

**MINUTES**

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 1ST DAY of AUGUST, 2024, Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, met at a special meeting with the following present:

KP GEORGE	COUNTY JUDGE
VINCENT MORALES	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1
GRADY PRESTAGE	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2
ANDY MEYERS	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3
LINDA WILLIS FOR LAURA RICHARD	COUNTY CLERK

Commissioner McCoy absent.

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

- 1. Call to Order.**  
Call to Order by Judge KP George at 9:00 a.m.
- 2. Conduct workshop to receive presentation from Health and Human Services, regarding the establishment of a community health system in Fort Bend County.**

Dr. Letosha Gale-Lowe, HHS Director and Local Health Authority spoke on the growing healthcare issues in Fort Bend County and a sustainable solution. Creating a hospital district will provide the necessary funds to expand existing programs, introduce new services and ensure comprehensive care for residents.

Tripp Umbach an independent consultant completed an Analysis on how a hospital district will bring economic and social benefits to our community.

Jessica Pugil, founder and Principal of Working Partner conducted needs assessments for Health and Mental Health challenges in Fort Bend County.

Connie Almeida, Director of Behavioral Health Services spoke on the benefits the hospital district will have on expanding our jail diversion efforts, having a Mental Health drop off center and our mental health outreach.

Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor spoke on the cost of the hospital district. An annual cost of \$12.5 million is being proposed with an economic benefit to our taxpayers of \$101.5 million, and the net impact being \$89 million cost savings. If this referendum is placed before voters in November, the annual impact to the taxpayer for the average taxable home value could have a tax rate of \$0.0106 per \$100 valuation to fund the hospital district. The Commissioners Court will set the tax rate every year.

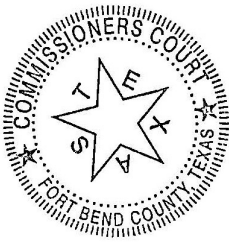
**Item 2 continued - Conduct Workshop:**

Dr. Thomas Mohr, Sam Houston Medical School gave an update on the planning for the residency program. There are ongoing discussions with Oak Bend partners, Ibn Sina partners, Access Health and are moving forward with preparing for the accreditation of the program.

Paul Umbach, President and Founder, Tripp Umbach explained the benefits of the health districts and provided the economic and social impact analysis to Fort Bend County.

**3. Adjournment.**

The Fort Bend County Commissioners Court Special Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2024.



I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.

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Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas