

**MINUTES**

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 28TH DAY of JULY, 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
KIM ADAMS FOR 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, including Capital Improvement Projects.**

Pamela Gubbels, Director of Finance and Investments reviewed the FY2023 Budget. The total recommended budget is \$474.4 million, which is a 5.5% increase over FY2022 Budget. This amount does include a \$15 million placeholder for any salary adjustments discussed with the Compensation Study.

The FY2023 Finance Summary includes a total recommended budget of \$474.4 million, which is about a \$24.5 million increase over the FY2022 Adopted Budget. There is a \$12 million reserve for OPEB and \$19 million is included for anticipated federal reimbursement which will be received over the next year. The ending Fund Balance for the General Fund is at 26.4% and Road & Bridge is at 17.6% as a percentage of the budget.

**Included in the FY2023 recommended budget are:**  
38 Recommended new positions out of the 228 new positions requested totaling \$21.9 million;  
28 Recommended reclassifications out of 40 reclassifications requested;  
105 Recommended replacement vehicles and 28 additional vehicles totaling \$7.9 million.

The 2023 requested positions not included in the Recommended Budget are 78, totaling almost \$7 million. Each department will discuss these requests.

**Item 2 continued - Conduct Budget Workshops, including Capital Improvement Projects:**

The certified taxable values have gone up 20% over last year. These values are at \$97.9 billion, which is a 20% increase over last year, 2021. We are trying to avoid going over the Voter Approval Rate, in order to not have to initiate an election. Over the past two years some of the increment, about 1.6 cents, was not used. This increment could be used this year and bring the Finance Summary to 28%.

**The following departments discussed their requested positions:**

County Clerk  
Human Resources  
District Clerk  
District Attorney  
Tax Assessor Collector  
Information Technology

**Recess:** 10:37 a.m.

**Return:** 10:53 a.m.

Health & Human Services  
Fire Marshal  
Homeland Security & Emergency Management  
DPS – License & Weight  
Constable 2  
Behavioral Health  
Medical Examiner  
Pre-Trial Bond  
Engineering  
Recycle Center  
Clinical Health Immunization  
Animal Services  
Environmental Health Services  
Social Services  
Fairgrounds

**Recess:** 12:38 p.m.

**Return:** 1:57 p.m.

Nicole Ledet, Human Resources Director presented a follow-up on the Compensation Classification Study which was presented last Tuesday by the consulting partners Segal Group. The study looked at where the County stands in terms of salary and evaluated the current existing positions to determine whether positions are accurately classified.

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The Capital Improvement Projects are not included in the budget because they are financed and placed in Debt Service.

**List of Capital Improvement Projects:**

Parks

Barbara Jordan Park Improvements - This item has been added to the CIP list.

Information Technology

Human Capital Management System

Enterprise Permit Software Solutions

Enterprise Ticketing System and Asset Management

Drainage District

Kitty Hollow Lake Levee Upgrade

Engineering

Traffic Signals

Facilities

Fresno CSCD Building Site Improvements

Jail East Tower Multi Zone Air Handler Damper Replacement

Stainless Steel Tables and Sinks

Jail West Tower Cooling Tower Replacement

Jail West Tower Separation Cell Showers

Needville Purchasing Building

County Building Waterproofing

Courtroom Chair Replacement

Information Technology

Library / Technology – Replacement 12 Biblioteca SelfChecks at FC, GM, UB

Contact Center

Fairgrounds Public Wireless Upgrade

Production VxRail Refresh

Shared Services Appliance

Library Security Badge Conversion Project

Library Polaris ILS Online Catalog Server

Library Polaris Database Server Replacement

Library Technology Network Security

Library CMServers and SAN Upgrade

Replace Justice Center 10G Wireless Bridge

AXON Body and Fleet Camera System

FBC Transit Data Warehouse

FBC Transit Wheres My Ride

FBC Transit Contactless Payment System

FBC Transit Video Management System

FBC Transit Asset Management System

Parks

Freedom Park Renovations

Playground Units Replacement

Road and Bridge

Bridge Replacement

Dairy Ashford Parking Lot

**Recess:** 3:44 p.m.

**Return:** 3:58 p.m.

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Health & Human Services

Clinic at Missouri City Annex (This item has been added to the CIP list.)

The allocation of the tax rate and debt were discussed. Currently, we are at the 27% Fund Balance with the increment added in. The total tax rate is at 41.9 cents compared to last year in which the total tax rate was 45.28 cents, which is a 3.38 cent decrease.

Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor proposed to the court a debt plan by retiring debt with a defeasance to receive savings. Doing so will increase the debt tax rate, but the overall tax rate will not exceed last year's overall tax rate.

**3. Adjournment.**

The Special Meeting / Budget Workshop adjourned at 4:19 p.m. Thursday, July 28, 2022.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers,  
to adjourn.



**I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.**

**Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas**