

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 21st DAY of JUNE, 2022, Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, met at a special meeting with the following present:

KP GEORGE	COUNTY JUDGE
VINCENT MORALES	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1
ANDY MEYERS	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3
LINDA WILLIS FOR LAURA RICHARD	COUNTY CLERK

Commissioner Prestage and Commissioner DeMerchant absent.
When the following were heard and the following orders were passed:

1. Call to Order.

Call to Order by Judge KP George at 4:00 p.m.

2. Take all appropriate action on Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning in the Unincorporated Areas of Fort Bend County, Texas, Pursuant to Section 352.081 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (3-0), it is ordered to approve Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning in the Unincorporated Areas of Fort Bend County, Texas, Pursuant to Section 352.081 of the Texas Local Government Code.

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

Mark Flathouse, Emergency Manager/Fire Marshal explained to the court his recommendation for a Burn Ban. This region is calling for drought weather conditions and information will be out this evening for MUDs, Cities and water sources. The County's numbers, according to the chart which ranges from 1 - 800, are averaging at 669, with the high at 711 and climbing. Mr. Flathouse indicated it is important for citizens to know there are restrictions on open flames by having a Burn Ban in place and this Ban also helps educate the public on the severity. Mr. Flathouse, along with County Fire Marshals, will meet with partnerships, jurisdictions and fire departments to prepare for these conditions.

Item 2 continued - Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning:

Judge George added this item was pulled from the last meeting due to making sure there was a clear understanding of what to expect. Having this meeting gives time to prepare for the July 4 holiday.

Mr. Flathouse indicated the public will be informed about the Burn Ban through the County Judge's Office and he will push information out to the jurisdictions. The public will also be informed through social media, the County website and a dashboard created for HSEM.

Commissioner Morales asked if Mr. Flathouse could control implementing the sale of fireworks or commercial displays.

Mr. Flathouse stated, due to the timing, he does not have control on the sale of fireworks or commercial displays. The date has passed, which the state requires, to put regulations on fireworks. Mr. Flathouse has several permit applications for firework shows that he cannot control. However, more safety precautions are being put in place.

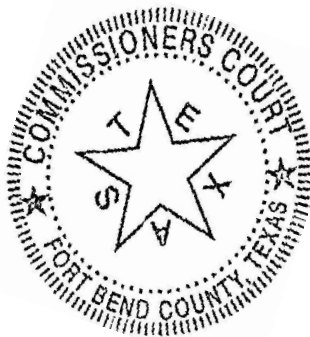
Commissioner Morales asked if the County could put in writing the County is implementing a Burn Ban due to drought conditions and suggest firework display sales be postponed. The County cannot enforce this; but is asking.

Marcus Spencer, First Assistant County Attorney stated the communication is that there is a Burn Ban based on the drought conditions and good common sense should be used with the use of fireworks.

3. Adjournment.

Commissioners Court Emergency Meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers,
to adjourn.



I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.

Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas