

**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 3rd day of May, 2023. (Special Meeting – Budget)



LAURA RICHARD, COUNTY CLERK

Now, therefore, be it resolved upon the motion of Commissioner Meyers seconded by Commissioner McCoy, duly put and carried, it is ordered to accept as presented for record the attached minutes approved on this the 23rd day of May, 2023.


County Judge KP George

KP GEORGE, COUNTY JUDGE

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 3RD DAY of MAY 2023, 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
DEXTER L. MCCOY	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 an overview of the FY2024 Preliminary Budget. Preliminary values were received in April and the Central Appraisal District, CAD recommends we assume a 10% reduction on those values through the protest season.

The estimated values for Fort Bend County General is \$105.2 billion, which is a 7.5% increase over last year's values. The new values for the new improvements have not been received. The Drainage District is \$105.2 billion, which is an 8.4% increase over last year's values.

The total budget request for FY2024 is \$574.2 million, which is a 14.9% increase over last year's Adopted Budget and a \$74.4 million increase over the FY2023 Adopted Budget. Last year a policy was adopted for the Ending Balance (EB) to be 30% of our Adopted Budget. The General Fund is at \$66.3 million over the 2023 Adopted Budget which is an 18.66% increase. This needs to be reduced by \$45 million to reach the 30% Ending Balance. Road and Bridge is \$7.3 million over the 2023 Adopted Budget. This needs to be reduced by \$3 million to reach the 30% Ending Balance. Drainage is \$3.2 million over the 2023 Adopted Budget, which has an estimated Ending Balance of 96.8%.

The FY2024 Preliminary Budget does not include CIP, which is \$21.3 million, and any salary increases. This year there are 278 new position requests for a total cost of \$30.4 million. There are 164 reclassification requests, 146 replacement vehicles and 41 additional vehicle requests totaling \$11.8 million. This cost does include the equipment to upfit the vehicles.

Item 2 continued - Conduct Budget Workshops:

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

- Facilities Maintenance
- Facilities Operations & Custodial
- Jail Maintenance; Facilities Management/IDC
- Vehicle Maintenance
- Road & Bridge
- OEM
- Fire Marshal; CAT
- County Treasurer

Recess: 10:23 a.m.

Reconvene: 10:42 a.m.

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

- CSR
- Pre-Trial Bond
- Budget Office
- Commissioner Precinct 4

Recess: 11:05 a.m.

Reconvene: 1:00 p.m.

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

- Engineering; Recycle/Landfill
- District Attorney
- Fairgrounds
- Parks/Senior Center
- Risk Management
- Human Resources
- Information Technology

Recess: 2:29 p.m.

Reconvene: 2:40 p.m.

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

- County Library
- Bail Bond
- Veterans Services
- County Auditor

3. Adjournment.

The Special Meeting/Budget Workshop adjourned at 2:59 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2023.

I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.





Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas