submission of Application, and Resolution for Grant Number 4358501 to the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, for Homeland Security Grant funding, in an amount of \$177,000 for the Backup Emergency Operations Center Upgrades Project, effective September 1, 2021, through October 31, 2021, with no cash match required by the County. (Fund: Homeland Security Grant Program)

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve submission of Application, and Resolution for Grant Number 4358501 to the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, for Homeland Security Grant funding, in an amount of \$177,000 for the Backup Emergency Operations Center Upgrades Project, effective September 1, 2021, through October 31, 2021, with no cash match required by the County. (Fund: Homeland Security Grant Program)

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

28. HUMAN RESOURCES:

- A. Take all appropriate action to authorize the County Judge to execute Fort Bend County's Texas County & District Retirement System (TCDRS) Plan Authorization for the Plan Year 2022 and consider action on the following items: changes in the plan provisions for non-retirees; Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for retirees; and payment of a rate greater than the TCDRS required rate.**

Commissioner Meyers outlined the County's alternatives of various retiree COLA options:

The County will be required to pay a rate of 13.45% for the basics for our employees.
The alternatives for COLA for the Retirees are from 10 – 100%, which would be an increase in the rate from 13.45% to a higher rate.

No Retiree COLA	– 13.45%
1% Flat	– 13.62%
2% Flat	– 13.79%
10% CPI	– 13.58%
20% CPI	– 13.75%
30% CPI	– 13.95%
40% CPI	– 14.18%
50% CPI	– 14.40%
60% CPI	– 14.63%
70% CPI	– 14.85%
80% CPI	– 15.07%
90% CPI	– 15.30%
100% CPI	– 15.52%

If the County pays 100% CPI, the 15.52% is 2% higher than the rate that is require to be paid.

Item 28 continued - Human Resources:

Pamela Gubbels, Director of Finance and Investments, stated at the 100% of CPI, the cost is \$40.1 million.

Kathy Novosad, Director of Human Resources, explained the \$40.1 million is the increase to the Unfunded Actuarial Liability over the amortization of the COLA, which is 20 years. This is what we would fund the plan in order to meet the obligations in the future.

Commissioner Meyers suggested this item be pulled until the analysis is complete. He would like to see what the impact will be to the retirees and the Budget.

This Item has been pulled.

No Action

B. Take all appropriate action on request for two new full time positions, Youth Employment Program Coordinator, Grade 9 of the Administrative Clerical Policy Group, effective August 7, 2021. (Fund: American Rescue Plan Act)

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve request for two new full time positions, Youth Employment Program Coordinator, Grade 9 of the Administrative Clerical Policy Group, effective August 7, 2021. (Fund: American Rescue Plan Act)

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

Kathy Novosad, Director of Human Resources, stated these positions are to be housed in Human Resources. They will be working towards building the youth employment program an extension of the summer youth employment program. These funds were allocated for the summer youth program that were not expended, which will be used to fund this position.

Commissioner Morales explained the ARPA funds are being used for this and for the youth program. Commissioner asked if this is something being developed over the next four years.

Pamela Gubbels, Director of Finance and Investments, stated this is not in addition to the \$3 million; but is part of the \$3 million budgeted for the youth program.

C. Take all appropriate action on request to create a full time position, Economic Development Director, Grade 16 of the Professional Management Policy Group in the Economic Development Department and designate this position as an Executive Manager, effective August 3, 2021. (Fund: American Rescue Plan Act)

Pulled

29. PURCHASING:

A. Take all appropriate action on request to purchase one (1) truck from Lake Country Chevrolet for Risk Management, utilizing TIPS Contract Number 200206 in an amount not to exceed \$35,685.35. (Fund: Certificates of Obligation)

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve request to purchase one (1) truck from Lake Country Chevrolet for Risk Management, utilizing TIPS Contract Number 200206 in an amount not to exceed \$35,685.35. (Fund: Certificates of Obligation)

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

B. Take all appropriate action on request to purchase one (1) truck from Silsbee Ford for the Medical Examiner Office, utilizing TIPS Contract Number 200206 in an amount not to exceed \$34,042.50. (Fund: Certificates of Obligation)

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve request to purchase one (1) truck from Silsbee Ford for the Medical Examiner Office, utilizing TIPS Contract Number 200206 in an amount not to exceed \$34,042.50. (Fund: Certificates of Obligation)

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

C. Take all appropriate action on Bid 21-092 Construction of Detention Pond for the Precinct 3 North Library in Fort Bend County. (Fund: Advance Funding Resolution – Certificates of Obligation)

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and carried (4-0), it is ordered to award Bid 21-092 Construction of Detention Pond for the Precinct 3 North Library in Fort Bend County to low bidder Flintco, LLC, Houston, TX in the amount of \$945,485.41. (Fund: Advance Funding Resolution – Certificates of Obligation)

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

Item 29 continued - Purchasing:**D. Take all appropriate action on Bid 21-093, term contract for Law Enforcement Ammunition.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and carried (4-0), it is ordered to award Bid 21-093, term contract for Law Enforcement Ammunition to low bidder per item.

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

E. Take all appropriate action on Bid 21-094, for Purchase and Delivery of Rock Riprap.

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F. Take all appropriate action on Second Amendment to Agreement between Fort Bend County and KONE, Inc. for Elevator Modernization and Maintenance Services, utilizing the US Communities Cooperative Contract Number EV2516, for additional services at the Sheriff's Office Detention Center-West Tower, in an additional amount of \$27,500 and a total contract amount not to exceed \$582,000. (Fund: General Fund, Advance Funding Resolution)

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Second Amendment to Agreement between Fort Bend County and KONE, Inc. for Elevator Modernization and Maintenance Services, utilizing the US Communities Cooperative Contract Number EV2516, for additional services at the Sheriff's Office Detention Center-West Tower, in an additional amount of \$27,500 and a total contract amount not to exceed \$582,000. (Fund: General Fund, Advance Funding Resolution)

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

G. Take all appropriate action on Bid 21-091 Construction of Lift Station at Packer Lane for Fort Bend County Bond Project 13219X. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and carried (4-0), it is ordered to award Bid 21-091 Construction of Lift Station at Packer Lane for Fort Bend County Bond Project 13219X to low bidder, T&C Construction, Ltd., Houston, TX in the amount of \$722,000. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

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

Item 29 continued - Purchasing:

- H. Take all appropriate action on Third Amendment to Professional Engineering Services Agreement between Fort Bend County and Terra Associates, Inc., to increase the contract by \$80,710 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,507,765, pursuant to SOQ 14-025, regarding Lake Olympia Segment 2, Mobility Bond Project No's. 13217x and 17201, Precinct 2. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Third Amendment to Professional Engineering Services Agreement between Fort Bend County and Terra Associates, Inc., to increase the contract by \$80,710 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,507,765, pursuant to SOQ 14-025, regarding Lake Olympia Segment 2, Mobility Bond Project No's. 13217x and 17201, Precinct 2. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

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

- I. Take all appropriate action on Amendment to Project Management Agreement between Fort Bend County and Schaumburg & Polk, Inc., to increase the contract by \$411,432 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,411,432 and extend the contract time through December 31, 2025, regarding project management services for 2017 Mobility Bond Projects within Precinct 3. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Amendment to Project Management Agreement between Fort Bend County and Schaumburg & Polk, Inc., to increase the contract by \$411,432 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,411,432 and extend the contract time through December 31, 2025, regarding project management services for 2017 Mobility Bond Projects within Precinct 3. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

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

Item 29 continued - Purchasing:

- J. Take all appropriate action on Fourth Amendment to Professional Engineering Services Agreement between Fort Bend County and Lippke, Cartwright & Roberts, Inc., to increase the contract by \$31,556.50 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$498,085.50, regarding Front Street, Mobility Bond Project No. x18, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Fourth Amendment to Professional Engineering Services Agreement between Fort Bend County and Lippke, Cartwright & Roberts, Inc., to increase the contract by \$31,556.50 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$498,085.50, regarding Front Street, Mobility Bond Project No. x18, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

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

- K. Take all appropriate action on Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between Fort Bend County and Terra Associates, Inc., for a total contract amount not to exceed \$68,070, pursuant to SOQ 14-025, regarding US 90A, Mobility Bond Project No. 20404, Precinct 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between Fort Bend County and Terra Associates, Inc., for a total contract amount not to exceed \$68,070, pursuant to SOQ 14-025, regarding US 90A, Mobility Bond Project No. 20404, Precinct 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

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

30. SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

A. Take all appropriate action on Institutional Affiliation Agreement between Fort Bend County and Angelo State University Center for Student Internship effective August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Institutional Affiliation Agreement between Fort Bend County and Angelo State University Center for Student Internship effective August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022.

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

B. Take all appropriate action on Agreement between Fort Bend County and Justin Cloud for the transfer of a Law Enforcement Animal to the care of its handler or other persons familiar to the animal.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Agreement between Fort Bend County and Justin Cloud for the transfer of a Law Enforcement Animal to the care of its handler or other persons familiar to the animal.

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

C. Take all appropriate action on Addendum to Vehicle Borrower Application and Agreement between Fort Bend County and Mazda North American Operations for vehicles used in the Kids N' Cops and related Programs effective August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Addendum to Vehicle Borrower Application and Agreement between Fort Bend County and Mazda North American Operations for vehicles used in the Kids N' Cops and related Programs effective August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022.

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

31. Approve Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve bills in the amount of \$10,805,888.68 including Operating Payments of \$8,906,565.70.

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

Recess:

Recessed at 1:36 p.m.

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

§ 551.074. Personnel Matters. Commissioners Court will meet in Closed Session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.

- A. Annual Evaluation: Chief Engineer - Drainage District
Annual Evaluation: Director of Finance & Investments**
- B. Director of Human Resources**

Closed Session:

Convened at 1:45 p.m.
Adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Reconvene:

Reconvened at 5:06 p.m.

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

§ 551.074. Personnel Matters.

- A. Annual Evaluation: Chief Engineer - Drainage District
Annual Evaluation: Director of Finance & Investments**

This record indicates the evaluations are complete and will be part of their file.

Item 33 continued - Reconvene Open Session:

B. Director of Human Resources

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and carried (4-0), it is ordered to appoint Nicole Ledet as Director of Human Resources, at a Grade 16, effective first availability.

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

34. Adjournment.

Commissioners Court adjourned at 5:07 p.m. on Tuesday, August 3, 2021.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers,
to adjourn.



I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.

Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas