

**MINUTES**

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 30TH DAY of JULY, 2024, 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, including Capital Improvement Projects.**

Pamela Gubbels, Director of Finance and Investments reviewed the FY2025 Recommended Budget. The current budget request total is \$720.6 million, which is an overall budget increase of 6.6% or \$44.5 million over the FY2024 budget. There were 204 new positions requested, 33 positions were recommended and 82 positions are pending requests. The new vehicle requests total is 248 with 164 vehicles being recommended with a total of \$10.8 million, which is included in debt service for FY2025. Currently, there are 1,364 fleet vehicles in Fort Bend County, with 94 being in the Drainage District.

The General Fund is currently at a 32.2% fund balance. The 2024 Certified Taxable Values are \$122.9 billion or a 9.28% increase over last year's values. The Net Assessed Value for the 2024 Tax Year is \$122.3 billion. The value of the new improvement is \$2.9 billion, which is 2.4% of the increase. The new values are not calculated into our budget cap. The Drainage District also shows the new values at 2.4%.

Commissioners Court has been able to decrease the tax rate since 2014. This year's proposed budget includes a \$0.0149 tax rate reduction from the prior year. This will get us below the voter approval rate. The No New Revenue Rate (NNR) for Fort Bend County is \$0.412, the Voter Approval Rate is \$0.423 and the tax rate recommended is \$0.414, which is only proposed and not the tax rate. The Drainage District is less than the No New Revenue Rate by 16%.

**Item 2 continued - Conduct Budget Workshop:**

There is a placeholder of \$14.7 million for salary adjustments. A COLA of 4% would be approximately \$12 million, 4.5% would be \$13 million and 5% would be close to \$15 million.

The Other Pending Items request total is \$14.2 million. There are 82 position requests with a total of \$8.3 million and other items requested totals almost \$6 million.

The following departments requested further review for their budget requests:

1. 240th & 458th District Courts
2. County Judge
3. Non-Departmental
4. Human Resources
5. Facilities Maintenance and Jail Maintenance
6. District Clerk
7. District Attorney
8. Sheriff - Detention
9. HHS - EMS

Recess: 11:01 a.m.

Reconvene: 11:15 a.m.

10. Sheriff - Detention
11. Courts Administration
12. Fire Marshal

Recess: 12:01 p.m.

Reconvene: 12:21 p.m.

13. Constable 4
14. Constable 2
15. Constable 3
16. Behavioral Health Services
17. Medical Examiner
18. PreTrial Bond Program
19. HS & EM
20. Engineering
21. HHS - CHS, HHS - CHS Immunizations, HHS
22. HHS - PHEP
23. HHS - Epidemiology
24. HHS - Environmental Health Services
25. Community Development
26. HHS - Social Services
27. Parks

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The Capital Debt Financing is as follows:

Capital Equipment	\$10.5 million
Vehicles & Upfit	\$10.8 million
Capital Improvement Projects	\$20.3 million

Capital Improvement Projects Recommended:

- Fuel Island Upgrades
- Fuel Island Tracking System
- Roof Resurfacing
- Historic/Archive Room
- Front Counter Glass Barrier Upgrade
- Replacement of Electronic Patient Care Record Software

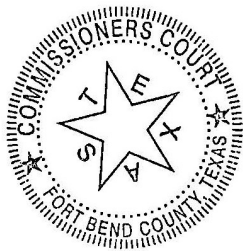
Recess: 1:58 p.m.

Reconvene: 2:43 p.m.

- Digital Evidence Management
- Library Phone System Conversion
- Cisco Security Enterprise Agreement
- Ladder Truck Rosenberg
- Mosquito Control Unit/Environmental Health Relocation
- Fairgrounds Renovations
- Golfview Flooring
- School Zone Light Upgrades
- Traffic Signal Safety Improvements
- Kitty Hollow Lake Dam Rehabilitation

**3. Adjournment.**

The Special Meeting/Budget Workshop adjourned at 3:12 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30, 2024.



I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.

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Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas