

**AGENDA**

June 27, 2000

1:00 p.m.

**Port Commission**

Joint meeting of Harris County Commissioners Court and the Houston City Council for appointment of a chairperson for the Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority of Harris County.

1:45 p.m.

Opening prayer by Pastor Royce Measures of Golden Acres Baptist Church in Pasadena.

1. **Public Infrastructure Department**

a. **Public Infrastructure**

1. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute amendments to agreements with the Texas Department of Transportation and Turner Collie & Braden, Inc., on behalf of the county and the Flood Control District in support of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System storm water permit.

2. Recommendation that the court approve an order authorizing the county 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 transactions for:
  - a. Lillja Road, Tracts 001 and 002 in Precinct 1.
  - b. Ella Boulevard-1, Tracts 001 through 004 in Precinct 4.
  - c. N. Eldridge Parkway, Tracts 001 and 002 in Precinct 3.
  - d. Gosling Road-2, Tracts 001, 002-1, 002-2, and 002-3 in Precinct 4.
3. Recommendation that the county be authorized to issue an actual moving expense payment of \$1,538 to Ean Yeoh as part of the Spring Cypress Road project in Precinct 4.
4. Recommendation that the court authorize the Flood Control District to issue an incidental expense payment of \$501 to Arthur R. and Rosena H. Murphy as part of the Hazard Mitigation Grant program in Precinct 4.
5. Recommendation that the court authorize the Flood Control District to issue an incidental expense payment of \$1,896 and a housing supplemental payment of \$16,305 to Patsy J. Taylor as part of the FMAP Home Acquisition Project No. 2 in Precinct 3.
6. Recommendation that the Flood Control District be authorized to issue an incidental expense payment of \$4,721 to Randall Smith as part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Cypress Creek flood damage prevention project in Precinct 3.
7. Recommendation that the Flood Control District be authorized to issue a fixed moving expense payment of \$775 to Edward H. and Beverly Camp as part of the hazard mitigation grant program in Precinct 2.
8. Recommendation that the court authorize the Flood Control District to acquire Tracts 01-008.0 through 01-016.0, Unit B112-02-00 as part of the Armand Bayou improvement project in Precinct 2, declaring a public necessity and convenience, 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.
9. Recommendation that the county be authorized to sell by public auction Tract HC-1114-002 along the North Lake Houston Parkway right of way from West Canal to west of Lockwood Road in Precinct 1.

10. Recommendation that the court approve an order authorizing the acceptance of Wildwood Lane 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 take necessary actions to complete the transaction.
  11. Recommendation that the court establish just compensation in the amount of \$111,000 for Unit G103-00-99-H001, Tract 36-811.0 as part of the Flood Control District's hazard mitigation grant program in Precinct 4, and for the County Judge to take necessary action to complete the transaction.
  12. Recommendation that the county be authorized to abandon interest in Tract HC-1105-001 in the Magnolia Gardens Subdivision in Precinct 1, 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.
  13. Recommendation that the county be authorized to purchase Tract 36B on Spring Cypress Road, Phase II, Section 8 in Precinct 4, for the negotiated purchase price of \$1,000 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.
  14. Recommendation that the county be authorized to convey a temporary right of entry for mineral exploration on Tract 001 within Deussen Park in Precinct 1, and for the County Judge to take necessary action to complete the transaction.
  15. 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. City of Houston for additional costs associated with the replacement of Airport Boulevard bridges in Precinct 1 in the amount of \$493,752 (amendment).
    - b. Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc., for on-call surveying services in the amount of \$5,676 in support of the district's engineering and maintenance programs (amendment).
    - c. Martha Ferrero Juch, P.E., to provide consulting services in the amount of \$75,000 in conjunction with engineering activities performed by the district.
    - d. Robin D. Lang for lease of an encroachment at Terry Hershey Park in the Buffalo Bayou watershed, Unit W100-00-00 in Precinct 3.
    - e. WSBC Civil Engineers, Inc., for engineering services in the amount of \$22,250 to construct channel improvements from Rittenhouse Road to Canino Road on Unit E101-18-00 in Precinct 1 (amendment).

2. Recommendation for approval of construction documents and authorization to take bids for a three-week period for:
  - a. Concrete channel conveyance improvements, Phase 1 at Berry Bayou to Unit C106-08-01 in Precinct 2 at an estimated amount of \$960,000.
  - b. Improvements to gated structure at Clear Lake second outlet in Precinct 2 at an estimated amount of \$185,000.
3. Recommendation that the court authorize the district to submit an application to the Texas Forest Service in conjunction with the Urban Forestry Partnership Grant program for creation of a professional staff position to assist the district with urban forestry.
4. Recommendation for approval of change in contract with Champions Hydro-Lawn, Inc., to add an irrigation system and delete items that will not be required for vegetation establishment and promotion on Unit W100-00-00 in Precinct 3, resulting in no change to the contract amount (98/0219-02).
5. Recommendation that the court acknowledge receipt of funds for impact fees for April and May.
6. Recommendation for approval of repairs to certain maintained channels in Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4 at an estimated total cost of \$57,933.

c. **Engineering**

1. Recommendation for approval to seek bids for a three-week period for:
  - a. Construction of two restroom buildings at Alexander Deussen Park in Precinct 1 at an estimated cost of \$300,000.
  - b. Base repairs/resurfacing and major drainage diversion on Lillja Road and Sellers Road from F.M. 525 to East Helmes Road in Precinct 1 at an estimated cost of \$1,250,000.
  - c. Counterflashing repairs at the Psychiatric Center in Precinct 1 at an estimated cost of \$100,000.
  - d. Repair of bridge on Westpark Drive at Brays Bayou in Precinct 3 at an estimated cost of \$40,000.
2. Recommendation for approval of the following plats:
  - a. Terrell Village in Precinct 2; E.R. Consultants, Land Surveying & Engineering.
  - b. Katy Lake Estates, Section One in Precinct 3; Terra Surveying Company.
  - c. Fry at Morton in Precinct 3; Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Incorporated.
  - d. Drive-Up Mini Storage No. 1 in Precinct 3; Koehn & Associates Engineers, Incorporated.
  - e. Huffmeister Road Harris County MUD No. 248 Lift Station in Precinct 3; Benchmark Engineering Corporation.
  - f. Cypress Point Lake Estates, Section One in Precinct 3; Van DeWiele Engineering, Incorporated.

- g. Lakes of Bridgewater, Section Five in Precinct 3; Brown & Gay Engineers, Incorporated.
  - h. Lakes of Rosehill, Section Three in Precinct 3; Century Engineering, Incorporated.
  - i. Home Depot Tomball in Precinct 4; Alexander Engineering, Incorporated.
  - j. Coastal Flange, Inc./Spencer Highway in Precinct 4; Condron Surveying.
  - k. Eldridge Crossroads, Section One in Precinct 4; Halff Associates, Incorporated.
  - l. Kings Manor, Section Six in Precinct 4; LJA Engineering & Surveying, Incorporated.
  - m. Wimbledon Champions Park, Section One amending plat No. 1 in Precinct 4; Jones & Carter, Incorporated.
  - n. Core Legacy Park in Precinct 4; Landev Engineer, Incorporated.
  - o. Champions Point Village, Section Five in Precinct 4; Moffatt Easley, Incorporated.
  - p. Memorial Creek Estates, Section Two in Precinct 4; Moffatt Easley, Incorporated.
  - q. Champions Arbor in Precinct 4; Provident Consulting.
3. Recommendation for acceptance or cancellation of bonds for:
- a. Era Land LLC dba E&A Utilities, executed by Evergreen National Indemnity Company for Becker Road with a crossing in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$5,000 (acceptance).
  - b. Aquasource Construction, Inc., executed by National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford for the north and south sides of Blue Lake, the east and west sides of Mirror Lake, and the north and south sides of Mirror Court with 10 crossings in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$80,000 (acceptance).
  - c. Cowboy Pipeline Service Company, executed by Seaboard Surety Company for Strang Road with a crossing in Precinct 2 in the amount of \$5,000 (acceptance).
  - d. South Coast Construction, Inc., executed by Safeco Insurance Company of America for the median and west side of Katy-Fort Bend Road in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$51,212 (acceptance).
  - e. Elliott Contracting, Inc., executed by Colonial American Casualty and Surety Company for the south side of Battlebell Road with a crossing in Precinct 2 in the amount of \$50,000 (acceptance).
  - f. Hubco, Inc., for West Harris County MUD No. 21, executed by Hartford Fire Insurance Company for Gessner Road with a crossing in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$15,000 (acceptance).
  - g. Conn's Construction, Inc., executed by Insurance Company of the West for the west side of Hargrave Road in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$25,000 (acceptance).
  - h. Cymill Partners, Ltd., executed by Independence Casualty and Surety Company and Insurance Company of the West for Cypress Mill Estates, Section One in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$69,270 (cancellation).
  - i. U.S. Home Corporation executed by National Surety Corporation for Copperbrook, Section Five in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$15,525 (cancellation).

- j. Winchester Associates, Ltd., A Texas Limited Partnership, Great America Companies, Inc., Managing General Partner, executed by American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania for Willow Pointe, Section Five in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$7,875 (cancellation).

4. Recommendation for approval of notices by:

- a. Reliant Energy-Houston Lighting & Power of the authorized installation of buried electrical conduit on Grant Road with a crossing in Precinct 4 (19843).
- b. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on the east and west sides of Gosling Road with a crossing in Precinct 4 (19849).
- c. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on the west side of Barker Cypress Road and the north side of Keith Harrow Boulevard in Precinct 3 (19863).
- d. E&A Utilities, Inc., of the unauthorized installation of a sanitary sewer force main on Becker Road with a crossing in Precinct 3 (19894).
- e. Reliant Energy-Houston Lighting & Power of the authorized installation of concrete encased electrical conduit on the north side of Old Richmond Road and Benthos Road with a crossing in Precinct 3 (19904).
- f. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on the west side of Greenhouse Road with a crossing in Precinct 3 (19932).
- g. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on the west side of Jackrabbit Road in Precinct 4 (19933).
- h. Aquasource of the authorized installation of a water line and sanitary sewer line on the north and south sides of Blue Lake, the east and west sides of Mirror Lake, and the north and south sides of Mirror Court with 10 crossings in Precinct 4 (19934).
- i. Cowboy Pipeline Service Company of the authorized installation of a steel chemical pipeline carrying hydrogen gas on Strang Road with a crossing in Precinct 2 (19935).
- j. Katy Mills Residual Limited Partnership of the unauthorized installation of left and right turn lanes and median modifications on the median and west side of Katy-Fort Bend Road in Precinct 3 (19936).
- k. Elliott Contracting, Inc., for WCID No. 1 of the authorized installation of a water line on the south side of Battlebell Road with a crossing in Precinct 2 (19937).
- l. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on the southwest side of Aldine Westfield and the north side of Old Aldine Westfield with a crossing in Precinct 4 (19938).
- m. Reliant Energy-Entex, Inc., of the authorized installation of a natural gas distribution line serving residential property on the west side of Broadwater and the south and west sides of Dunes with two crossings in Precinct 2 (19939).
- n. Reliant Energy-Entex, Inc., of the authorized installation of a natural gas distribution line serving commercial property on the west side of Harms in Precinct 4 (19940).

- o. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on the northeast side of Hempstead Road in Precinct 3 (19941).
  - p. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on the northwest side of Kathy Lane with a crossing in Precinct 4 (19942).
  - q. Reliant Energy-Houston Lighting & Power of the authorized installation of an electrical pole line on the east side of T.C. Jester in Precinct 4 (19943).
  - r. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on the west and north sides of Charles Road with a crossing in Precinct 4 (19944).
  - s. Harris County MUD No. 21 of the authorized installation of a sanitary sewer line on Gessner Road with a crossing in Precinct 4 (19979).
  - t. C.E. Barker for Harris County MUD No. 191 of the authorized installation of a sanitary sewer force main on the west side of Hargrave Road in Precinct 4 (19980).
5. Recommendation for approval of changes in contracts for:
- a. SCI Contractors, Inc., contractor for pavement reconstruction on Mercury Drive, Main Street and Clinton Drive in Precinct 2, adding 31 calendar days and resulting in an addition of \$162,080 to the contract amount (26773).
  - b. SCI Contractors, Inc., contractor for Barker Cypress Road from Keith Harrow to West Little York Road in Precinct 3, adding 90 calendar days and resulting in an addition of \$154,318 to the contract amount (26772).
  - c. Acden Utility and Plumbing Co., Inc., contractor for construction of Eldridge Parkway from south of Gregson to the Westbourne Subdivision in Precinct 4, adding 63 calendar days and resulting in an addition of \$5,564 to the contract amount (26769).
  - d. Ferguson Contractors, Ltd., contractor for Forest Cove Subdivision paving and drainage improvements, Phases I and II in Precinct 4, adding 55 calendar days and resulting in an addition of \$343,877 to the contract amount (26780).
  - e. Hubco, Inc., contractor for asphalt overlay and base repair of various roads in the E.A. Lyons Camp area in Precinct 4, resulting in a reduction of \$80,701 from the contract amount (26779).
  - f. Hubco, Inc., contractor for construction of Gears Road from Veterans Memorial Drive from Ella Boulevard and West Greens Loop to West Greens Road in Precinct 4, resulting in an addition of \$270,218 to the contract amount (26791).
6. Recommendation for authorization to negotiate with Traffic Engineers, Inc., for engineering services for design and contract phase for traffic signals at the intersections of Howell-Sugarland and Bissonnet Road and Beechnut Street and Hemlock Hill Drive in Precinct 3.
7. Recommendation for authorization to issue or increase purchase orders for testing and inspection services to:
- a. Stork Southwestern Lab for West Lake Houston Parkway improvements from Beltway 8 to HCFCD Unit G103-15-00 in Precinct 1 in the amount of \$74,420.

- b. HVJ Associates, Inc., for projects on various roads in the City of Shoreacres in Precinct 2 in the amount of \$69,361.
  - c. Geotest Engineering for Barker-Cypress Road, Phase II from south of South Drive to south of West Road in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$40,000 (addendum).
8. Recommendation for deposit of funds received from:
    - a. Metropolitan Transit Authority for participation in the construction of Orem Drive between Foxton and Martin Luther King Boulevard in Precinct 1 in the amount of \$1,000,000.
    - b. Thompson Professional Group, Inc., for overpayment of a purchase order for work performed in Precinct 2 in the amount of \$764.
    - c. Houston Christian High School for participation in the acquisition of right of way on Kempwood Drive in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$328,095.
    - d. Metro National Corporation for cost to oversize the storm sewer on Kempwood Drive from Beltway 8 to Spring Shadows Subdivision in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$340,199.
  9. Recommendation for authorization for the County Judge to execute agreements for engineering services with:
    - a. Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan, Inc., in connection with construction of Aldine-Westfield Road from south of Farrell Road to F.M. 1960 in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$100,739.
    - b. Carter & Burgess, Inc., in connection with construction of Spring-Cypress Road from Carrot Street to east of Kuykendahl Road in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$85,368.
    - c. Carter & Burgess, Inc., in connection with construction of Spring-Cypress Road from east of HCFCD Unit K131-03-00 to Carrot Street in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$60,953.
    - d. R.G. Miller Engineers, Inc., in connection with construction of Spring-Cypress Road from east of Kuykendahl Road to west of Falvel Road in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$160,243.
    - e. Costello, Inc., in connection with construction of Spring-Cypress Road from S.H. 249 to F.M. 2920 in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$380,890.
  10. Recommendation for authorization for four employees to attend a working tour of a wastewater research facility July 25 in College Station at no cost to the county.
  11. Recommendation for authorization for an employee to attend a meeting of the Texas On-Site Wastewater Treatment Research Council July 25 in Rosenberg at no cost to the county.
  12. Recommendation for authorization for the County Judge to execute a letter agreement with Houston Lighting & Power for installation of five lumen high pressure sodium sheet lights in Bill Crowley Park in Precinct 1.



13. Recommendation that the award for 5,000 tons of 5% cement stabilized crushed concrete base material for Precinct 1 be made to Southern Crushed Concrete, Inc., lowest and best bid in the amount of \$84,425, and for the County Engineer, County Clerk, and County Judge to take necessary action relating to the award.
14. Recommendation for payment in the amount of \$12,920 for additional architectural services provided by Pierce, Goodwin, Alexander, and Linville for the Juvenile Boot Camp facility in Precinct 3.
15. Recommendation for authorization for the County Judge to execute a development agreement for construction of a drainage swale along the district's right-of-way along Katy-Fort Bend Road and relocation of the force main from Morton Road to a location within the right-of-way for the Katy-Fort Bend Road in Precinct 3.
16. Recommendation that the award for construction of paving and drainage for Kempwood Drive from Beltway 8 to Spring Shadows Subdivision in Precinct 3 be made to Harris Construction Company, Inc., lowest and best bid in the amount of \$1,182,392, and for the County Engineer, County Clerk, and County Judge to take necessary action relating to the award.
17. Recommendation that the award for 10,000 tons of crushed concrete base material, furnished, and delivered to various locations within the maintenance area of the Crosby Camp in Precinct 4, be made to Cherry Crushed Concrete, lowest and best bid in the amount of \$109,800, and for the County Engineer, County Clerk, and County Judge to take necessary action relating to the award.
18. Recommendation that the award for roadway widening and traffic signal installations at Jackrabbit Road at West Road, Perry Road at Lou Edd, and Fallbrook Drive at Perry Road in Precinct 4, be made to Beta, Inc., lowest and best bid in the amount of \$550,805, and for the County Engineer, County Clerk, and County Judge to take necessary action relating to the award.
19. Recommendation that the retainage amount of 2% for construction of the Criminal Justice Center be reduced to ½%.

2. **Toll Road Authority**

- a. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a supervisory seminar July 26 in Houston at a cost of \$179.
- b. Request for approval of renewal options with Tri-City Sweeping for sweeping of highways for the Hardy Toll Road and Sam Houston Tollway, and ASTER Systems, Inc., to furnish software maintenance for the toll collection computer system.

- c. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a project scheduling workshop July 10 and 12 in The Woodlands at a cost of \$420, with travel by county vehicle.
- d. Request for authorization to increase master change funds for nine toll road plazas effective June 28 to facilitate a revision in cash handling procedures to make better use of collectors in lanes and minimize delays.
- e. Request for approval of agreements with Landtech Consultants, Inc., Pan, Banki & Associates, Edwards & Kelcey, Sander Engineering Corporation, R.G. Miller Engineers, Inc., Tamborello Engineering Corporation, Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc., Raytheon Infrastructure, Inc., TEDSI Infrastructure Group, and Traffic Engineers, Inc., for engineering services in connection with the Westpark 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 \$22,005 and seven workers compensation recoveries in the total amount of \$4,050; settlement of 12 tort claims in the total amount of \$16,002; denial of eight claims for damages; and transmittal of claims for damages received during the period which ended June 20.
- b. Request for authorization for certain employees of the Office of Human Resources & Risk Management to visit home offices and service center locations of prospective vendors in connection with a request for proposals for employee health care and related benefits at an approximate cost of \$7,500.
- c. Request for authorization for three employees of Human Resources and three employees of Central Technology Center to attend the Houston Career Expo August 1 in Houston at no cost to the county.
- d. Recommendation that the court approve a clarifying policy for steps and timetable to be followed for group health coverage for new employees in accordance with the county's Personnel Regulations.
- e. Transmittal of investment transactions for the period of June 7-20 and maturities for June 14-27, and request for authorization to change securities pledged for funds.
- f. Request for approval of payments for interest due for commercial paper.
- g. Request for authorization to increase the amount authorized in the commercial paper program for interim financing of projects in connection with voter-approved road and bridge bonds.
- h. Request for approval of commercial paper funding for projects authorized as part of the master facilities plan for the Domed Stadium complex.

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

4. **Central Technology Center**

- a. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a web site development and design conference August 8 in Houston at a cost of \$199.
- b. Request for authorization for an employee to attend an automation user conference August 16-18 in San Antonio at an approximate cost of \$626.

5. **Public Health & Environmental Services**

- a. Request for authorization to accept donations in the total amount of \$350 for t-shirts and supplies for an adolescent pregnancy prevention summer youth program June 6-August 1.
- b. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a software training seminar of the Center for Disease Control June 20-22 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$500.
- c. Request for approval of payment in the amount of \$125 to Infinity Broadcasting Corporation to finance a portion of a booth to inform families of the affordable health insurance program at the 2000 Family Festival July 15 in Houston.
- d. Request for authorization to accept donations in the total amount of \$1,397 to purchase items for the annual Nurses' Day celebration.
- e. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a nursing seminar July 20 in Houston at a cost of \$129.
- f. Request for authorization to accept a donation in the amount of \$45 for the Animal Control Shelter.
- g. Request for authorization to extend through July 31 operation of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- h. Request for approval of payment in the amount of \$250 to rent the Humble Civic Center September 8 for an in-service training meeting for approximately 140 nutrition services employees.
- i. Request for authorization for two employees to attend a family planning leadership conference of the Texas Department of Health July 20-21 in Austin at an approximate total cost of \$891.

6. **Community Development Services**

- a. Request for authorization for an employee of Agricultural Extension to attend a conference of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents August 4-11 in Jackson, Miss., at an approximate cost of \$1,053.
- b. Request for authorization for an employee of Agricultural Extension to attend a planning meeting for a regional economic outlook conference June 28 in Brenham at an approximate cost of \$50.

7. **Library Services**

- a. Request by the director of the County Library for authorization for the County Judge to execute an agreement with the City of Hedwig Village to donate \$5,000 for the purchase of library materials and other items for the Spring Branch Memorial Library.
- b. Request by the director of the County Library for authorization for the County Judge to execute a letter of intent to the Telecommunications Infrastructure Board for application for grant funds to purchase additional personal computers, communications hardware, and equipment for training and distance learning activities.
- c. Request for authorization for the director of the County Library and three employees to attend the annual leadership assembly of the Texas Library Association July 26-30 in Austin at an approximate total cost of \$1,621.
- d. Request by the director of the Law Library for authorization to attend the annual meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries July 15-20 in Philadelphia at an approximate cost of \$1,300.

8. **Youth & Family Services**

- a. Request by Domestic Relations for authorization for an employee to attend the annual Conference of the Office of the Attorney General July 17-20 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$570.
- b. Request by Community & Juvenile Justice Education for authorization for five deputies to attend a training conference of the Texas Gang Investigators Association June 26-30 in Houston at a total cost of \$700.
- c. Request by Children's Protective Services for authorization for two employees to attend a conference of the Texas Department of Health and Human Services Commission June 27-29 in Austin at no cost to the county.
- d. Request by CPS for authorization for an employee to attend a conference concerning treatment of periodontal disease July 28 in Houston at a cost of \$125.

- e. Request by CPS for authorization for an employee to attend the annual conference of the Institute of Alcohol and Drug Studies July 16-21 in Austin at no cost to the county.
- f. Request by CPS for approval of an annual agreement with the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services for continuation of residential child care services at the Chimney Rock Center Emergency Shelter.
- g. Request by CPS for authorization for the County Judge to execute an amendment to an annual agreement with the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services for grant funding of the Services to At-Risk Youth program.

9. **Constables**

- a. Request by Constable Abercia, Precinct 1, for authorization for the constables' systems manager to attend a board meeting of the Texas Criminal Justice Information Users Group June 23 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$140.
- b. Transmittal of notice by Constable Freeman, Precinct 2, of the addition of a regular deputy and deletion of two reserve officers in the department's authorized list.
- c. Request by Constable Freeman for authorization for an employee to attend a training coordinators workshop of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards & Education September 12-14 in Corpus Christi at an approximate cost of \$210.
- d. Request by Constable Moore, Precinct 4, for authorization for two employees to attend a law enforcement course June 19-July 1 in Lubbock at an approximate total cost of \$1,479.
- e. Transmittal of notice by Constable Moore of the addition of two reserve officers to the department's authorized list.
- f. Request by Constable Trevino, Precinct 6, for authorization for the County Judge to execute an interlocal agreement with Houston Independent School District for assignment of deputies for the Absent Student Assistance Program.
- g. Request by Constable Trevino for authorization for two employees to attend a trainer workshop of TCLEOSE September 12-14 in Corpus Christi at a cost not to exceed \$500.
- h. Transmittal of notice by Constable Chambers, Precinct 7, of the addition of two reserve officers to the department's authorized list.
- i. Request by Constable Chambers for authorization for an employee to attend a school safety conference June 21-23 in Conroe at an approximate cost of \$590, with travel by county vehicle.

- j. Request by Constable Chambers for authorization for an employee to attend a law enforcement leadership conference June 28-30 in Galveston at an approximate cost of \$270, with travel by county vehicle.
- k. Request by Constable Chambers for authorization for an employee to attend a Gang Resistance Education and Training Program seminar August 7-18 in La Crosse, Wis., at an approximate cost of \$1,172.
- l. Request by Constable Chambers for authorization for an employee to attend a course at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center July 10-14 in Glynco, Ga., at an approximate cost of \$925.
- m. Request by Constable Chambers for authorization for an employee to attend a D.A.R.E. officer training class August 7-18 in Fort Worth at an approximate cost of \$1,412, with travel by county vehicle.
- n. Request by Constable Chambers for authorization for an employee to attend a training conference of the Texas Crime Prevention Association July 9-13 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$594.
- o. Request by Constable Chambers for authorization to reclassify four positions.
- p. Request by Constable Bailey, Precinct 8, for authorization to attend a conference of the Justices of the Peace and Constables Association June 21-24 in Corpus Christi at an approximate cost of \$750.

10. **Sheriff**

- a. Transmittal of notice of changes in the department's authorized list of law enforcement personnel.
- b. Request for approval of educational incentive pay adjustments for officers who met requirements for the changes in accordance with the peace officer career development program.
- c. Request for authorization to accept grant funds in the amount of \$650,000 from the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority of the Office of the Governor for the Auto Theft Division.
- d. Request for authorization to reclassify a deputy position to accommodate the transfer of patrol personnel.
- e. Request for authorization to add to the department's inventory computer equipment purchased with commissary funds.
- f. Request for authorization to accept donations for the department.

- g. Request for authorization to correct the payroll records for an employee.
- h. Request for approval of payment in the amount of \$725 for expenses incurred by an employee for travel to San Antonio to attend a financial investigations seminar.
- i. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a leadership seminar for women in corrections June 18-23 in Bedford, N.H., at an approximate cost of \$100.
- j. Request for authorization for 18 employees to attend the Texas Gang Training Conference June 26-30 in Houston at a total cost of \$2,940.
- k. Request for authorization for four employees to attend a prisoner control class July 11-12 in Arlington at an approximate cost of \$1,442, with travel by county vehicle.
- l. Request for authorization for five employees to attend a computer equipment administration training seminar July 12-14 in Houston at a total cost of \$8,175.
- m. Request for authorization for two employees to attend an armorer's school August 3-4 in Austin at an approximate total cost of \$600, with travel by county vehicle.
- n. Request for authorization to participate in the State of Texas 1033 Program that provides assistance to agencies in obtaining surplus U.S. Department of Defense property for law enforcement activities.
- o. Request for authorization to renew an annual agreement with the Texas Department of Health for continuation of the Tuberculosis Elimination Grant.
- p. Request for approval of a Sergeant I position for the Patrol Bureau and for authorization to purchase a vehicle in connection with coordination of the COPS to School Grant for Community and Juvenile Justice Education.

11. **Sheriff's Civil Service**

Request for approval of payment in the amount of \$100 for a notary public license for an employee.

12. **Fire & Emergency Services**

- a. Transmittal of notice that an employee is an active member of the state-funded Texas Task Force Urban Search and Rescue Team, and that county insurance benefits are to continue for the employee when the team is activated in response to emergencies.
- b. Request for authorization for an employee to travel to College Station to conduct a class at the Texas A & M Municipal Firefighting School July 21-28 at a cost not to exceed \$250, with travel by county vehicle.

- c. Request for authorization for the Fire Marshal to travel to College Station to attend the opening of the Texas A&M Municipal Firefighting School July 23 at a cost not to exceed \$50, with travel by county vehicle.
- d. Request for authorization to extend the student co-op program with Aldine Independent School District for the balance of the current school year and for the school year of 2000-01.
- e. Transmittal of treasurer's bond for Rural Fire Prevention District No. 28.

13. **Medical Examiner**

Request for approval of title changes for four administrative and clerical positions, and a maximum salary decrease for one of the positions and maximum salary increases for three positions.

14. **County Clerk**

- a. Transmittal of the court's minutes for the meetings of May 2, 16, 30, and June 7, and request for authorization for the County Judge to execute the minutes for the terms ending May 2 and 30.
- b. Request for authorization for the County Clerk to attend an annual national election conference August 28-September 3 in San Francisco at an approximate cost of \$2,798.

15. **District Clerk**

- a. Request for authorization for two employees to attend a project management workshop August 30-31 in Houston at a total cost of \$798.
- b. Request for approval of payment in the amount of \$71 for business calls made on a personal cellular telephone of the District Clerk.

16. **County Attorney**

- a. Request for approval of litigation expenses for cases in the 125th and 151st District Courts, and County Civil Courts Nos. 1, 2, and 3.
- b. Request for approval of an order authorizing suit and litigation expenses to compel compliance with flood plain management regulations at 10523 Moorcreek.
- c. Request for approval of an order authorizing suit to be filed for collection of damages to county property.
- d. Request for approval of an order authorizing partial settlement in connection with an accident case in the 189th District Court.



- e. Request for approval of an order authorizing settlement of a suit for damages to a county vehicle and for authorization for the County Judge to execute a release in connection with a case in County Civil Court No. 2.
- f. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute releases in connection with settlement of accident cases in County Civil Court No. 2.
- g. Request for approval of an order authorizing execution of an installment agreement for reimbursement to the county for prepayment of dependent health care coverage.
- h. Request for approval of an agreement with Bracewell & Patterson to act as special counsel to represent the county in filing claims and lawsuits to recover damages arising out of the purchase, installation, or presence of lead-paint products in county buildings.

17. **District Attorney**

- a. Request for approval of payment in the amount of \$200 for real time captioning services on May 1 for an employee for work as a misdemeanor trial prosecutor.
- b. Request for approval of payment in the amount of \$6,581 to the U.S. Marshal for extraditing a defendant from Germany in connection with a case in the 248th District Court.
- c. Request for approval of an amendment to an order adding two forfeited vehicles to the department's fleet.

18. **Justices of the Peace**

Request by Judge Polumbo, JP 3.2, for authorization to attend a judicial ethics seminar of the Texas Justice Court Training Center July 21 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$200.

19. **County Courts**

Request for authorization for Judge Helm, Criminal Court No. 1, to attend an evidence course August 5-10 in Bar Harbor, Maine at an approximate cost of \$2,500.

20. **District Courts**

- a. Request for approval of payments to the Harris County Department of Education for alternative dispute resolution services.
- b. Request for approval of payments in amounts of \$253 and \$238 for expenses incurred by Judge Brown, 152nd Court, for travel to Austin to attend judicial meetings.
- c. Request for approval of payment in the amount of \$193 for expenses incurred by Judge Ray, Administrative Judge, for travel to Austin to attend a judicial meeting.

- d. Request for authorization for Judge Dempster and Associate Judge Shadwick, 308th Court, to attend a family law seminar August 21-23 in San Antonio at an approximate total cost of \$2,000.
- e. Request for authorization for Judge Wilkinson, 179th Court, and Judge Keel, 232nd Court, to attend a criminal law course July 17-20 in San Antonio at an approximate total cost of \$2,000.
- f. Request for authorization for Judge Wood, 127th Court, to attend meetings of the American Bar Association July 6-11 in New York City at an approximate cost of \$1,000.

21. **Courts of Appeals**

Request by Justice Andell, First Court, for approval of payment in the amount of \$91 for expenses incurred for travel to San Antonio to attend an annual meeting of the State Bar of Texas.

22. **Fiscal Services & Purchasing**

a. **Auditor**

1. Recommendation for approval of final payments to:
  - a. Asplundh Tree Expert for vegetation clearing and tree trimming services on channels throughout the Flood Control District.
  - b. Champagne-Webber, Inc., Tex., for IAH connector Phase III and Henry Road maintenance facility for the Toll Road Authority.
  - c. Houston Spraying & Supply for herbiciding services of the right-of-way areas for the Flood Control District.
  - d. Hubco, Inc., for reconstruction of N. Richey Street in Precinct 2.
  - e. IGL Landscape Services for mowing and maintenance contract for parks in Precinct 2.
  - f. South Coast Construction for construction of Barker Cypress Road in Precinct 3.
2. Transmittal of certification of supplemental estimates of revenue for TNRCC Pollution Control Fund 251, Road Capital Project Fund 360, and Memorial Trust Fund 617.
3. Request for approval of an order for establishing a new bank account for the Child Support IV-D Funds for the District Clerk's Office.
4. Request for approval to establish a petty cash account for the Juvenile Probation Department in the amount of \$350 for purchase of emergency items when necessary for the juvenile boot camp.

5. Request for approval to establish eight new change funds in the amount of \$125 each, and increase two in the additional amount of \$50 each for the District Clerk's Office.
6. Request for approval of orders for indemnification of District Clerk Charles Bacarisse for \$100 in connection with a counterfeit bill, and County Clerk Beverly Kaufman for \$18 for two returned checks.
7. Request for authorization to transfer two positions from the Auditor's Office to the Management Services Department's Office of Human Resources & Risk Management in connection with the transfer of retirement functions for the county.
8. Request for approval of payrolls for the periods ending July 14, 28, and 31.
9. Transmittal of audited claims.

b. **Treasurer**

Request for authorization for the Treasurer and an employee to attend the annual conference of the County Treasurers Association September 18-22 in Fort Worth at an approximate total cost of \$1,350.

c. **Tax Assessor-Collector**

1. Consideration of resolutions honoring Josephine Horne and Pearlle Mae Scott on the occasion of their retirement.
2. Request for authorization for three employees to travel to Myriad Systems in Oklahoma City in July or early August in connection with coordination of annual tax statement processing and postage at an approximate total cost not to exceed \$600.
3. Request for authorization to delete three positions from the Tax Assessor-Collector's budget in order to create a Technical Assistant I position in Central Technology Center's budget in connection with a new IVR phone system for the Tax Department; and to increase the maximum salary of an accounting manager position.
4. Request for approval of tax refund payments.

d. **Purchasing**

1. Transmittal of projects scheduled for advertisement:
  - a. Excess workers compensation and employers liability insurance for the county and the Flood Control District.
  - b. Furnish, deliver, and install a four-color offset press for the Sheriff's Department.

- c. Sale of surplus plastic materials and related items for the county.
  - d. Subscription services and title published by Standard & Poor's for the County Library.
  - e. Janitorial services for Chimney Rock Center.
2. Request for approval of changes in contracts with:
    - a. Bio Energy Landscape & Maintenance, contractor for lawn care services for Facilities & Property Management, resulting in an addition of \$10,656 to the contract amount (00443).
    - b. J & E Associates, contractor for janitorial services at various locations in Region No. 3, resulting in a reduction of \$45,972 from the contract amount (00452).
  3. Transmittal of a list of computer-related equipment purchased through the State of Texas vendor program for Public Infrastructure's Engineering Division, Community & Juvenile Justice Education, the Sheriff's Department, and the County Auditor's Office.
  4. Request for approval of a termination notice with AON Risk Services, Inc., formerly known as Alexander & Alexander of Texas, Inc., for excess workers compensation and employers liability insurance for the county and the Flood Control District effective August 1.
  5. Recommendation by the Office of the Purchasing Agent that the award for placement of vending machines for the county be made to American Vending Associates.
  6. Recommendation by the Office of the Purchasing Agent that the award for drug testing equipment and supplies for Public Health & Environmental Services be made to Abbott Laboratories Inc., Diagnostic Division, in the amount of \$47,400 for the period of July 1-June 30, 2001.
  7. Recommendation that the award for printed and unprinted business envelopes for the county be made to Mail-Well Envelope, low bid in the amount of \$76,835.
  8. Recommendation that the award for general promotion and tourist advertising for the county be made to Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau in the annual amount of \$795,000 for the period of July 1-June 30, 2001, with two additional one-year renewal options, and authorization for the County Attorney and County Judge to take necessary actions relating to the award.
  9. Request for approval of the seventh-year renewal option with Computer Associates for software license fees for report facility TSO/CICS for the Central Technology Center in the amount of \$8,850 for the period of June 29-June 28, 2001.

10. Request for approval of the third renewal option with Motorola for a mobile computing system for the county's law enforcement for the period of July 15-July 14, 2001.
11. Request for approval of a renewal option with Gray's Wholesale Tires Distributor, Inc., for police tires and related items for the county for the period of October 1-September 30, 2001.
12. Request for approval of a renewal option with Hydro-Dyne Electric Inc., for repair parts and labor for waste water and grinder for lift station pumps for the county for the period of October 1-September 30, 2001.
13. Request for approval of a renewal option with Gray's Wholesale Tires Distributor, Inc., for tires and related items for the county for the period of October 1-September 30, 2001.
14. Request for approval of a renewal option with Mike's Towing Service for wrecker service for the county for the period of October 1-September 30, 2001.
15. Request for approval of a renewal option with Noel/Greaves, Inc., for property insurance for the Washburn Tunnel for the county for the period of August 1-July 31, 2001.
16. Request for approval of a renewal option with Vallen Safety Supply Company for safety supplies and related items for the county for the period of September 1-August 31, 2001.
17. Request for approval of a renewal option with Excell Cores, Inc., for sale of surplus used auto parts and related items for the county for the period of October 1-September 31, 2001.
18. Request for approval of the second and final renewal option with Accudata Systems, Inc., for on-call computer consulting and support services for the Flood Control District at an hourly rate of \$149 for the period of October 1-September 30, 2001.
19. Request for approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an agreement with the National Center for State Courts for a management study of the county's jury system in the amount of \$17,314 for the district courts.
20. Request for approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an amendment to an agreement with Kuchenmeister, Inc., for food services in county facilities for the period of June 1-May 31, 2001.

21. Request for approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an amendment to a program product license agreement with Sirius Software, Inc., in the amount of \$55,000 for the Central Technology Center.
22. Request for approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an amendment to an agreement with Baylor College of Medicine for psychological and psychiatric evaluations for children participating in the Children's Crisis Care Center program for Children's Protective Services in the additional amount of \$28,100 for a maximum of \$78,100.
23. Request that Ascom Transport Systems, Inc., formerly known as Trindell America Corporation, be granted a sole source exemption from the competitive bid process for the purchase of repair and replacement parts for automatic coin machine equipment for the Toll Road Authority in the amount of \$95,874.
24. Request for approval of date corrections for the period of June 15-June 14, 2001 for a sole source exemption for SAS Institute, Inc., for purchase of proprietary software maintenance services for the Central Technology Center.
25. Request for authorization for purchase of certain proprietary software maintenance by BMC Software for the Central Technology Center in the amount of \$39,375.
26. Request that Xerox Corporation be granted a sole source exemption from the competitive bid process for maintenance of a Xerox high speed digital copier for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$54,639.
27. Request that The Revenue Markets, Inc., be granted a sole source exemption from the competitive bid process for purchase of spare and replacement parts for toll collection equipment for the Toll Road Authority in the amount of \$102,689.
28. Request for authorization for an employee to attend an Internet law seminar August 2-4 in Houston at a cost of \$350.
29. Request for authorization for the Purchasing Agent and five employees to attend a summer workshop of the Texas County Purchasing Association August 24-25 in Fort Worth at an estimated total cost of \$3,000.
30. Request for authorization for reimbursement of \$143 for an employee who attended a State of Texas specification meeting on automobiles and trucks June 13 in Austin.
31. Request for authorization for two employees to attend a purchasing training session August 7-9 in Austin at an estimated total cost of \$1,600.
32. Transmittal of notice of receipt of funds in the total net amount of \$1,710 from the sale of county items at Houston Auto Auction on May 17.

33. Transmittal of notice of receipt of funds in the total net amount of \$12,116 from the sale of items through Internet public auction.
34. 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.
35. Request for approval of property and equipment transfers within the county.
36. Request that StorageTek be granted a sole source exemption from the competitive bid process for purchase of Shared Virtual Array and Snap Shot software for upgrading of the 9393-Iceberg disk storage subsystem for the Central Technology Center in the amount of \$69,840.

23. **Commissioners Court**

a. **County Judge**

1. Consideration of a resolution designating July 5-21 as Gulf Coast Community Services Association Food Drive Days in support of the Christmas in July Food Drive.
2. Consideration of a resolution recognizing the years 2000 through 2010 as the Decade of the Bone and Joint to increase public awareness of certain diseases and to promote research to find a cure for and prevention of arthritis.
3. Recommendation by the Office of Emergency Management for approval of the county's Emergency Management Plan for 2000 for submission to the Texas Department of Emergency Management.
4. Recommendation by the Office of Emergency Management for approval for an employee to attend an exercise development course conducted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency July 17-21 in Emmitsburg, Maryland at an approximate cost of \$1,000.
5. Recommendation by the Office of Emergency Management for authorization for an employee to submit an application for appointment as a notary public in the amount of \$105.
6. Recommendation by the Office of Emergency Management that the court approve a purchase order with Skillpath Seminars for planning, management and skill improvement seminars and workshops for employees in the amount of \$2,400.

b. **Commissioner, Precinct 1**

c. **Commissioner, Precinct 2**

1. Request for approval for the county to provide \$100,000 for a mosquito program in cooperation with the Port of Houston Authority for spoil disposal sites and other areas at the Ship Channel in Precinct 2.
2. Consideration of a resolution commending James Peirce for his unselfish act on June 6 aboard The Vitamin Sea fishing boat.
3. Consideration of a resolution proclaiming July as Lunar Rendezvous Month.
4. Request for approval to apply for notary public licenses for two employees at a total cost of \$142.

d. **Commissioner, Precinct 3**

1. Request for authorization to accept reimbursement of \$196 from Allen Schmidt for material cost for replacement of a pipe for a drainage improvement project on Peek Road.
2. Request for approval of a donation of two Bald Cypress trees from Leslie Vernon, Jr., for Bear Creek Park.
3. Request for approval for an employee to attend a traffic safety course September 20-21 in Montgomery at an approximate cost of \$200, with travel by county vehicle.
4. Request for approval to accept a check in the amount of \$6,000 from Ernesto Cabrera dba La Hacienda Mexican Restaurant for construction of a storm sewer stub out to serve the establishment during construction of Telge Road.

e. **Commissioner, Precinct 4**

1. Request for approval for the Crosby Sports Association to add fencing at the Crosby Sports Complex.
2. Request for an employee to attend a finance and accounting seminar July 17-18 in Houston at a cost of \$395.
3. Request for approval to accept various skeins of yarn for the Doss Community Center.
4. Request for approval to accept donation of a book and a plant collection for Mercer Arboretum and Botanic Gardens.



5. Transmittal of notice of receipt of funds in the amount of \$60 in connection with the Mercer Arboretum, \$56 for the Senior Adult Program, \$28 for the Holiday Inn, and \$30 for a fund-raiser at Doss Community Center.

24. **Miscellaneous**

- a. Transmittal of petitions filed with the 126th, 189th, 270th, and 281st District Courts, Probate Court No. 3, and U.S. District Court.
- b. Request for authorization for payment in the amount of \$15,113 to Stephen N. Riner, attorney for Syntax, Inc., for excess proceeds from a property tax resale case in the 189th District Court.
- c. Transmittal of bond for a supervisor for Harris County Fresh Water Supply District No. 47.

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. R.J. Bob Taylor (3)
- b. Steve Williams (3)
- c. Charles Hixon (1)
- d. 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**

1. Request by the County Judge for an executive session for discussion and possible action to appoint a county representative to a two-year term on the Board of the Metropolitan Transit Authority.
2. Request by the County Judge for an executive session for discussion and possible action to appoint someone to fill a vacancy on the Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority of Harris County.
3. Request by Commissioner, Precinct 3 for an executive session to evaluate the Medical Examiner and consider her continued appointment.

Adjournment.