

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 24TH DAY of SEPTEMBER, 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
LAURA RICHARD	COUNTY CLERK

Commissioner McCoy arrived at 1:29 p.m., during discussion of Item 30E.
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 Commissioner Dexter McCoy.**
Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance by Commissioner Andy Meyers.
- 3. Approve minutes of regular meeting held on September 10, 2024.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve minutes of regular meeting held on September 10, 2024.

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

4. Public Comments regarding the Agenda and Announcements.

Judge George announced the Fort Bend County offices will be closed on Friday, September 27, 2024 for Fort Bend County Fair Day.

There were five public comments.

1. Patt Snyder, 1911 Legion Way Court, spoke on Item 30I, the FY2025 Fiscal Year Proposed Budget.
2. Jon Welch, 914 Honeysuckle Vine Drive, Richmond spoke against Item 30H, FY2025 Salaries for Elected Officials.
3. Lois Gremminger, 1910 Fawn Way Court, Richmond, spoke on Item 30I, the FY2025 Budget for Fort Bend County.
4. Ella Guillory, 14231 Nelson Bay, Sugar Land, requested to speak on Item 31G and her issue was found not to be related to our agenda.
5. Misty Felipp, 11010 Williams School Road, spoke against the FY2025 Salaries.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: 1:19 p.m.: Conduct Public Hearings and take all appropriate action on the following matters:

- A. **Budget & Finance: Conduct Public Hearing on the Proposed FY2025 budget for Fort Bend County, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 111.067.** Public hearing held. There were no additional comments. The public comments were heard during Item 4, Public Comments and Announcements.
- B. **County Judge: Conduct Public Hearing for the acceptance of the United States Environmental Protection Agency Grant, No. 02F57601, regarding the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) Grant for Frito-Lay-Rosenberg.** Public hearing held. No public comments.

Item 5 continued - Public Hearings:**C. Engineering: Hold public hearing for acceptance of the following traffic control plans:**

Public hearing held. No public comments.

a.	Richmond Foster Road, Precinct 1;
b.	Willie Melton Elementary School, Precinct 1;
c.	Sorrento Drive Street Dedication Section 2, Precinct 1;
d.	Fulshear Lakes Lakeside Park Section 4, Precinct 1;
e.	Tamarron West Section 6, Precinct 1;
f.	Fulshear Lakes Creekside Section 6, Precinct 1;
g.	Falcon Park Drive in Falcon Landing Section 7, Precinct 1;
h.	Tamarron West Section 13, Precinct 1;
i.	Tamarron West Section 19, Precinct 1;
j.	Sienna Parkway Right Turn Lane Addition, regarding Permit No. 2021-47698, Precinct 2;
k.	Sienna Section 50A, Precinct 2;
l.	Brookewater Section 3, Precinct 4;
m.	Harvest Green Section 48, Precinct 4;
n.	Harvest Green Section 49, Precinct 4; and
o.	Harvest Green Section 51, Precinct 4.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to accept Item 5C(a-o).

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 6-27:**6. Record into the Minutes out-of-state travel by Elected Official:**

District Clerk: District Clerk B. Walker to Las Vegas, Nevada, from December 8, 2024, through December 11, 2024, to attend the 2024 eCourts Conference. (Fund: District Clerk Records Management)

7. **OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL: Approve out-of-state travel requests for County personnel:**
- A. **Clinical Health:** Approve variance to the Fort Bend County Travel Policy, Annex B to allow an exception to the 14 day advance notice for out-of-state travel and approve travel for R. Garza and B. Martinez to Raleigh, North Carolina, from October 2, 2024, through October 5, 2024, to attend the 2024 CureMD UC Conference. (Fund: Clinical Health)
 - B. **District Clerk:** Approve out-of-state travel for M. Jochen, J. Acevedo, and H. Mughal to Las Vegas, Nevada, from December 8, 2024, through December 11, 2024, to attend the 2024 eCourts Conference. (Fund: District Clerk Records Management)
 - C. **Fire Marshal:** Approve out-of-state travel for D. Hemphill, K. Hilgers, and T. Hughes to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, from November 11, 2024, through November 14, 2024, to attend the Hazardous Materials Instructors and Commanders Conference. (Fund: Travel and Training)
 - D. **Health and Human Services:** Approve out-of-state travel for N. Janoski to Atlanta, Georgia, from November 18, 2024, through November 22, 2024, to attend the Infectious Disease Forecasting Workshop. (Fund: CSTE Travel Scholarship)
 - E. **Homeland Security & Emergency Management:** Approve out-of-state travel for M. Staff to Emmitsburg, Maryland, from December 1, 2024, through December 7, 2024, to attend an Emergency Management Institute course. (Fund: Travel)
 - F. **Homeland Security & Emergency Management:** Approve out-of-state travel for K. Honzell to Emmitsburg, Maryland, from December 1, 2024, through December 6, 2024, to attend an Emergency Management Institute course. (Fund: Travel)
 - G. **Homeland Security & Emergency Management:** Approve amendment to out-of-state travel for R. Moffit beginning July 21, 2024, through July 28, 2024, to attend a CERT Association meeting.
 - H. **Homeland Security & Emergency Management:** Approve amendment to out-of-state travel previously approved by Commissioners Court on August 27, 2024, through agenda item 7C to include K. Ott's travel to the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado from November 14, 2024, through November 22, 2024.

8. COUNTY JUDGE:

- A. Approve variance to the Fort Bend County Travel Policy, Annex B, to approve reimbursement to H. Qadri in the amount of \$150 for hotel accommodation while attending the FY2025 Leadership Forum in San Antonio, Texas, on July 11, 2024. (Fund: Travel)**
- B. Approve variance to the Fort Bend County Travel Policy, Annex B, to approve payment of mileage in a total amount of \$718.46 for travel between July, August, September, and October 2023, submitted after the deadline specified in the County travel policy. (Fund: Travel)**
- C. Approve and record into minutes the bond of a re-elected official as submitted.**

9. AUDITOR:

Approve Monthly Financial Report prepared by the County Auditor for the nine months ended June 30, 2024, pursuant to Local Government Code Section 114.023.

10. BUDGET TRANSFER(s):

- A. County Attorney: Rescind transfer of \$33,482 approved by Commissioners Court on April 23, 2024, Agenda Item 10A and approve transfer in the amount of \$33,482 from Salaries and Personnel into Longevity, to allocate funds to cover deficits.**
- B. County Clerk: Approve transfer in the amount of \$10,500 from Salaries & Labor into Overtime, to allocate funds to cover the overtime accounting line.**
- C. County Court at Law No. 6: Approve transfer in the amount of \$648 from Travel & Training into Information Technology, to allocate funds for the purchase of a desktop computer.**
- D. Environmental Health - Mosquito Control: Approve transfer in the amount of \$580 from Supplies and Maintenance into Information Technology, to allocate funds for the purchase of two (2) printers.**
- E. Environmental Health - Mosquito Control: Approve transfer in the amount of \$200 from Property and Equipment into Information Technology to allocate funds for the replacement of a printer.**
- F. Human Resources: Approve transfer in the amount of \$19,318 from Human Resources Fees into Information Technology Fees, to allocate funds to cover the cost of WorkDay change request.**

11. CONSTABLE, PCT. 1:

- A. Approve Agreement for Additional Law Enforcement Services between Fort Bend County and Firethorne Community Association, Inc., with services to be provided by the Office of Fort Bend Constable Precinct 1, effective October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.**
- B. Approve Interlocal Agreement for Additional Law Enforcement Services between Fort Bend County and Fort Bend Municipal Utility District 134D, with services to be provided by the Office of Fort Bend Constable Precinct 1, effective through September 30, 2025.**
- C. Approve Interlocal Agreement for Additional Law Enforcement Services between Fort Bend County and Grand Lakes Municipal Utility District No. 1 with services to be provided by the Office of Fort Bend Constable Precinct 1, effective October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.**

12. COUNTY ATTORNEY:

- A. Approve variance to the Fort Bend County Travel Policy to approve payment of mileage in the amount of \$111.35 for travel between March 8, 2023, through September 9, 2023, submitted after deadline specified in the county travel policy. (Fund: Travel)**
- B. Approve variance to the Fort Bend County Travel Policy to approve payment of mileage in the amount of \$412.86 for travel between October 10, 2023, through October 13, 2023, submitted after deadline specified in the county travel policy. (Fund: Travel)**
- C. Approve request for variance to the Fort Bend County Travel Policy to ratify travel and allow an exception for purchase within 14 days of out-of-state travel for M. Carter to Washington, D.C., from September 12, 2024, through September 15, 2024, to attend the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference. (Fund: Travel)**

13. DISTRICT CLERK:

- A. Approve request to increase the change fund for the Sienna Annex location in the amount of \$400.**
- B. Approve request to increase the change fund for the Justice Center in the amount of \$400.**

14. ENGINEERING-PERMITS, PCT. 2:

Approve acceptance of Cashier's Check from Susan L. Comparetto / John C. Comparetto for Permit No. 2024-72095 to install a temporary construction driveway at 13530 Vrilla Rd, Precinct 2.

15. ENGINEERING-DEVELOPMENT:

A. Accept the streets in Hunt Road Phase 2: Hunt Road 2,663.40 LF, associated with permit 2021-46149, Precinct 1.

B. Accept the streets in Sienna Section 49: Woodmont Drive 483.74 LF, River Walk Drive 426.86 LF, Hidden Rock Drive 898.79 LF, Rolling Crest Drive 141.00 LF, Blossom River Drive 692.39 LF, Carswell Grove Drive 578.02 LF, Timber Brook Drive 155.02 LF, for a total of 3,375.82 LF and release the bond in the amount of \$246,765.40, Precinct 2.

C. Accept the streets in Glendales Lakes Section 13: Mariquita Lane 150.00 LF, Gorman Lane 268.54 LF, Torrance Lane 268.54 LF, Lebec Drive 598.54 LF, Ventura Drive 598.54 LF, Glendale Lakes Drive 688.54 LF for a total of 2,573.10 LF and release the bond in the amount of \$195,517.00, Precinct 2.

D. Accept the streets in Bissonnet Street and Westmoor Drive Std: Bissonnet Street 2,066.57 LF, Round Ridge Boulevard 73.82 LF, Westmoor Drive 1,869.43 LF, Chapel Canyon Boulevard 125.03 LF, Dalton Shadow Lane 61.69 LF for a total of 4,196.54 for a total of 4,134.85 LF and release the bond in the amount of \$452,480.00, Precinct 4.

E. Accept the streets in Briarwood Crossing Section 5: Holly Side Trail 183.62 LF, White Aspen Trail 238.29 LF for a total of 421.91 LF and release the bond in the amount of \$42,807.10, Precinct 4.

F. Approve the following plats:

1.	Primrose Aliana, Precinct 3; and
2.	Bissonnet Street in Trillium Street Dedication and Reserves Sec 2, Precinct 4.

G. Approve the plat for roads within the following:

1.	Tamarron Section 73, Precinct 1;
2.	Sienna Village of Anderson Springs Section 22B, Precinct 2; and
3.	Olympia Falls Sec 4, Precinct 2.

Item 15 continued - Engineering - Development:

H. Approve the plat for lots within the following:

1.	Tamarron Section 73, Precinct 1;
2.	Sienna Village of Anderson Springs Section 22B, Precinct 2; and
3.	Olympia Falls Sec 4, Precinct 2.

I. Set public hearing for acceptance of traffic control plans for the following (*Tuesday, October 22, 2024*):

1.	Candela South Section 2, Precinct 1;
2.	Harvest Home Drive in Harvest Home Drive Street Dedication Sec 2, Precinct 1;
3.	Candela South Section 3, Precinct 1;
4.	South Firethorne Rd in Firethorne Section 3, Precinct 1;
5.	Candela Section 14, Precinct 1;
6.	Sienna Section 63, Precinct 2;
7.	Sienna Section 69A Precinct 2; and
8.	Waterside Estates and Waterside Village all sections, Precinct 4.

16. FIRE MARSHAL:

Approve request for variance to the Fort Bend County Travel Policy, Annex B to allow an exception to an increase in the approved government hotel rate in the amount of \$47 per night, for three (3) employees, for travel on August 13, 2024, through August 16, 2024. (Fund: Travel and Training)

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 September 16, 2024, and makes the following recommendations to Commissioners Court:

- A. Approve the Amended Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority Budget for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2025.**
- B. Approve the amended Official Fort Bend Toll Road System Capital Improvement Plan for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.**
- C. Approve Engineering Services Agreement between Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority and Blackline Engineering LLC for the design of intersection drainage improvement and eliminating a detention pond.**

18. **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. **Animal Services:** Approve and accept award in the amount of \$5,000 from Petco Love, with no match required by Fort Bend County, for disaster relief in the wake of Hurricane Beryl.
 - B. **Constable Precinct 1:** Approve and accept award from the Texas Department of Transportation for participation in the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program – Comprehensive (STEP-Comp) in the amount of \$21,875, with a local match in the amount of \$6,146.32 required by Fort Bend County, for the period October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. (Fund: Grants-Constables)
 - C. **Constable Precinct 1:** Approve and accept award from the Texas Department of Transportation for participation in the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program – Commercial Vehicle (STEP-CMV) in the amount of \$12,000, with a local match in the amount of \$3,687.44 required by Fort Bend County, for the period October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. (Fund: Grants-Constables)
 - D. **County Judge:** Approve and accept award in the amount of \$2,956,500 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Grant No. 02F57601 regarding the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) Grant for Frito-Lay - Rosenberg, with no cash match required by Fort Bend County, for a period of July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.
 - E. **District Attorney:** Approve ratification of acceptance of award in the amount of \$126,744 from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division for the District Attorney's Victims of Crime (VOCA) Victim Witness Staff Expansion program, with a match in the amount of \$122,661 required by Fort Bend County, for a total budget of \$249,405 for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. (Fund: District Attorney Grant Allocation)
 - F. **Office of Emergency Management:** Approve ratification of acceptance of award in the amount of \$156,150 from the 4485 Texas COVID-19 Pandemic Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) Sub-Recipient Award; with a match in the amount of \$32,690 required by Fort Bend County for a total amount of \$188,840.00 for the purchase of a generator for the Gus George Law Enforcement Academy. (Fund: American Rescue Plan Act - Capital Improvement Projects)
 - G. **Sheriff's Office:** Approve ratification of acceptance of award in the amount of \$11,961 from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, with no cash match required by Fort Bend County, for the period of October 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025.

19. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES:

Animal Services: Accept \$2,400 stipend from Petco Love for participation in the Vaccine Program.

20. HUMAN RESOURCES:

Approve request for withdrawal of 20 hours from the Shared Sick Leave Pool for employee of Indigent Health Care, Position No. 6401-0001.

21. LIBRARY:

Approve Amendment to Operations Agreement between Fort Bend County and the University of Houston System on behalf of the University of Houston at Sugar Land to extend the term of the Agreement through September 30, 2029.

22. MISCELLANEOUS:

Record into Minutes the Annual Financial Report Audit for the year ending December 31, 2023, as prescribed by Health & Safety Code Section 775.082 for Harris - Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 100.

23. PARKS & RECREATION:

A. Accept and record a generous donation from Raji Sabapathy of (1) treadmill to Fort Bend County Parks Department; to be placed at the Landmark Community Center.

B. Approve the following Community Use Requests and Equipment Waiver Forms; to waive rental fees as detailed on attached requestor(s) list.

1. YMCA;
2. Baker Ripley;
3. Fort Bend County Moms Demand Action;
4. Peak Academy; and
5. Divine Mercy.

C. Approve Pilgrim Journey Missionary Baptist Church to use a track-less train and petting zoo at their event on October 27, 2024, at The Lodge at Jones Creek Ranch.

24. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:

Approve the revised Fort Bend County Public Transportation Public Participation Plan (PPP).

25. PURCHASING:

- A. Approve renewal of Bid 23-003, term contract for pressure washing and sealing of various County buildings with National Window Cleaning Co., Inc. for the term of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.**
- B. Approve renewal of Bid 23-054, term contract for Emergency and Non-Emergency Hazardous Materials, Clean-up, Removal, and Disposal, with primary vendor Hazmat International and secondary vendor Masters Advanced Remediation Services.**
- C. Authorize advertising for proposal for construction of three (3) courtrooms at Justice Center.**
- D. Approve the continued miscellaneous items from Amazon Business utilizing OMNIA Partners Contract No. R-TC-17006 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- E. Approve the purchase of Maintenance Services of Construction, Road and Bridge, Street Sweepers and Other Equipment, from Associated Supply Company, Inc. utilizing Buy Board 685-22 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- F. Approve the continued purchase of telecommunication services from AT&T Corp utilizing State of Texas Department of Information Resources Contract DIR-TELE-CTSA-002 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- G. Approve the continued purchase of police equipment and accessories from Axon Enterprise, Inc. utilizing Sourcewell Contract No. RFP 010720 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- H. Approve the continued purchase of hardware, software and tech accessories from CDW-G, utilizing Sourcewell No. 081419-CDW for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- I. Approve the continued purchase of Technology Solutions, Products and Services from CDW-G, utilizing OMNIA Contract No. R210401 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**

Item 25 continued - Purchasing:

- J. Approve the continued purchase of household hazardous waste collection, transportation and disposal services from Clean Earth Environmental Solutions, Inc., utilizing Houston-Galveston Area Council Contract No. HGAC-CE 10418 for various Departments upon their request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- K. Approve the continued purchase of recycling services, used electronic collections from CompuCycle, utilizing HGAC CE20-00765 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- L. Approve the continued purchase of public safety and firehouse supplies and equipment from Clyde Armory, Inc., Gunfighter Supply LLC, Precision Delta, and Proforce Law Enforcement utilizing Buy Board Agreement No. 698-23 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- M. Approve the continued purchase of HVAC equipment, Installation, Service, & Related Products from Daikin Applied utilizing OMNIA Partners Contract No. R200401 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- N. Approve the purchase of Avaya networking products and services from Datavox, Inc. utilizing Texas Department of Information Resources Contract No. DIR-TSO-4249 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- O. Approve the continued purchase of automotive parts from Davis Auto utilizing OMNIA Partners Contract No. 2017000280 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- P. Approve the continued purchase of computer equipment, software, and peripherals from Dell Marketing, L.P. utilizing State of Texas Department of Information Resources Contract DIR-TSO-3763 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- Q. Approve the continued purchase of fasteners and miscellaneous shop supplies from Fastenal utilizing OMNIA Partners Contract No. R192001 for various Departments upon request from Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- R. Approve the continued purchase of maintenance, repair, and operations, supplies, parts, equipment, and materials from Grainger utilizing OMNIA Partners Contract No. 192163 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- S. Approve the continued purchase of First Aid, Emergency Medical, and Athletic Trainer Supplies and Equipment from Henry Shein utilizing Buy Board Agreement 704-23 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**

Item 25 continued - Purchasing:

- T. Approve the continued purchase of Maintenance, Repair, Operating Supplies, Industrial Supplies, and Related Products and Services from The Home Depot utilizing OMNIA Partners Contract No. R16154 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- U. Approve the continued purchase of in-car video equipment from L-3 SF Mobile Visions, Inc utilizing Houston-Galveston Area Council Contract EF04-21 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- V. Approve the continued purchase of plumbing parts from Mark's Plumbing, utilizing Buy Board 657-21 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- W. Approve the continued purchase of Interpretation and Translation Services and Related Solutions from MasterWord Services, Inc., utilizing OMNIA Partners Contract No. R210608 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- X. Approve the continued purchase of Motorola branded products and related services from Motorola Solutions, Inc., utilizing Texas Department of Information Resources Contract DIR-TSO-4101 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- Y. Approve the continued purchase of Motorola Radio Communications/Emergency Response Equipment, utilizing TX Houston-Galveston Area Council Contract RA05-21 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- Z. Approve the continued purchase of office supplies, copy paper, toner and ink cartridges: Brother, Canon, Epson, Konica, Lexmark, Ricoh & Sharp from Office Depot utilizing OMNIA Partners Contract No. R190303 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- AA. Approve the continued purchase of Traffic Light and Signal Systems, Supplies & Equipment from Paradigm Traffic Systems utilizing Buy Board 695-23 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- BB. Approve the continued purchase of miscellaneous information technology hardware peripherals, components, and related services from SHI Government Solutions utilizing DIR-CPO-5094 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**

Item 25 continued - Purchasing:

- CC. Approve the purchase of software products and related services plus software as a service, including: maintenance, technical services, and training from SHI Government Solutions utilizing State of Texas Department of Information Resources Contract DIR-TSO-4317 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- DD. Approve the continued purchase of Technology Equipment, Supplies, Software, and other related services from SHI Government Solutions utilizing State of Texas Department of Information Resources Contract DIR-CPO-5237 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- EE. Approve the continued purchase of Technology Equipment, Products, Services and Software from SHI Government Solutions utilizing Buy Board Agreement 661-22 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- FF. Approve the continued purchase of hardware, software, wireless service, voice and data from T-Mobile utilizing Sourcewell Contract No. 080119-SPT for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- GG. Approve the continued purchase of hardware, software, wireless service, voice, and data from Verizon Wireless utilizing State of Texas Department of Information Resources Agreement DIR-TELE-CTSA-003 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- HH. Approve the continued purchase of custodial supplies and equipment from Imperial Dade utilizing Buy Board Contract 747-24 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- II. Approve the continued purchase of copy/office paper and toner supplies from Imperial Dade utilizing Buy Board Contract 707-23 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- JJ. Approve the continued purchase of public safety and firehouse supplies and equipment from Metro Fire Apparatus Specialists, Inc utilizing Buy Board Agreement 698-23 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- KK. Approve the continued purchase for HP toner and ink cartridges from ELP Enterprises utilizing State of Texas Department of Information Resources Contract DIR-TSO-4159 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**

Item 25 continued - Purchasing:

- LL. Approve the continued purchase for Xerox toner and ink cartridges from ELP Enterprises utilizing State of Texas Department of Information Resources Contract DIR-CPO-4412 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- MM. Approve the continued purchase of First Aid, Emergency Medical, and Athletic Trainer Supplies and Equipment from Life-Assist utilizing Buy Board Agreement 704-23 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- NN. Approve the continued purchase of landscape and maintenance service from Yellowstone Landscape, utilizing Choice Partners 24/048MR-09 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- OO. Approve Consent to Assignment with DE Corp. to Gannett Fleming, Inc. regarding Grand Parkway (Sh 99) Frontage Road Seg. 2, Project No. 17304 and FM 521 North, Project No. 17113, Precincts 1 and 2. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- PP. Approve the continued purchase of officer uniforms, supplies, and armor from Bob Barker Company, Inc. utilizing Buy Board Contract 669-22 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- QQ. Approve the continued purchase of First Aid, Emergency Medical, and Athletic Trainer Supplies and Equipment from Bound Tree Medical utilizing Buy Board Agreement 704-23 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- RR. Approve the continued purchase of public safety and firehouse supplies and equipment from Big Country Supply, ROE Tactical, and TXAT, LLC utilizing Buy Board Agreement 698-23 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- SS. Approve the continued purchase of Short Term Rentals from Enterprise Rent-A-Car/National Car Rental utilizing Texas Smart Buy Contract 975-C1 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- TT. Approve the purchase of medical supplies, equipment, healthcare solutions, distribution and resources from McKesson utilizing Sourcewell Contract 022422-MML for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- UU. Approve the continued purchase of antennas and accessories from GTS Technology Solutions, Inc. utilizing State of Texas Department of Information Resources Contract DIR-CPO-4751 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**

Item 25 continued - Purchasing:

- VV. Approve the continued purchase of HVAC equipment and service, from Hunton Services utilizing Choice Partners 22/049MF-11 for various departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- WW. Approve the continued purchase of tractors, parts, and turf equipment from John Deere & Company and Shoppa's Farm Supply, Inc., utilizing TX Houston-Galveston Area Council Contract GR01-2020 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- XX. Approve the continued purchase of comprehensive HVAC solutions and services from Johnson Controls Inc, utilizing TIPS Contract No. 22010601 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- YY. Approve the continued purchase of Comprehensive HVAC Solutions and Services from Star Services utilizing TIPS 22010602 and TIPS 22010601 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- ZZ. Approve the purchase of automotive parts from O'Reilly Auto Parts utilizing National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance Contract NCPA 05-42 for various Departments upon request from their Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**

26. RISK MANAGEMENT:

Approve the renewal of Humana as a Fort Bend County plan provider for vision and dental benefits, accepting rates with no change for the 2025 and 2026 plan years, to be effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026.

27. TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR:

Record into Minutes the Summary Monthly Report of Property Taxes Collected for August 2024, as submitted by the Office of Carmen P. Turner, Tax Assessor-Collector.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Consent Agenda
Items 6 - 27, as presented.

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

28. COUNTY JUDGE:

Take all appropriate action to establish the regular meeting schedule for Fort Bend County Commissioners Court, pursuant to Local Government Code Section 81.005(a) for Fiscal Year 2025, meeting every second and fourth Tuesday of each month, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom located on the second floor of the Courthouse at 401 Jackson Street in Richmond, Texas.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Morales
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Item 28, as presented.

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

29. AUDITOR:

- A. Take all appropriate action on Order Setting Fees for the Offices of Fort Bend County Sheriff and Constables, effective January 1, 2025, pursuant to Local Government Code Section 118.131.**
- B. Take all appropriate action on request for a new, full-time Position, Accounts Payable Auditor, Grade 107 of the General Salary Structure in the Auditor's Office, effective October 1, 2024. (2023 Mobility Bond)**
- C. Take all appropriate action on Interlocal Advance Reimbursement Agreement between Fort Bend County and West Fort Bend Water Authority in the amount of an additional \$340,000 for funding operational expenses.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Item 29A, B and C, as presented.

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

30. BUDGET & FINANCE:

- A. Take all appropriate action on request for transfer in the amount of \$120,000 as detailed on Director's form dated September 12, 2024, to cover Agreement with MPACT for Flourishment Center activities.**
- B. Take all appropriate action on request for transfer in the amount of \$49,650 as detailed on Director's form dated September 12, 2024, to fund revenue replacement for Economic Development Disparity Study Remedies Review.**
- C. Take all appropriate action to assign vehicles to Fort Bend County Departments and Offices as presented on FY2025 Fleet Management.**
- D. Take all appropriate action on list of take-home vehicles for FY2025, pursuant to County Employee Information Manual, Policy 612.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Item 30A, B, C
and D, as presented.

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

Item 30 continued - Budget & Finance:

Commissioner McCoy arrived at 1:29 p.m., during discussion of Item 30E.

- E. Take all appropriate action to adopt the 2024 Tax Rate for Fort Bend County, and take a record vote, pursuant to Property Tax Code 26.05, as follows:**

Proposed General Fund Tax Rate:	0.288000;
Proposed Road & Bridge Fund:	0.015000;
Proposed Interest & Sinking Fund:	0.109000; and
Total Proposed Tax Rate:	0.412000.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered, by record vote, the property tax rate be decreased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.288000 for the General Fund, \$0.0150 for the Road & Bridge Fund, and \$0.1090 for the Interest & Sinking Fund for a total Fort Bend County Tax Rate of \$0.4120, which is effectively a 0.04 percent decrease in the tax rate.

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

Pamela Gubbels, Director of Finance & Investments explained the tax rate is a total decrease of 1.69 cents for Fort Bend County and Drainage District. Ms. Gubbels stated the average homestead will see an increase of approximately 4.6% or a \$78 annual increase.

MOTION PASSES

Item 30 continued - Budget & Finance:

- F. Take all appropriate action on request to freeze the following fifty-eight (58) vacant full-time positions in the Sheriff's Office for Fiscal Year 2025 to fund the proposed law enforcement compensation adjustments.**

	Position Title:	Position Number(s):	Quantity of Respective Position(s):
1.	Bonding Clerk	5601-0293;	1
2.	Detention Deputy	5601-0076 / 5601-0087 / 5601-0091 5601-0103 / 5601-0104 / 5601-0209 5601-0241 / 5601-0283 / 5601-0393 5601-0455 / 5601-0457 / 5601-0458 5601-0476 / 5601-0603 / 5601-0604 5601-0659 / 5601-0666 / 5601-0668;	18
3.	Detention Officer - Civilian	5601-0726 / 5601-0830 / 5601-0878 5601-0898 / 5601-0988 / 5601-0989 5601-0990 / 5601-0991;	8
4.	Detention Officer - Civilian II	5601-0275 / 5601-0343 / 5601-0479 5601-0773;	4
5.	Sr. Office Assistant	5601-0588;	1
6.	Cadet	5601-0081 / 5601-0115 / 5601-0125 5601-0146 / 5601-0356 / 5601-0359;	6
7.	Communications Coordinator	5601-0937;	1
8.	Deputy Sheriff	5601-0122 / 5601-0128 / 5601-0151 5601-0187 / 5601-0288;	5
9.	ID Technician	5601-0505;	1
10.	Investigator	5601-0044 / 5601-0758;	2
11.	Telecommunications Officer I	5601-0647 / 5601-0648 / 5601-0783 5601-0802 / 5601-0929 / 5601-0932 &	6
12.	Telecommunications Officer II	5601-0055 / 5601-0177 / 5601-0414 5601-0450 / 5601-0650.	5
		TOTAL QTY:	58

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

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

Item 30 continued - Budget & Finance:

Pamela Gubbels, Director of Finance & Investments stated the total salary adjustment presented by Human Resources totaled \$10.2 million, which includes all law enforcement, not just the Sheriff's Office. These 58 positions are currently vacant and will free up \$5.4 million to cover part of the \$10.2 million. The remaining amount will be funded from the unused COLA placeholder. Currently, there are approximately 120 vacant positions and the 58 positions are half of what is currently vacant.

Nicole Ledet, Human Resources Director explained that her department looked into the pay structure, attraction and retention for law enforcement. Adjustments were made which allowed for an increase of an average of 20% higher pay than last year across the pay structure. This will help to attract new personnel into the law enforcement agency at a rate of pay believed to be competitive with other counties we work with jurisdictionally.

Commissioner Meyers indicated the sales tax revenue received from County Assistance Districts is an available revenue source to help address the funding issue of the salary increase.

Commissioner McCoy stated due to the past Commissioners Court not keeping up with the market in terms of salaries for our County employees is the result of where we find ourselves today.

G. Take all appropriate action to adopt the FY2025 Proposed Positions for Fort Bend County.

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

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

H. Take all appropriate action to set the FY2025 Salaries for Elected Officials of Fort Bend County, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Sec 152.011.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and carried (4-1), it is ordered to approve Item 30H, as presented.

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

Item 30 continued - Budget & Finance:

Pamela Gubbels, Director of Finance & Investments stated Human Resources Department was asked to conduct a survey of Elected Officials salaries. A survey of seven counties was conducted and an average of each official salary was taken. The proposal on this agenda is to bring each elected official in Fort Bend County up to the average salary of the seven counties surveyed, plus a 4% COLA.

Commissioner McCoy explained that this is the third phase of a multiphase in which the Budget and Human Resources offices have undertaken to look at salaries across the board in Fort Bend County. The Elected Officials are the last group as part of the phase. This has been ongoing since last year and the salaries have been looked at across the board in the past two or three years. These salaries are the average of comparable counties. Also, included in this round are Executive Managers in order to continue to attract and retain top quality leaders.

I. Take all appropriate action to adopt the FY2025 Budget for Fort Bend County, and take a record vote, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Sec 111.068.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner McCoy
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered, by record vote, to approve Item 30I, as presented.

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

Pamela Gubbels, Director of Finance & Investments reviewed the proposed tax rate and the FY2025 proposed budget for Fort Bend County and the Drainage District. The total tax rate for both Fort Bend County and Drainage District is 42.2 cents, a reduction of 1.69 cents. In order to reduce the tax burden of the taxpayers the court proposed and recently adopted a tax rate reduction of 1.69 cents. The total proposed Budget is \$731.6 million, an increase of 8.2%. Ms. Gubbels explained the Fort Bend Central Appraisal District and Fort Bend County are two different entities and the appraised values are received from the Central Appraisal District. As the values increase, the revenue increases and the County decreases the tax rate to offset the increase in value.

Commissioner McCoy stated in setting the budget, the County receives the appraised values from the Central Appraisal District (CAD). The CAD is a state entity that sets appraised values based on a formula adopted from the state. The numbers are given to the County and they determine how to fund services for residents.

MOTION PASSES

31. ENGINEERING:

- A. Take all appropriate action to rescind Agenda Item 22E approved by Commissioners Court on January 12, 2021: Take all appropriate action on Interlocal Agreement for County-Managed Road Construction Project between Fort Bend County and Harris County regarding the construction of Belknap Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17211, Precinct 2.**

Item 31A has been corrected to read as:

Take all appropriate action to rescind Agenda Item 22E approved by Commissioners Court on January 12, 2021: Take all appropriate action on Interlocal Agreement for County-Managed Road Construction Project between Fort Bend County and Harris County regarding the construction of Belknap Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17211, Precinct 3.

- B. Take all appropriate action on request for variance to minimum lot size requirements as stated in Section 5.14.E.4 of the Fort Bend County Regulations of Subdivisions for:**

1.	Emberly Section 10, Precinct 4; and
2.	Emberly Section 11, Precinct 4.

- C. Take all appropriate action on request for a variance to the driveway spacing requirement as stated in Section 3.B.1.f of Permits for the Construction of Driveways and Culverts on County Easements and Right of Ways in Fort Bend County, Texas, for McDonalds within Parkway Ventures, on behalf of G&G Engineering, Precinct 4.**
- D. Take all appropriate action on Resolution and Order Authorizing Partial Lot Conveyance from Fort Bend County to Texas Department of Transportation, regarding Parcels 112 and 115 of SH 36, Precinct 1.**
- E. Take all appropriate action on request for payment of Invoice No. 90138146, in the amount of \$544 to Union Pacific Railroad Company pursuant to Agreement approved by Commissioners Court on June 22, 2021, for reimbursement regarding Lake Olympia Segment 2, Mobility Bond Project No. 17201, Precinct 2. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- F. Take all appropriate action on Interlocal Agreement for City Managed Project between Fort Bend County and the City of Sugar Land in an amount not to exceed \$1,800,000, regarding Soldiers Field Drive Extension and First Colony Boulevard Roundabout, Mobility Bond Project No. 23315, Precinct 3. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

Item 31 continued - Engineering:

- G. Take all appropriate action on Governmental Agency Letter of Transfer/Ownership from Fort Bend County to the Center for Archaeological Studies, Texas State University regarding John Sharp Drive, Mobility Bond Project No. 17421x, Precinct 3.**
- H. Take all appropriate action on License Agreement between Fort Bend County and the City of Rosenberg, regarding Groundwater Monitoring Well No. 26 for the Fort Bend County Landfill, Precinct 4.**
- I. Take all appropriate action on request for title fees in the amount of \$175 plus the necessary costs for Parcel R486448_11, regarding Evergreen Seg. 1, Mobility Bond Project No. 20122x, Precinct 2. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- J. 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 R32974_15 in the amount of \$42,267.44; Wallis Street, Project No. 20305, Precinct 1;
2.	Parcel R38425_40 in the amount of \$57,940.94; Bowser Road, Project No. 20306, Precinct 1;
3.	Parcel R33159_25 in the amount of \$15,455.94; Wallis Street, Project No. 20305, Precinct 1;
4.	Parcel R65768_26 in the amount of \$20,207.94; Wallis Street, Project No. 20305, Precinct 1;
5.	Parcel R65771_22 in the amount of \$16,025.94; Wallis Street, Project No. 20305, Precinct 1;
6.	Parcel R32982_17 in the amount of \$64,095.94; Wallis Street, Project No. 20305, Precinct 1;
7.	Parcel R33169_15 in the amount of \$885,548.20; FM 521 South, Project No. 17111, Precinct 2;
8.	Parcel R78099_25 in the amount of \$68,784.10; Evergreen Seg. 1, Project No. 20122x, Precinct 2;
9.	Parcel R78021_121 in the amount of \$93,749.20; Evergreen Seg 2, Project No. 20123x, Precinct 2; and
10.	Parcel R78019_122 in the amount of \$147,137.20; Evergreen Seg 2, Project No. 20123x, Precinct 2.

Item 31 continued - Engineering:

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 31A-J, with
noted correction to Item 31A.

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

Item 31A Precinct 2 has been corrected to read Precinct 3.

32. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT & PLANNING:

**Take all appropriate action on Second Modification of Lease Agreement between
Commerce Green Associates and Fort Bend County to add additional office space
to the agreement and extend the term of the lease to expire thirty-nine (39) months
after the date of delivery of the original relocated premises.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 32, as
presented.

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

- 33. 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 August 16, 2024, and makes the following recommendations to Commissioners Court:**

Take all appropriate action on the adoption of a Third Supplement Order Establishing a Toll Rate Schedule for Fort Bend Parkway amending the established Toll Rate Schedules effective September 2024.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 33, as presented.

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

- 34. FORT BEND GRAND PARKWAY TOLL ROAD AUTHORITY: The Board of Directors of Fort Bend Grand Parkway Toll Road Authority reviewed these items at their regular meeting held on August 16, 2024, and makes the following recommendations to Commissioners Court:**

Take all appropriate action on the adoption of First Supplemental Order Establishing a Toll Rate Schedule for the Grand Parkway, to amend the established Toll Rate schedules effective September 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. GRANTS ADMINISTRATION:

- A. Community Development: Take all appropriate action on the following Agreements between Fort Bend County and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for FY2024 funding, part of the FY2024 Annual Action Plan approved by Commissioners Court on June 25, 2024, and authorize County Judge to sign all documents pertaining to said agreements:**

1.	HOME Investment Partnerships Program in the amount of \$976,147.37; and
2.	Emergency Solutions Grant Program in the amount of \$306,100.

- B. Health and Human Services: Take all appropriate action on application to the Alzheimer's Association for the FY2024 Healthy Brain Initiative Road Map Strategist Program in the amount of \$48,000, with no match required by Fort Bend County, to increase the capacity of local health departments, tribal health organizations, and their community partners to address cognitive health, for the period of January 2025, through September 2025.**

- C. Public Transportation: Take all appropriate action on Application to Texas Department of Transportation for Fiscal Year 2025 Section 5339 Federal Funds in the amount of \$1,513,592, with no local match required by Fort Bend County, including grantor's request for submittal of additional information. (Funds: Public Transportation – Grants)**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 35A, B, and C, as presented.

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

36. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES:

- A. Epidemiology: Take all appropriate action on IRB Authorization Agreement between Fort Bend County and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston for joint collaboration on research and other projects outlined at no cost to the County.**
- B. Health and Human Services: Take all action on the Financial Assistance Program and Charity Care Policy (FBCHHS PH-CCP) as presented to cover the cost of applicable services to eligible Fort Bend County residents seen at any of its service locations and authorize the allocation of revenue generated by said program to support Fort Bend County Health and Human Services as defined within the policy, effective September 24, 2024.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 36A and B,
as presented.

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

37. HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Take all appropriate action on the Memorandum of Understanding between Fort Bend County and the Texas Department of Public Safety to purchase encrypted communications equipment programmed accordingly through the Texas Statewide Interoperability Channel Plan, utilizing grant funds. (Fund: UASI Grant)

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 37, as
presented.

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

38. HUMAN RESOURCES:

- A. Take all appropriate action on the proposed 2025 Holiday Schedule as submitted by Human Resources.**
- B. Take all appropriate action on revisions to the Employee Information Manual, specifically Policy 512-Longevity Pay, as submitted by Human Resources.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 38A and B,
as presented.

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

39. LIBRARY:

Take all appropriate action on request to authorize the use of Certificates of Obligation to replace the rooftop unit at the Library Administration Building in an amount not to exceed \$111,678.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 39, as
presented.

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

40. PARKS & RECREATION:

Take all appropriate action on Facilities Extension Agreement between Fort Bend County and CenterPoint Energy in an amount not to exceed \$4,959 for electrical power delivery distribution services to Sundial Park, located at 1700 Trammel Fresno, Fresno, Texas 77583, Precinct 2.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 40, as presented.

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

41. PURCHASING:

- A. Take all appropriate action on request to award Bid 25-006, term contract for purchase and install of vehicle graphics to OnSite Decals, LLC, low bidder meeting specifications, for the term of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.**
- B. Take all appropriate action on Agreement for Professional Engineering Services with UES Professional Solutions 44, LLC for construction materials testing at the future Information Technology Facility in an amount not to exceed \$59,135. (Fund: Certificates of Obligation)**
- C. Take all appropriate action on Agreement with Apex Consulting Group, Inc., pursuant to RFQ 24-042, for Design/Build services for design phase of parking expansion at Pecan Grove Indoor Sports Complex, in an amount not to exceed \$48,000. (Fund: 2023 Parks Bond)**
- D. Take all appropriate action on Agreement for Inmate Medical Services with Wellpath LLC, pursuant to RFP 25-001, in an amount not to exceed \$31,684,752 for the term October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2027, (first year total not to exceed \$10,100,255). (Fund: Sheriff Detention Fees)**
- E. Take all appropriate action on Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between Quiddity Engineering, LLC and Fort Bend County in an amount not to exceed \$46,000 regarding Downtown Missouri City, Project No. 23207, Precinct 2. (Fund: 2022B Tax Notes)**

Item 41 continued - Purchasing:

- F. Take all appropriate action on Agreement for Professional Architectural Services between Autoarch Architects LLC and Fort Bend County in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 regarding Downtown Missouri City, Project No. 23207, Precinct 2. (Fund: 2022B Tax Notes)**
- G. Take all appropriate action on Agreement with Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P., utilizing Omnia Partners Cooperative No. 14-17 for consulting services regarding review of Human Resources Employee Handbook Policies and Practices, in an amount not to exceed \$73,500. (Fund: Human Resources)**
- H. Take all appropriate action on Project Funding Agreement with YMCA of Greater Houston for the contribution of funding towards the construction cost of TW Davis YMCA Project in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000. (Fund: 2023 Parks Bond)**
- I. Take all appropriate action on Addendum to Agreement with SHI Government Solutions, Inc., utilizing DIR-TSO-4317 for the purchase of solarwinds specified software in an amount of \$50,325.65 effective October 31, 2024, through October 31, 2025. (Fund: Information Technology)**
- J. Take all appropriate action to consider granting an exemption to the competitive bid process as authorized by Section 262.024(a)(7) of the Texas Local Government Code from Stryker Sales, LLC, a Sole Source provider, and approve Addendum to Agreement for the purchase of various transport products in the amount not to exceed \$393,223.86. (Fund: Health & Welfare Project)**
- K. Take all appropriate action to consider granting an exemption to the competitive bid process as authorized by Section 262.024(a)(7) of the Texas Local Government Code from Stryker Sales, LLC, a sole source provider, and approve addendum to agreement for parts and preventative maintenance for emergency procare products, in an amount not to exceed \$119,150.85, effective August 1, 2024, through July 31, 2025. (Fund: AMBULANCE-EMS)**
- L. 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 Votec Corporation, a sole source provider and approve Addendum to Agreement for the purchase of poll tag module for inventory control and asset management of elections equipment, in an amount of \$113,729, effective September 24, 2024, through September 23, 2025. (Fund: Emergency Management Grant for Elections Security)**

Item 41 continued - Purchasing:

- M. 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) for the purchase of Caterpillar repair parts from only one source, Mustang Machinery Company, Ltd. for various Departments upon request for Fiscal Year 2025 budgets.**
- N. 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 Election Systems and Software, a sole source provider and approve purchase of pre-number ballot stock, in an amount not to exceed \$84,051.60. (Fund: Elections)**
- O. 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 Thomson Reuters, a sole source provider and approve purchase of clear proflex subscription, in an amount of \$64,932.48 effective August 1, 2024, through July 30, 2027. (Fund: Information Technology)**
- P. Take all appropriate action on Change Order No. 2 (final) with Northtex Construction, LLC, pursuant to Bid 22-078 to increase the contract in the amount of \$129,682.94 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$6,004,975.84 and to extend the contract time until June 21, 2024, regarding Beechnut Street, Mobility Bond Project No. 17410, Precinct 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- Q. Take all appropriate action on request to negotiate a pre-development agreement for RFQ 24-072, Development of hotel, convention center and parking facilities with Stonehenge Holdings LLC, most highly qualified respondent.**
- R. Take all appropriate action on Amendment to Agreement with Whitley Penn, LLP, pursuant to RFP 20-083 for renewal of professional audit services in an amount of \$186,325 effective through March 31, 2025. (Fund: Non-Departmental Fees)**
- S. Take all appropriate action on request to amend Bid 23-002, term contract for Pest Control Services, with Gillen Pest Control, Inc., to add pest control at EMS Medic 14, Precinct 3 Annex and Sheriff's Office Barn locations, rodent control at Fairgrounds and Precinct 3 Annex, and termite control at Juvenile Jake Dove Office in an additional amount of \$4,852 on an annual basis, and renewal of term effective through September 30, 2025.**
- T. Take all appropriate action on request to renew Bid 23-041, term contract for Traffic Signal Supplies and Services, from primary vendor Econolite Systems, Inc. (to include price increase) and secondary vendor Creacom, Inc.**

Item 41 continued - Purchasing:

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 41A-T, as presented.

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

Commissioner McCoy stated the voters approved in the 2023 Parks Bond a contribution to the TW Davis YMCA. The funds the County contributes will now open up funds from all other foundations and governmental entities to be able to support opening up this facility.

42. RISK MANAGEMENT:

- A. Take all appropriate action on Amendment No. 1 to the Fort Bend County Employee Benefit Medical Plan Document, amending the medical schedule of benefits, effective January 1, 2025.**
- B. Take all appropriate action on First Amendment to the Fort Bend County Employee Benefit Dental Plan Document, making various amendments to the Dental Plan Document, effective January 1, 2025.**
- C. Take all appropriate action on request for renewal of The Fort Bend County EpiCenter Property & Casualty Insurance Program for Policy Year: August 1, 2024, through August 1, 2025.**
- D. Take all appropriate action on Employee, Retiree under 65, Leave of Absence, and COBRA rates for the Fort Bend County Medical, Dental, and Vision Plans effective January 1, 2025, as presented by the Risk Management Director.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 42A, B, C and D, as presented.

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

Item 42 continued - Risk Management:

Wyatt Scott, Director of Risk Management, shared some of the positive changes which include:

- Medical Plan changes
 - Eliminate the late entrance status and get immediate coverage
 - Telemedicine
 - Eliminate the Rollover deductible
- Dental Plan
 - Raise dependent age from 25 to 26
 - Remove the full-time student requirement
 - Eliminate the late entrance for dependents
- Renewal of Property Insurance Coverage for EpiCenter. Carrier is giving us terms reduction from \$760,000 to \$613,000.
- Approve this year's insurance rates. There will be a modest increase in the rates.

43. SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

Take all appropriate action on Greater Houston Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory Cooperation Agreement / Memorandum of Understanding between Fort Bend County and State Executive Agencies regarding FBI Task Force for forensic analysis of digital evidence.

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 43, as presented.

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

44. Approve Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve bills in the amount of \$14,107,083.33, with routine disbursements of \$12,457,438.72.

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

45. Ratify the release of time-sensitive disbursements made on September 19, 2024.

Action on Item 45 was taken before Reconvene Open Session.

Commissioner Prestage was absent after Closed Session.

Ratify the release of time-sensitive disbursements made on September 19, 2024.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve to ratify the
release of time-sensitive disbursements made on September 19, 2024 in the amount
of \$25,528,246.10.

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

46. Authorize County auditor to pay and release the time-sensitive disbursements on October 3, 2024, to be ratified by Commissioners Court on October 8, 2024.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve Item 46.

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

Recess:

Recessed at 2:30 p.m.

47. 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. Fire Service Agreements.**

Item 47 continued - Meet in Closed Session:

2. **Authorize the County Attorney's Office to finalize settlement negotiations concerning Brinks, Incorporated, invoice for transportation services.**

- 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.**

Executive Manager Performance Evaluations:

1.	Carlos Guzman - Economic Development Director; and
2.	Nicole Ledet - Director of Human Resources.

Closed Session:

Convened at 2:49 p.m.

Adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Reconvene:

Reconvened at 4:21 p.m.

Commissioner Prestage was absent after Closed Session.

Item 45 was revisited to take action before Meet in Closed Session.

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

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

1. **Fire Service Agreements.**

Moved by Commissioner McCoy, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to record into the Minutes the Notice of Termination of Fire Service Agreements issued by the Fire Marshal to the City of Richmond, dated September 16, 2024, and to the City of Rosenberg, dated September 17, 2024, and to allow the Fire Marshal to take any and all action to enter into negotiations for future fire service agreements with Richmond and Rosenberg.

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

Item 48 continued - Reconvene Open Session:

2. Authorize the County Attorney's Office to finalize settlement negotiations concerning Brinks, Incorporated, invoice for transportation services.

Moved by Commissioner Morales, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to authorize payment of \$7,001.86 to Barnett & Garcia, PLLC, on behalf of Brink's U.S. for a debt owed for services rendered under the former agreement between Fort Bend County and Brink's U.S. (Fund: Accounts Payable - General Operating Account)

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

B. § 551.074. Personnel Matters.

Executive Manager Performance Evaluations:

1.	Carlos Guzman - Economic Development Director; and
2.	Nicole Ledet - Director of Human Resources.

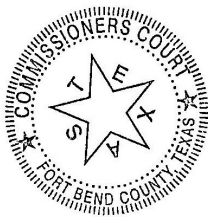
The evaluation for Carlos Guzman, Economic Development Director has been completed by Commissioners Court and will be part of the employee's personnel file.

The evaluation for Nicole Ledet, Director of Human Resources has been completed by Commissioners Court and will be part of the employee's personnel file.

49. Adjournment.

Commissioners Court adjourned at 4:23 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24, 2024.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers,
to adjourn.



I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.

Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas