

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 4th day of May, 2022. (Special Meeting – Budget)



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 24th day of
May, 2022.



County Judge KP George
KP GEORGE, COUNTY JUDGE

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