

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 24TH DAY of OCTOBER, 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
LINDA WILLIS 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 Heather Tolleson, First Christian Church Katy and Pledges of Allegiance by Judge KP George.
- 3. Approve minutes of regular meeting held on October 24, 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 October 24, 2023 (**corrected to read: October 10, 2023**).

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

4. Public Comments regarding the Agenda and Announcements.

There were three public comments:

- Chris Heasley, 11703 Blair Meadow Drive, Meadows Place spoke against Item 15A Engineering, Public Roads.
- Kristin Martin, 4511 Summits Edge Lane, Katy spoke against Items 19A – I.
- Dr. Ilene Harper, Executive Director of Family Life and Community Resource Center (FLCRC), 821 E. Hwy 90A, presented an appreciation award to the Court.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: 1:15 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.	Fulshear Lakes Creekside Village Section 2, Precinct 1.
2.	Tamarron West Section 16, Precinct 1.
3.	Chimney Rock Road within Winfield Lakes Sec 9, Precinct 2.
4.	Stonecreek Estates Section 7, Precinct 2.
5.	Harvest Green Section 41, Precinct 4.

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: 6 - 24

6. Record into the Minutes out-of-state travel by Elected Official:

Constable Pct. 3: Ratify out-of-state travel for Constable N. Shike to San Diego, California, October 13, 2023 through October 17, 2023, to attend the International Association of Chiefs of Police. (Fund: Travel)

7. OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL: Approve out-of-state travel requests for County personnel:

- A. Environmental Health: Approve out-of-state travel for M. Schaffer and K. Pritts to Cape Coral, Florida, November 12, 2023 through November 16, 2023 to attend the 2023 Florida Mosquito Control Association (FMCA) Annual Conference. (Fund: Environmental Health Mosquito Budget-Travel)**

Item 7 continued - Out-of-State Travel:

- B. Epidemiology: Approve out-of-state travel for N. Janoski to Atlanta, Georgia, November 12, 2023 through November 17, 2023 to attend the American Public Health Association Conference (APHA) and Essential Skills Creating Safe and Inclusive Environments to support Infection Control Practice. (Fund: Health and Human Services Epidemiology and NACCHO Scholarship)**
- C. Road and Bridge: Approve out-of-state travel for B. Fields to San Diego, California, February 3, 2024 through February 6, 2024, to attend American Traffic Safety Services Foundation Convention Expo 2024. (Fund: Travel)**

8. COUNTY JUDGE:

Accept and record the generous donation by The LDM Group LLC, in the amount of \$25 to be used for the Adopt-a-Family Fort Bend County Program.

9. BUDGET TRANSFER(s):

- A. District Attorney: Approve FY2023 transfer in the amount of \$56,040 as detailed on District Attorney's form dated October 12, 2023 to allocate funds to cover purchased technology items and overtime.**
- B. District Clerk: Approve FY2023 transfer in the amount of \$600 from Supplies & Maintenance into Information Technology to allocate funds for payment of invoice.**
- C. Homeland Security & Emergency Management: Approve FY2023 transfer in the amount of \$40 from Operating Supplies into Information Technology to allocate funds to cover FY2023 deficit.**
- D. Sheriff's Office Commissary: Approve FY2023 transfer in the amount of \$1,902 as detailed on the Chief's form dated October 11, 2023, to amend the budget pursuant to Local Government Code Section 111.07075 and allocate revenue received from Commissary into Accounts for expenditures through September 2023.**
- E. Tax Office: Approve FY2023 transfer in the amount of \$1,904 from Property and Equipment into Information Technology Department to reimburse funds used to purchase TV monitors for the lobbies of the Tax Offices.**
- F. Constable Pct. 4: Approve FY2024 transfer in the amount of \$118 from Constable Pct. 4 - Information Technology into Information Technology Department - Fees to allocate funds for the purchase of Adobe Pro License for employee.**
- G. District Attorney: Approve FY2024 transfer in the amount of \$33,083 from Fees into Information Technology to allocate funds to purchase a Records Management System for investigations.**

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Item 9 continued - Budget Transfer(s):

- H. Sheriff's Office - Gus George Law Enforcement Academy: Approve FY2024 transfer in the amount of \$10,000 from Gus George Law Enforcement Academy - Fees into Information Technology, to allocate funds for purchase of new computers.**

10. CONSTABLE, PCT. 1:

Approve Agreement for Additional Law Enforcement Services between Fort Bend County and Weston Lakes Property Owners Association with services to be provided by the Office of Fort Bend Constable Precinct 1, effective through September 30, 2024.

11. CONSTABLE, PCT. 3:

Approve Interlocal Agreement for Additional Law Enforcement Services between Fort Bend County and Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 119 with services to be provided by the Office of Constable Precinct 3, effective through September 30, 2024.

12. CONSTABLE, PCT. 4:

Approve Interlocal Agreements for Additional Law Enforcement Services with services to be provided by the Office of Fort Bend County Constable Precinct 4, effective through September 30, 2024 between Fort Bend County and the following entities:

1.	Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 155; and
2.	Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 146.

13. COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Record into minutes a copy of the Request by the Fort Bend County Attorney to the Fort Bend County District Attorney regarding Protective Orders under Title 4, Family Code, for Fort Bend County.

14. COUNTY TREASURER:

- A. Approve monthly report submitted by the County Treasurer for September 2023, and authorize advertisement of affidavit of the same, in accordance with Local Government Code 114.026.**
- B. Approve revised monthly report submitted by the County Treasurer for August 2023, and authorize advertisement of affidavit of the same, in accordance with Local Government Code 114.026.**

15. ENGINEERING-PERMITS:

A. ENGINEERING-PERMITS, BONDS:

- 1. Approve acceptance of Perpetual Bond from Indemnity National Insurance Company for AUC Group, LLC.**
- 2. Approve the release of Performance Bond from Park Construction Associates, LLC for work completed along Hunt Road, Permit No. 2020-41652, Precinct 1.**
- 3. Approve release of Performance Bond from Teamwork Construction Services, Inc. for work completed along South Firethorne Road, Permit No. 2023-63273, Precinct 1.**
- 4. Approve release of Cashier's Check from Sealy IDV Anserra, LLC/Quiddity Engineering for work completed along Kingsland Boulevard, Permit No. 2022-58474, Precinct 1.**
- 5. Approve release of Performance Bond from Bella Piazza III LLC/Structura for work completed along Via Mazzini Way, Permit No. 2021-49981, Precinct 4.**

B. ENGINEERING-PERMITS, PCT. 1:

- 1. Approve permit application from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T Texas/GCP Technologies to install fiber optic cable along Lakefair Drive, Permit No. 2023-64793, Precinct 1.**
- 2. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install fiber optic cable along Commercial Center Boulevard, Permit No. 2023-64878, Precinct 1.**
- 3. Approve permit application from Crown Castle Fiber LLC to install fiber optic cable along Katy Flewellen Road, Permit No. 2023-64877, Precinct 1.**
- 4. Approve permit application from PS Lightwave, Inc to install fiber optic cable along Jordan Ranch Boulevard, Permit No. 2023-64890, Precinct 1.**
- 5. Approve permit application from PS Lightwave, Inc to install a new utility pole along Jordan Crossing Boulevard, Permit No. 2023-64892, Precinct 1.**
- 6. Approve permit application from C4 Partners, LLC to install a commercial driveway along Settegast Ranch Road for the Candela South Water Supply and Storage Facility, Permit No. 2023-64895, Precinct 1.**

C. ENGINEERING-PERMITS, PCT. 2:

- 1. Approve permit application from R Construction Civil, LLC dba R Construction Company to install a residential street tie-in, a waterline, and a force main along Vacek Road for Vacek Pointe, Permit No. 2023-64270, Precinct 2.**

Item 15 continued - Engineering - Permits:

- 2. Approve permit application from Peltier Brothers Construction Ltd. to install a temporary construction driveway along Sienna Parkway, Permit No. 2022-57165, Precinct 2.**
- 3. Approve permit application from A&M Contractors, Inc. to install a residential street connection along A. Myers for Stonecreek Estates Section 10, Permit No. 2023-64735, Precinct 2.**
- 4. Approve permit application from Frontier Southwest Inc. dba/Frontier Communications of Texas/Squan Engineering to install fiber optic cable crossing under drainage channel VII-B, Permit No. 2023-64872, Precinct 2.**
- 5. Approve permit application from Dimas Bros. Construction, LLC to install a temporary construction driveway, sanitary sewer connection, and a waterline connection along Mallow Rose Way for Huntington Place Section 6, Permit No. 2023-64826, Precinct 2.**
- 6. Approve permit application from R Construction Civil, LLC dba R Construction Company to install a temporary construction driveway along Crescent Spring Drive for Sienna Section 69A, Permit No. 2023-64879, Precinct 2.**
- 7. Approve permit application from Frontier Southwest Inc. dba/Frontier Communications of Texas to install fiber optic cable along Trammel Fresno Road and Jabot Avenue, Permit No. 2023-64871, Precinct 2.**
- 8. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install fiber optic cable along Waters Lake Boulevard, Permit No. 2023-64873, Precinct 2.**
- 9. Approve permit application from CenterPoint Energy to install a gas line along Westenfeldt Road and Rabb Road, Permit No. 2023-64056, Precinct 2.**

D. ENGINEERING-PERMITs, PCT. 3:

- 1. Approve permit application from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T Texas/Pivotal Communications, LLC to install fiber optic cable along various streets within Townewest Section 5, Permit No. 2023-64607, Precinct 3.**
- 2. Approve permit application from NewQuest Equity LC/NewQuest Residential to install commercial driveways along Laurel Landing Way and West Aliana Trace Drive at 11235 W Grand Parkway S, Permit No. 2023-64705, Precinct 3.**
- 3. Approve permit application from Exalt, Inc. dba TRI Contracting/MAKMO Design LLC to install three commercial driveways along Old Richmond Road and W Airport Boulevard at 15559 W Airport Boulevard, Permit No. 2022-58685, Precinct 3.**

Item 15 continued - Engineering - Permits:

E. ENGINEERING-PERMITTS, PCT. 4:

- 1. Approve permit application from AUC Group, LLC to install a temporary driveway along Heartland Way and then a permanent commercial driveway along Blue Stone Drive for Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 250 WWTP, Permit No. 2023-64906, Precinct 4.**
- 2. Approve permit application from Hurtado Construction Company to install a residential street tie-in along Harlem Road for Harvest Green Section 51, Permit No. 2023-64924, Precinct 4.**
- 3. Approve permit application from Tackle Construction, Inc. to relocate a sanitary sewer force main along Beechnut Street for Mobility Project No. 17204, Permit No. 2023-64575, Precinct 4.**
- 4. Approve permit application from Hurtado Construction Company to install a left-turn lane along Finney Vallet Road for Brookewater Collector Road Phase I, Permit No. 2023-64723, Precinct 4.**
- 5. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install fiber optic cable along various streets within Millers Pond Section 3, Permit No. 2023-64893, Precinct 4.**
- 6. Approve permit application from T Construction LLC to install a temporary construction driveway and relocate a waterline along Bellaire Boulevard near FM 723, Permit No. 2023-64897, Precinct 4.**

16. ENGINEERING-DEVELOPMENT:

- A. Approve request for Fort Bend County to sponsor a Texas Department of Transportation Project on behalf of Lamar Consolidated Independent School District, to expedite the construction of a public road connection for Easton Ramsey Way at FM 723, at no cost to the County, Precinct 4.**
- B. Accept the streets in Jordan Ranch Section 28: Clancy Meadows Drive 190.00 LF, Cherry Vine Road 1,168.17 LF, Sycamore Wood Trace 512.71 LF for a total of 1,870.88 LF and release the bond in the amount of \$142,450.00, Precinct 1.**
- C. Accept the streets in Candela Section 2: Luminosity Drive 117.17 LF, Halley Lane 268.54 LF, Star Blossom Lane 310.19 LF, Regulus Rise Trace 272.38 LF, Sparkling Stream Trail 795.32 LF, Vega Pointe Lane 319.27 LF, Burnished Bay Lane 459.02 LF for a total of 2,541.89 LF and release the bond in the amount of \$177,870.00, Precinct 1.**
- D. Accept the streets in Hunt Road Phase 1: Hunt Road 5,073.67 LF, associated with Permit No. 2020-41652, Precinct 1.**
- E. Approve the plat for Fulbrook Section Three “D” Replat No. 2, Precinct 1.**

Item 16 continued - Engineering - Development:

- F. Approve the plat for Sienna Retail Center, Precinct 2.**
 - G. Approve the plat for Harvest Home Drive Street Dedication Sec 4, Precinct 4.**
 - H. Approve the plat for the roads within Harvest Green Sec 48, Precinct 4.**
 - I. Approve the plat for the lots within Harvest Green Sec 48, Precinct 4.**
 - J. Approve the plat for the roads within Harvest Green Sec 49, Precinct 4.**
 - K. Approve the plat for the lots within Harvest Green Sec 49, Precinct 4.**
 - L. Set public hearing for acceptance of traffic control plan for Reserve at Briana Dee, Precinct 2. (*Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.*)**
 - M. Set public hearing for acceptance of traffic control plan for Briarwood Crossing Drive and Coopers Hill Trail within Briarwood Crossing Section 4, Precinct 4. (*Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.*)**
 - N. Set public hearing for acceptance of traffic control plan for Trillium Section 1, Precinct 4. (*Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.*)**
- 17. FORT BEND COUNTY TOLL ROAD AUTHORITY: The Board of Directors of the Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority reviewed the following items at their regular Board meeting held on October 16, 2023, and makes the following recommendations to Commissioners Court:**
- Approve Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to Engineering Services Agreement between Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority and GC Engineering, Inc., regarding engineering design for Segment B-3.**
- 18. 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 October 16, 2023 and makes the following recommendations to Commissioners Court:**
- Approve Engineering Services Agreement between Fort Bend Grant Parkway Toll Road Authority and HTS, Inc. Consultants regarding Project No. 126-1001 for construction materials testing and inspection services.**

19. **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:
- A. **County Judge:** Accept grant award in the amount of \$77,694 from the U.S. Department of Justice, FY2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for law enforcement equipment.
 - B. **District Attorney:** Ratify the acceptance of grant award in the amount of \$241,000 from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division for the Human Trafficking Investigation and Prosecution Program, with no cash match required by Fort Bend County, for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.
 - C. **District Attorney:** Ratify acceptance of grant award in the amount of \$17,500 from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division for the District Attorney Testing of Forensic Evidence Program, with no cash match required by Fort Bend County for the period of September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024.
 - D. **District Attorney:** Ratify acceptance of grant award in the amount of \$126,744 from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division for the Victims of Crime (VOCA) Victim Witness Staff Expansion Program, with a local match required by Fort Bend County in an amount up to \$122,014, for a total project amount of \$248,758 for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. (Fund: District Attorney Grant Allocation)
 - E. **Homeland Security & Office of Emergency Management:** Accept grant award and approve Resolution, from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, for the Homeland Security Grants Program; in a total amount of \$2,465,881, for projects described within the summary; with no cash match required by Fort Bend County, for the grant term of October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024.
 - F. **Homeland Security & Emergency Management:** Accept Supplemental Grant Award from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, for Homeland Security Grant No. 2971708 in the amount of \$70,149.10 for a total grant award in the amount of \$142,603.10, previously awarded and accepted by Commissioners Court on December 20, 2022, for the purchase of additional equipment to be utilized by the Office of Emergency Management during activations, with no cash match required by Fort Bend County.
 - G. **Homeland Security & Emergency Management:** Accept Supplemental Grant Award from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, for Homeland Security Grant No. 2971008 in the amount of \$60,000.00 for a total grant award in the amount of \$187,000.00 previously awarded and accepted by Commissioners Court on November 01, 2022, for the purchase of additional equipment to be utilized by the Office of Emergency Management during activations, with no cash match required by Fort Bend County.
 - H. **Public Transportation:** Approve Project updates for the implementation of new commuter services to downtown Houston, previously approved by Commissioners Court on October 23, 2018; with funding through the Houston Galveston Area Council Commute Solutions Program, utilizing Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds.

Item 19 continued - Grants Administration:

- I. Sheriff's Office: Accept grant award for the FY2023 U.S. Department of Justice Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program, in the amount of \$2,702.97 with a local match in the amount of \$2,702.97 required by Fort Bend County; for reimbursement for bulletproof vests purchased between April 1, 2023, and August 31, 2025. (Fund: Sheriff Enforcement)**

20. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES:

Social Services: Accept and Record a contribution from Direct Energy to Fort Bend County in the amount of \$10,100 for the 2023 Neighbor-to-Neighbor Bill Assistance Program to provide energy assistance to Fort Bend County low-income residents.

21. PARKS & RECREATION:

Approve Community Use Requests and Equipment Waiver Forms to waive fee for the following:

1.	Texas Cops & Communities for use of space at Landmark Community Center on December 2, 2023, for a community event;
2.	Precinct 1 Office for use of Jones Hall on October 19, 2023, for an HOA meeting at Jones Creek Ranch Park;
3.	Fort Bend County Deputy Sheriff's Association for use of the Lodge on December 2, 2023, for a Holiday Event at Jones Creek Ranch Park;
4.	YMCA Outreach for use of Mustang Community Center October 20, 2023, for a community event;
5.	Representative Suleman Lalani, M.D. for use of Fort Bend County Parks equipment on November 4, 2023;
6.	Edison Arts Foundation for use of Landmark Community Center on December 16, 2023 for a winter recital, and April 27, 2024 for a Gala; and
7.	Sugar Land Youth Cricket Club for use of Four Corners, Arboretum, Mission West, and Jones Creek Ranch Park Cricket fields November 20, 2023 to November 26, 2023, for the 2023 National Youth Cricket Tournament.

22. PURCHASING:

- A. Approve First Amendment to Agreement between Fort Bend County and Yellowstone Landscape for renewal of right-of-way mowing services utilizing Choice Partners Cooperative Agreement No. 20/030MR in an annual amount not to exceed \$750,000. (Fund: Road and Bridge)**
- B. Authorize advertising for proposals for Insurance Broker of Record.**
- C. Authorize advertising for bids for hydraulic repairs and supplies.**

Item 22 continued - Purchasing:

- D. Approve Tenth Amendment to Agreement between Fort Bend County and Aramark Correctional Services, LLC, pursuant to RFP 15-058, for inmate food service with no change in maximum compensation previously approved in the amount of \$1,892,318.00 for the remainder of the fiscal year.**
- E. Authorize advertising for proposals for modifications and repairs to Health and Human Services Mobile Health Unit utilizing American Rescue Plan Act funding.**
- F. Authorize advertising for bids for Construction of Fort Bend Parkway Entrance Ramp for Fort Bend County, Mobility Bond Project No. 20219x.**

23. SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

- A. Record into minutes, Commissary Management Services Agreement Pursuant to RFP 24-003, between Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office and Aramark Correctional Services, effective through September 30, 2025. (Fund: Sheriff Commissary)**
- B. Approve and Record into minutes Amendment to Agreement between Fort Bend County Sheriff and Innersect, Inc. for Veterans Program for Fiscal Year 2023. (Fund Source: Sheriff Commissary)**
- C. Approve Interlocal Agreement for Additional Law Enforcement Services between Fort Bend County and Pecan Grove Municipal Utility District, with services to be provided by the Sheriff's Office, effective through September 30, 2024.**
- D. Approve Agreement for Additional Law Enforcement Services between Fort Bend County and Waterview Estates Owner's Association with services to be provided by the Sheriff's Office effective through September 30, 2024.**

24. TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR:

- A. Record into Minutes the Summary Monthly Report of Property Taxes Collected in September 2023 as submitted by the Office of Carmen P. Turner, Tax Assessor-Collector.**
- B. Record into the Minutes the Annual Report for all Taxes Collected from October 2022 through September 2023 as submitted by the Office of Carmen P. Turner, Tax Assessor-Collector.**
- C. Approve and record into Minutes tax payment refunds in the amount of \$31,174.12 for the Office of Carmen P. Turner.**

Consent Agenda Items 6 - 24 continued:

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Consent Agenda
Items 6 - 24, excepting 9G.

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

Item 9G has been pulled.

25. CONSTABLE, PCT. 1:

Take all appropriate action on Agreement for Additional Law Enforcement Services between Fort Bend County and Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 134D with services to be provided by the Office of Fort Bend Constable Precinct 1, effective through September 30, 2024.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Agreement for Additional
Law Enforcement Services between Fort Bend County and Fort Bend County Municipal
Utility District No. 134D with services to be provided by the Office of Fort Bend Constable
Precinct 1, effective through September 30, 2024.

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

26. COUNTY ATTORNEY:

- A. Take all appropriate action on request for transfer in the amount of \$125,000 as detailed on the Auditor's form dated October 16, 2023, which includes an allocation of \$50,000 from Non-Department Contingency for services needed to assist with recovery of American Rescue Plan Act funds through The Cox Pradia Law Firm.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request for transfer in the amount of \$125,000 as detailed on the Auditor's form dated October 16, 2023, which includes an allocation of \$50,000 from Non-Department Contingency for services needed to assist with recovery of American Rescue Plan Act funds through The Cox Pradia Law Firm.

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

Item 26A County Attorney was revisited before Reconvene Open Session to modify the Motion.

- B. Take all appropriate action on request for transfer in the amount of \$30,000 from Non-Departmental Fees into Fees and Services for legal services.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request for transfer in the amount of \$30,000 from Non-Departmental Fees into Fees and Services for legal services.

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

Pamela Gubbels, Director of Finance and Investments verified the \$125,000 for Item 26A and \$30,000 for Item 26B are two separate items and are both for legal services.

27. COUNTY CLERK:

Take all appropriate action on request for variance to the Fort Bend County Travel Policy to authorize stay at the host hotel, Hyatt Place Sugar Land, for two nights for three County Clerk employees on November 13, 2023 and November 14, 2023 to attend the Region VII County & District Clerk's Fall Conference being hosted by the County Clerk and the District Clerk. (Fund: Travel)

Moved by Commissioner McCoy, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request for variance to the Fort Bend County Travel Policy to authorize stay at the host hotel, Hyatt Place Sugar Land, for two nights for three County Clerk employees on November 13, 2023 and November 14, 2023 to attend the Region VII County & District Clerk's Fall Conference being hosted by the County Clerk and the District Clerk. (Fund: Travel)

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

28. DISTRICT CLERK:

Take all appropriate action on request for variance to the Fort Bend County Travel Policy to authorize stay at hotel, Hyatt Place Sugar Land, for two nights for three District Clerk employees on November 13, 2023 and November 14, 2023 to attend the Region VII District & County Clerk's Fall Conference being hosted by the District Clerk and the County Clerk. (Fund: Travel)

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 Fort Bend County Travel Policy to authorize stay at hotel, Hyatt Place Sugar Land, for two nights for three District Clerk employees on November 13, 2023 and November 14, 2023 to attend the Region VII District & County Clerk's Fall Conference being hosted by the District Clerk and the County Clerk. (Fund: Travel)

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

29. ENGINEERING:

Take all appropriate action on request for temporary road closure, pursuant to Section 251.011 of the Texas Transportation Code, for Post Road east of Ladonia Street, beginning on October 25, 2023 until construction is complete, Precinct 2.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request for temporary road closure, pursuant to Section 251.011 of the Texas Transportation Code, for Post Road east of Ladonia Street, beginning on October 25, 2023 until construction is complete, Precinct 2.

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

30. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT & PLANNING:

A. Take all appropriate action to authorize the use of Certificates of Obligation to fund the balance of the surveying services proposal, regarding the new Elections Administration Facility in an amount not to exceed \$2,500. (Fund: Certificates of Obligation)

Moved by Commissioner McCoy, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to authorize the use of Certificates of Obligation to fund the balance of the surveying services proposal, regarding the new Elections Administration Facility in an amount not to exceed \$2,500. (Fund: Certificates of Obligation)

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

Item 30 continued - Facilities Management & Planning:

- B. Take all appropriate action on Second Amendment to Lease Agreement between Fort Bend County and 700 Industrial, LLC, regarding the Elections Department warehouse located at 700B Industrial Blvd, Sugar Land, in an amount of \$369,409.80 to extend the term of the lease for termination through December 31, 2024.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Second Amendment to Lease Agreement between Fort Bend County and 700 Industrial, LLC, regarding the Elections Department warehouse located at 700B Industrial Blvd, Sugar Land, in an amount of \$369,409.80 to extend the term of the lease for termination through December 31, 2024.

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

31. GRANTS ADMINISTRATION:

- A. Auditor: Take all appropriate action on Application to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission for the FY2024 Formula Grant and authorize electronic submission by the County Auditor and adopt Resolution in support of the Application.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Application to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission for the FY2024 Formula Grant and authorize electronic submission by the County Auditor and adopt Resolution in support of the Application.

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

Item 31 continued - Grants Administration:

- B. Health & Human Services - Social Services: Take all appropriate action on Application to the Alliance for Community Assistance Ministries, in the amount of \$458,744 with no cash match required by Fort Bend County; for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program Phase 41 Grant; for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.**

Moved by Commissioner McCoy, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Application to the Alliance for Community Assistance Ministries, in the amount of \$458,744 with no cash match required by Fort Bend County; for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program Phase 41 Grant; for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

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

32. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

- A. Take all appropriate action on request to reclassify Position Nos. 5031-0018 and 5031-0058, from Project Development Analyst, Grade 109 of the General Salary Structure to Grade 110 of the General Salary Structure, in the Information Technology Department, effective October 24, 2023. (Fund: Information Technology)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request to reclassify Position Nos. 5031-0018 and 5031-0058, from Project Development Analyst, Grade 109 of the General Salary Structure to Grade 110 of the General Salary Structure, in the Information Technology Department, effective October 24, 2023. (Fund: Information Technology)

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

Item 32 continued - Information Technology:**B. Take all appropriate action on the request to authorize the use of Certificates of Obligation for the following:**

1.	Human Capital Management System - Workday in an amount not to exceed \$981,650; and
2.	Enterprise Suite for Jail Systems in an amount not to exceed \$856,638.98.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request to authorize the use of Certificates of Obligation for the following:

1.	Human Capital Management System - Workday in an amount not to exceed \$981,650; and
2.	Enterprise Suite for Jail Systems in an amount not to exceed \$856,638.98.

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

33. LIBRARY:

Take all appropriate action on request to reclassify vacant Position No. 6501-0050, from Library Clerk II, Grade 101 of the General Salary Structure to Sr. Communications Technician, Grade 105 of the General Salary Structure, in the County Library, effective October 24, 2023. (Fund: County Library Operating)

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request to reclassify vacant Position No. 6501-0050, from Library Clerk II, Grade 101 of the General Salary Structure to Sr. Communications Technician, Grade 105 of the General Salary Structure, in the County Library, effective October 24, 2023. (Fund: County Library Operating)

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

34. MISCELLANEOUS:

Take all appropriate action to consider granting an exemption to the competitive bid process as authorized by Local Government Code 262.024 (a)(2) and (a)(4) for the purchase of professional and health services, for commitment hearings to State mental facilities for Fiscal Year 2024 from the following:

1.	Travis County for Austin State Hospital;
2.	Howard County for Big Spring Hospital;
3.	Cherokee County for Rusk State Hospital;
4.	Kerr County for Kerrville State Hospital;
5.	Wilbarger County for Vernon State Hospital;
6.	Bexar County for San Antonio State Hospital; and
7.	Kaufman County for Terrell State Hospital.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to grant an exemption to the competitive bid process as authorized by Local Government Code 262.024 (a)(2) and (a)(4) for the purchase of professional and health services, for commitment hearings to State mental facilities for Fiscal Year 2024 from the following:

1.	Travis County for Austin State Hospital;
2.	Howard County for Big Spring Hospital;
3.	Cherokee County for Rusk State Hospital;
4.	Kerr County for Kerrville State Hospital;
5.	Wilbarger County for Vernon State Hospital;
6.	Bexar County for San Antonio State Hospital; and
7.	Kaufman County for Terrell State Hospital.

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

35. PURCHASING:**A. Take all appropriate action on RFP 24-005, Property and Casualty Claims Third Party Administration Services.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to negotiate on RFP 24-005, Property and Casualty Claims Third Party Administration Services with the most highly qualified respondent Davies US, LLC.

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

B. Take all appropriate action on Agreement between Fort Bend County and Crain Group, LLC, pursuant to RFP 23-062 for Construction of Fulshear Annex Renovation in an amount not to exceed \$1,657,095. (Fund: Certificates of Obligation)

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Agreement between Fort Bend County and Crain Group, LLC, pursuant to RFP 23-062 for Construction of Fulshear Annex Renovation in an amount not to exceed \$1,657,095. (Fund: Certificates of Obligation)

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

C. Take all appropriate action on Addendum to Agreement between Fort Bend County and Netsync Network Solutions Inc., utilizing DIR-CPO-4430, for the purchase of Cisco Contact Center Software and Services in an amount not to exceed \$153,128.44. (Fund: General Admin Projects)

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 Netsync Network Solutions Inc., utilizing DIR-CPO-4430, for the purchase of Cisco Contact Center Software and Services in an amount not to exceed \$153,128.44. (Fund: General Admin Projects)

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

Item 35 continued - Purchasing:**D. Take all appropriate action on Bid 23-071, Fencing Replacement at the Fairgrounds for Fort Bend County.**

Moved by Commissioner McCoy, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to award Bid 23-071, Fencing Replacement at the Fairgrounds for Fort Bend County to low bidder Best Fence of Texas, Sugar Land, TX in the amount of \$79,500.

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

E. Take all appropriate action on request to purchase three (3) dump trucks for Road and Bridge from Performance Truck, utilizing Buyboard Contract 601-19 in an amount not to exceed \$640,785. (Fund: Advanced Funding/Certificates of Obligation)

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request to purchase three (3) dump trucks for Road and Bridge from Performance Truck, utilizing Buyboard Contract 601-19 in an amount not to exceed \$640,785. (Fund: Advanced Funding/Certificates of Obligation)

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

F. Take all appropriate action on request to purchase one (1) Tandem Axle Haul Tractor for Road and Bridge from Performance Truck, utilizing Buyboard Contract 601-19 in an amount not to exceed \$216,000. (Fund: Advanced Funding/Certificates of Obligation)

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request to purchase one (1) Tandem Axle Haul Tractor for Road and Bridge from Performance Truck, utilizing Buyboard Contract 601-19 in an amount not to exceed \$216,000. (Fund: Advanced Funding/Certificates of Obligation)

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

Item 35 continued - Purchasing:

- G. Take all appropriate action on Agreement between Fort Bend County and Halff Associates, Inc. for professional design services regarding Fort Bend Abe and Lizzie Daily Park in an amount not to exceed \$339,078. (Fund: 2020 Parks Bond)**

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Agreement between Fort Bend County and Halff Associates, Inc. for professional design services regarding Fort Bend Abe and Lizzie Daily Park in an amount not to exceed \$339,078. (Fund: 2020 Parks Bond)

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

- H. Take all appropriate action on request to purchase one (1) D1 Dozer for Road & Bridge from Mustang CAT, pursuant to Sourcewell Contract No. 032119-CAT, in an amount not to exceed \$157,743.43. (Fund: Advance Funding / Certificates of Obligation)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request to purchase one (1) D1 Dozer for Road & Bridge from Mustang CAT, pursuant to Sourcewell Contract No. 032119-CAT, in an amount not to exceed \$157,743.43. (Fund: Advance Funding / Certificates of Obligation)

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

Item 35 continued - Purchasing:

- I. Take all appropriate action on Change Order No. 1 between Fort Bend County and HTI Construction, Inc., to increase the contract in the amount of \$39,258 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,869,906 and to extend the contract time through February 28, 2024, pursuant to Bid No. 23-032; 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 Change Order No. 1 between Fort Bend County and HTI Construction, Inc., to increase the contract in the amount of \$39,258 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,869,906 and to extend the contract time through February 28, 2024, pursuant to Bid No. 23-032; 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

- J. Take all appropriate action on Change Order No. 2 between Fort Bend County and Main Lane Industries, Ltd, to increase the contract in the amount of \$87,473.94 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$869,196.87 and to extend the contract time of performance, pursuant to Bid No. 21-101; regarding Cinco Ranch Turn Lanes at SH 99, Mobility Bond Project No. 17314x, Precinct 1. (Fund: Fort Bend County Assistance District No. 1)**

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Change Order No. 2 between Fort Bend County and Main Lane Industries, Ltd, to increase the contract in the amount of \$87,473.94 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$869,196.87 and to extend the contract time of performance, pursuant to Bid No. 21-101; regarding Cinco Ranch Turn Lanes at SH 99, Mobility Bond Project No. 17314x, Precinct 1. (Fund: Fort Bend County Assistance District No. 1)

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

Item 35 continued - Purchasing:

- K. Take all appropriate action on Third Amendment to Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between Fort Bend County and iGET Services, LLC, to increase the contract in the amount of \$17,349 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$662,824.53; pursuant to SOQ 14-025, regarding Glenn Lakes Lane, Mobility Bond Project No. 20415, Precincts 2 and 3. (Fund: Mobility Bonds / Bond Referendum)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Third Amendment to Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between Fort Bend County and iGET Services, LLC, to increase the contract in the amount of \$17,349 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$662,824.53; pursuant to SOQ 14-025, regarding Glenn Lakes Lane, Mobility Bond Project No. 20415, Precincts 2 and 3. (Fund: Mobility Bonds / Bond Referendum)

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

- L. Take all appropriate action on Fifth Amendment to Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between Fort Bend County and Bowman Consulting Group, LTD, to increase the contract in the amount of \$52,670 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,611,435; pursuant to SOQ 14-025, regarding Lake Olympia Segment 2, Mobility Bond Project No. 17201, Precinct 2. (Fund: Mobility Bonds / Bond Referendum)**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Fifth Amendment to Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between Fort Bend County and Bowman Consulting Group, LTD, to increase the contract in the amount of \$52,670 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,611,435; pursuant to SOQ 14-025, regarding Lake Olympia Segment 2, Mobility Bond Project No. 17201, 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:

- M. Take all appropriate action on Addendum to Agreement between Fort Bend County and Axon Enterprise Inc., pursuant to Sourcewell Contract No. 010720- AXN for equipment, installation and software services, in an amount not to exceed \$65,971.20. (Fund: Information Technology)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Addendum to Agreement between Fort Bend County and Axon Enterprise Inc., pursuant to Sourcewell Contract No. 010720- AXN for equipment, installation and software services, in an amount not to exceed \$65,971.20. (Fund: Information Technology)

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

- N. Take all appropriate action on Sixth Amendment to Agreement between Fort Bend County and First Transit, Inc., pursuant to RFP 18-057 for extension of time of performance with price increase for transportation bus service for Public Transportation. (Fund: Public Transportation Grants)**

Moved by Commissioner McCoy, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Sixth Amendment to Agreement between Fort Bend County and First Transit, Inc., pursuant to RFP 18-057 for extension of time of performance with price increase for transportation bus service for Public Transportation. (Fund: Public Transportation Grants)

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

- O. Take all appropriate action on Bid 24-012 for printing and mailing of voter registration cards.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to award Bid 24-012 for printing and mailing of voter registration cards to overall low bidder meeting specifications The Master's Touch.

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

Item 35 continued - Purchasing:

P. Take all appropriate action on request for price increase by Lake Country Chevrolet, pursuant to Bid 23-070 for bid items 1 and 2 for purchase of vehicles.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request for price increase by Lake Country Chevrolet, pursuant to Bid 23-070 for bid items 1 and 2 for purchase of vehicles.

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

Cheryl Krejci, Assistant Purchasing Agent indicated this is a 35% request for price increase due to GM not giving the higher price incentive as in the past.

Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor, stated this will affect the debt to finance these vehicles over 5 years and will be funded from our Certificates of Obligation.

Q. Take all appropriate action on request for price increase for two (2) trucks from Caldwell Country Chevrolet, regarding Purchase Order 214270 for Parks Department under Bid 22-081, in an additional amount of \$8,178, for a total amount not to exceed \$85,958. (Fund: Certificates of Obligation)

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request for price increase for two (2) trucks from Caldwell Country Chevrolet, regarding Purchase Order 214270 for Parks Department under Bid 22-081, in an additional amount of \$8,178, for a total amount not to exceed \$85,958. (Fund: Certificates of Obligation)

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

36. 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 \$15,632,491.34.

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

37. Ratify the release of time-sensitive disbursements made on October 19, 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 October 19, 2023 in the amount of \$16,880,952.71.

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

38. Authorize County Auditor to pay and release the time sensitive disbursements on November 2, 2023, to be ratified by Commissioners Court on November 7, 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 November 2, 2023, to be ratified by Commissioners Court on November 7, 2023.

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

39. WORKSHOP:

A. Conduct workshop to receive an update from Stonehenge Holdings regarding the Epicenter.

Kevin Matocha, Stonehenge Holdings, gave an update on the status on the Epicenter project. The project is complete and we are in the leasing phase. A comparison of this delivery method to a standard County procurement process showed a savings for the County in the amount of around \$28 million, due to the interest rate and delivering the project substantially quicker. There is a demand for leasing the Epicenter, with an average of 82% leasing for year 2024.

Item 39 continued - Workshop:

B. Conduct workshop to receive an update on the Expose Excellence Youth Program in the District Attorney's Office; funded by the American Rescue Plan Act.

Wesley Wittig, Second Assistant District Attorney spoke about the Expose Excellence Youth Program (EEYP), an ARPA funded youth enrichment program. This outreach program provides a safe positive environment for all youth interaction and was developed due to damage done by the pandemic.

Brian Middleton, District Attorney stated the EEYP program offers youth the ability to engage with elected officials and law enforcement which will help to restore the trust in the justice system. In order to prevent crime, we must invest in our youth by providing safe environments for socializing and provide guidance.

Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor stated this presentation makes the 15th workshop since 2020 that has been presented for the public to see. Nearly \$400 million of funding from the Federal Government has come into this County. The court has taken a proactive approach to make sure these funds were invested in the community or programs that support the community. These workshop presentations will be published on the County website to make it easier for the public to find.

Recess:

Recessed at 2:08 p.m.

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

A. § 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. Case No. 4:23-CV-1101; Haroon Rafati vs. Fort Bend County, Texas, et al. in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas Houston Division.**
- 2. Cause No. 23-DCV-309121; Arcola Municipal Management District No. 1 and Fort Bend County, Texas vs. The City of Arcola, Texas in the 400th District Court in Fort Bend County, Texas.**

B. § 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.

County Library.

Item 40 continued - Meet in Closed Session:

- C. **§ 551.087. Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations. Commissioners Court will meet in Closed Session to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that Commissioners Court has received from a business prospect that Commissioners Court seeks to have locate, stay or expand in or near Fort Bend County and with which Commissioners Court is conducting economic development negotiations; or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect that Commissioners Court seeks to have locate, stay or expand in or near Fort Bend County.**

Economic Development Services Program.

Closed Session:

Convened at 2:22 p.m.

Adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Reconvene:

Reconvened at 3:42 p.m.

Item 26A County Attorney was revisited before Reconvene Open Session to modify the Motion.

26A. County Attorney:

Moved by Commissioner McCoy, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers

Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve request for transfer in the amount of \$125,000 as detailed on the Auditor's form dated October 16, 2023, which includes an allocation of \$50,000 from Non-Department Contingency for services needed to assist with recovery of American Rescue Plan Act funds through The Cox Pradia Law Firm and approve professional services agreement with the named law firm in the amount transferred.

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

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

A. § 551.071. Consultation With Attorney.

1. Case No. 4:23-CV-1101; Haroon Rafati 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 McCoy
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered in Civil Action No.: 4:23-cv-1101; In the United States District Court Southern District of Texas - Houston Division;
Haroon Rafati, Plaintiff v. Fort Bend County, Texas, et al., Defendants the County Attorney of Fort Bend County, Texas be authorized to incur litigation expenses, for any and all costs of pre-trial, trial appeal, and incidental costs in an amount not to exceed Thirty Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$30,000). And that Fund: 855 Other Self-Funded Insurance be designated as the funding source.

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

2. Cause No. 23-DCV-309121; Arcola Municipal Management District No. 1 and Fort Bend County, Texas vs. The City of Arcola, Texas in the 400th District Court in Fort Bend County, Texas.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered in Cause No. 23-DCV-309121; Arcola Municipal Management District No.1 and Fort Bend County, Texas v. The City of Arcola, Texas in the 400th District Court in Fort Bend County, Texas; the County Attorney of Fort Bend County, Texas be authorized to proceed with the filing of an appeal and incur litigation expenses, for any and all costs of pre-trial, trial appeal, and incidental costs in an amount not to exceed \$5,000. And that funding in the amount of \$5,000 is approved and will be transferred from Non-Departmental Fees to County Attorney Fees as listed on Auditor's form dated October 17, 2023 to allocate funds for litigation expenses.

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

B. § 551.074. Personnel Matters.

County Library.

No action.

Item 41 continued - Reconvene Open Session:

C. § 551.087. Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.

Economic Development Services Program.

No action.

42. Adjournment.

Commissioners Court adjourned at 3:45 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 2023.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers,
to adjourn.



I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.

Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas