

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 4TH DAY of MAY, 2022, Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, met at a special budget 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 9:00 a.m.
2. **Conduct Budget Workshops.**

Pamela Gubbels, Director of Finance & Investments gave a brief introduction on the FY2023 Preliminary Budget. The total budget request is \$509 million, which is \$41 million over target for the General Fund. Based on the preliminary values received from the Central Appraisal District, there will be an additional \$23 million in new revenue, mostly because of the new improvements totaling \$4 billion. The tax revenue is capped at 3 1/2%. In order to maintain a healthy fund balance, the budget request must be reduced by \$48 million. The priority this year is the compensation study, which should be available in June and no salary adjustments have been included in the budget. Therefore, the \$48 million budget request reduction will be more due to any salary adjustments. There are \$22 million of new position requests, which is part of the \$48 million. Ms. Gubbels will work diligently with the departments to make the budget as efficiently as possible in order to include a salary increase and still have a healthy fund balance at the end of the year for the bond ratings or any emergency. By cutting the \$48 million from the budget request, the fund balance will be at 20%; but it should be between 25% - 30%. For each percentage point salaries are increased, the cost is \$2 million.

The following County Departments explained why their budget was over the target amount.

Community Development
Tax Assessor
County Clerk
Risk Management
Clinical Health Services
Immunizations
Animal Services
Social Services

Recess: 10:25 a.m.

Reconvene: 10:35 a.m.

Environmental Health
Health & Human Services
Public Health Emergency Preparedness
Senior Center
HHS - Epidemiology
Ambulance - EMS

Recess: 11:22 a.m.

Reconvene: 1:15 p.m.

Continued - The following County Departments explained why their budget was over the target amount.

County Court at Law 5
County Court at Law 3
County Court at Law 4
County Court at Law 6
County Court at Law 2
240th District Court
458th District Court
240th, 400th District Court Associate Judge
Justice of the Peace 4
District Clerk

3. Adjournment.

The Special Meeting / Budget Workshop adjourned at 2:41 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 2022.



I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.

Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas