

**AGENDA**

February 22, 2000

1:45 p.m.

Opening prayer by Rabbi Howard Segal of Congregation Brith Shalom in Bellaire.

1. **Public Infrastructure Department**

a. **Public Infrastructure**

1. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute an agreement with Sverdrup CRSS for project management services at an estimated cost of \$2,976,000 in connection with design and construction of the Civil Justice Center.
2. Recommendation that a second-year option agreement for roof maintenance for the Astrohall and Astroarena be exercised at a cost of \$34,000.
3. Recommendation that the Flood Control District be authorized to negotiate agreements for professional or personal services with Geotrack, Inc., Malcolm Pirnie, Inc., Owen Ayres Associates, Snowden Engineering, Inc., Dames & Moore, Inc., Lake Management Services, Dr. Larry Brown, Dr. Robert Knight, and David Rosgen.
4. Transmittal of an engineering report, a summary, and map in connection with a surface water plan for a water supply and distribution system.

5. Recommendation that the Right of Way Section be authorized to purchase additional land for the revised Tract 3 on Spring Cypress Road, Phase 2, Section 6, for the negotiated purchase price of \$1,023 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.
6. Recommendation that the court approve an order authorizing the Right of Way Section to acquire specific properties, declaring 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 for:
  - a. Greens Road and offsite drainage easement, Tracts 001 through 008, 009A through 009D, and 010A through 010E in Precinct 4.
  - b. Fallbrook Drive, Segment B, Tracts 008DE, and 009 through 011 in Precinct 4.
  - c. Zion Road Bridge, Tracts 001 through 010 in Precinct 4.
  - d. Hardy Corridor project, Tracts B through F in Precinct 1.
7. Recommendation that the court approve an order authorizing acceptance of the desired roads in Oakwood Village in Precinct 4 by prescription into the county road system, 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.
8. Recommendation that the county be authorized to convey a sanitary control easement, Tract 001, within Miller Cut-Off Road in Precinct 2, and for the County Judge to take necessary action to complete the transaction.
9. Recommendation that the county be authorized to sell surplus property for the Bush IAH expansion project, Tracts 001, 002, and 003 in Precinct 4, and that \$404,749 be established as combined just compensation for the tracts, and for the County Judge to take necessary actions to complete the transaction.
10. Recommendation that the Flood Control District be authorized to pay incidental expenses, 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 to issue:
  - a. \$1,273 to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Cypress Creek flood damage prevention project, Unit K100-00-00-G001 in Precinct 3.
  - b. \$3,426 to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Cypress Creek flood damage prevention project, Unit K100-00-00-G001 in Precinct 4.

11. Recommendation that the Flood Control District be authorized to acquire tracts as part of the Flood Control District's projects, declaring a public necessity and authorizing acquisition activities, and for the Executive Director, or his designated representative, County Auditor, County Clerk, County Attorney, County Treasurer, and Purchasing Agent to take necessary actions to complete the transactions for:
    - a. Jackson Bayou-First Street project, Unit R100-00-00-E002, Tracts 03-301.0, 03-302.0, and 04-025.0 through 04-030.0 in Precinct 4.
    - b. Brays Bayou detention element, Unit D500-06-00-Y005, Tract 22-008.0 in Precinct 3.
  
  12. Recommendation that the Flood Control District be authorized to issue an actual moving expense payment of \$3,349 to A Better Tripp as part of the FMAP Home Acquisition Project No. 2 in Precinct 3.
  
  13. 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. Atser LLC, for on-call environmental engineering services in the amount of \$20,000 in support of the district's engineering and maintenance programs in Precinct 2.
    - b. Berg-Oliver Associates, Inc., for environmental engineering services in the amount of \$100,000 to provide assistance in development and management of the Greens Bayou wetlands mitigation bank, Unit P700-01-00 in Precinct 4.
    - c. Binkley & Barfield, Inc., for hydrologic and hydraulic engineering services in the amount of \$200,000 in support of district-sponsored projects.
    - d. Brooks & Sparks, Inc., for on-call engineering services in the amount of \$100,000 in support of the district's engineering and maintenance programs in Precinct 2.
    - e. Cherokee Enterprises, Inc., for excavation, removal, and transportation of spoil from a portion of regional detention basin No. E532-01-00 in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$1,000.
    - f. Greenstone Geoscience for on-call archeological services in the amount of \$20,000 in support of the district's engineering and maintenance programs.
    - g. Ohm-Shivay, Inc., for lease of land along the southern edge of the district's fee strip, Unit E127-00-00 for a temporary sewage force main in Precinct 4.
    - h. Othon, Inc., for on-call environmental engineering services in the amount of \$20,000 in support of the district's engineering and maintenance programs in Precinct 3.
    - i. Quantum Environmental Consultants, Inc., for on-call environmental engineering services in the amount of \$30,000 in support of the district's engineering and maintenance programs in Precinct 1.
    - j. Weatherford Excavation, Inc., for excavation, removal, and transportation of spoil from a portion of regional detention basin No. L500-02-00 in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$2,000.

2. Recommendation that the court award contracts to:
  - a. Anthony Hutchinson Exterior Design and Maintenance, Inc., for mowing on channels in Precincts 1 and 2 in the amount of \$94,990.
  - b. Champions Hydro-Lawn, Inc., for mowing on channels in the amount of \$879,088.
  - c. Weedbug, Inc., for a herbicide contract for the main channel of Brays Bayou in Precincts 1, 2, and 3 in the amount of \$225,000.
3. Recommendation for approval of repairs to certain channels in Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4 at an estimated total cost of \$257,281.
4. Request for authorization for two employees to attend the annual municipal storm-water management conference of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency March 7-9 in Tulsa at an estimated total cost of \$1,760.
5. Recommendation for approval of a change in contract for Excalibur Construction, Inc., for channel improvements from Whiting Rock to Wade Road in Precinct 2, adding 40 working days and resulting in no change to the contract amount (98/0367-01).
6. Recommendation for approval of contract and bonds for Bean Construction, Inc., for regional detention basin excavation along White Oak Bayou at Fairbanks N. Houston, and related improvements in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$2,106,159.
7. Recommendation to issue an addendum containing contract document revisions for Unit C120-00-00, conveyance improvements from Scarlet Drive to Orem Drive in Precinct 1, and for the bid date to be extended to March 7.
8. Recommendation that the court approve an increase in the number of qualifying homes to be purchased under the Tropical Storm Frances Hazard Mitigation Grant project.
9. Recommendation for adoption of court orders affecting property rights for abandonment of district casting easements for:
  - a. E.V. Muller, Unit G102-01-00, Tracts 01-501.0 and 01-502.0 in Precinct 2.
  - b. Alfred B. and Valeria P. Die, Unit G102-01-00, Tract 01-503.0 in Precinct 2.
  - c. Daniel L. Johnson, Unit G103-01-00, Tract 03-502.0 in Precinct 2.
  - d. Thos. I. Decker, Unit G103-01-00, Tract 03-503.0 in Precinct 2.
  - e. Johnie B. Nettles, Unit G103-01-00, Tract 03-501.0 in Precinct 2.

c. **Engineering**

1. Recommendation for approval to seek bids for:
  - a. Henry Road major drainage diversion from HCFCD Unit P138-04-00 to Unit P138-00-00 in Precinct 1 for a three-week period at an estimated cost of \$400,000.

- b. A lighting project for Challenger Seven Memorial, 2301 W. Nasa Boulevard, Sagemeadow, 11219 Sageyork, Alexander Deussen, and 12303 Sonnier at Lake Houston in Precinct 1 for a three-week period at an estimated cost of \$85,000.
  - c. 5,000 tons of cement stabilized crushed concrete base material in Precinct 1 for a two-week period at an estimated cost of \$75,000.
  - d. Construction of traffic signalization at West Lake Houston Parkway and Upper Lake Drive in Precinct 4 for a three-week period at an estimated cost of \$99,900.
  - e. Repairs/replacement of concrete pavement, curbs, driveways, sidewalks, and related items in the E.A. Lyons Camp area in Precinct 4 for a three-week period at an estimated cost of \$350,000.
  - f. Proposed roadway improvements to Louetta Road from Champion Forest Drive to Stuebner-Airline Drive, Segment B in Precinct 4 for a three-week period at an estimated cost of \$540,570.
  - g. Construction of Zion Road Bridge over Boggs Gully, HCFCD Unit J131-00-00 in Precinct 4 for a three-week period at an estimated cost of \$410,000.
2. Recommendation for approval of the following plats:
- a. Yokom-Three Pine in Precinct 3; Clark-Geogram, Incorporated.
  - b. Copper Lakes, Section 1, amending plat in Precinct 3; Lentz Engineering, L.C.
  - c. Kelliwood Enclave in Precinct 3; Brown & Gay Engineers, Incorporated.
  - d. Coles Crossing, Section Nine in Precinct 3; Jones & Carter, Incorporated.
  - e. Dream's Hand Car Wash Xpress Lube/Detail Center in Precinct 3; Thomas Eikel, RPLS.
  - f. Aberdeen Green, Section Six in Precinct 3; R.G. Miller Engineers.
  - g. Trails of Fairfield, Section Seven in Precinct 3; Jones & Carter, Incorporated.
  - h. Gaetz Acre in Precinct 3; Karen Rose Engineering & Surveying.
  - i. Wimbledon Champions, Section Three in Precinct 4; Jones & Carter, Incorporated.
  - j. Northwest Harris County MUD No. 5, Water Plant No. 2 in Precinct 4; Cobourn Linseisen & Ratcliff, Incorporated.
  - k. Village Creek, Section Three in Precinct 4; Cobourn Linseisen & Ratcliff, Incorporated.
  - l. Villages of Gleannloch Farms, Section Six, The Estates, partial replat in Precinct 4; Costello, Incorporated.
  - m. Gleannloch Farms, Section Nine, replat in Precinct 4; Costello, Incorporated.
  - n. Briarchase, Section Two in Precinct 4; JNS Consulting Engineers, Incorporated.
  - o. Highland Timbers, Section One in Precinct 4; Provident Consulting.
  - p. Heron Lakes Estates in Precinct 4; Rekha Engineering, Incorporated.
3. Recommendation for acceptance or cancellation of bonds for:
- a. Air Products, LP, executed by Indemnity Insurance Company of North America for Baker Road with a crossing in Precinct 2 in the amount of \$5,000 (acceptance).

- b. Liftwater Construction, Inc., executed by Reliance National Indemnity Company for the north side of Pinelakes Boulevard in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$20,000 (acceptance).
  - c. Fairmont Oaks Apartments, LP, executed by Western Surety Company for the east side of Underwood Road in Precinct 2 in the amount of \$10,000 (acceptance).
  - d. Puma Construction, Inc., executed by United Pacific Insurance Company for High Life Road with a crossing in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$5,000 (acceptance).
  - e. E&C Group, Inc., executed by Amwest Surety Insurance Company for the east side of Schroeder Road in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$15,000 (acceptance).
  - f. RSG Construction, Inc., executed by United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company for Autumn Mill with four crossings in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$20,000 (acceptance).
  - g. Friendswood Development Company executed by Federal Insurance Company for Cypresswood Drive west of Mason Road street dedication in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$6,405 (cancellation).
  - h. Friendswood Development Company executed by Federal Insurance Company for Lakes of Fairfield, Section Two in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$23,588 (cancellation).
  - i. Friendswood Development Company executed by Federal Insurance Company for Mason Road to Timber Trail Way street dedication in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$13,230 (cancellation).
  - j. Friendswood Development Company executed by Federal Insurance Company for Trails of Fairfield, Section Two in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$34,200 (cancellation).
  - k. Centex International, Inc., a Nevada Corporation, executed by Safeco Insurance Company of America for DeVonshire Woods, Section Five in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$14,000 (cancellation).
  - l. Kimball Hill Homes executed by Frontier Insurance Company of New York for Laurel Oaks, Section Three in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$31,600 (cancellation).
4. Recommendation for approval of notices by:
- a. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on the north side of Tanner and Cunningham with three crossings in Precinct 4 (19621).
  - b. Air Products, LP, of the unauthorized installation of a steel nitrogen gas pipeline on Baker Road with a crossing in Precinct 2 (19626).
  - c. MCI Metro, Access Transmission Services, Inc., of the authorized installation of buried fiber optic cable on the east side of Luthe, the west side of Tall Shadows Road, the north side of Woolwich, and the south side of Aldine Meadows Road with eight crossings in Precinct 1 (19682).
  - d. Liftwater Construction, Inc., for Northwest Harris County MUD No. 300 of the authorized installation of a sanitary sewer force main on the north side of Pinelakes Boulevard in Precinct 4 (19704).

- e. Fairmont Oaks Apartments of the unauthorized installation of a concrete sidewalk on the east side of Underwood Road in Precinct 2 (19707).
  - f. Capitol Commercial Portfolio of the unauthorized installation of a sanitary sewer line on High Life Road with a crossing in Precinct 4 (19721).
  - g. E&C Group of the unauthorized installation of a storm sewer line on the east side of Schroeder Road in Precinct 4 (19722).
  - h. RSG Construction, Inc., of the unauthorized installation of a sanitary sewer line, a water line, and a storm sewer line on Autumn Mill with four crossings in Precinct 4 (19723).
5. Recommendation for approval of changes in contracts for:
- a. DOAR Communications, Inc., contractor for video display and evidence presentation services for the Criminal Justice Center, resulting in an addition of \$89,495 to the contract amount (26593).
  - b. Ray Ferguson Interests, Inc., contractor for West Dallas Juvenile Detention Center parking lot, adding nine calendar days and resulting in a reduction of \$48,374 from the contract amount (26590).
  - c. Angel Brothers Enterprises, Inc., contractor for construction of Wallisville Road from Crosby-Lynchburg Road to Sjolander Road in Precinct 2, resulting in an addition of \$176,000 to the contract amount (26654).
  - d. Traffic Maintenance & Construction, contractor for turn lane and traffic signal improvements to Kingsland Boulevard at Rennie Drive and Houghton Road in Precinct 3, resulting in a reduction of \$13,961 from the contract amount (26667).
  - e. Ray Ferguson Interests, Inc., contractor for construction of Westside Park baseball quadrant No. 1 in Precinct 3, resulting in a reduction of \$34,662 from the contract amount (26669).
  - f. Dolson Sierra Construction Group, Inc., contractor for repairs/replacement of concrete pavement in the Humble Camp area in Precinct 4, resulting in no change to the contract amount (26633).
  - g. Statewide Traffic Signal Co., contractor for traffic signal installation at the intersection of West Lake Houston Parkway at Lonesome Woods Trail in Precinct 4, resulting in a reduction of \$239 from the contract amount (26291).
  - h. Traffic Maintenance & Construction, Inc., contractor for fiber optic signal communication cable installation at Veterans Memorial Drive from West Road to Spears Road, and West Road from Veterans Memorial Drive to IH-45 in Precinct 4, adding 85 calendar days and resulting in no change to the contract amount (26290).
6. Recommendation for authorization to negotiate with:
- a. Ray Bailey Architects, Inc., for architectural services for Finnigan Park Phase II improvements in Precinct 1.
  - b. McDonough Engineering Corporation for engineering services for Vera May Community Center expansion in Precinct 4.

7. Recommendation for authorization to issue purchase orders for testing and inspection services to:
  - a. Aviles Engineering for construction of Franz Road from west of Gatwick Lane to east of Primewest in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$95,456.
  - b. Geotest Engineering for construction of Townsen Boulevard from US 59 to east of North Houston Avenue in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$143,036.
8. Recommendation for authorization for the County Judge to execute agreements for engineering services with:
  - a. Daniel, Mann, Johnson, and Mendenhall in the amount of \$3,053 in connection with construction of traffic signalization at Alief-Clodine Road and Winkleman Road in Precinct 3.
  - b. Pepe Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$39,980 in connection with construction of Franz Road from west of Gatwick Lane to Mason Road in Precinct 3.
9. Recommendation for authorization for an employee to attend a risk management seminar March 21-23 in Houston at no cost to the county.
10. Recommendation for authorization for an employee to attend a flood plain management meeting of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission February 17 in Austin at a cost not to exceed \$150.
11. Recommendation for authorization for an employee to attend the annual meeting/conference of the National Association of County Engineers April 21-27 in Overland Park, Kan., at an approximate cost of \$2,300.
12. Recommendation for authorization for two employees to attend a management skills seminar April 10 in Houston at a total cost of \$298.
13. Recommendation for authorization for seven employees to attend the annual conference of the On-Site Wastewater Treatment Research Council February 28-March 1 in Waco at a total cost not to exceed \$2,000.
14. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute an agreement with the Harris County Hospital District for services of a wage rate compliance officer for construction projects in an amount not to exceed \$49,500.
15. Recommendation that the award for Deussen Park improvements, Sonnier Road widening and New Entrance Road in Precinct 1 be made to Hubco, Inc., lowest and best bid in the amount of \$481,125, and for the County Engineer, County Clerk, and County Judge to take necessary actions relating to the award.

16. Recommendation for approval of a preliminary engineering report by Claunch & Miller, Inc., for construction of Clay Road from west of Lakes of Bridgewater Drive to west of Westfield Village Drive in Precinct 3, and to proceed with the design phase.
17. Recommendation that the award for construction of Bauer-Hockley Road bridge over Little Cypress Creek, HCFCD Unit L100-00-00 in Precinct 3, be made to J-Mac, Inc., lowest and best bid in the amount of \$259,999, and for the County Engineer, County Clerk, and County Judge to take necessary actions relating to the award.
18. Recommendation that a technical defect be waived and the award for mowing and maintenance contract for various roads in Precinct 3 be made to Bio Energy Landscape & Maintenance, Inc., lowest and best bid in the amount of \$307,750, and for the County Engineer, County Clerk, and County Judge to take necessary actions relating to the award.
19. Recommendation that the award for base repair, hot in-place recycling, asphaltic concrete overlay of existing asphaltic surface and traffic signal modifications on Louetta Road, Segment D, from west of T.C. Jester Boulevard to west of Ella Boulevard in Precinct 4 be made to Cutler Repaving, Inc., lowest and best bid in the amount of \$629,739, and for the County Engineer, County Clerk, and County Judge to take necessary actions relating to the award.
20. Recommendation for approval of a study and report by Costello, Inc., for construction of Ella Boulevard from FM 1960 to Louetta Road in Precinct 4.
21. Recommendation that the court abandon the county's interest in a portion of an alley in the Huffman Townsite in Precinct 4.

2. **Toll Road Authority**

- a. Request for authorization for two employees to attend a technology workshop of the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association April 15-18 in Washington, D.C., at an approximate total cost of \$3,000.
- b. Request for approval of agreements with Weisser Engineering Company, RODS Surveying, Inc., Landtech Consultants, Inc., Sunland Engineering Company, and Survcon, Inc., to provide surveying and right of way mapping services in connection with the Westpark Toll Road project in amounts of \$125,000 each.

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 \$21,347 and seven workers compensation recoveries in the total amount of \$5,362; settlement of four tort claims in the total amount of \$2,752; denial of nine claims for damages; and transmittal of claims for damages received during the period which ended February 15.
- b. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute a release in exchange for payment to the county in the amount of \$14,778 in connection with settlement of damage to county property.
- c. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act employee benefits seminar March 21 in Houston at an approximate cost of \$185.
- d. Request for authorization for two employees to attend the Brentwood Employment Assistance Career Day March 25 in Houston at no cost to the county.
- e. Request for authorization for two employees to attend the annual Texas Public Finance Conference March 23-24 in Houston at a total cost of \$200.
- f. Request for authorization to transfer funds as required for interest and principal payments for commercial paper series D and D-1; for authorization to replenish the commercial paper escrow account for Series A and C; for approval to modify or retire principal repayment schedules on certain outstanding commercial paper projects; approval of payments for interest due for commercial paper issuance; and for approval of an amendment to the commercial paper policy to include Series A-1 and D-1.
- g. Request for authorization to pay quarterly remarketing fees for Toll Road variable rate bonds, Series 1994 B-H.
- h. Transmittal of investment transactions for the period of February 3-16 and maturities for February 10-23, and request for authorization to change securities pledged for funds.
- i. Request for approval of authorized budget appropriation transfers for Flood Control and county departments.
- j. Request for authorization for an employee to attend the Texas Community Development Institute March 5-10 in Houston at a cost of \$450.

4. **Central Technology Center**

- a. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a database language course March 22-24 in Framingham, Mass., at an approximate cost of \$2,120.
- b. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a Microsoft office conference March 19-23 in Phoenix at an approximate cost of \$2,950.
- c. Request for authorization for two employees to attend an ATM and Internet training class March 27-31 in Houston at a total cost of \$5,580.

5. **Facilities & Property Management**

- a. Request for authorization to destroy certain records of Justices of the Peace 3.1, 3.2, and 4.2.
- b. Request for approval of corrections to payroll records for certain employees.
- c. Request for authorization to renew an annual agreement with Stephens Leasing, Inc., for lease of space at 9418 Jensen Drive effective April 1.
- d. Request for approval of an amendment and authorization to renew an annual license agreement with Motorola, Inc., for the antenna site at 330 Shady Meadow Lane in the Woodlands.

6. **Public Health & Environmental Services**

- a. Request for approval of payment in the amount of \$250 for expenses incurred by an employee to attend a meeting of the Texas Department of Health in Austin.
- b. Request for authorization for three employees to attend a municipal storm water conference of the United States Environmental Protection Agency March 7-9 in Tulsa at an approximate total cost of \$1,950.
- c. Request for authorization to accept donations in the total amount of \$238 for the Animal Control Shelter.
- d. Request for approval of a materials management technician position for support of physicians and delivery of vaccines in connection with the Immunization Grant from the Texas Department of Health.
- e. Request for authorization for an employee to attend an outreach services training seminar regarding the Children's Health Insurance Program February 24 in Victoria at an approximate cost of \$100.

- f. Request for authorization to contract with the Texas Department of Health to implement the Texas Tobacco Prevention Pilot Project through August 31 for tobacco prevention activities for children and teenagers.
- g. Request for approval of payment in the amount of \$125 for expenses incurred by an employee for travel to Austin to attend a regional surveillance meeting of the Texas Department of Health.
- h. Request for authorization to accept \$250 donated to the department for training in connection with the WIC program.
- i. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a supervisory seminar March 22 in Houston at a cost of \$149.
- j. Request for authorization for an employee to attend an air quality workshop March 6-7 in Houston at a cost of \$200.

**7. Community Development Services**

- a. Request for authorization to change the payroll accounting and reporting codes for the Gulf Coast Careers division in connection with a contract with H-GAC.
- b. Request for authorization for an employee to attend the annual conference of the National Forum for Public Administrators April 15-19 in Charlotte, N.C., at an approximate cost of \$1,431.
- c. Request for approval of payment in the amount of \$8,790 for an on-site computer software training seminar for 10 employees April 24-28 in Houston in order to meet reporting requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Section 8 housing functions.
- d. Request for authorization for an employee to travel to Austin February 24 to take the lead assessor and inspector certification exam at an approximate cost of \$165.
- e. Request for approval to submit five-year and annual plans for public housing assistance to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- f. Request for authorization to submit an application to the City of Houston Housing and Community Development Department for grant funds in the amount of \$431,660 for Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS supportive services.
- g. Request for approval of an amendment to an agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council to modify special contract provisions for Gulf Coast Careers in connection with the Workforce Investment Act.

- h. Request for approval of an agreement with contractors for training and education services for the Gulf Coast Careers Programs.
- i. Request for approval of an agreement with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for funds for the county to administer the Emergency Nutrition Temporary Relief Program.
- j. Request for approval of an agreement with the City of Galena Park to add \$200,000 in FY 1998 Community Development Block Grant funds for design and construction of the Galena Park Community Center.
- k. Request for approval of an agreement for a project of the Wealth Building Initiative for Self-Enhancement Program to assist low and moderate-income individuals residing in targeted unincorporated areas of the county to become self-employed.

8. **Library Services**

- a. Request by the director of the County Library for authorization to submit an application to the Strake Foundation for grant funds in the amount of \$18,050 to support summer reading activities at the 25 branch libraries.
- b. Request for authorization for an employee of the County Library to attend a conference regarding TexShare February 29-March 1 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$360.
- c. Request by the director of the County Library for authorization to submit an application to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for three grants in the total amount of \$76,749 for bilingual services at Aldine, High Meadows, Parker Williams, and South Houston branches.

9. **Youth & Family Services**

- a. Request by Juvenile Probation for authorization for employees of the Youth Services Division and Commissioners Court to attend a child welfare conference February 24 in Houston at a cost of \$19 each.
- b. Transmittal by the Juvenile Board of the annual budget for the Challenge Grant from the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission for residential placement services for mentally and emotionally disturbed juvenile offenders in the total amount of \$90,386.
- c. Request by Children's Protective Services for authorization for three employees to attend a professional ethics training seminar March 28 in Houston at a cost of \$135.
- d. Request by CPS for authorization for an employee to travel to Austin to attend board meetings of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services beginning in March at an approximate total cost of \$1,650.

- e. Request by CPS for authorization for an employee to attend grant seminars at the University of Houston Office of Community Projects March 9, 24, and April 7 at an approximate total cost of \$175.
- f. Request by CPS for authorization for an employee to travel to Austin to attend board meetings of the Texas Network of Youth Services March 10 and May 10 at an approximate total cost of \$422.

10. **Constables**

- a. Request by the constables' systems manager for approval of a correction to the salary classification for a deputy position for the peace officer career development program.
- b. Transmittal of notice by Constable Freeman, Precinct 2, of the deletion of a reserve officer from the department's authorized list.
- c. Request by Constable Moore, Precinct 4, for approval of an agreement with Harris County Utility District No. 15 for law enforcement services.
- d. Request by Constable Moore for authorization to cancel an agreement with North Spring Community Improvement Association and for approval of an agreement with Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 82 for law enforcement services.
- e. Request by Constable Cheek, Precinct 5, for authorization for two employees to attend a computer network seminar March 13-14 in Houston at a total cost of \$1,990.
- f. Request by Constable Trevino, Precinct 6, for authorization for an employee to attend a seminar regarding domestic violence February 25 in Houston at a cost of \$169.
- g. Transmittal of notice by Constable Trevino of the addition of a reserve officer to the department's authorized list.
- h. Request by Constable Trevino for authorization to submit an application to the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for continuation of the Gang Resistance Education and Training-Bicycle Initiative Goal grant program.
- i. Request by Constable Bailey, Precinct 8, for authorization to reclassify a deputy position.

11. **Sheriff**

- a. Transmittal of notice of the addition of nine regular deputies and six reserve officers and the deletion of a regular deputy and 10 reserve officers in the department's authorized list.

- b. Request for authorization to reclassify a position for a detention officer who has completed requirements for the upgrade and to change a detention position to Deputy VI for an officer who has obtained peace officer status.
- c. Request for authorization for the Detective Bureau to participate in the Houston Cooperative Disability Investigations pilot project to facilitate investigations of fraud against certain state and federal programs, and for approval of two deputy positions with vehicles.
- d. Request for authorization to submit an application to the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for annual grant funds in the amount of \$140,000 for a program to investigate unsolved homicides.
- e. Request for approval of payment in the amount of \$37,520 for roof repairs for three buildings used for livestock facilities at 2310 Atascocita in Humble.
- f. Request for approval of payment in the amount of \$235 for expenses incurred by employees for travel to Austin to conduct a follow up investigation in connection with a capital murder case, with travel by county vehicle.
- g. Request for authorization to correct the payroll records for an employee.
- h. Request for authorization to accept donations for the department.
- i. Request for authorization for an employee to attend an information technology training workshop February 28-29 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$269, with travel by county vehicle.
- j. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a TCLEOSE meeting March 2-3 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$243, with travel by county vehicle.
- k. Request for authorization for seven employees to attend a homicide investigation training conference March 7-10 in Arlington at an approximate total cost of \$2,560, with travel by county vehicle.
- l. Request for authorization for four employees to attend a child injury and death investigations training seminar March 9-10 in San Antonio at an approximate total cost of \$1,707, with travel by county vehicle.
- m. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a conference of the Association of Professional Law Enforcement Emergency Vehicle Response Trainers March 26-28 in San Diego at an approximate cost of \$1,261.
- n. Request for authorization for two employees to attend the annual leadership development conference of the National Center for Women and Policing March 29-April 2 in Baltimore at an approximate cost of \$2,726.

- o. Request for approval of an annual agreement with University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston for jail medical services at a cost of \$2.4 million.

12. **Fire & Emergency Services**

- a. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a workshop of the Texas Fire Chiefs Association March 20-21 in Baytown at a cost of \$175.
- b. Request for approval of educational incentive pay adjustments for three fire/arson investigators who have met requirements for the changes.
- c. Request for authorization for the court to review the status and determination of the necessity of the outdoor burn ban.

13. **Medical Examiner**

- a. Request for approval of payments in amounts of \$1,150 and \$1,200 to The American Board of Pathology for an employee to register for the combined anatomic and forensic pathology examination and for another employee to register for the subspecialty examination in forensic pathology.
- b. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a death investigation training course April 2-7 in St. Louis at an approximate cost of \$1,625.
- c. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a medical education meeting May 24-29 in San Francisco at no cost to the county.
- d. Request for authorization for two employees to attend a management training program March 22 in Galveston, and for two employees to attend the program March 23 in Houston at a total cost of \$596.
- e. Request for authorization to accept eight stretcher covers that were donated to the department.
- f. Request for approval of annual agreements with various counties for the department to perform autopsies at a rate of \$1,200 per postmortem examination and \$200 per hour for court testimony effective April 1.

14. **County Clerk**

- a. Request for approval of changes to early voting branch locations, installation of telephone service, and payment for security services in connection with the early voting period for the March 14 primary elections.

- b. Request for approval of corrections to the court's minutes for meetings of February 24, 1998 and December 21, 1999, and transmittal of the minutes for the meeting of January 25.

15. **County Attorney**

- a. Request for approval of litigation expenses for cases in the 215th and 234th District Courts, County Civil Courts Nos. 1, 2, and 3, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, U.S. District Court, and the Orleans Parish Civil District Court in Louisiana.
- b. Request for approval of orders authorizing settlements for collection of damages to county property, and to file suit for damages to a county vehicle.
- c. Request for approval of an amended order approving payment of judgment including costs of court and post-judgment interest in connection with a case in County Civil Court No. 3 and the 14th Court of Appeals.
- d. Request for approval of orders authorizing suits and litigation expenses to compel compliance with flood plain management regulations at 1234 Hill Road and 13925 Schiller Road.
- e. Request for approval of an order authorizing suit and litigation expenses to compel compliance with provisions of the Texas Health & Safety Code at 1914 Haden Road.
- f. Request for approval of an order authorizing execution of an agreement with Anthony Leah for reimbursement to the county for prepayment of health insurance premiums for dependent coverage.

16. **District Attorney**

- a. Request for authorization for an employee to attend seminars at the University of Houston School of Social Work March 10, April 1, 8, and 14 at a cost of \$105.
- b. Request for authorization for an employee to attend the annual conference of the National Association of Extradition Officials May 27-30 in Williamsburg, Va., at an approximate cost of \$1,143.
- c. Request for authorization for 66 employees to attend the Criminal Bench Bar Conference April 14-15 in League City at an approximate total cost of \$16,500.
- d. Request for authorization for an employee to travel to Austin March 22 for a case before the Court of Criminal Appeals at an approximate cost of \$250.

17. **Justices of the Peace**

- a. Request by Judge Patronella, JP 1.2, for approval of payment in the amount of \$168 for expenses incurred for travel to Austin to meet with legislators and committee staff.
- b. Request by Judge Patronella for approval of salary adjustments for certain employees.
- c. Request by Judge Parrott, J.P. 3.1, for authorization to purchase workstation panels at an approximate cost of \$16,102.
- d. Request by Judge Polumbo, J.P. 3.2, for authorization to attend a justice of the peace seminar March 5-8 in Corpus Christi at an approximate cost of \$600.

18. **County Courts**

Request for authorization for an employee to attend a computer programming class March 13-17 in Houston at a cost of \$1,500.

19. **Probate Courts**

- a. Request by Judge Olsen, Court No. 3, for authorization to attend a docket management course of the National Judicial College April 3-14 in Reno at an approximate cost of \$4,000.
- b. Request by Judge Olsen for authorization to attend a conference of the National College of Probate Judges March 29-April 1 in Baltimore at an approximate cost of \$1,400.
- c. Request by Judge McCulloch, Court No. 4, for authorization for an employee to attend a workshop of the Texas College of Probate Judges March 9-10 in San Antonio at an approximate cost of \$660.
- d. Request by Judge McCulloch for authorization to attend a workshop of the Texas College of Probate Judges March 9-10 in San Antonio at an approximate cost of \$600.

20. **District Courts**

- a. Request for authorization for Judge Ellis, 351st Court, and a court reporter to travel to Dallas March 27-April 7 in connection with change of venue for a case at an approximate cost of \$4,000.
- b. Request for approval of payments to the Harris County Department of Education and the Houston Bar Association for dispute resolution services.

21. **Courts of Appeals**

Request by the Chief Justice Schneider, First Court, for approval of payment in the amount of \$9,876 to the University of Virginia for the final term in a graduate program for judges.

22. **Fiscal Services & Purchasing**

a. **Auditor**

1. Recommendation for approval of final payments to:
  - a. Angel Brothers for asphaltic concrete overlay and base repair of various roads in the Wade Road Camp area in Precinct 2.
  - b. Arriola Asphalt for resurfacing existing asphalt surfaces in Randolph Park in Precinct 1.
  - c. Joe Valencik, Inc., for guardrail installation at Ashland Blvd., and FCD Unit N104-00-00 in Precinct 2.
  - d. Lecon, Inc., for excavation of White Oak Bayou Detention Basin near Hollister and W. Little York in Precinct 4.
  - e. Lindsey Construction for maintenance contract No. 99-M for general repairs to numerous sites throughout the county.
  - f. MT Contractors for Wallisville Road pavement and traffic signal improvement at Castlegory Road and Evanston Street in Precinct 2.
  - g. George M. Construction for construction of an extension of Fallbrook Road east from Antoine with traffic signal system at the intersection of Fallbrook and Antoine in Precinct 4.
  - h. Statewide Traffic Signal for traffic signal installation and median modification at the intersections of Jones Road at West Road in Precinct 4.
  - i. Traffic Maintenance & Construction for construction of traffic signal installations at Jones Road, Rodney Ray Boulevard, and at Breen Road, West Road at Round Up Lane, and at Wheatland Drive in Precinct 4.
2. Request for authorization for four employees to attend a seminar of Bi-Tech Software National Users Group, Inc., April 21-22 in San Antonio at an approximate cost of \$940.
3. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a fraud seminar of the Institute of Internal Auditors March 6 in Houston at a cost of \$275.
4. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a seminar of the American Women's Society of CPAs February 5 in Houston at a cost of \$95.
5. Request for approval of an annual order to continue positions and payrolls and pay for emergencies and obligations incurred prior to adoption of the budget for FY 2000-01.

6. Request for approval of an order for indemnification of the Tax Assessor-Collector for loss of \$300 due to receipt of counterfeit bills.
7. Request by the Purchasing Agent and Auditor that certain items be removed from inventory.
8. Transmittal of audited claims.

b. **Treasurer**

1. Request for authorization for the Treasurer and an employee to attend the annual Texas Public Finance Conference March 23-24 in Houston at a total cost of \$300.
2. Transmittal of a report of monies received and disbursed for the month of December.

c. **Tax Assessor-Collector**

Request for approval to submit a notary application for an employee at a cost of \$100.

d. **Purchasing**

1. Transmittal of projects scheduled for advertisement:
  - a. Ready mixed concrete furnished and delivered on an as-needed basis to various jobsites in Precinct 2.
  - b. Furnish and deliver buses with 27 and 39 passenger capacity for Precinct 4.
  - c. Office paper for the county, the Flood Control District, and the Hospital District.
  - d. Computer integrated courtroom court reporting project for the District Courts.
  - e. Lawn and garden equipment and related items for the county.
  - f. Trade services for the county.
  - g. Carpeting for the county.
  - h. Cultures for Public Health Services.
  - i. Furnish, deliver, and install miscellaneous playground equipment for Precinct 3.
  - j. Promotional campaign for the Year 2000 Census for the county.
2. Transmittal of a list of computer-related equipment purchased through the State of Texas vendor program for the District Attorney's Office, the County Clerk's Office, Public Health Services, Central Technology Center, and the District Clerk's Office.
3. Request for approval of changes in contract with:
  - a. Sharp Electronics Corporation, contractor for a facsimile machine replacement for the county, resulting in no change to the contract amount (00393).
  - b. Houston Auto Auction, Inc., contractor for fixed base turn-key asset recovery services for the county, resulting in no change to the contract amount (00411).

- c. Northwest Pest Patrol, Inc., contractor for pest control services and related items for the county, resulting in an addition of \$588 to the contract amount (00412).
  - d. Unisource, contractor for office paper for the county, Flood Control District, and the Hospital District, resulting in an addition of \$2,100 to the contract amount (00413).
  - e. American Armored Transfer, contractor for armored car service for Financial Services, resulting in no change to the contract amount (00414).
  - f. Bio-Energy Landscape & Maintenance, contractor for lawn care service for Facilities & Property Management, resulting in an addition of \$6,784 to the contract amount (00415).
4. Recommendation that bids for a term contract for carpeting for the county be rejected and the job readvertised.
  5. Recommendation that the award for all risk property insurance for the Domed Stadium complex and related facilities for the county be made to Wisenberg Insurance and Risk Management in the amount of \$281,400 for the period beginning April 1.
  6. Recommendation by the Office of the Purchasing Agent that the award for transportation of voting equipment and related items for the county be made to General Express in the amount of \$114,200 for the period beginning March 1.
  7. Recommendation by the Office of the Purchasing Agent, based on consensus by an evaluation committee, that the award for placement of vending machines for the county be made to Canteen Vending Services.
  8. Recommendation by the Purchasing Agent that the award for horticultural supplies for Precinct 1 Parks and Precinct 4 be made to BWI Companies, Inc., in the amount of \$34,453.
  9. Recommendation that the award for horticultural chemicals, fertilizers, and related items for the county and/or Flood Control be made to BWI Companies, Inc., and Helena Chemical Company.
  10. Recommendation by the Office of the Purchasing Agent that the award for jury meal service for the county be made to Burger King D.T. No. 2, The Spaghetti Warehouse, Treebeards, and Urban Foods.
  11. Recommendation by the Office of the Purchasing Agent that the award for bathroom and kitchen paper products for the county be made to Brawner Paper Company, low bid in the amount of \$648,286 for the period beginning April 1.

12. Recommendation by the Office of the Purchasing Agent that the award for janitorial services for the county for Region No. 3 be made to J & E Associates, low bid in the amount of \$607,068 for the period beginning March 1, and for the County Judge to take necessary actions relating to the award.
13. Recommendation by the Office of the Purchasing Agent that the award for repair parts, labor, and related items for the Daimler Chrysler Automobiles for the county, the Flood Control District, and/or the Hospital District be made to Greenspoint Dodge of Houston in the amount of \$42,665 and Crown Dodge in the amount of \$47,600 for the period beginning March 1.
14. Recommendation by the Office of the Purchasing Agent that the award for dumping of Type IV, non-putrescible, non-compacted solid waste for the county, the Flood Control District, the Hospital District, and the Community Supervision & Corrections Department be made to BFI in the total amount of \$101,925, and G.O. Weiss in the amount of \$60,000 for the period beginning March 1.
15. Recommendation by the Office of the Purchasing Agent that the award for refrigerants for the county be made to Referon, Inc., low bid in the amount of \$48,197 for the period beginning March 1.
16. Recommendation by the Office of the Purchasing Agent that the award for carbonless paper for the county and the Flood Control District be made to Unisource Worldwide, low bid in the amount of \$34,430 for the period beginning April 1.
17. Recommendation by the Office of the Purchasing Agent that the award for thermal printer receipt paper for the Toll Road Authority be made to Graphic Controls/LTP, low bid in the amount of \$61,920 for the period beginning March 1.
18. Recommendation by the Office of the Purchasing Agent that the award for printed forms for the county and/or the Community Supervision & Corrections Department be made to Precept, low bid in the amount of \$15,750 for the period beginning March 1.
19. Recommendation by the Office of the Purchasing Agent that the award for dictating and stenographic paper and supplies for the county be made to The Tape Company, low bid in the amount of \$2,220 and to Houston Dictating and Steno Machine Company, only bid for items 2 through 7 in the amount of \$18,705 for the period beginning March 1.
20. Request for approval of a 30-day extension for a term contract with Johnson Supply for HVAC repair parts for the county for the period beginning March 1.

21. Request for approval of a month-to-month extension of a term contract with Waste Management for landfill service for the dumping of type IV, non-putrescible, non-compacted solid waste for the county for the period beginning March 1.
22. Request for approval of renewal option with Aramark Correctional Facility Services for maintenance, operation, and repair services at 701 San Jacinto Jail, 711 San Jacinto, and connecting tunnel and overhead walkways to 1201 Commerce, resulting in an increase of \$131,729 per month.
23. Request for approval of a renewal option of a term contract with Aramark Uniform Services for rental and laundry services of uniforms for Facilities & Property Management for the period of June 1-May 31, 2001.
24. Request for approval of a renewal option to a term contract with Dover Elevator Company for maintenance and repair of six Otis Elevonic 401 elevators for Facilities & Property Management for the period of June 1-May 31, 2001.
25. Request for approval of renewal option of a term contract with Wm., Rigg Company for all risk property physical damage insurance for the Ship Channel Bridge for the county for the period of March 1-March 1, 2001.
26. Request for approval of a renewal option of a term contract with General Electric Supply for electric lighting elements and related items for the county, the Flood Control District, the Hospital District, and the Community Supervision & Corrections Department for the period of March 1-February 28, 2001.
27. Request for approval of renewal option of a term contract with Ward North America, Inc., for workers' compensation third-party administration and related services for the county and the Flood Control District for the period of March 1-March 1, 2001.
28. Request for approval of renewal option of a term contract with Recovery Contractors, Inc., for demolition services for the county for the period of June 1-May 31, 2001.
29. Request for approval of renewal option of a term contract with Southwestern Camera Company for photographic film and cameras for the county for the period of April 1-March 31, 2001.
30. Request for approval of renewal option with Aramark Correctional Facility Services for maintenance, operation, and repair services of 1307 Baker Street Jail for the county, resulting in an increase of \$128 per month.
31. Request for approval of renewal option of a term contract with Republic Waste Services for refuse removal for Precinct 4 for the period of June 1-May 31, 2001.

32. Request for approval of a first-year renewal option of a term contract with Laboratory Corporation of America for laboratory testing of jail inmates for the Sheriff's Department for the period of May 1-April 30, 2001.
33. Request for approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an amendment to an agreement between the Flood Control District and Accudata Systems, Inc., for consulting and technical services for the Flood Control District computer network, increasing the total amount to \$100,000.
34. Request for approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute a software license agreement with ESRI for the GIS Sex Offender project for the JIMS division of Central Technology in the total amount of \$32,402.
35. Request for approval of orders authorizing the County Judge to execute contracts for Ryan White Title I services with AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc., Alternate Resources of Texas, Inc., The Assistance Fund, Inc., Amigos Volunteers in Education & Services, Baylor College of Medicine, Department of Family and Community Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine Health Care, Bering Omega Community Services, Brentwood Economic Community Development Corporation, Donald R. Watkins Memorial Foundation, Inc., Family Service Center, Harris County Hospital District, the Healthy Lunch Box, Inc., Houston Area Community Services, Inc., The Houston Challenge Foundation, Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program, Inc., The Life Center, Inc., Montrose Clinic, Inc., Montrose Counseling Center, Inc., NAACP, New Hope Counseling Center, Nonprofit Consulting Services, Northwoods AIDS Coalition, People with AIDS Coalition-Houston, Inc., Riverside General Hospital, Saint Hope Foundation, Southeast Texas Legal Clinic, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, and Visiting Nurse Association of Houston, Inc., for the period of March 1-February 28, 2001.
36. Request for approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an agreement with Nightingale Adult Day Center for interpreter services for hearing-impaired persons for Human Resources & Risk Management, extending the ending date to March 31.
37. Request that a list of industrial products, services, and publications be granted sole source exemptions from the competitive bid process for items that can only be obtained through sole source vendors.
38. Request for authorization for the Purchasing Agent to issue purchase commitments, if necessary, for items of emergency nature prior to adoption of the FY 2000-01 budget.
39. Request for authorization for an employee to attend the annual American Society of Health-System Pharmacist meeting June 4-7 in Philadelphia at an estimated cost of \$2,050.

40. Transmittal of notice of receipt of funds in the total net amount of \$21,600 from the sale of items at Houston Auto Auction on January 19.
41. Transmittal of notice of receipt of funds in the total net amount of \$6,612 from the sale of items through Internet public auction during December-February 2000.
42. Request for approval of an interagency sale of furniture and an examining table from the county to the Housing Authority of the City of Houston in the amount of \$20.
43. 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.
44. Request for approval of property and equipment transfers within the county.
45. Request for authorization to dispose of surplus items.
46. Recommendation by Purchasing and Public Health/HIV Services that the award for Ryan White Title I Project LEAP be made to People with Aids Coalition Houston, Inc., in the amount of \$73,214 for the period of March 1-February 28, 2001.
47. Request for an exemption from the competitive bid process for purchasing of food for the county.
48. Request for approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an amendment to an agreement with Startel Corporation for the Startel Telephone Attendant for Central Technology at an approximate amount of \$9,960 for the period of January 1-December 31.
49. Request for approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an agreement with Deloitte & Touche, LLP, for development of a strategic information systems plan for the county at a cost not to exceed \$285,000.
50. Request that Computer Associates International, Inc., be granted a sole source exemption from the competitive bid process for purchase of proprietary software maintenance services for Central Technology in the amount of \$33,765 for the period of March 28-March 27, 2001.
51. Request for authorization for an employee to attend the Bi-Tech Western Region Conference April 20-21 in San Antonio at an estimated cost of \$850.

23. **Commissioners Court**

a. **County Judge**

1. Consideration of a resolution designating March 2 as Read Across America Day in the county.
2. Consideration of a request for reappointments of Lynne Cleveland and Dr. Mae F. McMillian to the Mental Health & Mental Retardation Authority Board of Trustees.
3. Consideration of a resolution designating February 25 as Mary Ann Whitfield Day on the occasion of her retirement from the county's Children's Protective Services.
4. Request by the Office of Emergency Management for authorization for two employees to attend the annual National Hurricane Conference April 17-21 in New Orleans at an estimated cost of \$2,900.
5. Consideration of discussion and possible action regarding contracts for the sale of animals from the county's Animal Control Shelter.
6. Consideration of discussion and possible action regarding financing and construction of an NFL stadium.

b. **Commissioner, Precinct 1**

1. Request for approval to appoint and reappoint board members for Emergency Services Districts Nos. 1 and 2 and Rural Fire Prevention Districts Nos. 6, 17, 19, and 25.
2. Request for approval for five employees to attend a seminar of the Texas Worker's Compensation Commission February 24 in Houston at a total cost of \$350.
3. Request for approval for two employees to attend the annual Children's Defense Fund National Conference March 25-28 in New York City at an estimated total cost of \$3,200.
4. Request for approval of a management services contract with J.E. McCain for the period of March 1-August 31, 2000 at a cost not to exceed \$42,000.
5. Request for approval for the County Judge to execute an interlocal agreement with the City of Houston for the city to maintain and operate Verde Forest Park.
6. Request for approval for reimbursement of \$169 for an employee for business calls made on a personal cellular phone for the months of July-October.

7. Request for approval to appoint Douglas Manchester to the board of Emergency Services District No. 1.
8. Request for approval to accept a Texas Parks and Wildlife grant in the amount of \$30,000 effective March 1.

c. **Commissioner, Precinct 2**

1. Request for approval to reimburse an employee \$46 for mileage to attend a meeting of the Houston Region Veterans County Service Officers in Coldspring.
2. Request for approval for an employee to attend a communications skills seminar for women March 23 in Austin at an estimated cost of \$99.
3. Request for approval of an agreement with Dr. Hugo Gonzalez for physical exams and medical tests for the period of March 1-February 28, 2001.
4. Request for approval for creation of a personnel/accounts assistant position.
5. Request for approval for reimbursement in the amount of \$30 for registration fees for two employees who attended an aging conference February 6 in Pasadena.

d. **Commissioner, Precinct 3**

1. Request for approval for an employee to attend a course on bicycle facilities planning and design March 27 in Houston at a cost of \$85.
2. Request for approval for two employees to take a Structural Pest Control Board exam to qualify for certified non-commercial applicator's licenses June 7-8 in Houston at a cost of \$310.
3. Request for approval to accept a donation of exercise equipment for Terry Hershey Park.
4. Request for approval to accept a check in the amount of \$295 from Westwood Gymnastics Academy for construction of two extended driveways in connection with construction of Franz Road from Primewest to Westgreen.
5. Request for approval to accept a check in the amount of \$106,481 from Frontier Materials Concrete for construction of a deceleration lane, left turn lane, and driveway turnout in connection with construction of Barker Cypress Road from Kieth Harrow to West Little York.

6. Request for approval of an order authorizing termination of agreements relating to the sale of animals to Texas A&M University, Baylor College of Medicine, the University of Houston, and the University of Texas-Houston Health Science Center.
7. Request for approval for an employee to attend a bicycle facilities planning and design course of the American Public Works Association, Southeast Texas Branch, March 27 in Houston at a cost of \$85.

e. **Commissioner, Precinct 4**

1. Request for approval of a resolution proclaiming February 25 as Spring Volunteer Fire Department Day in the county.
2. Request for approval of plant prices for Mercer Partnership of Friends March Mart plant sale March 24-25 at Mercer Arboretum and Botanic Gardens.
3. Request for authorization for payment of fees to the Texas Structural Pest Control Board for termite exams and pesticide applicator testing for certain precinct employees at a cost of \$300.
4. Request for authorization for two employees to attend the NAI Region VI Workshop March 5-7 in Fort Worth at a cost of \$900.
5. Request for authorization for payment of \$280 to CTN Educational Service for continuing education fees for three precinct employees.
6. Transmittal of notices of traffic sign installations.

24. **Miscellaneous**

- a. Transmittal of petitions filed with the 127th and 270th District Courts, County Civil Courts Nos. 1 and 3, and U.S. District Court.
- b. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute an easement agreement for the Hospital District for Reliant Energy HL&P to provide permanent services to the Gulfgate Health Center.
- c. Transmittal of the annual budget for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2 and Harris County Rural Fire Prevention District No. 16.
- d. Request for adoption of a resolution by the Harris County Industrial Development Corporation for issuance of Industrial Development Revenue Bonds, Series 2000, for the North American Galvanizing Company for construction of a manufacturing facility for galvanizing fabricated iron and steel structures with an adjoining paint facility at Taub Road and Fairbanks North Houston Road.

- e. Request by the Harris County Sports & Convention Corporation for issuance of a purchase order to ATSER, LP, in the amount of \$880,000 for consultant services in connection with a program management agreement for the Domed Stadium complex expansion program.
- f. Consideration of a request by the Harris County Sports & Convention Corporation for the county to issue a purchase order to JNS Consulting Engineers, Inc., for engineering design services in the amount of \$133,000 for sanitary/sewer lines on Kirby Drive in connection with the new exhibit hall construction project.
- g. Consideration of discussion and possible action regarding the county's appointment to the Tobacco Settlement Permanent Account Investment Advisory Committee.
- h. Consideration of an agreement with Commonwealth Texas, LLC, for payment in lieu of taxes for Haverstock Hill Apartments in Precinct 4 and Coolwood Oaks Apartments in Precinct 2, and for adoption of a resolution approving issuance of Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds by Harris County Housing Finance Corporation to finance acquisition and rehabilitation of Haverstock Hill Apartments by Commonwealth Texas in Precinct 4.

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. Wayne Cowart (3)
- b. Patricia Hatton-Williams (3)
- c. David Wilson (3)
- d. Billy Smith and Jesse Sanchez (3)
- e. Rita Ruth (3)
- f. R.J. Bob Taylor (3)
- g. Ruth Williams (3)
- h. Jacqueline Williams (3)
- i. Reverend James W. E. Dixon II (3)

j. State Representative Al Edwards (3)

k. Charles Hixon (1)

l. Joseph Charles (1)

m. Steve Williams (1)

n. 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 the County Judge for an executive session for discussion and possible action to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term for County Civil Court at Law No. 1.

Adjournment.