

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 11TH DAY of JANUARY, 2022, Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, met at a regular meeting with the following present:

KP GEORGE	COUNTY JUDGE
GRADY PRESTAGE	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2
ANDY MEYERS	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3
KEN R. DEMERCHANT	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4
LAURA RICHARD	COUNTY CLERK

Commissioner Vincent Morales 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 Andy Meyers.
- 3. Approve minutes of regular meeting held on January 4, 2022.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve minutes of regular meeting held on January 4, 2022.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
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 and Human Services, gave an update on COVID-19 in Fort Bend County. New daily reported cases have risen to 1,400 new cases per day in the County, which reflects the Omicron variant. This variant makes up about 90% of the SARS-CoV-2 infections in Fort Bend County. SETRAC is currently reporting 31% of COVID positive hospitalizations at Fort Bend County hospitals and 25% of the ICU beds are occupied by COVID positive patients. According to DSHS, Fort Bend County has approximately 74% of eligible residents age 5 and above who are fully vaccinated. The County continues to provide opportunities for people to get vaccinated. This recent surge of cases has put an increase burden on hospitals, essential workers and our service sector, including restaurants and grocery stores. Dr. Minter asked everyone to continue to wear well-fitted masks, avoid crowds, stay away from others when ill and test when having symptoms or have been in close contact with a COVID positive person.

Judge George announced that Fort Bend County offices will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2022 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Judge also announced that January is National Human Trafficking Prevention month.

Tami Frazier, Communications Director for the Office of the County Judge presented a Proclamation, on behalf of Commissioners Court, to Street Grace for National Human Trafficking Prevention month in Fort Bend County, Texas. Street Grace is an organization that educates the youth on signs of Human Trafficking.

Ms. Frazier presented a Proclamation, on behalf of Commissioners Court, to Elijah Rising for National Human Trafficking Prevention month in Fort Bend County, Texas. Elijah Rising is a nonprofit organization with a mission to end Human Trafficking through prayer, awareness, intervention and restoration.

Also, Ms. Frazier presented a proclamation, on behalf of Commissioners Court, to the Missouri City NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) for its efforts in honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: 1:13 p.m.: Conduct Public Hearings and take all appropriate action on the following matters:

Public hearing held. No public comments.

Acceptance of the traffic control plan for Circle Seven Road in Circle Seven Road Street Dedication, Precinct 4.

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Agenda Item 5.

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: 6-14**6. OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL: Approve out-of-state travel requests for County personnel:**

- A. Records Management: S. Lovell to Denver, Colorado, April 27, 2022 through April 29, 2022 to attend the Association for Intelligent Information Management (AIIM) 2022 International Conference. (Fund: Records Management)**
- B. Sheriff's Office: C. Castillo, C. Schmidt, J. Robbins, and D. Bentley to Gilbert, Arizona, January 19, 2022 through January 21, 2022, to visit a state of the art Gun Range at Gilbert Arizona Police Department. (Fund: Gus George Academy)**
- C. Texas AgriLife (Extension): Ratify travel for Agent D. Turner to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, January 9, 2022 through January 11, 2022 to attend the Cattleman's Congress to represent Fort Bend County and AgriLife as the County Extension Agent for 4-H. (Fund: Texas AgriLife Extension)**

7. COUNTY JUDGE:

Record into the Minutes the Official Bonds commencing January 1, 2022 for:

Office	Holder
Constable Precinct 1	Chad Norvell
Constable Precinct 3	Nabil Shike
Constable Precinct 4	Mike Beard
Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Place 1	Kelly Nicole Crow
Justice of the Peace Precinct 3	Justin M. Joyce
Justice of the Peace Precinct 4	Gary D. Janssen

8. ENGINEERING-PAYMENTS:

- A. Approve payment of Invoice No. 23460205 in the amount of \$7,649.16 to BIO-West, Inc. for professional environmental services regarding West Sycamore and Westenfeldt, Mobility Bond Project No's. 17121x, 17122x, 17123x, and 17124x, Precinct 2. (Fund: Landfill Tipping Fees)**
- B. Approve payment of Invoice No. 12 in the amount of \$185,252.85 to Allgood Construction Company, Inc. for construction of Katy Flewellen Road, Mobility Project No. 13316, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- C. Approve correction to Agenda Item 10S from Commissioners Court meeting on December 7, 2021; so it reads: Approve payment of Invoice No. 23460203 in the amount of \$8,391.73 to BIO-West, Inc. for professional environmental services regarding West Sycamore and Westenfeldt, Mobility Bond Project No's. 17121x, 17122x, 17123x, and 17124x, Precinct 1. (Fund: Landfill Tipping Fees)**
- D. Approve payment of Invoice No. FBC1907-26 in the amount of \$66,688.00 to AIG Technical Services, LLC for professional engineering services regarding Mobility Bond Projects within Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

Item 8 continued - Engineering - Payments:

- E. Approve payment of Invoice Nos. 0326495, 0326496, 0326498, 0326499 in the amount of \$7,117.83 to Percheron, LLC for professional acquisition services for 2017 Mobility Projects within Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4. (Fund: Right of Way)**
- F. Approve payment of Invoice No. 2685 in the amount of \$17,781.60 to Taylor Construction Management, LLC for construction inspection services for Mobility Bond Projects within Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- G. Approve payment of Invoice No. 7 in the amount of \$16,644.80 to HJ Consulting, Inc. for construction inspection services regarding Mobility Bond Projects within Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- H. Approve payment of Invoice No. 17CM01-30 in the amount of \$24,265.50 to Isani Consultants, L.P. for professional construction management services regarding Mobility Projects, Precinct 1, 2, 3, and 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- I. Approve payment of Invoice No. 15 in the amount of \$116,831.49 to Allgood Construction Company, Inc. for construction of Old Richmond Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17208, Precincts 3 and 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- J. Approve payment of Invoice No. 13 in the amount of \$342,144.52 to Allgood Construction Company, Inc. for paving and drainage improvements regarding Beechnut Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17204, Precinct 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- K. Approve payment of Invoice No. 10 in the amount of \$34,740.66 to Gonzalez Construction Enterprise, Inc. for reconstruction of Bryan Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17118, Precinct 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- 9. ENGINEERING-PERMITS:**
 - A. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install fiber optic cable crossing under Willow Fin Way, Permit No. 2021-51136, Precinct 1**
 - B. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install utility cable along Jordan Crossing Boulevard, Permit No. 2021-51142, Precinct 1.**
 - C. Approve permit application from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T Texas/Byers Engineering Company to install utility cable along Farmer Road and Timothy Lane, Permit No. 2021-51149, Precinct 1.**
 - D. Approve permit application from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T Texas/Byers Engineering Company to install utility cable crossing under Hearthside Court and Pitts Road, Permit No. 2021-51166, Precinct 1.**
 - E. Approve permit application from Crown Castle Fiber LLC, to install utility cable along Canal Road, Permit No. 2021-51114, Precinct 1.**
 - F. Approve permit application from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T Texas/Byers Engineering Company to install utility cable along Country Place Drive, Tanglewild Lane and Holly Hall Drive, Permit No. 2021-51133, Precinct 1.**

Item 9 continued - Engineering - Permits:

- G. Approve permit application from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T Texas/Byers Engineering Company to install utility cable along Tara Drive near Willoughby Drive, Permit No. 2021-51132, Precinct 2.**
- H. Approve permit application from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T Texas/Byers Engineering Company to install utility cable along Shenandoah Drive, Pickett Drive, Zieglers Grove and Natchez Drive, Permit No. 2021-51134, Precinct 2.**
- I. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install fiber optic cable along Glendale Lakes Drive near Escondido Road, Permit No. 2021-51137, Precinct 2.**
- J. Approve permit application from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T Texas/Byers Engineering Company to install fiber optic cable along Woodleigh Drive and Charlmont Drive, Permit No. 2021-51146, Precinct 4.**
- K. Approve permit application from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T Texas/Byers Engineering Company to install utility cable along Parkesgate Drive, Permit No. 2021-51150, Precinct 4.**
- L. Approve permit application from Conel Resources, LLC to bore a produced water line crossing under Hand Road, Permit No. 2021-50743, Precinct 4.**
- M. Approve permit application from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T Texas/Byers Engineering Company to install fiber optic cable along Parkesgate Drive, Norham Drive and Berrington Drive, Permit No. 2021-51143, Precinct 4.**
- 10. ENGINEERING-DEVELOPMENT:**
 - A. Accept the streets in Sunset Crossing Section Two: Coleman Trace Drive 142.58 LF, Bryson Heights Drive 1,148.00 LF, Gibbons Creek Drive 567.90 LF, Welsh Canyon Court 331.82 LF, Findely Canyon Lane 337.10 LF, Indigo Cliff Drive 874.31 LF, Raven Vista Drive 509.27 LF, Brady Shores Drive 492.72 LF, White Rock Court 471.81 LF, Glademeadow Lane 787.21 LF, for a total of 5,662.72 LF and release the bond in the amount of \$406,371.00, Precinct 2.**
 - B. Accept the streets in Southern Colony Section 2B: Ashley Falls Lane 1,170.82 LF, Noontide Trail 399.93 LF, Carillon Way 352.89 LF, Gambrel Way 354.89 LF, Ecru Lane 355.20 LF, Fieldfare Drive 400.70 LF, for a total of 3,034.43 LF and release the bond in the amount of \$212,410.10, Precinct 2.**
 - C. Approve the plat for the roads within Caldwell Ranch Section 5, Precinct 2.**
 - D. Approve the plat for the lots within Caldwell Ranch Section 5, Precinct 2.**
 - E. Approve the plat for the roads within Sienna Section 36, Precinct 2.**
 - F. Approve the plat for the lots within Sienna Section 36, Precinct 2.**
 - G. Set public hearing for acceptance of traffic control plan for Stewart Heights Section 15, Precinct 2. (Tuesday, February 08, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.)**

Item 10 continued - Engineering - Development:

- H. Set public hearing for acceptance of traffic control plan for Caldwell Ranch Boulevard Phase 1 Street Dedication, Precinct 2. *(Tuesday, February 08, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.)*
 - I. Set public hearing for acceptance of traffic control plan for Sienna Section 29B, Precinct 2. *(Tuesday, February 08, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.)*
 - J. Set public hearing for acceptance of traffic control plan for Peek Road, Bellaire Boulevard and Park Westheimer Boulevard Extension, Precinct 4. *(Tuesday, February 08, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.)*
 - K. Set public hearing for acceptance of traffic control plan for Veranda Section 39, Precinct 4. *(Tuesday, February 08, 2022 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 Certificates of Obligation:**
- Approve payment of Application No. 5 in the amount of \$397,382.15, to Teal Construction for construction services regarding the 1979 Linear Jail Renovation.
12. **PARKS & RECREATION:**
- A. Approve payment of Invoice Number 942892 in the amount of \$2,044.44 to National Security Service for monitoring services at South Post Oak Sportsplex.
 - B. Approve payment of Invoice Number 943043 in the amount of \$2,385.18 to National Security Service for monitoring services at South Post Oak Sportsplex.
 - C. Approve payment of Invoice Number 942988 in the amount of \$2,044.44 to National Security Service for monitoring services at South Post Oak Sportsplex.
13. **PURCHASING:**
- Authorize advertising for bids for term contract for mowing services for small property buyouts.

14. SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

- A. Record into the minutes the Sheriff's Office Equipment and Technology Policy (GO 10-01).**
- B. Accept and Record a generous donation in the amount of \$3,400 from the Fort Bend County Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association for the purchase of K-9 handler protective headgear.**
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Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Consent Agenda Items 6 - 14.

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

15. COUNTY JUDGE:

Take all appropriate action on Tax Abatement Agreement between Fort Bend County, Dairy Ashford Enterprise, Inc., and Bluebonnet Nutraceuticals, Ltd, located within City of Sugar Land Reinvestment Zone No. 2021-01.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Tax Abatement Agreement between Fort Bend County, Dairy Ashford Enterprise, Inc., and Bluebonnet Nutraceuticals, Ltd, located within City of Sugar Land Reinvestment Zone No. 2021-01.

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

16. COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2:

Take all appropriate action to allocate an additional \$2,000,000 to Texas Black Expo, Inc., for administration of the We All Eat Program approved by Commissioners Court on May 25, 2021. (Fund: American Rescue Plan Act, Small Business)

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to amend the ARPA Budget by transferring \$2,000,000 from the Business Grant Program to the We All Eat Program and authorize extension of the program We All Eat.

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

17. BUDGET & FINANCE:

A. Take all appropriate action on adoption of the Fort Bend County Budget Policy for Fiscal Year 2023.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to adopt the Fort Bend County Budget Policy for Fiscal Year 2023.

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

B. Take all appropriate action to amend the American Rescue Plan Act budget by \$211,000 from the Mortgage Assistance Program to American Rescue Plan Act - Purchasing for procurement support and technical assistance related to COVID-19.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to amend the American Rescue Plan Act budget by \$211,000 from the Mortgage Assistance Program to American Rescue Plan Act - Purchasing for procurement support and technical assistance related to COVID-19.

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

18. ENGINEERING:

A. Take all appropriate action on Agreement for Installation and Maintenance of Signs between Fort Bend County and Riverstone Homeowners Association, Inc., within Riverstone Subdivision, Precinct 3.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Agreement for Installation and Maintenance of Signs between Fort Bend County and Riverstone Homeowners Association, Inc., within Riverstone Subdivision, Precinct 3.

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

B. Take all appropriate action on request for variance to the building set back requirements as stated in Section 5.12.C.1 of the Fort Bend County Regulations of Subdivisions for Sienna Section 19 on behalf of LJA Engineering, Precinct 2.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve variance to the building set back requirements as stated in Section 5.12.C.1 of the Fort Bend County Regulations of Subdivisions for Sienna Section 19 on behalf of LJA Engineering, Precinct 2.

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

C. Take all appropriate action on the plat for the roads within Sienna Section 19, Precinct 2.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve plat for the roads within Sienna Section 19, Precinct 2.

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

Item 18 continued - Engineering:

D. Take all appropriate action on the plat for the lots within Sienna Section 19, Precinct 2.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve plat for the lots within Sienna Section 19, Precinct 2.

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

E. Take all appropriate action on request for variance to the minimum lot size requirements as stated in Section 5.14.E.4, and building separation requirement as stated in Section 5.12.C.5 of the Fort Bend County Regulations of Subdivisions for Sienna Section 43 on behalf of LJA Engineering, Precinct 2.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve variance to the minimum lot size requirements as stated in Section 5.14.E.4, and building separation requirement as stated in Section 5.12.C.5 of the Fort Bend County Regulations of Subdivisions for Sienna Section 43 on behalf of LJA Engineering, Precinct 2.

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

F. Take all appropriate action on the plat for the roads within Sienna Section 43, Precinct 2.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve plat for the roads within Sienna Section 43, Precinct 2.

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

Item 18 continued - Engineering:

- G. Take all appropriate action on the plat for the lots within Sienna Section 43, Precinct 2.**
- H. Take all appropriate action on request for variance to the minimum lot size requirements as stated in Section 5.14.E.4, the building separation requirement as stated in Section 5.12.C.5, the building set back requirement as stated in Section 5.12.C.1 of the Fort Bend County Regulations of Subdivisions for Sienna Section 45A on behalf of LJA Engineering, Precinct 2.**
- I. Take all appropriate action on the plat for the roads within Sienna Section 45A, Precinct 2.**
- J. Take all appropriate action on the plat for the lots within Sienna Section 45A, Precinct 2.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Items 18G - 18J.

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

- K. Take all appropriate action on Consent to Encroach Application Form between Fort Bend County and CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$800, regarding Beechnut Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17410, Precinct 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Consent to Encroach Application Form between Fort Bend County and CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$800, regarding Beechnut Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17410, Precinct 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

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

Item 18 continued - Engineering:

- L. Take all appropriate action on Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Local On-System Improvement Project between Fort Bend County and Texas Department of Transportation regarding Cinco Ranch Turn Lanes, Mobility Bond Project No. 17314x, Precinct 1.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Local On-System Improvement Project between Fort Bend County and Texas Department of Transportation regarding Cinco Ranch Turn Lanes, Mobility Bond Project No. 17314x, Precinct 1.

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

- M. Take all appropriate action on Development Agreement between Fort Bend County and Beazer Homes Texas Holdings, Inc., to accept an owner's contribution regarding Powerline Road, Precinct 4.**

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Development Agreement between Fort Bend County and Beazer Homes Texas Holdings, Inc., to accept an owner's contribution regarding Powerline Road, Precinct 4.

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

Item 18 continued - Engineering:

- N. Take all appropriate action on authorization to purchase Easement No. 1 in the amount of \$39,389 plus the necessary costs, authorize the County Judge to sign all closing documents regarding said easement for Moore Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17218x, Precinct 3, and authorize County Clerk to record said Easement and related documents in the Official Public Records at no cost. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to purchase Easement No. 1 in the amount of \$39,389 plus the necessary costs, authorize the County Judge to sign all closing documents regarding said easement for Moore Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17218x, Precinct 3, and authorize County Clerk to record said Easement and related documents in the Official Public Records at no cost. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

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

- O. Take all appropriate action on authorization to purchase Parcel PDE-01 in the amount of \$59,814.66 plus the necessary costs, authorize the County Judge to sign all closing documents regarding said parcel for Peek Road, Segment 1, Mobility Bond Project No. 17307, Precinct 4, and authorize County Clerk to record said Deed and related documents in the Official Public Records at no cost. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to purchase Parcel PDE-01 in the amount of \$59,814.66 plus the necessary costs, authorize the County Judge to sign all closing documents regarding said parcel for Peek Road, Segment 1, Mobility Bond Project No. 17307, Precinct 4, and authorize County Clerk to record said Deed and related documents in the Official Public Records at no cost. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

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

19. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT & PLANNING:

A. Take all appropriate action to authorize the use of Certificates of Obligation to fund Construction Agreement with AutoArch Architects for the future Precinct 3 Annex in an amount not to exceed \$593,500.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to authorize the use of Certificates of Obligation to fund Construction Agreement with AutoArch Architects for the future Precinct 3 Annex in an amount not to exceed \$593,500.

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

B. Take all appropriate action to authorize the use of Certificates of Obligation to fund Project Management Services for the EpiCenter in an amount not to exceed \$432,975.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to authorize the use of Certificates of Obligation to fund Project Management Services for the EpiCenter in an amount not to exceed \$432,975.

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

C. Take all appropriate action on Lease Agreement between Fort Bend County and R1 Rogers Rd, LLC for Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Place 2 Office, in a total amount not to exceed \$170,250 for the term of the lease, effective January 4, 2022 through December 31, 2024.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Lease Agreement between Fort Bend County and R1 Rogers Rd, LLC for Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Place 2 Office, in a total amount not to exceed \$170,250 for the term of the lease, effective January 4, 2022 through December 31, 2024.

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

20. FIRE MARSHAL:

Take all appropriate action on Order setting fees for the administration of the Fort Bend County Fire Marshal's Office permits, effective January 11, 2022.

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21. FORT BEND COUNTY TOLL ROAD AUTHORITY: The Board of Directors of the Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority reviewed the following items at their regular board meeting held on December 20, 2021, and makes the following recommendations to Commissioners Court:

Take all appropriate action on the adoption of a Supplemental Order Establishing a Toll Rate Schedule for the Fort Bend Parkway and Westpark Tollway, to amend the established toll rate schedules due to financial hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, effective January 1, 2022.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to adopt the Supplemental Order Establishing a Toll Rate Schedule for the Fort Bend Parkway and Westpark Tollway, to amend the established toll rate schedules due to financial hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, effective January 1, 2022.

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

Commissioner Meyers noted the County is required by debt covenants on bonds to annually increase the rate by either 2% or the CPI. The CPI this year is 6.9%; however the rate was increased by only 2%. The rates were increased at the lowest rate that was allowed by the debt covenants.

James Thompson, Lucrum Investments, LLP stated an Order is reviewed every year for the Fort Bend Parkway toll rates. By the bond covenants and resolution there are automatic increases every year by either 2% or the CPI, which goes into effect January 1. The Fort Bend Toll Road System had a negative CPI the year before, which was -5%. This year the CPI is significantly higher. The board decided to average the negative and the positive this year which came out to around 2% and will be a one time only adjustment. Mr. Thompson asked the court to not raise the rate by the higher CPI; but by only the 2% increase.

Shima Jalalipour, Public Finance Attorney, Muller Law Group and Counsel for the Fort Bend Toll Road Authority indicated that straying from the automatic increase could arguably have an impact on the County's credit rating, which is not something that is typically done or taken lightly.

22. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES:

Take all appropriate action on request to reclassify vacant position Number 6351-0021, in the Health & Human Services Department, from Health Communications Specialist, Grade 12 of the Professional Management Policy Group to Health Communications Specialist, Grade 11 of the Public Health Policy Group, effective January 11, 2022. (Funding: Health & Human Services)

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to reclassify vacant position Number 6351-0021, in the Health & Human Services Department, from Health Communications Specialist, Grade 12 of the Professional Management Policy Group to Health Communications Specialist, Grade 11 of the Public Health Policy Group, effective January 11, 2022. (Funding: Health & Human Services)

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

23. HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

- A. Take all appropriate action on Application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – DR 4572 (Hurricane Laura), in the amount of \$127,260 with a local match in the amount of \$42,420 by Fort Bend County, for a total amount of \$169,680 and authorize electronic submission of the application.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – DR 4572 (Hurricane Laura), in the amount of \$127,260 with a local match in the amount of \$42,420 by Fort Bend County, for a total amount of \$169,680 and authorize electronic submission of the application.

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

Item 23 continued - Homeland Security & Emergency Management:

- B. Take all appropriate action on Application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – DR 4586 (Texas Winter Storm), in the amount of \$127,260 with a local match in the amount of \$42,420, by Fort Bend County, for a total amount of \$169,680 and authorize electronic submission of the application.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – DR 4586 (Texas Winter Storm), in the amount of \$127,260 with a local match in the amount of \$42,420, by Fort Bend County, for a total amount of \$169,680 and authorize electronic submission of the application.

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

24. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:

Take all appropriate action on revised Fort Bend County Public Transportation Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) Program.

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve the revised Fort Bend County Public Transportation Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) Program.

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

25. PURCHASING:

A. Take all appropriate action on Second Amendment to Agreement between Fort Bend County and Caring Transports LLC, pursuant to RFP 21-042 for additional transportation services of decedents. (Fund: Medical Examiner and Social Services)

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Second Amendment to Agreement between Fort Bend County and Caring Transports LLC, pursuant to RFP 21-042 for additional transportation services of decedents. (Fund: Medical Examiner and Social Services)

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

B. Take all appropriate action on Change Order No. 1 to the Agreement between Fort Bend County and Allgood Construction to extend the contract time until September 10, 2021 and decrease the contract in an amount of \$99,055.53 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,599,679.74, pursuant to Bid No. 21-039, regarding Brandt Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17310, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Change Order No. 1 to the Agreement between Fort Bend County and Allgood Construction to extend the contract time until September 10, 2021 and decrease the contract in an amount of \$99,055.53 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,599,679.74, pursuant to Bid No. 21-039, regarding Brandt Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17310, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

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

Item 25 continued - Purchasing:

- C. Take all appropriate action on Change Order No. 1 to the Agreement between Fort Bend County and Allgood Construction to extend the contract time until February 18, 2022 and decrease the contract in an amount of \$14,503.11 for a total amount not to exceed \$4,637,536.60, pursuant to Bid No. 21-017, regarding Beechnut Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17204, Precinct 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Change Order No. 1 to the Agreement between Fort Bend County and Allgood Construction to extend the contract time until February 18, 2022 and decrease the contract in an amount of \$14,503.11 for a total amount not to exceed \$4,637,536.60, pursuant to Bid No. 21-017, regarding Beechnut Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17204, Precinct 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

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

26. SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

- A. Take all appropriate action on Interlocal Cooperation Contract between Texas State University and Fort Bend County for the Sheriff's Office to accept grant funds in the amount of \$12,500 for enforcement of Health and Safety laws regarding the sale of tobacco to minors, with no cash match, effective from date of execution through August 31, 2022.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Interlocal Cooperation Contract between Texas State University and Fort Bend County for the Sheriff's Office to accept grant funds in the amount of \$12,500 for enforcement of Health and Safety laws regarding the sale of tobacco to minors, with no cash match, effective from date of execution through August 31, 2022.

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

Item 26 continued - Sheriff's Office:

- B. Take all appropriate action on Agreement for Additional Law Enforcement Services between Fort Bend County, Sienna Residential Association, Inc, and Sienna Plantation Municipal Utility District No. 1 with services to be provided by the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office, effective through September 30, 2022.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Agreement for Additional Law Enforcement Services between Fort Bend County, Sienna Residential Association, Inc, and Sienna Plantation Municipal Utility District No. 1 with services to be provided by the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office, effective through September 30, 2022.

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

- C. Take all appropriate action on request for laying of cornerstone at the Sheriff's Office Public Safety Annex building located at 6603 Flewellen Way, in Fulshear Texas and hold a public ceremony.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve laying of cornerstone at the Sheriff's Office Public Safety Annex building located at 6603 Flewellen Way, in Fulshear Texas and hold a public ceremony.

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

27. Approve Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve bills in the amount of
\$769,372,580.08, including routine disbursements of \$5,132,133.75.

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

28. 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.

Cause No. 19-DCV-263509 – County of Fort Bend, Texas vs. Purdue Pharma, LP, et al.

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

§ 551.071. Consultation With Attorney.

Cause No. 19-DCV-263509 – County of Fort Bend, Texas vs. Purdue Pharma, LP, et al.

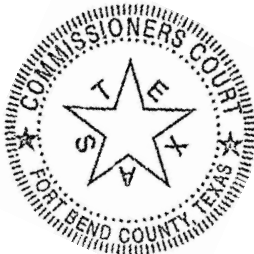
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30. Adjournment.

Commissioners Court adjourned at 1:31 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 2022.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers,
to adjourn.

I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.



Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas