

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 8TH DAY of AUGUST, 2023, Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, met at a regular 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
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 1:00 p.m.
- 2. Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance by Judge KP George.**
Invocation led by Pastor Strader, Horizon Baptist Church and Pledges of Allegiance by Judge KP George.
- 3. Approve minutes of regular meeting held on July 25, 2023 and special meetings held on July 27, 2023 and August 2, 2023.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve minutes of regular meeting held on July 25, 2023 and special meetings held on July 27, 2023 and August 2, 2023.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

4. Public Comments regarding the Agenda and Announcements.

One public comment after Consent Agenda Items.

Tami Frazier, Communications Director for the Office of the County Judge announced Beverly McGrew Walker, Fort Bend County District Clerk graduated from the High Performance Leadership Academy of the National Association of Counties. The academy is a twelve week innovative program created to equip front line County government professionals with practical leadership skills.

Ms. Walker thanked the court for giving her this honor and believes as public servants we should always strive to do our best

Commissioner McCoy announced the Needville 12 year old Little League Boys Baseball Team is participating in a playoff game in Waco and, if they win, will move on to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: 1:08 p.m.: Conduct Public Hearings and take all appropriate action on the following matters:

Public hearing held. No public comments.

Engineering: Acceptance of the following traffic control plans:

1.	Summerview Section 3, Precinct 1;
2.	Sorrento Section 2, Precinct 1;
3.	Tamarron Boticelli Drive Street Dedication, Precinct 1;
4.	Colony Road and Hurta Road, Precinct 2;
5.	Vacek Country Meadows Section 1, Precinct 2;
6.	Sienna Village of Bees Creek Section 30, Precinct 2;
7.	Old Clodine Reddick Road, Precinct 4; and
8.	Millers Pond Section 1, Precinct 4.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 5 (1 - 8).

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: 6-20

6. **Record into the Minutes out-of-state travel by Elected Official.**
 - A. **Commissioner Precinct 4: D. L. McCoy to Washington, D.C., September 20, 2023 through September 25, 2023, to attend the Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Conference. (Fund: Travel)**
 - B. **Commissioner Precinct 4: D. L. McCoy to Charlotte, North Carolina, October 17, 2023 through October 23, 2023, to attend the rescheduled National Organization for Black County Officials (NOBCO) 37th Economic Development Conference. (Fund: Travel)**
 - C. **District Clerk: B. M. Walker to Charlotte, North Carolina, October 17, 2023 through October 22, 2023, to attend the rescheduled National Organization of Black County Officials (NOBCO) 37th Annual Conference. (Fund: Travel)**
7. **OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL: Approve out-of-state travel requests for County personnel:**
 - A. **Behavioral Health Services: Approve out-of-state travel for C. Almeida to Washington, D.C., September 12, 2023 through September 14, 2023, to attend Second Chance Act Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children Grantee Convening. (Fund: Children of Incarcerated Parents - COIP)**
 - B. **County Clerk: Correction to out-of-state travel, previously approved by Commissioners Court on June 27, 2023, so it reads: Approve out-of-state travel for B. Alamia to Phoenix, Arizona, September 11, 2023 through September 14, 2023, to attend the Court Technology Conference. (Fund: Records Management)**
 - C. **Economic Development and Opportunity: Approve out-of-state travel for C. Guzman to Los Angeles, California, October 29, 2023 through November 2, 2023, to attend the Urban Land Institute Conference. (Fund: Travel)**
 - D. **Information Technology: Approve out-of-state travel for J. Tolliver and P. Bocard to Las Vegas, Nevada, September 18, 2023, through September 22, 2023, to attend the 2023 Info Tech Exponential IT: Bridging Theory & Practice for IT Leaders. (Fund: Information Technology - Travel)**
 - E. **Information Technology: Approve out-of-state travel for S. Liu to Phoenix, Arizona, September 11, 2023 through September 15, 2023, to attend the Court Technology Conference. (Fund: Information Technology - Travel and Training)**
 - F. **Sheriff's Office: Approve out-of-state travel for D. Tondera and A. Gillory to Lafayette, Louisiana, August 29, 2023 through August 31, 2023, to attend continual K-9 Maintenance Training. (Fund: Narcotics State)**
 - G. **Sheriff's Office: Approve variance to the Fort Bend County Travel Policy, to allow exception to the fourteen (14) day airfare rule, and approve out-of-state travel for A. Rey to Detroit, Michigan, August 13, 2023 through August 16, 2023, to attend the International CIT Conference in place of J. Ellis. (Fund: COPS Grant)**

8. COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1:

Approve the reappointment of Joseph Sheets, Charles Gregory Baker and Dan Noltensmeyer to the Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District No. 20 board of directors for a four (4) year term ending August 28, 2027.

9. AUDITOR:

Monthly Financial Report prepared by County Auditor for the nine months ended June 30, 2023, pursuant to Local Government Code Section 114.023 is hereby presented.

10. BUDGET AND FINANCE:

Set public hearings for the FY2024 Proposed Budget for Fort Bend County to be conducted on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom, 2nd Floor, of the Historical Courthouse located in 401 Jackson Street in Richmond, Texas.

11. BUDGET TRANSFER(s):

- A. Clinical Health: Approve transfer in the amount of \$3,192 from Supplies and Maintenance into Information Technology Department - Fees to allocate funds for two (2) CLEAR licenses.**
- B. Constable Precinct 1: Approve transfer in the amount of \$1,428 from Supplies & Maintenance into Information Technology to allocate funds for the purchase of a scanner, printer and label writer.**
- C. Constable Precinct 3: Approve transfer in the amount of \$2,600 from Supplies & Maintenance into Information Technology to allocate funding for the replacement of old and defective administrative printers, one workstation, and two monitors.**
- D. Constable Precinct 4: Approve transfer in the amount of \$937 from Information Technology into accounts listed on Constable's form dated July 31, 2023 to allocate funds for deputy constable to attend class and for the purchase of new uniforms.**
- E. County Attorney: Approve transfer in the amount of \$99 from Fees and Services into Information Technology Department - Fees to allocate funds for the purchase of an Adobe license.**
- F. Courts Administration: Approve transfer in the amount of \$5,000 from Salaries & Labor into Temporary/Part-Time to allocate funds to cover employee salary for the remainder of FY2023 for new part-time position approved by Commissioners Court on July 25, 2023.**
- G. District Attorney: Approve transfer in the amount of \$198 from District Attorney - Information Technology into Information Technology Department - Fees to allocate funds for the purchase of Microsoft Visio software.**

Item 11 continued - Budget Transfer(s):

- H. Fire Marshal: Approve transfer in the amount of \$35,000 from Fire Marshal - Fees into Fire Marshal - Information Technology to allocate funds for the purchase of updated Information Technology equipment.**
- I. Fire Marshal: Approve transfer in the amount of \$24,000 from Fire Marshal - Fees into Information Technology Department - Fees to allocate funds for the purchase of Interview Room Recording System, ESO Software, and SmartDraw; a web-based program used to re-create fire scenes during an investigation.**
- J. Homeland Security and Emergency Management: Approve transfer in the amount of \$1,300 from Travel and Training into Homeland Security and Emergency Management - Information Technology to allocate funds for the purchase of an iPad and protective case.**
- K. Human Resources: Approve transfer in the amount of \$50,000 from Salaries and Labor into Human Resources - Fees to allocate funds for the procurement of Human Resources policy review consultant.**
- L. Human Resources: Approve transfer in the amount of \$24,000 from Salaries and Labor into Human Resources - Fees to allocate funds associated with the executive search of the Language Access Director position in the Courts Administration Department.**
- M. Human Resources: Approve transfer in the amount of \$2,000 from Salaries and Labor into Information Technology to allocate funds for the purchase of a laptop and three monitors.**
- N. Indigent Health Care: Approve transfer in the amount of \$31,014 from Indigent Health Care - Fees into Information Technology to allocate funds for the purchase of IT equipment.**
- O. Library: Approve transfer in the amount of \$5,000 from Travel & Training into Information Technology to allocate additional funds to finish out FY2023.**
- P. Public Transportation: Approve transfer in the amount of \$10,585 from Public Transportation – Fees into Capital Acquisitions to allocate funds for emergency exit gates and man gate.**
- Q. Social Services: Approve transfer in the amount of \$3,192 from Social Services - Fees into Information Technology Department - Fees to allocate funds for the purchase of CLEAR License Application.**
- R. Tax Office: Approve transfer in the amount of \$199 from Tax Office - Fees into Information Technology Department - Fees to allocate funds for the purchase of Truth-in-Taxation software used to generate public information for each taxing jurisdiction.**

12. ENGINEERING:

A. ENGINEERING-PERMITTS, BONDS:

- 1. Approve the acceptance of Perpetual Bond from SureTec Insurance Company for Specialty Construction TX, LLC.**
- 2. Approve the acceptance of Perpetual Bond from Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual) for D&J Construction, Inc.**

B. ENGINEERING-PERMITTS, PCT. 1:

- 1. Approve release of Performance Bond from Elite Construction and Engineering Services, LLC for work completed along various streets within Firethorne West, Permit No. 2022-58614, Precinct 1.**
- 2. Approve release of Performance Bond from Infrastructure Construction Services for work completed along Bullhead Slough, Permit No. 2022-55629, Precinct 1.**
- 3. Approve release of Performance Bond from Challenge Multifamily Construction, Inc. for work completed along Avenida Monterey Place, Permit No. 2022-51843, Precinct 1.**
- 4. Approve permit application from Cello Partnership dba Verizon Wireless/Verizon-contractor to install fiber optic cable along Coles Canyon, Bryan Manor, Tamarron Parkway, Tamarron Trace and Stillman Field Drive, Permit No. 2023-62569, Precinct 1.**
- 5. Approve permit application from Skylight Development, LLC./Identity Architects to install a temporary construction driveway along Katy Gaston Road, Permit No. 2023-62507, Precinct 1.**
- 6. Approve permit application from A Group Construction, LLC to install sidewalks and pedestrian ramps along Gaston Road at Hunter Lane, Permit No. 2023-63361, Precinct 1.**
- 7. Approve permit application from Mathers Construction Specialties, LLC to install a commercial driveway at 25114 Lakeview Road, Permit No. 2023-63323, Precinct 1.**
- 8. Approve permit application from Teamwork Construction Services, Inc. to install pedestrian improvements along South Firethorne Road for FBC MUD No. 151, Permit No. 2023-63273, Precinct 1.**
- 9. Approve permit application from Specialty Construction TX, LLC to install two temporary construction driveways along Clairecrest Lane and Heritage Grand Lane, including the rehabilitation of a sanitary sewer line across Cinco Ranch Boulevard for Cinco MUD No.1, Permit No. 2023-63102, Precinct 1.**
- 10. Approve permit application from CenterPoint Energy to install a gas line connection at 23307 Cinco Ranch Boulevard, Permit No. 2023-63128, Precinct 1.**

Item 12 continued - Engineering:

- 11. Approve permit application from Hurtado Construction Company to install temporary construction driveway along Tamarron Point for Tamarron West Section 8, Permit No. 2023-63125, Precinct 1.**

C. ENGINEERING-PERMITs, PCT. 2:

- 1. Approve release of Cashier's Check from NHI THI PHUONG CAO / Tuan Doan for work completed along Lissie Street and Avenue A, Permit No. 2023-61860, Precinct 2.**
- 2. Approve permit application from Centric Fiber, LLC to install fiber optic cable along Meyer Road, Williams School Road, Boone Road, and across Snake Creek, Permit No. 2023-61226, Precinct 2.**
- 3. Approve permit application from Centric Fiber, LLC to install fiber optic cable along Williams School Road, Permit No. 2023-61227, Precinct 2.**
- 4. Approve permit application from Matula & Matula Construction Inc to install a force main under the Fort Bend Parkway Toll Road, Permit No. 2023-63112, Precinct 2.**
- 5. Approve permit application from R Construction Civil, LLC dba R Construction Company to install a residential street connection along A. Myers for Stonecreek Estates Section 12, Permit No. 2023-63119, Precinct 2.**
- 6. Approve permit application from J.C. Hernandez Construction/Hacienda Homes of Texas, LLC. to install a residential driveway at 11814 Roesler Road, Permit No. 2023-63382, Precinct 2.**

D. ENGINEERING-PERMITs, PCT. 3:

- 1. Approve permit application from Willow Oak, Inc./AptCon, LLC to install two commercial driveways at 3999 John Sharp Drive, Permit No. 2023-63126, Precinct 3.**
- 2. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install fiber optic cable along West Aliana Trace Drive, Permit No. 2023-63097, Precinct 3.**
- 3. Approve permit application from Horizon General Contractors, Inc./DCG Engineering, Inc. to install a commercial driveway, waterline connection, and sanitary sewer line connection along Clouston Avenue for property at 18520 West Airport Boulevard, Permit No. 2023-62439, Precinct 3.**
- 4. Approve permit application from Bobby Commercial Corporation/Bobby Trading Corporation/Bobby Joseph to install two commercial driveways, waterline connection, and storm sewer line at 1502 Packer Lane, Permit No. 2023-63402, Precinct 3.**

Item 12 continued - Engineering:

E. ENGINEERING-PERMITTS, PCT. 4:

- 1. Approve release of Performance Bond from DivisionOne Construction, LLC for work completed along Old Richmond Road and Belknap Road, Permit No. 2021-47312, Precinct 4.**
- 2. Approve permit application from Elite Utility Services, Inc./JSI to install fiber optic cable along Bissonnet Street and Clodine Road, Permit No. 2023-61630, Precinct 4.**
- 3. Approve permit application from Fellers & Clark, LP to install a culvert for a residential street connection along Madden Road for Trillium Section 3, Permit No. 2023-62992, Precinct 4.**
- 4. Approve permit application from C4 Partners, LLC to install a temporary construction driveway along Finney Vallet Road, Permit No. 2023-62705, Precinct 4.**
- 5. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install fiber optic cable along Harlem Road near Morton Road, Permit No. 2022-58262, Precinct 4.**
- 6. Approve permit application from Anchor Excavators, Inc. to install three temporary construction driveways along Harlem Road for Harvest Green Drainage and Phase VI Mass Grading, Permit No. 2023-63041, Precinct 4.**
- 7. Approve permit application from Hurtado Construction Company to install a box culvert and junction box under Harlem Road for Harvest Green Drainage and Phase VI Mass Grading, Permit No. 2023-63044, Precinct 4.**
- 8. Approve permit application from Gonzalez Construction Enterprise, Inc. to install a temporary construction driveway, waterline connection, and sanitary sewer line connection along Finney Vallet Road for Brookewater Collector Road Phase 1, Permit No. 2023-63087, Precinct 4.**
- 9. Approve permit application from Silt Solutions, Inc. to install a temporary construction driveway along Heartland Way at Doris Road, Permit No. 2023-63321, Precinct 4.**
- 10. Approve permit application from Gonzalez Construction Enterprise, Inc to install a temporary construction driveway along Doris Road for Emberly Section 3, Permit No. 2023-63174, Precinct 4.**
- 11. Approve permit application from OMAS Holding/TAJARA GROUP,LLC to install a commercial driveway and left-turn lane at 14940 Beechnut Street, Permit No. 2023-59024, Precinct 4.**
- 12. Approve permit application from Raul Rodriguez to modify an existing driveway including adding a culvert headwall at 9611 Gaines Road, Permit No. 2023-63409, Precinct 4.**

Item 12 continued - Engineering:

- 13. Approve permit application from D&J Construction, Inc to utilize a temporary construction driveway along Doris Road for Ember Avenue and Blazing Trail Street Dedication, Permit No. 2023-63275, Precinct 4.**
- 14. Approve permit application from D&J Construction, Inc to install pavement for a residential street connection along Madden Road for Trillium Section 3, Permit No. 2023-63324, Precinct 4.**
- 15. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install fiber optic cable along Yabbie Drive, Bandicoot Drive, West Airport Boulevard, Clodine Road, Pecan Drive and Myrtle Drive, Permit No. 2023-63085, Precinct 4.**
- 16. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install fiber optic cable along Beechnut Street for service to 8727 Grand Mission Boulevard, Permit No. 2023-63390, Precinct 4.**
- 17. Approve permit application from Judson Coward, Inc. dba Arrowmont Constructors to install two commercial driveways and bore a waterline across Bellaire Boulevard, Permit No. 2023-62801, Precinct 4.**
- 18. Approve permit application from TDK Construction/Osborn and Vane Architect Inc to install three commercial driveways at 2300 Harlem Road, including a waterline connection along Harvest Home Drive, Permit No. 2023-63161, Precinct 4.**

13. ENGINEERING-DEVELOPMENT:

- A. Accept the streets in Vanbrooke Sec 1: Vanbrooke Boulevard 909.00 LF, Grand View Drive 1,154.00 LF, Turning Springs Drive 1,111.00 LF, Hamilton Crest Court 604.00 LF, Lauren Manor Drive 298.00 LF, Madeline Grace Drive 323.00 LF, Indian Pine Lane 121.00 LF, Brookshire Pass Drive 309.00 LF, Timber Point Drive 1,619.00 LF, Harvest Valley Drive 48.00 LF, Rustic River Drive 141.00 LF, Windy Plantation Drive 396.00 LF, Oak Heights Lane 196.00 LF, for a total of 7,229.00 LF and release the bond in the amount of \$569,660.00, Precinct 1.**
- B. Accept the streets in Harlem Road Reserves: Madden Road 1,280.04 LF and release the bond in the amount of \$90,300.00, Precinct 4.**
- C. Accept the streets in Sienna Sec 45A: Scanlan Trace 705.64 LF, Scanlan Plaza 248.44 LF, Scanlan Meadow 483.16 LF, Scanlan Trail 315.08 LF, for a total of 1,752.32 and release the bond in the amount of \$129,786.30, Precinct 2.**
- D. Approve the plat for the lots within Trillium Section 3, Precinct 4.**
- E. Approve the plat for the roads within Trillium Section 3, Precinct 4.**

Item 13 continued - Engineering - Development:

- F. Approve the plat for the lots within Indigo Section 1, Precinct 4.**
- G. Approve the plat for the roads within Indigo Section 1, Precinct 4.**
- H. Approve the plat for the lots within Emberly Section Five, Precinct 4.**
- I. Approve the plat for the roads within Emberly Section Five, Precinct 4.**
- J. Approve the plat for the lots within Emberly Section Three, Precinct 4.**
- K. Approve the plat for the roads within Emberly Section Three, Precinct 4.**
- L. Approve the plat for the lots within Emberly Section Two, Precinct 4.**
- M. Approve the plat for the roads within Emberly Section Two, Precinct 4.**
- N. Approve the plat for Alpha and Omega International Ministry of Faith, Precinct 3.**
- O. Approve the plat for Inniglo Global Places Section 1, Precinct 4.**
- P. Approve the plat for Indigo Village Core, Precinct 4.**
- Q. Approve the plat for Indigo Village Cottages, Precinct 4.**
- R. Set public hearing for acceptance of traffic control plan for Fry Road within Street Dedication Plat of Fry and Peek Roads, Precinct 1. *(Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.)***
- S. Set public hearing for acceptance of traffic control plan for Briscoe Falls All Section, Precinct 1. *(Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.)***
- T. Set public hearing for acceptance of traffic control plan for Hunt Road Phase 2, Precinct 1. *(Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.)***
- U. Set public hearing for acceptance of traffic control plan for Southern Colony Section 4A, Precinct 2. *(Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.)***
- V. Set public hearing for acceptance of traffic control plan for Stonecreek Estates Section 11, Precinct 2. *(Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.)***
- W. Set public hearing for acceptance of traffic control plan for Farmer Road, Precinct 4. *(Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.)***

Item 13 continued - Engineering - Development:

- X.** Set public hearing for acceptance of traffic control plan for Harvest Green, Section 34, Precinct 4. *(Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.)*
- Y.** Set public hearing for acceptance of traffic control plan for Harvest Green, Section 35, Precinct 4. *(Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.)*
- Z.** Set public hearing for acceptance of traffic control plan for Harvest Green, Section 36, Precinct 4. *(Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.)*
- AA.** Set public hearing for acceptance of traffic control plan for Harvest Green, Section 37, Precinct 4. *(Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.)*
- BB.** Set public hearing for acceptance of traffic control plan for Harvest Home Drive Street Dedication and Reserves Section 3, Precinct 4. *(Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.)*
- CC.** Set public hearing for acceptance of traffic control plan for Harvest Green, Section 38, Precinct 4. *(Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.)*
- DD.** Set public hearing for acceptance of traffic control plan for Harvest Green, Section 39, Precinct 4. *(Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.)*
- EE.** Set public hearing for acceptance of traffic control plan for Harvest Green, Section 40, Precinct 4. *(Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.)*
- FF.** Set public hearing for acceptance of traffic control plan for Harvest Home Drive Street Dedication and Reserves Section 3, Precinct 4. *(Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.)*
- 14.** **FORT BEND GRAND PARKWAY TOLL ROAD AUTHORITY:** The Board of Directors of the Fort Bend Grand Parkway Toll Road Authority reviewed the following items at their regular meeting held on July 17, 2023 and makes the following recommendations to Commissioners Court:

Approve Consultant Agreement between Fort Bend County Grand Parkway Toll Road Authority and Gol-Get, LLC to assist with communications and coordination with CenterPoint regarding Authority projects.
- 15.** **GRANTS ADMINISTRATION:** The grant application for the below item(s) has been approved by Commissioners Court; the Grants Coordinator has reviewed the acceptance documents and makes the following recommendation(s) to Commissioners Court:

County Judge: Set public hearing to receive comments on the County's Application to the U.S. Department of Justice for FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, to be conducted on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in person in the Commissioners Courtroom on the second floor of the Fort Bend County Courthouse at 401 Jackson Street in Richmond, Texas.

16. HUMAN RESOURCES:

A. Approve request for withdrawal of 246.87 hours from the Shared Sick Leave Pool for employee of the Purchasing Department, Position No. 5051-0016.

B. Approve the rehire of former employees who will be rehired effective August 14, 2023.

1.	K.J.
2.	K.T.

17. JUVENILE PROBATION & DETENTION

Approve renewal of Interlocal Agreement for Truancy Prevention and Intervention Services between Fort Bend County, Fort Bend County Juvenile Board and Fort Bend Independent School District for the 2023-2024 academic year, approved by the Juvenile Board on July 27, 2023.

18. PURCHASING:

Approve the continued purchase of maintenance services of Miscellaneous Road and Bridge Equipment from Associated Supply Company, Inc. utilizing Buy Board 685-22 for various Departments upon request from remainder of their Fiscal Year 2023 budgets.

19. SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

A. Record into Minutes, Agreement between Valerie Wolfe Mahfood and the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office for PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) Audit for Fiscal Year 2023.

B. Approve and record into the minutes the generous monetary donation from Mrs. Dan L. Duncan, for the purchase of a laptop computer to assist the Criminal Investigations Division Family Violence Unit.

C. Record into the minutes the results of the Fort Bend County Non-Consent Tow Fee Study.

20. TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR:

A. Approve & record into Minutes tax payment refunds in the amount of \$11,184.19 for the Office of Carmen P. Turner.

B. Record into Minutes the 10/20 Year Write Off of Property Taxes, on behalf of the Office of Carmen P. Turner, Tax Assessor-Collector, pursuant to Texas Property Tax Code Section 33.05 for the following.

1.	Fort Bend County General Fund;
2.	Fort Bend County Lateral Road & Flood Control;
3.	Fort Bend County Parkway Road; and
4.	Fort Bend County Return Check Fee.

Consent Agenda Items 6 - 20 continued:

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Consent Agenda
Items 6 - 20.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

There was one public comment.

Robert Beham, 24249 Falcon Point Drive, Katy, TX spoke against the Budget and Tax Rate.

21. COUNTY JUDGE:

Take all appropriate action to establish the regular meeting schedule for Fort Bend County Commissioners Court, pursuant to Local Government Code Section 81.005(a) for Fiscal Year 2024, meeting every second and fourth Tuesday of each month, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom located on the second floor of the Courthouse at 401 Jackson Street in Richmond, Texas.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to establish the regular meeting
schedule for Fort Bend County Commissioners Court, pursuant to Local
Government Code Section 81.005(a) for Fiscal Year 2024, meeting every second and
fourth Tuesday of each month, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom located on
the second floor of the Courthouse at 401 Jackson Street in Richmond, Texas.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

Stacy Slawinski, County Engineer stated the change has been positive. In addition to removing one court meeting a month, invoices, which required a court action, were removed from the Agenda which reduces the time in processing invoices.

Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor informed the court the time sensitive bills show a much larger number but it still falls within the prompt payment act parameters.

22. BUDGET & FINANCE:

- A. Take all appropriate action on transfer in the amount of \$268,017 from ARPA-PH (Behavioral Health) into Revenue Replacement to allocate funds to cover the Texana contract.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve transfer in the amount of \$268,017 from ARPA-PH (Behavioral Health) into Revenue Replacement to allocate funds to cover the Texana contract.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

- B. Take all appropriate action to propose the FY2024 salaries for Fort Bend County Elected Officials.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve as presented the FY2024 salaries for Fort Bend County Elected Officials, with one modification to make salary of County Attorney \$164,507.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

Pamela Gubbels, Director of Finance and Investments explained what is being presented is a 4 percent increase for the Elected Officials, a change of the Drainage Board Supplement for the Commissioners Court and a change of the County Attorney's salary to equal that of the Sheriff.

Item 22 continued - Budget & Finance:

C. Take all appropriate action to propose the 2023 Tax Rate for Fort Bend County and take a record vote.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and carried (4-1), it is ordered, by record vote, the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.3040 for the General Fund, \$0.0185 for the Road & Bridge Fund and \$0.1040 for the Interest & Sinking Fund for a total Fort Bend County Tax Rate of \$0.42650, which is effectively a 4.89 percent increase in the tax rate.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	No
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

MOTION PASSES

Commissioner Meyers stated this is a tax rate reduction of approximately 1.23 cents. Even though we have a tax rate reduction it still is resulting in a tax increase on homeowners of 4.9 percent. Around 16 – 18 percent of our County taxpayers are 65 and over and most are on fixed income. Their incomes are not going up; however they will be paying more in property taxes to the County.

Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor explained the assessed values go up and even though the court reduces the tax rate the amount of the assessed value growth is still greater than the reduction in the tax rate. This court has stayed within the 3 ½ percent revenue cap ever since the revenue cap legislation came through in 2019. The legislation did not limit or constrain a local government with its ability to service its debt or to fund capital initiatives through debt service to meet the needs of the public. The limit of the revenue cap is purely on the maintenance and operating portion of the budget. If this action is approved the court is also making another significant contribution to the OPEB Trust.

Commissioner McCoy stated the County is giving taxpayers a nominal extra reduction in the tax rate today.

Commissioner Morales stated constituents benefit from EMS service, a library system and a park system Fort Bend County provides. In order to continue those services there is a line we have to draw as far as with our tax rate. The County is reducing the tax rate and cannot help with the assessed values. This is a growing County with infrastructure and with services needed to provide to our constituents for a good quality of life.

Item 22 continued - Budge & Finance:

- D. Take all appropriate action to set public hearings on the proposal to increase the 2023 tax rate for Fort Bend County to be conducted on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom, 2nd Floor, in the Historical Courthouse in Richmond, Texas.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to set public hearings on the proposal to increase the 2023 tax rate for Fort Bend County to be conducted on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom, 2nd Floor, in the Historical Courthouse in Richmond, Texas.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

23. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES:

- A. Take all appropriate action on Amendment Number One to Memorandum of Understanding between Fort Bend County and University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, to extend the period of performance to December 31, 2024.**

Moved by Commissioner McCoy, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Amendment Number One to Memorandum of Understanding between Fort Bend County and University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, to extend the period of performance to December 31, 2024.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

Item 23 continued - Behavioral Health Services:

- B. Take all appropriate action on Memorandum of Understanding between Fort Bend County and Santa Maria Hostel, Inc. for the purpose of providing intervention services to complete a more comprehensive and coordinated continuum of care for participants.**

Moved by Commissioner McCoy, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Memorandum of Understanding between Fort Bend County and Santa Maria Hostel, Inc. for the purpose of providing intervention services to complete a more comprehensive and coordinated continuum of care for participants.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

- C. Take all appropriate action on request for a new, full time Position, Case Manager Specialist, Grade 105, of the General Pay Structure, in the Behavioral Health Services Department, effective August 8, 2023. (Fund: OJJDP FY2022 Second Chance Act Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children)**

Moved by Commissioner McCoy, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request for a new, full time Position, Case Manager Specialist, Grade 105, of the General Pay Structure, in the Behavioral Health Services Department, effective August 8, 2023. (Fund: OJJDP FY2022 Second Chance Act Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

24. DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

Take all appropriate action on transfer in the amount of \$50,000 from American Rescue Plan Act - Expose Excellence Youth Program into American Rescue Plan Act - Revenue Replacement to allocate funds for Expose Excellence Youth Program activities.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve transfer in the amount of \$50,000 from American Rescue Plan Act - Expose Excellence Youth Program into American Rescue Plan Act - Revenue Replacement to allocate funds for Expose Excellence Youth Program activities.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

25. ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION:

A. Take all appropriate action to approve early voting locations as presented by the Office of Elections Administration for the November 7, 2023 Special Election.

Moved by Commissioner McCoy, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
It is ordered to approve early voting locations as presented by the Office of Elections Administration for the November 7, 2023 Special Election.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to amend early voting locations as presented by the Office of Elections Administration for the November 7, 2023 Special Election to add Pinnacle Center.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

John Oldham, Elections Administration explained anyone who would like to open their facility as a voting location is welcomed to contact Elections.

Commissioner Prestage would like to add the Pinnacle Center to the polling places for early voting.

Item 25 continued - Elections Administration:

B. Take all appropriate action to approve voting locations as presented by the Office of Elections Administration for the November 7, 2023 Mobility and Parks Bond Election.

Moved by Commissioner McCoy, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve voting locations as presented by the Office of Elections Administration for the November 7, 2023 Mobility and Parks Bond Election.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

26. ENGINEERING:

A. Take all appropriate action on request for variance to the centerline radius requirements as stated in Section 5.3.C.1, of the Fort Bend County Regulations of Subdivisions for Westmoor Drive Street Dedication Sec. 1 on behalf of TPHTM 1464, LLC, Precinct 4.

Moved by Commissioner McCoy, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request for variance to the centerline radius requirements as stated in Section 5.3.C.1, of the Fort Bend County Regulations of Subdivisions for Westmoor Drive Street Dedication Sec. 1 on behalf of TPHTM 1464, LLC, Precinct 4.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

B. Take all appropriate action on plat for Westmoor Drive Street Dedication Sec. 1, Precinct 4.

Moved by Commissioner McCoy, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve plat for Westmoor Drive Street Dedication Sec. 1, Precinct 4.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

Item 26 continued - Engineering:

- C. Take all appropriate action on request for moving expenses in the amount of \$7,036.90 plus the necessary costs for Parcel R76663_06A, and authorize the County Judge to sign all closing documents, regarding West Sycamore Segment 3, Mobility Bond Project No. 17123x, Precinct 2. (Fund: Landfill Tipping Fees)**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request for moving expenses in the amount of \$7,036.90 plus the necessary costs for Parcel R76663_06A, and authorize the County Judge to sign all closing documents, regarding West Sycamore Segment 3, Mobility Bond Project No. 17123x, Precinct 2. (Fund: Landfill Tipping Fees)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

- D. Take all appropriate action on Addendum to Utility Construction Services Agreement between Fort Bend County and CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$111,850.53, regarding Church Street, Mobility Bond Project No. 20119, Precinct 2. (Fund: Mobility Bonds/ Bond Referendum)**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Addendum to Utility Construction Services Agreement between Fort Bend County and CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$111,850.53, regarding Church Street, Mobility Bond Project No. 20119, Precinct 2. (Fund: Mobility Bonds/ Bond Referendum)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

- E. Take all appropriate action on Antiquities Permit Application between Fort Bend County and Texas Historical Commission regarding John Sharp Drive, Mobility Bond Project No. 17421x, Precinct 3.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Antiquities Permit Application between Fort Bend County and Texas Historical Commission regarding John Sharp Drive, Mobility Bond Project No. 17421x, Precinct 3.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

Item 26 continued - Engineering:

- F. Take all appropriate action on request for Relocation Housing Supplement in the amount of \$63,385 plus the necessary costs for Parcel R107090, and authorize the County Judge to sign all closing documents, regarding 10th Street, Mobility Bond Project No. 20106, Precinct 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds / Bond Referendum)**

Moved by Commissioner McCoy, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request for Relocation Housing Supplement in the amount of \$63,385 plus the necessary costs for Parcel R107090, and authorize the County Judge to sign all closing documents, regarding 10th Street, Mobility Bond Project No. 20106, Precinct 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds / Bond Referendum)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

- G. Take all appropriate action on Right-of-Way Donation Deed between Fort Bend County and JDS Nursery Tract, LLC and authorize the County Clerk to record in Official Public Records at no cost to the County, regarding FM 359 Realignment, Precinct 1.**

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Right-of-Way Donation Deed between Fort Bend County and JDS Nursery Tract, LLC and authorize the County Clerk to record in Official Public Records at no cost to the County, regarding FM 359 Realignment, Precinct 1.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

Item 26 continued - Engineering:

- H. Take all appropriate action on authorization to purchase the following Parcels, plus the necessary costs, authorize the County Judge to sign all closing documents regarding Fulshear-Gaston Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 20312, Precinct 1 and authorize the County Clerk to record said deed and related documents in the Official Public Records at no cost. (Fund: Mobility Bonds / Bond Referendum)**

1.	R520894	In the amount of \$11,545.94;
2.	R519541	In the amount of \$6,042.78; and
3.	R519540	In the amount of \$11,925.75.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve authorization to purchase the following Parcels, plus the necessary costs, authorize the County Judge to sign all closing documents regarding Fulshear-Gaston Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 20312, Precinct 1 and authorize the County Clerk to record said deed and related documents in the Official Public Records at no cost. (Fund: Mobility Bonds / Bond Referendum)

1.	R520894	In the amount of \$11,545.94;
2.	R519541	In the amount of \$6,042.78; and
3.	R519540	In the amount of \$11,925.75.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

27. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT & PLANNING:

Take all appropriate action to authorize the use of Certificates of Obligation to fund third-party consulting services Agreement regarding the Phase 2 energy efficiency study in an amount not to exceed \$4,200.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to authorize the use of Certificates of Obligation to fund third-party consulting services Agreement regarding the Phase 2 energy efficiency study in an amount not to exceed \$4,200.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

28.

GRANTS ADMINISTRATION:

Community Development: Take all appropriate action on authorization to purchase the following properties, plus the necessary costs, and authorize the County Judge to sign all closing documents regarding the 2016 Voluntary Homeowner Buyout Program (Texas General Land Office Contract No. 18-523-000-B264) (Fund: Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR))

Property No.	In the amount of:
DR-0001	\$290,000;
DR-0002	\$230,067.46;
DR-0006	\$59,341.72;
DR-0009	\$208,546;
DR-0012	\$281,438.04;
DR-0048	\$275,000;
DR-0049	\$30,236.14;
DR-0050	\$360,000; and
DR-0051	\$104,105.20.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve authorization to purchase the following properties, plus the necessary costs, and authorize the County Judge to sign all closing documents regarding the 2016 Voluntary Homeowner Buyout Program (Texas General Land Office Contract No. 18-523-000-B264) (Fund: Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR))

Property No.	In the amount of:
DR-0001	\$290,000;
DR-0002	\$230,067.46;
DR-0006	\$59,341.72;
DR-0009	\$208,546;
DR-0012	\$281,438.04;
DR-0048	\$275,000;
DR-0049	\$30,236.14;
DR-0050	\$360,000; and
DR-0051	\$104,105.20.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

29. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES:

- A. Health and Human Services - Social Services: Take all appropriate action on request for a new, full time Position, Mental Health Therapist, Grade 109 of the General Pay Structure, in the Health and Human Services - Social Services Department, effective August 8, 2023. (Fund: Texas Veterans Mental Health Program Clinical Counseling Grant)**

Moved by Commissioner McCoy, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request for a new, full time Position, Mental Health Therapist, Grade 109 of the General Pay Structure, in the Health and Human Services - Social Services Department, effective August 8, 2023.
(Fund: Texas Veterans Mental Health Program Clinical Counseling Grant)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

- B. Health and Human Services – Epidemiology Division: Take all appropriate action on request to transfer \$4,000 from Non-Departmental Contingency into Accounts listed in Director's form dated August 8, 2023 to allocate funds for Laboratory Fees.**

Moved by Commissioner McCoy, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request to transfer \$4,000 from Non-Departmental Contingency into Accounts listed in Director's form dated August 8, 2023 to allocate funds for Laboratory Fees.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

30. HUMAN RESOURCES:

Take all appropriate action on revisions to the Employee Information Manual, specifically to Policies 301, 302, and 303, as submitted by Human Resources.

Moved by Commissioner McCoy, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve revisions to the Employee Information Manual, specifically to Policies 301, 302, and 303, as submitted by Human Resources.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

Nicole Ledet, Human Resources Director explained Policies 301, 302 and 303 have been reviewed by her office and the County Attorney's office. The revisions are minor and allows the County to be in compliance with the annual audit. Ms. Ledet recommends the court move forward with the revisions.

Perri D'Armond, Transit Director indicated by not making these policy changes could jeopardize our funding with TXDOT.

Commissioner McCoy, stated for the record, by not approving it now creates a different sense of urgency in getting the additional revisions done. He is fine with moving forward if it has implications on our grant funding.

31. MAIL CENTER:

Take all appropriate action on request to transfer \$53,361 from Non-Departmental Contingency into Accounts detailed on Supervisor's form dated July 24, 2023, to allocate additional postage funds due to U.S. postal rate increases effective on July 9, 2023.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request to transfer \$53,361 (**corrected to read: \$53,631**) from Non-Departmental Contingency into Accounts detailed on Supervisor's form dated July 24, 2023, to allocate additional postage funds due to U.S. postal rate increases effective on July 9, 2023.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

32. MEDICAL EXAMINER:

- A. Take all appropriate action on exception to the Fort Bend County Travel Policy for reimbursement to P. Uribe who attended the International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners Symposium in Las Vegas, Nevada, July 14, 2023 through July 22, 2023, in an amount of \$2,003.66.**

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve exception to the Fort Bend County Travel Policy for reimbursement to P. Uribe who attended the International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners Symposium in Las Vegas, Nevada, July 14, 2023 through July 22, 2023, in an amount of \$2,003.66.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

- B. Take all appropriate action on transfer in the amount of \$183,985 from Non-Departmental Contingency and Salaries into Accounts listed on Director's form dated July 21, 2023 to allocate funds to cover negative balance and hire temporary morgue technician.**

Moved by Commissioner McCoy, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve transfer in the amount of \$183,985 from Non-Departmental Contingency and Salaries into Accounts listed on Director's form dated July 21, 2023 to allocate funds to cover negative balance and hire temporary morgue technician.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

33. MISCELLANEOUS:

A. Take all appropriate action on Order Calling a Bond Election to be conducted on November 7, 2023.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to authorize order calling for a Bond Election on November 7, 2023 for Mobility Projects totaling \$712,630,000 and Parks Facilities totaling \$153,000,000 with Mobility Projects amount including a \$287 increase to Precinct 1 from the action approved at a special session of Commissioners Court on August 7, 2023.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

Commissioner Meyers explained the County is allowing the voters to make a decision whether or not they want to approve these two bond issues.

B. Take all appropriate action on Declaration and Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning in Unincorporated Fort Bend County, Texas pursuant to Local Government Code Section 352.081.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Declaration and Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning in Unincorporated Fort Bend County, Texas pursuant to Local Government Code Section 352.081.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

Justin Jurek, Fire Marshal updated the court on the extreme heat and drought index in Fort Bend County. The drought index ranges from 0 – 800 in which Fort Bend County is at 651. The index of 600 is at a level to be considered severe drought conditions. There are 168 out of 254 counties in Texas under a Burn Ban. Mr. Jurek recommends Commissioners Court enact a Declaration Order prohibiting outdoor burning. It is recommended the Burn Ban expire in 90 days with continued monitoring and making recommendations accordingly.

34. PARKS & RECREATION:

Take all appropriate action to grant a variance to the prohibition on the use of private security for Fairgrounds rental as requested by CenterPoint Energy for an event to be held at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds on October 19, 2023 through October 23, 2023: with supervision of the private security to be provided as agreed to by the Fort Bend County Constable Precinct Four Office and all costs to be paid by CenterPoint Energy at no costs to the county.

Moved by Commissioner McCoy, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to grant a variance to the prohibition on the use of private security for Fairgrounds rental as requested by CenterPoint Energy for an event to be held at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds on October 19, 2023 through October 23, 2023: with supervision of the private security to be provided as agreed to by the Fort Bend County Constable Precinct Four Office and all costs to be paid by CenterPoint Energy at no costs to the county.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

35. PURCHASING:

- A. Take all appropriate action on Tenth Amendment to Agreement between Fort Bend County and MPACT Strategic Consulting, LLC for additional professional consulting services regarding emergency and grant management services, utilizing H-GAC Contract No. HP08-17, in an additional amount of \$45,192 for a total amount not to exceed \$32,230,821.95 and to extend the time of performance through December 31, 2024. (Fund: American Rescue Plan Act, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Emergency Rental Assistance 2)**

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Tenth Amendment to Agreement between Fort Bend County and MPACT Strategic Consulting, LLC for additional professional consulting services regarding emergency and grant management services, utilizing H-GAC Contract No. HP08-17, in an additional amount of \$45,192 for a total amount not to exceed \$32,230,821.95 and to extend the time of performance through December 31, 2024. (Fund: American Rescue Plan Act, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Emergency Rental Assistance 2)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

Item 35 continued - Purchasing:

B. Take all appropriate action on RFQ 23-060 for the Design/Build of the Missouri City Annex Clinic Renovations for Fort Bend County.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to negotiate on RFQ 23-060 for the Design/Build of the Missouri City Annex Clinic Renovations for Fort Bend County with the most highly qualified respondent BLS Construction, Inc.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

C. Take all appropriate action on Bid 23-061, for Traffic Signal Installation at Spring Green Boulevard at Pine Mill Ranch Drive for Fort Bend County.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to Reject Bids and Re-advertise at a later date due to being over budget on Bid 23-061, for Traffic Signal Installation at Spring Green Boulevard at Pine Mill Ranch Drive for Fort Bend County.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

D. Take all appropriate action on Addendum to Agreement between Fort Bend County and Virgin Pulse, Inc., utilizing Sourcewell Cooperative Contract No. 051922-VRG, for the purchase of health and wellness platform, in an amount not to exceed \$72,299 effective through January 1, 2025. (Fund: Risk Management)

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Addendum to Agreement between Fort Bend County and Virgin Pulse, Inc., utilizing Sourcewell Cooperative Contract No. 051922-VRG, for the purchase of health and wellness platform, in an amount not to exceed \$72,299 effective through January 1, 2025. (Fund: Risk Management)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

Item 35 continued - Purchasing:**E. Take all appropriate action on RFP 23-057 for Construction of Westpark Park and Ride.**

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to negotiate on RFP 23-057 for Construction of Westpark Park and Ride with the most highly qualified respondent SpawGlass Civil Construction, Inc.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

F. Take all appropriate action on RFP 24-003 for Commissary Management Services.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to negotiate on on RFP 24-003 for Commissary Management Services with the most highly qualified respondent Aramark Correctional Services, LLC.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

G. Take all appropriate action on Addendum between Fort Bend County and C&T Information Technology Consulting, Inc. for consulting services regarding data integration and business dashboard services, utilizing State of Texas Department of Information Resources Agreement No. DIR-CPO-4570, in an amount not to exceed \$107,400. (Fund: Information Technology)

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Addendum between Fort Bend County and C&T Information Technology Consulting, Inc. for consulting services regarding data integration and business dashboard services, utilizing State of Texas Department of Information Resources Agreement No. DIR-CPO-4570, in an amount not to exceed \$107,400. (Fund: Information Technology)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

Item 35 continued - Purchasing:

- H. Take all appropriate action on request to rescind Agenda Item 40P, previously approved by Commissioners Court on September 27, 2022, regarding vehicle No. 24 from Bid 22-081, Ford Explorer for the District Clerk in an amount of \$31,775 from Rockdale Country Ford and take all appropriate action on the purchase of one Toyota Highlander, addition to fleet from Silsbee Toyota, utilizing TIPS Contract No. 210907, in an amount not to exceed \$39,615. (Fund: Advanced Funding/Certificates of Obligation)**

Moved by Commissioner McCoy, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request to rescind Agenda Item 40P, previously approved by Commissioners Court on September 27, 2022, regarding vehicle No. 24 from Bid 22-081, Ford Explorer for the District Clerk in an amount of \$31,775 from Rockdale Country Ford and take all appropriate action on the purchase of one Toyota Highlander, addition to fleet from Silsbee Toyota, utilizing TIPS Contract No. 210907, in an amount not to exceed \$39,615. (Fund: Advanced Funding/Certificates of Obligation)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

Jaime Kovar, Purchasing Agent explained there is a price increase of approximately \$7,000 to acquire the Toyota Highlander. The order bank is closed for 2023 Explorers at this time and the District Clerk is in dire need of a vehicle.

- I. Take all appropriate action on Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between Fort Bend County and HTS, Inc. Consultants, pursuant to SOQ 14-025, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$112,000 regarding Old Needville-Fairchilds Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17108, Precinct 2. (Fund: Mobility Bonds / Bond Referendum)**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between Fort Bend County and HTS, Inc. Consultants, pursuant to SOQ 14-025, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$112,000 regarding Old Needville-Fairchilds Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17108, Precinct 2. (Fund: Mobility Bonds / Bond Referendum)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

Item 35 continued - Purchasing:

- J. Take all appropriate action on Change Order No. 3 between Fort Bend County and Traffic Systems Construction, Inc., to increase the contract by \$18,350 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$938,108.38; pursuant to Bid No. 22-014, regarding University Boulevard at Winding Waters, Precinct 3. (Fund: Certificates of Obligation)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Change Order No. 3 between Fort Bend County and Traffic Systems Construction, Inc., to increase the contract by \$18,350 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$938,108.38; pursuant to Bid No. 22-014, regarding University Boulevard at Winding Waters, Precinct 3.
(Fund: Certificates of Obligation)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

- K. Take all appropriate action on Change Order No. 1 between Fort Bend County and Antwi Industries, LLC, to decrease the contract by \$78,264.39, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$476,802.86 and to extend time of performance through December 6, 2022; pursuant to Bid No. 21-055, regarding Rohan Road Intersection Improvements, Mobility Bond Project No. 17114, Precinct 2. (Fund: Mobility Bonds / Bond Referendum)**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Change Order No. 1 between Fort Bend County and Antwi Industries, LLC, to decrease the contract by \$78,264.39, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$476,802.86 and to extend time of performance through December 6, 2022; pursuant to Bid No. 21-055, regarding Rohan Road Intersection Improvements, Mobility Bond Project No. 17114, Precinct 2.
(Fund: Mobility Bonds / Bond Referendum)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

36. SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

Take all appropriate action on Addendum to Vehicle Borrower Application and Agreement between Fort Bend County and Mazda Motor of America, Inc., d/b/a Mazda North American Operations for vehicles used in the Kids & Cops and other related Programs, effective August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Addendum to Vehicle Borrower Application and Agreement between Fort Bend County and Mazda Motor of America, Inc., d/b/a Mazda North American Operations for vehicles used in the Kids & Cops and other related Programs, effective August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

37. Approve Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve bills in the amount of \$14,339,475.51, with routine disbursements of \$9,173,301.26.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

38. Ratify the release of time-sensitive disbursements made on August 3, 2023.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to Ratify the release of time-sensitive disbursements made on August 3, 2023 in the amount of \$9,885,447.92.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

39. Authorize County Auditor to pay and release the time-sensitive disbursements on August 17, 2023, to be ratified by Commissioners Court on August 22, 2023.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to authorize County Auditor to pay and release the time-sensitive disbursements on August 17, 2023, to be ratified by Commissioners Court on August 22, 2023.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

Recess:

Recessed at 2:27 p.m.

40. Meet in Closed Session to deliberate the following matters as authorized by the Texas Government Code:

- A. § 551.074. Personnel Matters.** Commissioners Court will meet in Closed Session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.

Executive Manager Evaluations:

1.	Chief Medical Examiner;
2.	Fire Marshal; and
3.	Chief Public Defender.

- B. § 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.

- 1. Cause No. D-1-GN-16-000370, In Re: Volkswagen Clean Diesel Texas MDL in the 200th District Court of Travis County, Texas.**
- 2. Cause No. 21-DCV-286888, Chavis Shanae Ward vs. H2 America Transport, Inc., et. al.; In the 268th District Court of Fort Bend County, Texas.**
- 3. Civil Action No. 4:23-cv-02172; Esmeralda Trigo, et. al. vs. Fort Bend County, Texas, et. al.; In the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division.**

Item 40 continued - Meet in Closed Session:

4. **Memorandum of Agreement with U.S. Department of Justice (Civil Rights Division) Complaint No. 171-76-19.**
5. **Paying agent/registrar services for the County's Tax Note, Series 2020, Permanent Improvement Bonds, Series 2020.**
6. **Economic Development Agreement Katy Gaston-Falcon Landing Project, executed 2016.**

Closed Session:

Convened at 2:46 p.m.
Adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Reconvene:

Reconvened at 4:02 p.m.

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

A. § 551.074. Personnel Matters.

Executive Manager Evaluations:

1. Chief Medical Examiner;
2. Fire Marshal; and
3. Chief Public Defender.

The evaluations for the Chief Medical Examiner, Fire Marshal, and Chief Public Defender have been completed by Commissioners Court and will be part of the employee's personnel file.

B. § 551.071. Consultation With Attorney.

1. **Cause No. D-1-GN-16-000370, In Re: Volkswagen Clean Diesel Texas MDL in the 200th District Court of Travis County, Texas.**

Moved by Commissioner McCoy, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve and accept the full and final settlement agreement recommended by the County Attorney, and to approve such terms and provisions for the full and final settlement in Cause No. D-1-GN-16-000370 (intended to say D-1-GN-16-000370), Cause No. In re: Volkswagen Clean Diesel in the 200th District Court of Travis County, Texas.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

Item 41 continued - Reconvene Open Session:

**2. Cause No. 21-DCV-286888, Chavis Shanae Ward vs. H2 America Transport, Inc., et. al.;
In the 268th District Court of Fort Bend County, Texas.**

This item has two motions.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve and accept the full and final settlement agreement recommended by the County Attorney, and to approve such terms and provisions for the full and final settlement in Cause No. 21-DCV-286888; Chavis Shanae Ward, Plaintiff, v. H2 America Transport, Inc., et. al., Defendants in the 268th District Court of Fort Bend County, Texas for a total amount of \$30,000.00 for Servando Cuellar, Jr.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve and accept the full and final settlement agreement recommended by the County Attorney, and to approve such terms and provisions for the full and final settlement in Cause No. 21-DCV-286888; Chavis Shanae Ward, Plaintiff, v. H2 America Transport, Inc., et. al., Defendants in the 268th District Court of Fort Bend County, Texas for a total amount of \$100,000.00.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

Item 41 continued - Reconvene Open Session:

- 3. Civil Action No. 4:23-cv-02172; Esmeralda Trigo, et. al. vs. Fort Bend County, Texas, et. al.; In the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to authorize the County Attorney to settle Civil Action No. 4:23-CV-02172 styled Esmeralda Trigo, as the surviving relative and representative of the estate of Albert Ramirez, Deceased v. Fort Bend County, Texas, et. al., pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division on the following terms: 1. Payment to Plaintiff in the amount of Seventy Thousand and no/100 dollars (\$70,000); in exchange for 2. A full release and dismissal of all claims and causes of action with prejudice. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as, or constitute an, admission of liability or of fact by any of the Fort Bend County Defendants or Fort Bend County. Fort Bend County denies any and all claims asserted by Plaintiff.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner McCoy	Yes

- 4. Memorandum of Agreement with U.S. Department of Justice (Civil Rights Division) Complaint No. 171-76-19.**

No action.

- 5. Paying agent/registrar services for the County's Tax Note, Series 2020, Permanent Improvement Bonds, Series 2020.**

No action.

- 6. Economic Development Agreement Katy Gaston-Falcon Landing Project, executed 2016.**

No action.

42. Adjournment.

Commissioners Court adjourned at 4:07 p.m. on Tuesday, August 8, 2023.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers,
to adjourn.



I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.



Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas