

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 23RD DAY of JULY, 2024, 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 1:01 p.m.
- 2. Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance by Commissioner Vincent Morales.**
Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance by Commissioner Vincent Morales.
- 3. Approve minutes of regular meeting for July 9, 2024, postponed to July 10, 2024, and Special Meeting held on July 10, 2024.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve minutes of regular meeting for July 9, 2024, postponed to July 10, 2024, and Special Meeting held on July 10, 2024.

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

4. Public Comments regarding the Agenda and Announcements.

Judge George gave a recovery update on Hurricane Beryl. As of 7-16-2024, Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management transitioned to a Level 3 activation level.

Scott Wieghat, Road & Bridge Commissioner updated the court on the debris collection with Hurricane Beryl. As of today, there has been 150,000 cubic yards of debris collected. TCEQ permitted four temporary debris sites and setup for operations. Tetra Tech trained over 100 monitoring personnel. AshBritt Debris Hauling began on day 4 post landfall. Anyone who has debris can call 608-492-0522, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. and find out how to place your debris for pickup.

Brian Thomason, Senior Vice President, AshBritt, Inc. spoke briefly on what it takes to get the County cleaned up in an expeditious manner.

Nick Russo with TetraTech, stated they are here to monitor all of the AshBritt trucks that are working and help with FEMA documentation.

An AshBritt employee spoke briefly on helping the County.

There was one public speaker:

Mr. Brad Moon, Orchard Lakes Estates, is against item 23A and 25A.

Judge George announced the Summer Employment program will be ending this week.

Robyn Doughtie, Director of Information Technology & CIO, stated this summer there were 47 youth employment workers and temp youth workers in IT. A video was produced by the IT summer youth, which showed the IT divisions the youth work in this summer.

Commissioner Meyers mentioned the Senate Special Committee on hurricanes and tropical storms is having a hearing on July 29. If anyone in Fort Bend County would like their questions presented to the committee, you can send them to one of the three Senators, Borris Miles, Lois Kolkhorst and Joan Huffman or to our consultants, Jim Short, Darryl Carter or Michelle Wittenburg by this Thursday, July 25.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS: 1:24 p.m.: Conduct Public Hearings and take all appropriate action on the following matters:**
Public hearing held. No public comments.

- A. **Engineering: Hold public hearing for acceptance of the following traffic control plans:**

a.	Light Haven at District West Section 1, Precinct 4;
b.	Harvest Green Section 44, Precinct 4;
c.	Harvest Green Section 46, Precinct 4; and
d.	Vacek Pointe, Precinct 2.

- B. **Engineering: Hold public hearing to modify the Fort Bend County Major Thoroughfare Plan, specifically Spacek Road and Hand Road, Precinct 2.**

Moved by Commissioner McCoy, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Items 5A and B, as presented.

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: 6-17

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

Tax Assessor/Collector: Amend out-of-state travel by C.P. Turner previously approved by Commissioners Court through Agenda Item 6D on July 9, 2024, to Washington, D.C., to update travel dates beginning; September 10, 2024, through September 16, 2024, to attend the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's 53rd Annual Legislative Conference. (Fund: Travel)

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

- A. **Commissioner Precinct 4: Approve out-of-state travel for M. Mohagheghi to Washington, D.C., from September 10, 2024, through September 16, 2024, to attend the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's 53rd Annual Legislative Conference. (Fund: Travel)**

Item 7 continued - Out-of-State Travel:

- B. Economic Development: Approve out-of-state travel for C. Guzman to Denver Colorado, from September 15, 2024, through September 18, 2024, to attend the International Economic Development Council Conference (Fund: Economic Opportunity & Development - Travel)**
- C. Sheriff's Office: Approve out of state travel for J. Murray to New Orleans, Louisiana, from August 25, 2024, through August 30, 2024, to attend the 58th Annual American Polygraph Association Seminar. (Fund: Sheriff Enforcement)**
- D. Tax Assessor/Collector: Approve out-of-state travel for K. Smith, and J. Thornton to Washington D.C., from September 10, 2024, through September 16, 2024, to attend the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's 53rd Annual Legislative Conference. (Fund: Travel Approval County Personnel)**

8. COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3:

Approve the reappointment of Upendra Sahu, to the Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District No. 2 Board of Directors for a four (4) year term expiring in July 2028.

9. BUDGET TRANSFER(s):

- A. County Clerk: Approve transfer in the amount of \$236 from County Clerk - Information Technology into Information Technology - Fees, to allocate funds for the purchase of two (2) Adobe Pro Licenses.**
- B. District Attorney: Approve transfer in the amount of \$118 from Information Technology into Fees, to allocate funds for the purchase of one (1) Adobe Pro License.**
- C. Epidemiology: Approve transfer in the amount of \$118 from Supplies and Maintenance into Information Technology-Fees, to allocate funds for the purchase of one (1) Adobe Pro License.**
- D. Homeland Security & Emergency Management: Approve transfer in the amount of \$2,000 from Fees into Information Technology, to allocate funds for the purchase of three (3) desktop computers.**
- E. Human Resources: Approve transfer in the amount of \$631 from Salaries and Labor into Overtime, to allocate funds to cover overtime accounting line.**
- F. Indigent Health Care: Approve transfer in the amount of \$20 from Fees into Information Technology, to allocate funds to purchase an Information Technology item.**

Item 9 continued - Budget Transfer(s):

- G. Vehicle Maintenance:** Approve transfer in the amount of \$15,000 from Salaries and Labor into Overtime, to allocate funds to cover overtime accounting line.
- H. Sheriff's Office Commissary:** Approve transfer in the amount of \$5,295 as detailed on Director's form dated July 2, 2024, to amend the budget pursuant and allocate revenue received from Commissary into accounts.

10. ENGINEERING-DEVELOPMENT:

- A.** Accept the bond rider for Tamarron West Section 3 reducing it from \$370,073.00 to \$233,481.56, Precinct 1.

Item 10A has been corrected to read:

Accept the bond rider for Tamarron West Section 3 reducing it from \$370,273 to \$233,481.56, Precinct 1.

- B.** Accept the streets in Sienna Section 55: Golden View Drive 761.56 LF, Cathedral Bend Drive 694.28 LF, Old Forest Drive 2,116.24 LF, Pink Blossom Court 210.64 LF, Rising Sun Drive 290.71 LF, Misty Run Drive 322.41 LF, Maple Wood Drive 378.72 LF, Falling Leaf Drive 57.81 LF, Hunters Run Drive 1,229.95 LF, Creek Haven Drive 166.78 LF, Willow Cove Drive 353.22 LF, Leafgate Court 787.98 LF for a total of 7,370.30 LF and release the bond in the amount of \$532,183.40, Precinct 2.

- C.** Approve the following plats:

1.	Hunt Road Storage, Precinct 1;
2.	Ivy Kids Harvest Green, Precinct 1; and
3.	Terravista Lakes Reserves, Precinct 4.

- D.** Set public hearing for acceptance of traffic control plans for the following (*Tuesday, August 27, 2024*):

1.	Jones Creek Reserve at McCrary Meadows Section 1, Precinct 1;
2.	Sienna Parkway Section 5 Street Dedication, Precinct 2;
3.	Trillium Section 5, Precinct 4; and
4.	Harvest Green Section 47, Precinct 4.

11. **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 July 15, 2024, and makes the following recommendations to Commissioners Court:

Approve, ratify, and confirm Resolution to approve temporary lowering of speed limits on portion of Fort Bend Parkway Extension (Project 1048) during the construction and approval of certain other matters relating thereto.

12. **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:

Sheriff's Office: Accept award from the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) for law enforcement training courses at Gus George Law Enforcement Academy, in the amount of \$110,865, with no cash match required by Fort Bend County, for the period of January 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025.

13. **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

A. Approve request for withdrawal of 20.41 hours from the Shared Sick Leave Pool for a Library employee, Position No. 6501- 0061.

B. Approve the rehire of former employees as presented:

1.	K.G.	earliest rehire date July 29, 2024; and
2.	K.C.	earliest rehire date July 29, 2024.

14. **MEDICAL EXAMINER:**

Approve Volunteer Agreement between Fort Bend County and E. Garcia, for course experience.

15. **PARKS & RECREATION:**

Approve Community Use Request and Equipment Waiver form to waive Rental Fees for the following as presented:

	REQUESTOR:	LOCATION:	DATE:
1.	Fulshear Regional Chamber	Daily Park	October 26, 2024, and July 4, 2025.

16. PURCHASING:

- A. Approve renewal of Bid 21-001, term contract for purchase and maintenance of copy machines, with JBCR, Inc. dba Skelton Business Equipment.**
- B. Approve renewal of Bid 21-002, term contract for Ford Dealer Repair Parts with Helfman Ford, Inc.**
- C. Approve renewal of Bid 21-003, term contract for Auto Body Repairs with Berryman Racing LLC, dba Sports Performance Collision Center.**
- D. Approve renewal of Bid 21-005, term contract for newspaper publications of legal notices (weekly) with Fort Bend Independent, LLC.**
- E. Approve renewal of Bid 21-009, newspaper publications of legal notices, (tri-weekly), with Fort Bend Herald.**
- F. Approve renewal of Bid 22-005, term contract for dump truck bed lining material with Vort-Tex Industries.**
- G. Approve renewal of Bid 22-100, term contract for concrete pavement rehabilitation with 717 Construction Services, LLC.**
- H. Approve renewal of Bid 23-005, term contract for concrete curbs and gutters with 717 Construction Services, LLC.**
- I. Authorize advertising for bids for Construction of Stella Road from Cottonwood School Road to W. Fairgrounds Road for Fort Bend County Mobility Bond Project No. 20116.**
- J. Authorize advertising for bids for Chimney Rock Road Construction from American Canal to McHard Road Segment Two for Fort Bend County Mobility Bond Project No. 20202.**

17. TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR:

Record into Minutes the 10/20 Year Write Off of Property Taxes, on behalf of the office of Carmen P. Turner, Tax Assesor-Collector, pursuant to Texas Property Tax Code Section 33.05 for the Fort Bend County General Fund.

Consent Agenda Items 6 - 17 continued:

Item 10A has been corrected to read:

Accept the bond rider for Tamarron West Section 3 reducing it from \$370,273 to \$233,481.56, Precinct 1.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Consent Agenda Items 6 - 17, with a noted correction to 10A.

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

18. COUNTY JUDGE:

- A. Take all appropriate action to ratify and approve the extension of the Declaration of Local Disaster Related to Severe Weather as a result of Hurricane Beryl executed by the Judge on July 8, 2024, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 18A, as presented.

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

Item 18 continued - County Judge:

- B. Take all appropriate action to ratify Resolution in support of the Fort Bend County Housing Finance Corporation partnership with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the issuance of bonds for home mortgages and residential development in Fort Bend County, with no financial obligation from the County.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 18B, as presented.

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

19. AUDITOR:

- A. Take all appropriate action on Resolution Declaring Intention to Advance Funding and Reimburse Expenditures regarding Hurricane Beryl response.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 19A, as presented.

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

Item 19 continued - Auditor:

- B. Take all appropriate action to consider payment of active part-time and active temporary part-time employees during the County's emergency closure from July 8, 2024, through July 12, 2024, as a result of Hurricane Beryl. (Fund: General Fund Contingency)**

Moved by Commissioner McCoy, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
It is ordered to approve Item 19B, as presented.

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

Commissioner McCoy retracted his previous motion.

Moved by Commissioner McCoy, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to accept Item 19B with corrected item to read as take all appropriate action to consider payment to active part-time and active temporary part-time employees during the County's emergency closure from July 8, 2024, through July 12, 2024, as a result of Hurricane Beryl. Funding source Departmental Budgets.

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

Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor stated this is to give direction to the Finance Team on whether we pay our active part-time employees for the week the County was closed. Currently, the policies in our Employee Information manual exclude part-time employees. The cost impact is \$186,000 with benefits. The funding source will be their original funding source; not contingency.

20. BUDGET & FINANCE:

Take all appropriate action on request for transfer in the amount of \$30,000 from ARPA-Admin Contingency into Teacher Training Program to allocate additional funds needed for previously approved program.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 20, as presented.

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

21. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- A. Take all appropriate action on request to reclassify vacant Position No. 6431-0015, from Housing Program Specialist, Grade 106 of the General Salary Structure to Program Development Manager, Grade 109 of the General Salary Structure, in the Community Development Department, effective July 23, 2024. (Fund: Community Development Block Grant)**
- B. Take all appropriate action on request to create a new full-time Position, Finance & Grants Manager, Grade 109 of the General Salary Structure, and eliminate part-time Position No. 6431-P002, in the Community Development Department, effective July 23, 2024. (Fund: Community Development Block Grant)**
- C. Take all appropriate action on request to reclassify the following positions in the Community Development Department, effective July 23, 2024. (Fund: Community Development Block Grant)**

	POSITION NO.:	FROM:	TO:
1.	6431-0003	Project Coordinator, Grade 106 of the General Salary Structure	Grade 108, of the General Salary Structure;
2.	6431-0004	Project Coordinator, Grade 106 of the General Salary Structure	Grade 108, of the General Salary Structure;
3.	6431-0012	Project Coordinator, Grade 106 of the General Salary Structure	Grade 108, of the General Salary Structure; and
4.	6431-0016	Project Coordinator, Grade 106 of the General Salary Structure	Grade 108, of the General Salary Structure.

Item 21 continued - Community Development:

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 21A, B and C, as presented.

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

22. COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 5:

Take all appropriate action on request for reimbursement in the amount of \$2,194.14 for out-of-state travel for Judge T. Watson to Marrakech, Morocco, to attend the International Association of Judges Conference from May 9, 2023, to May 17, 2023. (Fund: County Court at Law No. 5 Travel and Training)

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and carried (3-2), it is ordered to grant an exception to the applicable sections of the travel policy for reimbursement in the amount of \$2,194.14 for out-of-state travel for Judge Teana Watson to Marrakech, Morocco, to attend the International Association of Judges Conference from May 9, 2023, to May 17, 2023. (Fund: County Court at Law No. 5 Travel and Training)

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

Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor explained the Court would need to authorize an exception to the travel policy in three areas in order for his team to proceed with applying the reimbursements. One area is not receiving a hotel statement showing a zero balance, second is a detailed airfare accounting from the airlines and third is using a travel agency, which includes additional fees.

23. ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION:

Take all appropriate action on request for transfer in the amount of \$80,000 from Non-Departmental Contingency into Supplies and Maintenance to allocate funds for the purchase of 550,000 ExpressVote pre-numbered ballot stock sheets for use in the November 2024 Election.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 23, as presented.

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

John Oldham, Elections Administrator, explained as a result of a series of Attorney General opinions related to public access to voting materials and voter confidentiality, the Secretary of State's office as recertified poll books in the state of Texas saying we can no longer randomly generate numbers on the ballot cards in the polling place and it must be pre-numbered.

24. ENGINEERING:

- A. Take all appropriate action on authorization to purchase the following parcels, plus the necessary costs, authorize the County Judge to sign all closing documents and authorize the County Clerk to record said deed and related documents in the Official Public Records at no cost. (Funds: Mobility Bonds)**

1.	Parcel R306024_17 in the amount of \$272,125.94; Bowser Road, Project No. 20306, Precinct 1; and
2.	Parcel R247777_03 in the amount of \$23,516.20; FM 521 South, Project No. 17111, Precinct 2.

- B. Take all appropriate action on authorization to purchase a Water Easement and Sanitary Sewer Easement (Parcel R134410), in the amount of \$64,738.94 plus the necessary costs, and authorize the County Judge to sign all closing documents regarding Westpark Park and Ride and authorize County Clerk to record said Easements and related documents in the Official Public Records at no cost, Precinct 1. (Fund: CAD 9)**

- C. Take all appropriate action on request for variance to the public utility easement requirements as stated in Section 5.11.A.2 and 5.11.A.3(a) of the Fort Bend County Regulations of Subdivisions for Orchid Estates Sec 1 on behalf of LJA Engineering, Precinct 1.**

Item 24 continued - Engineering:

- D. Take all appropriate action on the plat for the roads within Orchid Estates Sec 1, Precinct 1.**
- E. Take all appropriate action on the plat for the lots within Orchid Estates Sec 1, Precinct 1.**

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 24A - E.

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

25. FIRE MARSHAL:

- A. Take all appropriate action on Interlocal Agreement between Fort Bend County and Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 5 for storage of a bulldozer purchased by the Fire Marshal's Office to be stationed at the Emergency Services District No. 5 Fire Station, located at 11000 Clodine Road, Richmond Texas 77406.**

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and carried (4-1), it is ordered to approve Item 25A.

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

A staff member from Fire Marshal's office explained the dozers in Road and Bridge are not equipped for firefighting and do not include the safety features and communication features. The ESD 5 expressed the interest to be able to help the rest of the County with the mutual aid contracts.

Item 25 continued - Fire Marshal:

- B. Take all appropriate action on a request to authorize the use of Certificates of Obligation to purchase a bulldozer for the Fire Marshal's Office not included on the FY2024 budget request in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.**
- C. Take all appropriate action on Service Agreement between Fort Bend County and Harris-Fort Bend Emergency Services District No. 100 to provide emergency communications services, effective upon date of execution.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 25B and 25C,
as presented.

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

On Item 25C, the Fire Marshal's office verified the Service agreement with Harris-Fort Bend Emergency Services District No. 100 is for Hazmat.

26. GRANTS ADMINISTRATION:

- A. County Judge: Take all appropriate action to ratify Application to the General Land Office for Contract No. 24-065-051-E5432 in the amount of \$38,492,516, with no cash match required by Fort Bend County for restoration of infrastructure along the Brazos River.**
- B. Public Transportation: Take all appropriate action on request to ratify Application to Texas Department of Transportation for Fiscal Year 2025 State Rural Funds in the amount of \$317,988, with no local match required by Fort Bend County; for assistance with transportation programs, including grantor's request for submittal of additional information. (Fund: Public Transportation)**

Item 26 continued - Grants Administration:

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 26A and B, as presented.

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

27. HUMAN RESOURCES:

Take all appropriate action on revisions to the Employee Information Manual, specifically the following policies, as submitted by Human Resources.

1.	Policy 413: Emergency Operations Personnel and Pay Procedures; and
2.	Policy 705: Inclement Weather.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 27, as presented.

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

Nicole Ledet, Human Resources Director is asking the court to make a revision on two policies, Policy 705 - Inclement Weather and Policy 413 – Emergency Operation Personnel and Pay Procedure. The revisions are to add in part-time employees into these two policies.

28. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:

- A. Take all appropriate action on the adoption of the revised Fort Bend Transit Passenger Guidelines.**
- B. Take all appropriate action on Fifth Amendment to Agreement for Transportation Services between Fort Bend County and Fort Bend Seniors to increase rate schedule.**

Item 28 continued - Public Transportation:

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 28A and B, as presented.

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

29. PURCHASING:

- A. Take all appropriate action on Third Amendment to Addendum with C & T Information Technology Consulting, Inc., utilizing DIR-CPO-4570 for staff augmentation services for Information Technology Department, in an amount of \$1,000,000, effective through September 30, 2025. (Fund: Information Technology)**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 29A.

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

Pamela Gubbels, Director of Finance & Investments stated IT's budget does not specifically have this item for \$1 million in FY2024 and FY2025. Information Technology does have \$1 million in their budget, it is not marked for contracts.

Robyn Doughtie, Director of Information Technology & CIO explained her department does have \$1 million available for the remaining of this fiscal year and the contract goes through September 2025. Ms. Doughtie stated for the FY2025 budget additional funding for contract services has been requested. The \$1 million is for three years, beginning in FY2023 – FY2025.

Item 29A Purchasing was revisited before Meet in Closed Session to amend the Motion.

Item 29 continued - Purchasing:

- B. Take all appropriate action to consider granting an exemption to the competitive bid process as authorized by Local Government Code Section 262.024(a)(7) from HS GovTech Solutions Inc. a sole source provider and approve Addendum to Agreement for the purchase of specified implementation services, warranty, hosting, maintenance, and technical support services for Environmental Health in the amount of \$82,678. (Fund: Information Technology)**
- C. Take all appropriate action on Agreement with Axon Enterprise Inc., utilizing Sourcewell Contract No. 101223-AXN for the purchase of body work cameras and related hardware, software, accessories, warranty, and training services for the Environmental Health Department and Office of the Constable Precinct 2, in the amount of \$1,393,860.08, effective August 15, 2024, through January 14, 2032. (Fund: Facilities Public Safety Project, Lease – PS Axon No. 3 for S.O., and Debt Service)**
- D. Take all appropriate action on Agreement with Smith & Company Architects for Professional Architectural Services regarding Cole Theater, in an amount not to exceed \$102,500. (Fund: Parks Bond)**
- E. Take all appropriate action on Addendum to Agreement with USA Shade & Fabric Structures utilizing Buy Board 679-22 for the purchase of specified equipment and installation services for Pinnacle Senior & Aquatic Fitness Center in the amount not to exceed \$53,544.19. (Fund: Certificates of Obligation)**
- F. Take all appropriate action on request to award Bid 24-063, Sealant and Waterproofing at the Fort Bend County Jail to low bidder meeting specifications, Texas Liqua Tech Services, Inc. in the amount of \$396,418. (Fund: Certificates of Obligation)**
- G. Take all appropriate action on Fourth Amendment to Agreement with Hagerty Consulting, Inc., pursuant to RFP 19-041 for contingency all hazards consulting services for additional services regarding non-profit assistance programs in an additional amount of \$699,355 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,642,596. (Fund: ARPA-Non-Profit)**
- H. Take all appropriate action on Professional Service Agreement with Huitt-Zollars, Inc. for construction management services for the Information Technology Building in an amount not to exceed \$413,810. (Fund: Certificates of Obligation)**
- I. Take all appropriate action to consider granting an exemption to the competitive bid process as authorized by Local Government Code Section 262.024(a)(7) from OCV LLC., a sole source provider, and approve Addendum to Agreement for the purchase of a mobile application, development services, and support for Homeland Security & Emergency Management, in an amount not to exceed \$82,135.50 effective through July 22, 2027. (Fund: Information Technology)**

Item 29 continued - Purchasing:

- J. Take all appropriate action on Second Amendment to Agreement with Cummins, Inc., utilizing Sourcewell Contract No. 120617-CMM, to provide additional preventative maintenance and monthly building load testing of generators, in an additional amount of \$39,574.74 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$460,262.82. (Fund: Facilities Maintenance)**
- K. Take all appropriate action on Addendum to Software and Maintenance Agreement with Trapeze Software Group, Inc., d/b/a TripSpark, pursuant to RFP 06-101, for the upgrade to Novus software and maintenance services in the amount of \$9,900 for a total contract amount of \$76,885. (Fund: FTA and TXDOT Public Transportation Grant)**
- L. Take all appropriate action on Agreement for Professional Engineering Services with Earth Engineering, Inc., in a total contract amount not to exceed \$248,790, regarding Belknap Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17211, Precinct 3. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- M. Take all appropriate action on Third Amendment to Agreement for Professional Construction Management Services with Othon, Inc., to increase the contract in the amount of \$508,314 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,848,051; pursuant to SOQ 14-025, regarding 2013 and 2017 Mobility Bond Projects within Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- N. Take all appropriate action on Second Amendment to the Project Management Agreement for the 2020 Mobility Bond Program with Binkley & Barfield, Inc., to increase the contract in the amount of \$1,315,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,950,000; regarding Mobility Bond Projects within Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- O. Take all appropriate action on Agreement for Professional Engineering Services with KCI Technologies, Inc., for a total contract amount not to exceed \$67,777, regarding Traffic Signals and Safety Improvements, Mobility Bond Project No. 23402, Precinct 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- P. Take all appropriate action on Amendment to Agreement for Professional Engineering Services with Othon, Inc., to increase the contract in the amount of \$109,926.47 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,188,019.13, pursuant to SOQ 14-025, regarding NB 99 Frontage Road from Westheimer Parkway to Cinco Ranch Boulevard, Mobility Bond Project No. 20303b, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- Q. Take all appropriate action on Change Order No. 3 with Wadecon, LLC, to decrease the contract by \$420,292.44 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,078,128.40, pursuant to Bid No. 22-056; regarding Front Street, Mobility Bond Project No. x18, Precinct 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

Item 29 continued - Purchasing:

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 29B - Q, as presented.

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

30. SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

- A. Take all appropriate action to rescind Agenda Item 10N, approved by Commissioners Court on July 9, 2024, approving transfer in the amount of \$190,000 to cover shortage on Inmate Medical Expenses, due to duplicate error.**
- B. Take all appropriate action on Amendment to Agreement between Fort Bend County, Flock Group Inc, and Cinco Municipal Utility District No. 12 to add Fort Bend County Sheriff as an Authorized End User, effective upon date of execution.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 30A and B, as presented.

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

31. TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR:

Take all appropriate action on Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Fort Bend County and The Park at Eldridge Improvement District, for tax collection services, effective through June 30, 2025.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 31, as presented.

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

32. 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 \$31,045,650.19, which includes routine disbursements of \$21,765,622.60.

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

Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor noted the Tax Office made distributions to taxing jurisdictions totaling \$9,280,027.59.

33. Ratify the release of time-sensitive disbursements made on July 18, 2024.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to ratify the release of time-sensitive disbursements made on July 18, 2024 in the amount of \$7,783,963.98, as presented.

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

34. Authorize County auditor to pay and release the time-sensitive disbursements on August 1, 2024, and August 8, 2024.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 34, as presented.

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

35. WORKSHOP:

Conduct workshop to receive presentation from the Fort Bend County Engineering Department regarding the Mobility Projects Dashboard.

Ike Akinwande, Assistant County Engineer – Projects presented the Fort Bend County Mobility Project Dashboard. This dashboard is meant to help everyone including members of the public find and understand any information related to bond projects.

Item 29A Purchasing was revisited before Meet in Closed Session to amend the Motion.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to amend the previous motion to show in an additional amount of \$1,000,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,537,960.

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

Jaime Kovar, Purchasing Agent explained the request from IT for the third amendment is for \$1,000,000. The total not to exceed on the entire project is \$1,537,960.

Recess:

Recessed at 2:17 p.m.

36. 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. Texas Local Government Code Section 112.005 Accounts kept for officers by County Auditor and Section 112.006 General oversight authority of County Auditor.**
 - 2. Toll Road Improvements: Grand Parkway Toll Road, Fort Bend Parkway.**
 - 3. Transitional Housing Service Provider.**
 - 4. EEOC Charge No. 460-2023-04843.**
 - 5. Cause No. 24-CCV-074591 - Fort Bend County, Texas vs. Mark Revels, et al; Fulshear Gaston Rd., Project 20312, Parcel 4 and 5, Precinct 1.**
 - 6. Cause No. 24-CCV-074577 - Fort Bend County, Texas vs. Patricia Jean Sanders, et al; Fulshear Gaston Rd., Project 20312, Parcel 8 and Parcel 8 UVE, Precinct 1.**
 - 7. Authorize the County Attorney's Office to initiate legal proceedings for violations of the Regulations to Floodplain Management for the County of Fort Bend, Texas.**
 - 8. Disparity Study.**
- B. § 551.072. Deliberation Regarding Real Property. Commissioners Court will meet in Closed Session to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.**

Potential purchase of property in the Fulshear area.

Item 36 continued - Meet in Closed Session:

- C. § 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 Performance Evaluations:

1.	James Knight - Facilities Management/Planning Director;
2.	Wyatt Scott - Director of Risk Management;
3.	Darren McCarthy - Parks Director; and
4.	Pamela Gubbels - Director of Finance & Investments.

- D. § 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.**

- 1. Qualified Project under Texas Tax Code Chapter 351 Subchapter C.**
- 2. Mixed Use Property Development.**

Closed Session:

Convened at 2:36 p.m.
Adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Reconvene:

Reconvened at 4:54 p.m.

- 37. Reconvene Open Session and consider taking action on the following matters:**

- A. § 551.071. Consultation With Attorney.**

- 1. Texas Local Government Code Section 112.005 Accounts kept for officers by County Auditor and Section 112.006 General oversight authority of County Auditor.**

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Item 37 continued - Reconvene Open Session:

2. Toll Road Improvements: Grand Parkway Toll Road, Fort Bend Parkway.

No action.

3. Transitional Housing Service Provider.

Moved by Commissioner McCoy, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve the non-binding Memorandum of Understanding between Fort Bend County and Attack Poverty and to authorize County Attorney Bridgette Smith-Lawson, or her designee, to negotiate and prepare all necessary documents to effectuate the objectives set forth in the MOU. Such authorization shall include the approval of the agreements as to legal form and presentment to the County Judge for execution without further action of the Court. Additionally, it is moved that the County Judge is authorized by the Court to execute all necessary documents upon presentment and that the County Clerk is authorized to record in the official public records at no cost. (Fund: Certificates of Obligation)

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

4. EEOC Charge No. 460-2023-04843.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to authorize the County Attorney to settle EEOC Charge No. 460-2023-04843 pursuant to the terms set forth in the attached Agreement. It is further moved that the County Judge and/or the County Attorney be authorized to execute and deliver any and all associated settlement documents, pleadings, and related instruments to effectuate such settlement.

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

Item 37 continued - Reconvene Open Session:**5. Cause No. 24-CCV-074591 - Fort Bend County, Texas vs. Mark Revels, et al; Fulshear Gaston Rd., Project 20312, Parcel 4 and 5, Precinct 1.**

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to authorize the County Attorney to settle Case No. 24-CCV-074591 styled Fort Bend County, Texas v. Mark Revels, et, al., pending in the Fort Bend County Court at Law No. 4, pursuant to the terms set forth in the attached Rule 11 Agreement. It is further moved that the County Judge and/or the County Attorney be authorized to execute and deliver any and all associated settlement documents, pleadings, and related instruments to effectuate such settlement and that MOBILITY BONDS be designated as the funding source.

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

6. Cause No. 24-CCV-074577 - Fort Bend County, Texas vs. Patricia Jean Sanders, et al; Fulshear Gaston Rd., Project 20312, Parcel 8 and Parcel 8 UVE, Precinct 1.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to authorize the County Attorney to settle Case No. 24-CCV-074577 styled Fort Bend County, Texas v. Patricia Jean Sanders, et, al., pending in the Fort Bend County Court at Law No. 1, pursuant to the terms set forth in the attached Rule 11 Agreement. It is further moved that the County Judge and/or the County Attorney be authorized to execute and deliver any and all associated settlement documents, pleadings, and related instruments to effectuate such settlement and that MOBILITY BONDS be designated as the funding source.

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

Item 37 continued - Reconvene Open Session:**7. Authorize the County Attorney's Office to initiate legal proceedings for violations of the Regulations to Floodplain Management for the County of Fort Bend, Texas.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to authorize the Fort Bend County Attorney to initiate proceedings against the owners of the property situated at Laguna Trail, Needville, Texas 77461, Fort Bend County, Texas, under the Fort Bend County Appraisal District Reference Identification Number R153497, for any monetary damages, civil penalties, and injunctive, declaratory, or equitable relief, as allowed by law, by reason of the violation of the Fort Bend County Regulations for Floodplain Management, and it is further moved, pursuant to Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code Section 6.001(c), to approve the exemption of the Fort Bend County Attorney from filing a bond to take out an extraordinary writ in this case, and that the County Attorney be authorized to incur litigation expenses in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

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

8. Disparity Study.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered that Fort Bend County Commissioners Court adopt the findings of the Disparity Study as performed by Mason Tillman Associates, dated May 2024 as the factual predicate for action to be taken concerning a program to eliminate disparities in awarding County contracts and take any and all appropriate action to engage outside consultant TIP Strategies to research, structure and implement any and all policies and programs as applicable and in response to the study results and as allowable by law. And that the Court grant the professional services and economic development exemptions to the County Purchasing Act, to the extent that the bidding would be otherwise required, and authorize the County Auditor to identify the 2022B Tax Note Fund as the appropriate funding source(s) in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.

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

Item 37 continued - Reconvene Open Session:

B. § 551.072. Deliberation Regarding Real Property.

Potential purchase of property in the Fulshear area.

No action.

C. § 551.074. Personnel Matters.

Executive Manager Performance Evaluations:

1.	James Knight - Facilities Management/Planning Director;
2.	Wyatt Scott - Director of Risk Management;
3.	Darren McCarthy - Parks Director; and
4.	Pamela Gubbels - Director of Finance & Investments.

The evaluation for James Knight, Facilities Management / Planning Director has been completed by Commissioners Court and will be part of the employee's personnel file.

Item 37C2 - Not conducted.

The evaluation for Darren McCarthy, Parks Director has been completed by Commissioners Court and will be part of the employee's personnel file.

Item 37C4 - Not conducted.

D. § 551.087. Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.

1. Qualified Project under Texas Tax Code Chapter 351 Subchapter C.

No action.

2. Mixed Use Property Development.

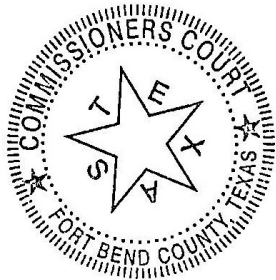
No action.

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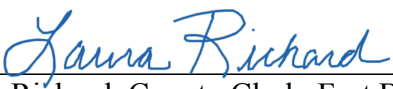
Adjournment.

Commissioners Court adjourned at 5:03 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2024.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers,
to adjourn.



I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.



Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas