

AGENDA

January 11, 2000

1:45 p.m.

Opening prayer by Reverend Brenda Payne of Clear Lake AME Church in Houston.

1. Public Infrastructure Department

a. Public Infrastructure

1. Recommendation that the directors of the Public Infrastructure Department and Facilities & Property Management be authorized to accept and review statements of interest and qualifications from consultants for development of Phases II and III of the Juvenile Justice Center.
2. Recommendation that the Right of Way Section be authorized to purchase Tract 16 on Spring Cypress Road, Phase 2, Section 6, for the negotiated purchase price of \$30,327 as part of the Spring Cypress Road widening project in Precinct 4, and for the Executive Director, or his designated representative, County Auditor, County Clerk, County Attorney, and County Treasurer to take necessary actions to complete the transaction.
3. Recommendation that the Right of Way Section be authorized to purchase Tract 45 on Spring Cypress Road, Phase 1, Section 4, for the negotiated purchase price of \$27,700 as part of the Spring Cypress Road widening project in Precinct 4, and for the Executive Director, or his designated representative, County Auditor, County Clerk, County Attorney, and County Treasurer to take necessary actions to complete the transaction.
4. Recommendation that the Right of Way Section be authorized to purchase Tracts 73 and 80 on Spring Cypress Road, Phase 1, Section 5, for the negotiated purchase prices of \$3,604 and \$20,500 as part of the Spring Cypress Road widening project in Precinct 4, and for the Executive Director, or his designated representative, County Auditor, County Clerk, County Attorney, and County Treasurer to take necessary actions to complete the transactions.
5. Recommendation that the Flood Control District be authorized to issue an incidental expense payment of \$4,257 and a housing supplemental payment of \$9,564 to Charlie T. and Thom Huynh as part of the FMAP Home Acquisition Project No. 2 in Precinct 3.
6. Recommendation that the Flood Control District be authorized to issue a fixed moving expense payment of \$1,150 to John T. and Sherry E. Cobb as part of the FMAP Home Acquisition Project No. 2 in Precinct 3.

7. Recommendation that the Flood Control District be authorized to issue a fixed moving expense payment of \$1,225 to Charlie T. Huynh and Thom Huynh as part of the FMAP Home Acquisition Project No. 2 in Precinct 3.

8. Recommendation that the court accept a donation special warranty deed conveying to the county Tracts 1, 2, and 3, Tidwell Road-1, from Summerway Investment Corp., for the Tidwell Road project in Precinct 1.

9. Recommendation that the court approve an order authorizing the Right of Way Section to acquire specific properties along Howell-Sugarland Road from south of Beechnut Street to Alief-Clodine Road in Precinct 3, declaring the Howell-Sugarland Road Project a public necessity and convenience, and for the Executive Director, or his designated representative, County Auditor, County Clerk, County Attorney, and County Treasurer to take necessary actions to complete the transactions.

10. Recommendation that the court approve an order authorizing the Right of Way Section to acquire specific property for Aldine-Westfield Road, Segments B and C in Precinct 4, declaring the Aldine-Westfield Road Project a public necessity and a convenience, and for the Executive Director, or his designated representative, County Auditor, County Clerk, County Attorney, and County Treasurer to take necessary actions to complete the transaction.

11. Recommendation that the court approve an order authorizing the Right of Way Section to acquire specific properties along Gessner Road and Plum Ridge Drive, Tracts 10 and 12 in Precinct 4, declaring the Gessner Road Project a public necessity and convenience, and for the Executive Director, or his designated representative, County Auditor, County Clerk, County Attorney, and County Treasurer to take necessary actions to complete the transactions.

12. Recommendation that the court approve an order authorizing the Right of Way Section to acquire specific properties along Fallbrook Drive, Segment C in Precinct 4, and declaring the Fallbrook Drive Project a public necessity and convenience, and for the Executive Director, or his designated representative, County Auditor, County Clerk, County Attorney, and County Treasurer to take necessary actions to complete the transactions.

13. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute an agreement between the Flood Control District and Municipal District No. 248 and authorizing the sale of a sanitary sewer easement from the district to MUD No. 248 covering a tract of land, Unit E100-00-00, Tract 24-601.0 in Precinct 3, and for the Executive Director, or his designated representative, County Auditor, County Clerk, County Attorney, Purchasing Agent, and County Treasurer to take necessary actions to complete the sale.

14. Transmittal of notices of road and bridge log changes.

b. Flood Control District

1. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute agreements with:

a. JNS Consulting Engineers, Inc., to provide surveying services in the amount of \$80,000 in support of the district's engineering and maintenance programs.

b. Land Surveying, Inc., to provide surveying services in the amount of \$80,000 in support of the district's engineering and maintenance programs.

2. Recommendation that the court award contracts to:

a. Bean Construction, Inc., for regional detention basin excavation in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$2,106,159.

b. Lecon, Inc., for regional detention basin excavation in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$1,948,280.

3. Recommendation for authorization for:

a. Two employees to attend a customer service seminar January 27 in Houston at a total cost of \$170.

b. An employee to attend computer software training seminars February 7-11 in Boston at an approximate cost of \$3,605.

4. Recommendation that Unit L122-00-00 in the Little Cypress Creek watershed in Precinct 4 be added to the district's stormwater management system for identification purposes only.

5. Recommendation for approval of a change in contract for Bean Construction Co., contractor for Buffalo Bayou linear detention excavation in Precinct 3, adding 20 working days and resulting in an addition of \$353,800 to the contract amount (98/0424).

6. Recommendation for adoption of an order for abandonment of a public drainage easement at Oak Forest Section 15, Unit E100-00-00 in Precinct 4 on behalf of the county and the district.

c. **Engineering**

1. Recommendation for approval to seek bids for a three-week period for:

a. Roadway and drainage improvements on Sageking Drive from Sagedale Drive to Scarsdale Boulevard in Precinct 1 at an estimated cost of \$33,500.

b. Dad's Club Sports Complex proposed parking lot in Precinct 2 at an estimated cost of \$300,000.

c. Concrete pavement repairs/replacement and related work on Sterling Green South Drive in Precinct 2 at an estimated cost of \$136,000.

d. Mowing and maintenance contract for various roads in Precinct 3 at an estimated cost of \$550,000.

e. Construction of concrete sidewalk at Champion Forest Drive, Lyons School Road, and Round Up Lane in Precinct 4 at an estimated cost of \$166,200.

f. Storm sewer and paving repairs for Westador M.U.D. in Precinct 4 at an estimated cost of \$120,000.

2. Recommendation for approval of the following plats:

a. Tailung Subdivision in Precinct 3; Hughes Southwest Surveying Company.

b. Home Depot Plaza, Section Two in Precinct 3; Terra Associates, Incorporated.

- c. Copper Grove, Section Six in Precinct 3; Putney, Moffatt & Easley Consulting Engineers.
- d. Harris County M.U.D. No. 81, Water Plant No. 4 in Precinct 3; Rayburn Cherry Engineers, Incorporated.
- e. Bammel Crossing at SH 249 in Precinct 4; Russ & Standley Surveying Company.
- f. Harris County M.U.D. No. 249 water plant site in Precinct 4; Van De Wiele Engineering, Incorporated.
- g. Windfern Apartments in Precinct 4; Brown & Gay Engineers, Incorporated.
- h. Stable Gate, Section Two in Precinct 4; Jones & Carter, Incorporated.
- i. Kings Manor, Section Eight in Precinct 4; LJA Engineering & Surveying, Incorporated.
- j. Meadows of Northwest Park, Section Three in Precinct 4; Russ & Pape Surveying Company.

3. Recommendation for acceptance of bonds for:

- a. Orange Grove Water Supply executed by Western Surety Company for the north side of Orange Grove Drive in Precinct 1 in the amount of \$5,000.
- b. City of Baytown executed by Western Surety Company for the east and west sides of Thompson Road with two crossings in Precinct 2 in the amount of \$40,000.
- c. J.C. Carmody Construction, Inc., executed by Capitol Indemnity Corporation for Huffmeister with two crossings in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$10,300.
- d. Sanchez Oil & Gas Corporation executed by RLI Insurance Company for the south side of North Battlebell Road, the south side of Battlebell Road, Battlebell Road, Thompson Road, and Battlebell Crossover with three crossings in Precinct 2 in the amount of \$35,000.
- e. R.L. Utilities, Inc., executed by Insurance Company of the West for Fairmont Parkway with a crossing in Precinct 2 in the amount of \$5,000.
- f. Clearwater Utilities, Inc., executed by Reliance National Indemnity Company for the north side of West Little York with a crossing in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$15,000.
- g. Clearwater Utilities, Inc., executed by Reliance National Indemnity Company for the north side of West Little York with three crossings in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$25,000.
- h. Spring Independent School District executed by Universal Surety of America for the south side of Cypresswood Drive, the east side of Lexington Road, Louetta Road, Spring Cypress, the west side of Hardy Toll Road, the north side of Spring Creek, the east side of Aldine Westfield Road, and the north side of Old Cypresswood with 12 crossings in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$250,000.
- i. Reddico Construction Company, Inc., executed by United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company for Hargrave Road with three crossings in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$20,000.

4. Recommendation for approval of notices by:

- a. ETS Telephone Company, Inc., of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on the west side of Barker Cypress Road, Heathridge Lane, Crossland Court, Waverly Bend Lane, Hollow Field Lane, and Wimberly Park Drive with six crossings in Precinct 3 (19391).
- b. Fort Bend Communications of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on the north side of Park York Street with a crossing in Precinct 3 (19557).
- c. Fort Bend Communications of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on the south side of Morton Road and the west side of Fry Road with a crossing in Precinct 3 (19558).
- d. Fort Bend Communications of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on the north side of Ashley, the west side of Dunlany, and Greenhouse with two crossings in Precinct 3 (19573).

- e. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on the south side of Spring Cypress, the southwest side of Grant Road, Louetta Road, Quail Forest, and Rosewood Glen with five crossings in Precinct 4 (19591).
- f. Orange Grove Water Supply of the authorized installation of a PVC water line extension on the north side of Orange Grove Drive in Precinct 1 (19602).
- g. Houston Lighting and Power Company of the authorized installation of electric pole lines on the north side of South Lake Houston Parkway with a crossing in Precinct 1 (19618).
- h. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on the east side of Kuykendahl and the south side of Cypress Landing with a crossing in Precinct 4 (19620).
- i. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on the south side of Dowdell with a crossing in Precinct 4 (19622).
- j. City of Baytown of the authorized installation of a PVC sanitary sewer line and a PVC water line on the east and west sides of Thompson Road with two crossings in Precinct 2 (19624).
- k. J.C. Carmody Construction of the unauthorized installation of an RCP storm sewer on Huffmeister with two crossings in Precinct 3 (19625).
- l. Sanchez Oil & Gas Company of the unauthorized installation of a natural gas pipeline on the south side of North Battlebell Road, the south side of Battlebell Road, Battlebell Road, Thompson Road, and Battlebell Crossover with three crossings in Precinct 2 (19627).
- m. Houston Lighting and Power Company of the authorized installation of an electric pole line on the west side of Sheldon with a crossing in Precinct 2 (19628).
- n. Reliant Energy-Entex, Inc., of the authorized installation of a natural gas distribution line serving residential property on the west side of Kuykendahl in Precinct 4 (19629).
- o. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on the south side of Cypress North Houston in Precinct 3 (19630).
- p. R.L. Utilities of the unauthorized installation of a PVC water line on Fairmont Parkway with a crossing in Precinct 2 (19631).
- q. Harris County M.U.D. No. 370 of the authorized installation of an RCP storm sewer line on the north side of West Little York with a crossing in Precinct 4 (19633).
- r. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on the south side of Cypresswood with a crossing in Precinct 4 (19634).
- s. Fort Bend Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on the south side of Stockdick School Road and Katy Hockley with a crossing in Precinct 3 (19635).
- t. Harris County M.U.D. No. 370 of the authorized installation of a PVC water line, a PVC sanitary sewer line, and an RCP storm sewer line on the north side of West Little York with three crossings in Precinct 4 (19636).

- u. Spring Independent School District of the unauthorized installation of buried fiber optic cable on the south side of Cypresswood Drive, the east side of Lexington Road, Louetta Road, Spring Cypress, the west side of Hardy Toll Road, the north side of Spring Creek, the east side of Aldine Westfield Road, and the north side of Old Cypresswood with 12 crossings in Precinct 4 (19637).
- v. Harris County M.U.D. No. 191 of the authorized installation of a PVC sanitary sewer line, a PVC water line, and an RCP storm sewer line on Hargrave Road with three crossings in Precinct 4 (19643).

5. Recommendation for approval of changes in contracts for:

- a. Hubco, Inc., contractor for asphalt overlay and base repair of various roads in Precinct 1, resulting in an addition of \$2,725 to the contract amount (26618).
- b. Angel Brothers Enterprises, Inc., contractor for overlay and base repair on various roads in the Wade Road Camp Area in Precinct 2, resulting in an addition of \$22,877 to the contract amount (26628).
- c. Southwest Signal Supply, Inc., contractor for traffic signal installation for the intersection of Fry Road and Morton Road in Precinct 3, resulting in an addition of \$17,876 to the contract amount (26288).
- d. Conrad Construction Company, Inc., contractor for construction of Morton Road from Fry Road to Greenhouse Road in Precinct 3, resulting in a reduction of \$61,544 from the contract amount (26634).
- e. Traffic Maintenance & Construction, Inc., contractor for construction of traffic signal installations on Jones Road at Village Green Drive, Fairbanks N. Houston Road at Rodney Ray Boulevard and Breen Road, and West Road at Round Up Lane and Wheatland Drive in Precinct 4, adding 20 calendar days and resulting in an addition of \$794 to the contract amount (26289).
- f. Hubco, Inc., contractor for construction of West Little York Road from west of Fairbanks North Houston to Houston city limits in Precinct 4, adding five calendar days and resulting in an addition of \$62,223 to the contract amount (26620).
- g. Hubco, Inc., contractor for reconstruction of all roads in the North Belt Forest Subdivision in Precinct 4, resulting in a reduction of \$26,806 from the contract amount (26616).
- h. Acden Utility and Plumbing Company, contractor for construction of Eldridge Parkway from south of Gregson to the Westborne Subdivision in Precinct 4, resulting in an addition of \$25,016 to the contract amount (26613).
- i. South Coast Construction, Inc., contractor for construction of left turn lanes and traffic signal on Spring Stuebner Road at Rothwood Road in Precinct 4, resulting in an addition of \$16,082 to the contract amount (26472).
- j. Statewide Traffic Signal Co., contractor for traffic signal installation and median modification on Jones Road at Mills Road and Jones Road at West Road in Precinct 4, resulting in an addition of \$22,483 to the contract amount (26285).

6. Recommendation for authorization to issue a purchase order for testing and inspection services to Terra-Mar for construction and realignment of Kuykendahl Road and construction of left turn lanes at Kuykendahl Road and Hufsmith in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$59,721.

7. Recommendation for deposit of funds in the amount of \$9,060 received from Way Engineering Co., Inc., for participation in the county's central heating and cooling plant project in Precinct 1.

8. Recommendation for authorization for an employee to attend a flood plain management subcommittee meeting of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission January 13 in Austin at a cost not to exceed \$150.

9. Recommendation for authorization for the County Judge to approve changes made by the State of Texas to previously approved agreements between the county and the state for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program funding for roads in Precincts 1, 3, and 4.

10. Recommendation for authorization for the County Judge to execute an agreement between the county, Flood Control District, and Texas Department of Transportation for construction of three box culverts under West Lake Houston Parkway near Carpenters Bayou in Precinct 1.

11. Recommendation that a technical defect be waived and the award for construction of Franz Road from west of Gatwick Lane to east of Primewest Parkway in Precinct 3 be made to Hassell Construction Company, Inc., lowest and best bid in the amount of \$2,801,696, and for the County Engineer, County Clerk, and County Judge to take necessary actions relating to the award.

12. Recommendation for authorization for the County Judge to execute an agreement with R. G. Miller Engineers, Inc., for engineering services in the amount of \$401,076 in connection with construction of Morton Road from west of Mason Road to Raintree Village Drive in Precinct 3.

13. Recommendation for approval of a preliminary engineering report by Walsh Engineering, Inc., for construction of Greenhouse Road from West Little York Road to FM 529, and for authorization to proceed with the design phase.

14. Recommendation for approval of a street name change from Evening Glen Court to Evening Glen Circle in Pinecrest Forest, Section One in Precinct 4.

15. Recommendation by the County Engineer and Precinct 4 that the court approve a waiver to certain requirements in connection with platting of a proposed Spring ISD High School as requested by Spring ISD.

16. Recommendation for authorization for the County Judge to execute an agreement with Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan, Inc., for engineering services in the amount of \$17,913 in connection with construction of Townsen Boulevard, Phase I from FM 1960 to US 59 in Precinct 4.

2. Toll Road Authority

a. Request for authorization to negotiate an agreement with HNTB for engineering design services in connection with State Highway 249 and Sam Houston Tollway direct connector.

b. Request for authorization for four employees to attend a notary law and procedures seminar of the Texas Notary Association January 26 in Houston at a total cost of \$400.

c. Request for authorization for an employee to attend meetings of the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association February 5-8 in Charleston, S.C., at an approximate cost of \$1,600.

d. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute agreements with the Texas Department of Transportation for the direct connectors at State Highway 249 and Sam Houston Tollway.

3. Management Services

a. Request for approval of orders authorizing acceptance of payments in connection with settlement of damages to county equipment and property in the total amount of \$25,245 and a workers compensation recovery in the amount of \$25,178; settlement of three tort claims in the total amount of \$3,582; denial of four claims for damages; and transmittal of claims for damages received during the period which ended January 4.

b. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute a release in exchange for payment to the county in the amount of \$48,695 in connection with settlement of an accident case.

c. Request for authorization for five employees to attend a seminar of the Houston Human Resource Management Association March 22 in Houston at a total cost of \$480.

d. Request for authorization for two employees to attend the annual conference of the State and Local Government Benefits Association April 16-19 in Austin at an approximate total cost of \$1,700.

e. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a board meeting of the Texas Public Risk Management Association January 27-28 in Austin at no cost to the county.

f. Request for approval of payment of dues for renewal of membership in the Houston Treasury Management Association in the amount of \$195.

g. Request for authorization for reimbursement of funds as previously approved by court from the commercial paper program in connection with downtown area capital projects; for approval of payments for interest due for commercial paper issuance; and for authorization to adjust Series B and Series D accounts and establish Series A-1 and D-1 commercial paper escrow accounts at Bankers Trust for commercial paper interest payments.

h. Request for approval of principal and interest payment due on Harris County Tax Anticipation Note Series 1999, and for approval of debt service transfers and expenditures for the month of February.

i. Transmittal of investment transactions for the period of December 16-January 4 and maturities for December 23-January 11, and request for authorization to change securities pledged for funds.

j. Request for approval of authorized budget appropriation transfers for Flood Control and county departments.

k. Request for authorization for an agreement to be prepared with Deloitte & Touche for a study of the county's information systems and development of a systems technology plan for the county at an approximate cost of \$265,000.

4. Central Technology Center

a. Request for authorization for an employee to attend the Government Technology Conference February 14-18 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$938.

b. Request for authorization for two employees to attend a board meeting of the Texas Criminal Justice Information Users Group January 14 in Austin at an approximate total cost of \$175.

c. Request for authorization for five employees to attend an executive briefing and demonstration of geographical information systems January 19 in Round Rock at an approximate total cost of \$100.

5. Facilities & Property Management

Request for authorization to destroy certain records of Management Services, Constable of Precinct 8, and Purchasing.

6. Public Health & Environmental Services

a. Request for authorization for the director and an employee to attend a meeting of the Texas Department of Health concerning the state vector control program January 27 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$20, with travel by county vehicle.

b. Request for authorization for three employees to attend a citizen service seminar January 27 in Houston at a total cost of \$255.

c. Request for authorization to reclassify a position and for approval of a temporary position in connection with the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Grant program.

d. Request for authorization for two employees to attend a meeting of the Centers for Disease Control concerning prevention of childhood lead poisoning January 23-29 in Arlington, Va., at an approximate total cost of \$2,200.

e. Request for authorization for three employees to attend a business writing workshop February 25 in Houston at a total cost of \$477.

f. Request for authorization for five employees to attend the annual Texas Birth Defects Conference January 21-22 in Houston at a total cost of \$500.

g. Request for authorization for an employee to attend meetings of the Nutrition Integrity Task Force and the board of the Texas Association of Local WIC Directors January 10-13 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$490.

h. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a screening guidelines meeting concerning the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Project January 6 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$250.

i. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a symposium of the Intercultural Cancer Council February 9-13 in Washington, D.C., at no cost to the county.

j. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a computer software training course January 14 in Houston at a cost of \$199.

k. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a course of the University of Texas Dental Branch January 21 in Houston at a cost of \$395.

l. Request for approval of payment in the amount of \$150 for expenses incurred by three employees for travel to Austin to participate in a Hepatitis B surveillance project of the Texas Department of Health.

m. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a meeting of regional HIV Community Planning Coalitions January 14 in Lufkin at an approximate cost of \$200.

n. Request for authorization to accept donations in the total amount of \$84 for the Animal Control Shelter.

o. Request for approval of an agreement with the City of Humble for the county to issue permits for regulation of food establishments in the city and to collect fees.

p. Request for authorization to renew an agreement with the Immunization Division of the Texas Department of Health to accept grant funds in the amount of \$214,300 for continuation of the Immunization Program.

q. Request for approval of an agreement with the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston for grant funds in the amount of \$30,528 to develop methods to prevent and control St. Louis Encephalitis.

r. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a management conference February 2 in Houston at a cost of \$199.

7. Community Development

a. Request for approval of an agreement with Wesley Community Center to provide tenant-based rental assistance to disabled homeless citizens using Shelter Plus Care funds in the amount of \$302,880.

b. Request by Agricultural Extension for authorization for five employees to travel to Waller January 29 to conduct the District 4-H Food Show at an approximate total cost of \$90.

c. Request by Agricultural Extension for authorization for an employee to travel to Navasota February 23-24 to serve as a member of the Prairie View University Regional Leaders Forum at an approximate cost of \$250.

8. Library Services

Request by the director of the County Library for authorization to deposit \$15,000 into an account with the Government Printing Office for purchase of governmental publications.

9. Youth & Family Services

a. Request by Children's Protective Services for authorization for five employees to attend a supervisory seminar January 24 in Houston at a total cost of \$745.

b. Request by CPS for authorization for two employees to attend a juvenile crime prevention conference January 19-21 in Houston at a total cost of \$300.

c. Request by CPS for approval of nine positions to expand services for the Children's Crisis Care Center in accordance with an amendment to an agreement with the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

10. Constables

a. Request by the constables' systems manager for approval of annual salary changes for qualified personnel in accordance with the career development program, and for approval of educational incentive pay adjustments for officers who met requirements for the changes during the last quarter.

b. Request by Constable Abercia, Precinct 1, for authorization for the constables' systems manager to attend a conference of the Texas Criminal Justice Information Users Group January 14 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$140.

c. Request by Constable Abercia for approval of an agreement with the First and 14th Courts of Appeals for bailiff and security services for eight months.

d. Transmittal by Constable Freeman, Precinct 2, of renewal bonds for reserve officers.

e. Request by Constable Douglas, Precinct 3, for approval of a monthly car allowance in the amount of \$525 for a captain position.

- f. Request by Constable Moore, Precinct 4, for approval of a monthly car allowance in the amount of \$525 for a patrol deputy position.
- g. Transmittal of notice by Constable Moore of the addition of two regular deputies and two reserve officers and the deletion of a regular deputy and a reserve officer in the department's authorized list.
- h. Request by Constable Cheek, Precinct 5, for approval of an agreement with Westbury Civic Club for law enforcement services.
- i. Transmittal by Constable Trevino, Precinct 6, of bonds for reserve officers and notice of the addition of a reserve officer to the department's authorized list.
- j. Request by Constable Trevino for approval of an agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Houston for law enforcement services.
- k. Request by Constable Chambers, Precinct 7, for authorization for three employees to attend a Gang Resistance Education and Training workshop January 10-13 in Fort Worth at an approximate total cost of \$630, with travel by county vehicle.
- l. Request by Constable Chambers for authorization for an employee to attend an officer training seminar in connection with the Gang Resistance Education and Training program January 24-February 4 in Phoenix at an approximate cost of \$450.
- m. Request by Constable Chambers for authorization for two employees to attend a law enforcement training seminar January 10-11 in Corpus Christi at an approximate total cost of \$780, with travel by county vehicle.
- n. Request by Constable Chambers for authorization for an employee to attend a DARE officer training seminar January 10-21 in Galveston at an approximate cost of \$880, with travel by county vehicle.

11. **Sheriff**

- a. Request for authorization to accept donations for the department.
- b. Request for authorization to purchase four 15-passenger vans for the Transportation Division at an approximate total cost of \$129,000.
- c. Request for authorization to reclassify positions for two detention officers who have completed requirements for the upgrades.
- d. Request for authorization for two employees to attend a rape aggression defense instructor training course January 24-26 in Poquoson, Va., at an approximate total cost of \$604.

- e. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a law enforcement seminar January 30-February 2 in Myrtle Beach, S.C., at an approximate cost of \$1,589.
- f. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a law enforcement coalition meeting February 2-4 in Hobbs, N.M., at an approximate cost of \$641.
- g. Request for authorization for four employee to attend the Greater Houston Dental Meeting February 17-19 in Houston at a total cost of \$660.
- h. Request for authorization for two employees to participate in a job fair March 1 in Houston at a cost of \$35.
- i. Request for authorization for two employees to attend a rape aggression defense instructor training course April 10-12 in Baton Rouge at no cost to the county, with travel by county vehicle.
- j. Transmittal of notice of name changes and additions and deletions in the department's authorized list of regular deputies.

12. **Fire Marshal**

- a. Transmittal of operating budgets for Rural Fire Prevention Districts Nos. 20 and 24, and financial statements for Rural Fire Prevention District No. 48.
- b. Request for approval of a refund in the amount of \$50 to Kingwood Dialysis for life and safety inspection fee collected in error.
- c. Request for authorization to adopt a ban on outdoor burning in the county in accordance with a provision of the Local Government Code.

13. **Medical Examiner**

- a. Request for authorization for two employees to attend an annual meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences February 20-26 in Reno at an approximate total cost of \$2,655.
- b. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a toxicology laboratory workshop March 13-15 in Houston at no cost to the county.
- c. Request for authorization to submit an application to the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for grant funds to improve trace evidence laboratory analyses.

14. **County Clerk**

- a. Request for authorization for the County Clerk to attend a conference of the National Association of Counties March 2-8 in Washington, D.C., at an approximate cost of \$1,900.

b. Request for authorization for the County Clerk and an employee to attend a meeting of the Electronic Filing Subcommittee January 21 in Austin at an approximate total cost of \$70, with travel by county vehicle.

c. Request for authorization for the County Clerk to attend committee meetings of the Secretary of State's Task Force on Accessible Voting beginning January 10 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$236 for each trip.

d. Transmittal of the court's minutes for meetings of November 30 and December 14.

e. Request for authorization to appoint officials for the Early Voting Ballot Board and Central Counting Station, and approval of publication of notice of equipment test and payments for election officials and ballot pick-up service for the North Harris County Regional Water Authority confirmation and directors election January 15.

15. **District Clerk**

a. Request for authorization for an employee to attend an advisory committee board meeting of the Texas Criminal Justice Information Users Group January 14 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$140.

b. Request for authorization to correct payroll records for two employees.

c. Request for authorization for three employees to attend a seminar of the Texas Association of Counties January 12 in Austin at an approximate total cost of \$265.

d. Request for authorization for two employees to attend a software training seminar February 14-18 in Colorado Springs at an approximate total cost of \$3,480.

e. Request for approval of agreements for use of the county's Subscriber Access Program.

f. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a web site development and design conference February 23 in Houston at a cost of \$199.

g. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a government technology conference February 14-18 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$1,605.

h. Request for authorization for the District Clerk and an employee to attend an annual continuing education seminar for county and district clerks March 27-30 in College Station at an approximate total cost of \$1,300.

16. **County Attorney**

a. Request for approval of litigation expenses for cases in the 125th, 133rd, and 313th District Courts, County Civil Courts Nos. 3 and 4, and U.S. District Court.

b. Request for approval of orders authorizing suit and litigation expenses to compel compliance with flood plain management regulations at 17701 Meadowbrook and 17333 River Road in Channelview.

c. Request for approval of an order authorizing special counsel, Locke Liddell Sapp, LLP, to assist the County Attorney in connection with a case pending in the U.S. Supreme Court.

17. **District Attorney**

Request for authorization to reclassify five administrative assistant positions.

18. **Pretrial Services**

Request for authorization to submit an application to the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance for grant funds in the amount of \$150,000 to develop a training program for criminal justice and mental health agencies that deal with defendants with mental disorders.

19. **Justices of the Peace**

a. Request by Judge Patronella, JP 1.2, for authorization to travel to Austin January 13 to meet with legislative and committee staff at an approximate cost of \$150.

b. Request by Judge Lawrence, JP 4.2, for authorization for two employees to attend justice court training school January 31-February 2 in Tyler at an approximate total cost of \$170.

c. Request by Judge Green, JP 7.2, for authorization to attend a justice of the peace seminar March 5-8 in San Antonio at an approximate cost of \$450.

20. **Probate Courts**

a. Request by Judge Wood, Court No. 2, for authorization for an employee to travel to Mexia and Rusk January 12 to conduct court investigations at an approximate cost of \$150.

b. Request by Judge Olsen, Court No. 3, for authorization for an employee to attend an estate planning seminar February 4 in Houston at a cost of \$100.

21. **District Courts**

a. Request for authorization for Judge Brown, 152nd Court, to attend a computer seminar January 24 in Houston at a cost of \$179.

b. Request for authorization for an employee to attend the GTC-Southwest Conference 2000 February 17-18 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$785.

- c. Request for approval of payment in the amount of \$500 for expenses incurred by Judge Hellums, 247th Court, who attended a conference on January 6 in Dallas.
- d. Request for approval of payments to the Houston Bar Association and the Harris County Department of Education for alternative dispute resolution services.
- e. Request for authorization for Judge Dempster, 308th Court, to attend the National Judicial College March 1-2 in Charleston, S.C., at an approximate cost of \$2,115.

22. **Fiscal Services & Purchasing**

a. **Auditor**

1. Recommendation for approval of final payments to:
 - a. Angel Brothers for reconstruction of Schurmier Road in Precinct 1.
 - b. Champagne Web., for construction of Airport Boulevard from Cullen Blvd., to Martin Luther King Blvd., in Precinct 1.
 - c. Ewing-Tex Building Maintenance, Inc., for roof replacement for Building A in the Wade Road Maintenance Camp in Precinct 2.
 - d. Hubco, Inc., for construction of Barker Cypress Road from south of FM 529 to West Road in Precinct 3.
 - e. Hubco, Inc., for refurbishing various roads by hot in place recycling of existing asphalt surface and overlay in the E.A. Lyons Camp area in Precinct 4.
 - f. Hubco, Inc., for construction of Cunningham Road in Precinct 4.
 - g. Hubco, Inc., for construction of asphalt pavement along Dell Dale Street in Precinct 2.
 - h. M T Contractors for repairs/replacement of concrete pavements, curbs, driveways, sidewalks, and related items in the Spring Camp area in Precinct 4.
 - i. Prime Contractors for accessibility modifications for Annex 83, a CDA project in Precinct 3.
 - j. Randall Electric for traffic signal installation and road widening at Genoa-Red Bluff Road and Red Bluff Road in Precinct 2.
 - k. South Coast Construction for construction of left turn lane pavement widening and signalization for Kuykendahl Road at four intersections in Precinct 4.
2. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a meeting for accountants January 20 in Houston at a cost of \$35.
3. Request for authorization for the Auditor to attend the Government Finance Officers Association annual conference June 11-14 in Chicago at a registration fee of \$275.
4. Transmittal of certification of supplemental estimates of revenue for Road Capital Project Fund 360 in the total amount of \$282,544 for joint ventures with Sheldon SE L.P., and the City of Seabrook.
5. Request for approval of matching contributions to the retirement system for the purchase of military service credits for two employees.

6. Transmittal of audited claims.

b. **Treasurer**

Transmittal of a report of monies received and disbursed for the month of November.

c. **Tax Assessor-Collector**

Consideration of a resolution honoring Dorothy Mae Johnson on the occasion of her retirement.

d. **Purchasing**

1. Transmittal of term contracts scheduled for advertisement:

a. Carpeting for the county.

b. Bathroom and kitchen paper related products for the county.

c. Janitorial services at various locations in Region No. 3 for the county.

d. Repair parts, labor, and related items for Daimler Chrysler automobiles and trucks for the county, the Flood Control District, and the Hospital District.

e. Landfill service for dumping of Type IV non-compacted solid waste for the county, the Flood Control District, Hospital District, and Community Supervision.

f. Refrigerants for the county.

2. Transmittal of a list of computer-related equipment purchased through the State of Texas vendor program for the Sheriff's Department, Public Health/HIV Services, County Attorney, County Library, and Constable, Precinct 5.

3. Request for approval of the termination of a term contract with Best Equipment Service for thermal printer receipt paper for the county effective February 29, and authorization for the Office of the Purchasing Agent to advertise with revised specifications.

4. Recommendation by the Central Technology Center that the contract with AT&T for long distance service for the county and the Hospital District be terminated and request that proposals for the services be advertised at a later date.

5. Recommendation by the Office of the Purchasing Agent that the award for sale of sanitary sewer easement covering a tract of land out of the C. Walter Survey be made to John S. Runnels Classic P & B, only bid in the amount of \$7,320.

6. Recommendation by an evaluation committee that the award for alternative dispute resolution services for the Administrative Office of the Courts be made to the Houston Bar Association at an annual cost not to exceed \$580,680, and for approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an agreement between the county and the Houston Bar Association for the services for the period of March 1-February 28, 2001.

7. Recommendation that the award for telephone and data cable for the Central Technology Center with Graybar Electric Company be rescinded and the award be made to Litecomm Supply Company, only bid.
8. Recommendation by the Office of the Purchasing Agent that the award for janitorial services for Region No. 2 be made to Highlands Construction and Maintenance Company, low bid in the amount of \$271,650 for the period beginning February 1, and authorization for the County Judge to take necessary action relating to the award.
9. Request for approval of a renewal option of a term contract with Skaggs Public Safety Uniforms and Equipment for uniforms and related items for the Sheriff's Department for the period of March 1-February 28, 2001.
10. Request for approval of a renewal option of a term contract with Great Southwest Paper Company for janitorial household products for the county for the period of May 1-April 30, 2001.
11. Request for authorization for renewal of a contract with Texas Legislative Services and GalleryWatch.com, Inc., for legislative information services for the period of January 1-December 31, 2001.
12. Request for approval of a renewal option of a term contract with Photo Haus, Inc., for film processing and finishing for the county for the period of March 1-February 28, 2001.
13. Request for approval of the first renewal option of a term contract with Great Southwest Paper Company for food service items for the county for the period of April 1-March 31, 2001.
14. Request for approval of the first renewal option of a term contract with Printers Unlimited, Inc., for printing of a newsletter for Precinct 1 for the period of April 1-March 31, 2001.
15. Request for authorization for the second and final-year renewal option of a term contract with Sysco Food Services of Houston, Inc., for the period of March 1-February 28, 2001.
16. Request for approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an agreement with Vector Technology Corporation for maintenance of a thin-client network for the County Clerk.
17. Request for approval of orders authorizing the County Judge to execute amendments with the Family Service Center and the Southeast Texas Legal Clinic for Ryan White Title I services in amounts of \$18,497 and \$19,955 for the period ending February 29.
18. Request for approval of orders authorizing the County Judge to execute amendments with Amigos Volunteers in Education and Services, Bering Omega Community Services, Donald R. Watkins Memorial Foundation, Family Service Center, Montrose Clinic, Montrose Counseling Center, People with AIDS Coalition, Riverside General Hospital, University of Texas Health Science Center, and the Life Center for Ryan White Title I services for the period ending February 29.

19. Request for approval of changes in contract with:
- a. Lason for electronic document imaging for the Flood Control District resulting in an addition of \$5,000 to the contract amount (00398).
 - b. USA Waste Services of Houston for refuse removal services for the county, the Flood Control District, the Hospital District, and Community Supervision & Corrections resulting in no change to the contract amount (00403).

20. Request that GTE Mobilnet of South Texas, LP, be granted sole source exemption from the competitive bid process for wireless data/voice customer services for the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$469,930, and for the County Judge to take necessary action relating to the award.

21. Request that Pitney Bowes be granted a sole source exemption from the competitive bid process for hardware, software, technical support, and maintenance of Documatch Mail Creation Systems.

22. Transmittal of notice of receipt of funds in total net amounts of \$117,910, \$4,050, and \$18,650 from the sale of county items at Houston Auto Auction on November 24 and December 1 and 8.

23. Request for approval of property and equipment transfers within the county.

24. Request for authorization for a list of county surplus and/or confiscated property to be sold at auction, and for disposal of unsold surplus items.

25. Request for authorization to dispose of surplus items.

23. **Commissioners Court**

a. **County Judge**

1. Consideration of a resolution proclaiming January 22 through March 5 as Go Texan Days and February 11 as Harris County Go Texan Day, and allowing employees to dress western.

2. Request for approval of an agreement with Gene Mosley for personal services for the period of February 1-January 31, 2001.

3. Request for approval of the appointment of Janice M. Beal, Ed.D., on the Joint City/County Commission on Children; terms for appointees by even/odd numbered positions; and for Judge Robert Eckels to serve in position 16 representing Commissioners Court, Elmer Bailey, position 25 for the Youth and Family Services Division, and Bob Brezina, position 20 for the Harris County Department of Education.

4. Recommendation for three employees of the Office of Emergency Management to attend an annual Texas Emergency Management Conference February 20-23 in Austin at an approximate total cost of \$1,300.

5. Recommendation for an employee of the Office of Emergency Management to attend the National Weather Service River Forecast Center Steering Committee meeting January 12-14 in Fort Worth in the approximate cost of \$500.

b. **Commissioner, Precinct 1**

Request for approval for an employee to attend the Houston Conference on Web Site Development and Design February 23 in Houston at a cost of \$199.

c. **Commissioner, Precinct 2**

d. **Commissioner, Precinct 3**

1. Request for discussion and possible action for an order authorizing the County Attorney to take necessary actions against Bi-Tech Software, Inc., and Sungard Data Systems, Inc., and any other parties in connection with the Auditor's computer system.

2. Request for approval of a resolution opposing issuance by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission of a registration to Grease Spot, LLC, for a new Type V municipal solid waste grit and grease processing facility.

3. Request for approval to accept a check in the amount of \$25,609 from Knight Transportation for construction of a median opening, left turn lane, and driveway turnout in connection with construction of Franz Road from Primewest to Westgreen.

4. Request for authorization to accept reimbursements for cost of materials to replace driveways with concrete as part of drainage improvement projects.

5. Request for approval for installation of a fatality marker in the 2200 block of North Mason Road.

6. Transmittal of notices of traffic sign installations.

e. **Commissioner, Precinct 4**

1. Request for approval of an affidavit and petition from residents of Lexington Woods North, Section One, for posting of signs prohibiting overnight parking of commercial motor vehicles.

2. Request for authorization to establish utility service to property adjacent to Bane Park at 7102 North Gessner.

3. Request for authorization for the Commissioner to attend the annual County Judges and Commissioners' Conference & Exposition February 8-10 in College Station at an approximate cost of \$600.

4. Request for approval for seven employees representing offices of Facilities & Property Management, Public Infrastructure/Engineering Division, Sheriff's Department, Fire Marshal, and Commissioner of Precinct 4 to observe construction and operation of two fire training facilities January 24 in Dallas at an approximate total cost of \$1,400.

5. Request for approval for various sports associations and leagues to sell tournament items and charge admissions at park facilities.

6. Request for approval for Cy Fair Soccer Club to add electrical service for an irrigation system at Dyess Park.

7. Transmittal of notice of receipt of funds in the total amount of \$71 in connection with the Senior Adult Program.

8. Transmittal of notice of receipt of funds in the total amount of \$1,885 in connection with the Nuisance Abatement Program.

9. Transmittal of notices of traffic sign installations.

24. **Miscellaneous**

a. Transmittal of petitions filed with the 125th District Court and County Civil Courts Nos. 2 and 3.

b. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute contracts for the Harris County Hospital District with MHMRA for security services at the NeuroPsychiatric Center, 1504 Taub Loop, and Demit Investments for lease of space for the Southwest Registration Center at 6654 Hornwood.

c. Transmittal of notice by the City of Pearland of intent to annex property near the Green Tee subdivision north of Clear Creek effective February 28.

25. **Emergency items.**

26. **Appearances before court**

By court policy, speakers whose intended comments relate to an identifiable item of business on this agenda will be limited to three minutes (3). Speakers whose intended comments do not relate to an identifiable item of business on this agenda will be limited to three minutes (3) if they have not appeared at any of the four preceding court meetings, and to one minute (1) if they have appeared at any of the four preceding court meetings.

a. David Hannah (3)

b. James Partsch-Galvan (3)

c. Charles Hixon (1)

d. Steve Williams (1)

e. Others

27. **Opening of bids and proposals.**

Bids and proposals will be opened by the Purchasing Agent and recommendations will be presented for action by the court.

28. **Executive Session**

Request by Commissioner, Precinct 4 for an executive session for discussion and possible action relating to the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office, and naming a new Fire Marshal.

Adjournment.