

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 3RD DAY of MAY 2023, Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, met at a special budget meeting with the following present:

KP GEORGE	COUNTY JUDGE
VINCENT MORALES	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1
GRADY PRESTAGE	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2
ANDY MEYERS	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3
DEXTER L. MCCOY	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4
LAURA RICHARD	COUNTY CLERK

When the following were heard and the following orders were passed:

- 1. Call to Order.**
Call to Order by Judge KP George at 9:00 a.m.
- 2. Conduct Budget Workshops.**

Pamela Gubbels, Director of Finance & Investments gave an overview of the FY2024 Preliminary Budget. Preliminary values were received in April and the Central Appraisal District, CAD recommends we assume a 10% reduction on those values through the protest season.

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

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

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

Item 2 continued - Conduct Budget Workshops:

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

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

Recess: 10:23 a.m.

Reconvene: 10:42 a.m.

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

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

Recess: 11:05 a.m.

Reconvene: 1:00 p.m.

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

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

Recess: 2:29 p.m.

Reconvene: 2:40 p.m.

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

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

3. Adjournment.

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

I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.



Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas