

AGENDA

October 10, 2000

1:45 p.m.

Opening prayer by Reverend Bobby Powell of Dell Dale Avenue Baptist Church in Channelview.

1. **Public Infrastructure Department**

a. **Public Infrastructure**

1. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute the FY 1999-00 county lateral road account status for the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts in connection with allocation of lateral road funds.
2. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute an agreement with Tom Kvinta on behalf of the county and Flood Control District for real estate appraisal services.
3. Recommendation that the court be authorized to purchase, 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. Katy-Fort Bend County Road, Tract 7 in Precinct 3 for the negotiated purchase price of \$44,692.
 - b. Katy-Fort Bend County Road, Tract 12 in Precinct 3 for the negotiated purchase price of \$33,242.

4. 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 the transactions for:
 - a. Beltway 8-7, Tract 001 in Precinct 3.
 - b. F.M. 1960, Tracts 006C and 006D in Precinct 4.
5. Recommendation that the court establish just compensation for Tract 37-049.0 in the amount of \$128,500, Tract 37-050.0 for \$196,500, and Tract 37-060.0 for \$118,000, Unit G103-00-99-H003 in Precinct 4 as part of the Flood Control District's hazard mitigation grant program No. 2, and for the County Judge to take necessary actions to complete the transactions.
6. Recommendation that the court establish just compensation for Tract 37-041.0, Unit G103-00-99-H003 in the amount of \$108,000 and Tract 42-001.0, Unit K100-00-99-H003 for \$188,500 in Precincts 3 and 4, and for the County Judge to take necessary actions to complete the transactions.
7. Recommendation that the court authorize the Flood Control District to issue a housing supplemental payment of \$8,543 and a fixed moving expense payment of \$925 to Alvin B. Brewer as part of the hazard mitigation grant program No. 2 in Precinct 4.
8. Recommendation that the court authorize the Flood Control District to acquire specific properties and to provide landowner relocation services for the hazard mitigation grant program No. 2 in Precincts 3 and 4, 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 Tract HC-1117-001 at 1927 West Lamar in Precinct 1 by public auction December 7 with a minimum bid of \$187,000 based on fair market value, 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.
10. Recommendation that the county be authorized to sell Tract HC-4248-001 in Precinct 4 to the Cypress Klein Utility District for \$10,750, and for the Executive Director, or his designated representative, County Auditor, County Clerk, County Attorney, Purchasing Agent, and County Treasurer to take necessary actions to complete the transaction.

11. 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. Teddy W. Clark for landscaping and maintenance of Unit K100-00-99, Tract 04-485 in Precinct 4.
 - b. Chet and Karen K. Gutowsky for a fence encroachment on Unit W100-00-00 in Precinct 3.
2. Recommendation for adoption of court orders for abandonment of casting easements on Unit F101-00-00, Tracts 01-501.0 and 02-501.0 in Precinct 2.
3. Recommendation that the court rescind all bids for replacement of the administration building for Service Center 1.
4. Recommendation that the court authorize the district to reimburse Ronald and Julie Theiss for overpayment of taxes in the amount of \$295 in connection with acquisition of property, Unit K100-00-00-H003, Tract 24-025.0 in Precinct 4.
5. Recommendation for approval of a change in contract for Excalibur Construction, Inc., for general repairs in Precincts 1, 2, and 4, adding 75 working days and resulting in an addition of \$168,935 to the contract amount (9905036A).
6. Recommendation that the award for renovation of the district's Brookhollow administration building be made to J. J. Contracting, Inc., lowest and best bid in the amount of \$498,000.
7. Recommendation that the district be authorized to negotiate an interlocal agreement with Harris County Water Conservation and Improvement District No. 119 for design and construction of proposed lateral Unit K140-05-00 and improvements to Unit K140-00-00 in the Cypress Creek watershed in Precinct 4.

c. **Engineering**

1. Recommendation for approval to seek bids for:
 - a. Cement stabilized sand for the Flood Control District for a two-week period at an estimated cost of \$35,100.
 - b. Furnishing and delivering corrugated metal pipe of various sizes for the Flood Control District for a two-week period at an estimated cost of \$40,000.
 - c. Proposed paving for Tom Bass Park III horticultural site in Precinct 1 for a three-week period at an estimated cost of \$160,000.
 - d. Rehabilitation of various asphalt roads in the Miller Road Camp area in Precinct 2 for a three-week period at an estimated cost of \$829,000.

- e. Repair of a storm sewer on East Cedar Bayou-Lynchburg Road in Precinct 2 for a three-week period at an estimated cost of \$30,000.
 - f. ADA major thoroughfare improvements in Precinct 3 for a three-week period at an estimated cost of \$170,000.
2. Recommendation for approval of the following plats:
 - a. Cornerstone Retail in Precinct 4; Development Services, Incorporated.
 - b. Champion Lakes Estates, Section One in Precinct 4; DeAnda Engineering, Incorporated.
3. Recommendation for acceptance or cancellation of bonds for:
 - a. Eagleton Engineering Company executed by Seaboard Surety Company for Bay Area Boulevard, El Camino Real, Middlebrook Drive, Red Bluff, and Space Center Boulevard in Precinct 2 in the amount of \$25,000 (cancellation).
 - b. Teco Industrial Gas Company executed by Fireman's Fund Insurance Company for Colonial Parkway in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$5,000 (cancellation).
 - c. Teco Industrial Gas Company executed by Fireman's Fund Insurance Company for Bent Oak Drive in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$5,000 (cancellation).
 - d. Air Liquide America Corporation executed by Safeco Insurance Company of America for Choate in Precinct 2 in the amount of \$5,000 (cancellation).
 - e. Joel A. Trimm Construction Co., Inc., executed by Cumberland Casualty and Surety Company for Colonial in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$35,000 (cancellation).
 - f. Lakewood Forest North Homeowners Association executed by Trinity Universal Insurance Company for Lakewood Forest in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$5,000 (cancellation).
 - g. Compaq Computer Corporation executed by National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford for Jones in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$10,000 (cancellation).
 - h. ViCon Services, Inc., executed by Universal Surety of America for the west side of Bay Area Boulevard in Precinct 2 in the amount of \$20,000 (acceptance).
 - i. Friendswood Land Development Company executed by American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania for Bear Creek Plantation, Section Five in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$8,663 (cancellation).
 - j. U.S. Home Corporation executed by National Surety Corporation for Copperbrook, Section Two in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$9,595 (cancellation).
 4. Recommendation for approval of notices by:
 - a. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on Muirfield Lane with a crossing in Precinct 4 (20203).
 - b. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on the north, south, east, and west sides of Hargrave Road with three crossings in Precinct 4 (20234).
 - c. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on the north side of Spring Cypress Road in Precinct 4 (20241).
 - d. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on the south side of Spring Cypress Road in Precinct 4 (20242).

- e. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on Grant Road, Kitzman, and the east side of Kitzman with two crossings in Precinct 4 (20243).
 - f. Houston Pipe Line Company of the authorized installation of a natural gas distribution line serving commercial property on the east side of Bay Area Boulevard in Precinct 2 (20245).
 - g. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on Rhodes Road and the south side of Spring-Stuebner with two crossings in Precinct 4 (20248).
 - h. Reliant Energy-Entex Incorporated of the authorized installation of a natural gas distribution line serving commercial property on the east side of North Eldridge Parkway in Precinct 4 (20249).
 - i. ViCon Services, Inc., of the unauthorized installation of a waterline on the west side of Bay Area Boulevard in Precinct 2 (20254).
 - j. Reliant Energy-Houston Lighting & Power of the authorized installation of an electrical poleline on Pitts Road with a crossing in Precinct 3 (20255).
5. Recommendation for approval of changes in contracts for:
- a. Turner Paving & Construction for construction of Sageking Drive from Sagedale Drive to Scarsdale Boulevard in Precinct 1, adding seven calendar days and resulting in an addition of \$2,632 to the contract amount (26874).
 - b. Anthony Hutchison Exterior Design for mowing and maintenance of various roads in Alief and Cypress areas in Precinct 3, resulting in a reduction of \$5,450 from the contract amount (26786).
 - c. Hubco, Inc., for Franz Road and Porter Road pavement widening and traffic signalization in Precinct 3, resulting in an addition of \$33,466 to the contract amount (27146).
6. Recommendation for authorization to issue a purchase order for testing and inspection services to Associated Testing Lab for Telge Road, Phase II from north of Pleasant Groves Road to north of Jarvis Road in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$11,877 (addendum).
7. Recommendation for deposit of funds received from:
- a. Southwestern Bell Telephone for costs associated with reconfiguration of a detour on Franz Road from Gatwick Lane to East Primewest Parkway in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$36,329.
 - b. Westlake MUD No. 1 for reimbursement for work performed on paving and drainage improvements for Saums Road from Fry Road to east of Flood Control District U101-02-00 in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$29,806.
8. Recommendation for authorization for the County Judge to execute an agreement with R. G. Miller Engineers, Inc., for engineering services in connection with construction of Queenston Boulevard from FM 529 to the existing concrete pavement in Copperfield Subdivision in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$21,083.

9. Recommendation for authorization to reduce retainage from 5% to 2% for Ferguson Contractors, Ltd., for construction of paving and drainage improvements for Forest Cove Subdivision in Precinct 4.

2. **Toll Road Authority**

Recommendation that the award for pavement marking and restriping for the Sam Houston Tollway be made to Joe Valencik, Inc., best bid in the amount of \$1,693,680 and for the County Judge, County Clerk, and County Auditor to take necessary actions to complete the award.

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 \$3,910 and four workers compensation recoveries in the total amount of \$13,468; settlement of six tort claims in the total amount of \$7,781; denial of six claims for damages; and transmittal of claims for damages received during the period which ended October 3.
- b. Request for approval of expenses not to exceed \$5,000 to conduct the annual Human Resources & Safety Training Conference for county employees May 9-10, 2001 at the Astrohall.
- c. Request for approval of an amendment to an agreement with the Houston Convention Center Hotel Corporation to change the site of the facility in connection with the rebate of certain beverage, sales and hotel occupancy taxes.
- d. Consideration of the proposed 2001 calendar of court meetings and county holidays.
- e. Transmittal of investment transactions for the period of September 27-October 3 and maturities for October 4-10, and request for approval of changes in securities pledged for county funds.
- f. Request for approval of debt service expenditure for the month of November.
- g. Request for approval of the total estimated cash flow projection of \$10,069,224 for payment of October invoices related to the Harris County Exposition Center, subject to adjustments for actual payments.
- h. Request for approval of a request for proposals to be received from credit providers, and an engagement letter for note counsel, in connection with liquidity support or credit enhancement for the commercial paper program, Series A, B, and C.
- i. Request for approval of authorized budget appropriation transfers for flood control and county departments.

4. **Central Technology Center**

- a. Request for authorization for four employees to travel to Boulder, Colo., on October 30 for testing of the business recovery plan for Central Technology at no cost to the county.
- b. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a computer technology exhibition November 13-17 in Las Vegas at an approximate cost of \$500.
- c. Request for approval of an agreement to allow the City of Shenandoah access to information maintained by the SouthEast Texas Crime Information Center.

5. **Facilities & Property Management**

- a. Request for authorization to renew an agreement with Northwest Assistance Ministries for lease of space at 15555 Kuykendahl for a health services clinic.
- b. Request for authorization to renew an agreement with Houston Inwood Professional, Ltd., for lease of space for Health Services and Juvenile Probation at 5668 West Little York.
- c. Request for authorization for four employees to attend a building code seminar October 10, two employees to attend a food service design seminar October 12, and four employees to attend an accessibility standards seminar October 16 in Houston at a total cost of \$250.

6. **Public Health & Environmental Services**

- a. Request for authorization to accept donations in the total amount of \$254 for the Animal Control Shelter.
- b. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a joint meeting of regional HIV community planning coalitions October 24 in Beaumont at an approximate cost of \$100.
- c. Request for authorization for two employees to attend a conference of the Texas Association Concerned with School Age Parenthood November 8-10 in Corpus Christi at an approximate total cost of \$1,400.
- d. Request for authorization for three employees to attend an HIV services meeting October 25-27 in San Antonio at an approximate total cost of \$1,250.
- e. Request for authorization for an employee to attend an infant nutrition conference October 14 in Houston at a cost of \$50.

- f. Request for approval of additional mileage reimbursements in amounts of \$125, \$140, and \$141 for TB outreach workers who exceeded the monthly limit in August and September.
- g. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a health care workshop October 24-27 in Milwaukee at an approximate cost of \$662.
- h. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a health conference November 16-18 in San Antonio at an approximate cost of \$555.
- i. Request for authorization for two employees to attend an infant nutrition training course November 6-8 in Houston at a total cost of \$90.
- j. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a meeting of the Louisiana Mosquito Control Association November 27-30 in New Orleans at no cost to the county.
- k. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a conference of the Texas Environmental Health Association October 16-18 in Tyler at an approximate cost of \$315, with travel by county vehicle.
- l. Request for authorization for a supervisor and two scheduled grant employees to attend a WIC program training conference November 1-3 in Austin at an approximate total cost of \$585.

7. **Community Development Services**

- a. Request for approval of an agreement with Harris County Precinct One to fund a senior citizens drama group using Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$34,282.
- b. Request for approval of the revised Assisted Housing Administrative Plan and Operating Procedures for use by staff of the Section 8 Assisted Housing Program.
- c. Request for authorization for four employees to attend an integrated disbursement and information system training workshop October 9-12 in Fort Worth at an approximate cost of \$1,993.
- d. Request for authorization for an employee of Agricultural Extension to attend a master naturalist meeting October 27-29 in Marble Falls at an approximate cost of \$236.
- e. Request for authorization for an employee of Agricultural Extension to attend grant writing seminars October 13 and 20 in Houston at a cost of \$120.

8. **Youth & Family Services**

- a. Request by Domestic Relations for authorization for the director and an employee to attend a child support meeting October 12 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$425.
- b. Request by Juvenile Probation for authorization to accept a grant award from the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for the Gang Prevention Program in the amount of \$28,571.
- c. Request by Children's Protective Services for authorization for an employee to attend a retreat of the Texas Network of Youth Services November 3-5 in Laredo at an approximate total cost of \$573.
- d. Request by CPS for authorization for an employee to attend the annual conference of Greater Texas Community Partners October 28-30 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$440.
- e. Request by CPS for authorization for five employees to attend a conference of the Texas Association of Addiction Professionals October 4-8 in Houston at a total cost of \$910.
- f. Request by CPS for authorization for an employee to attend a meeting of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services November 6-7 in San Antonio at an approximate cost of \$411.
- g. Request by CPS for approval of a grant position for a program that provides services to children and families in crisis.
- h. Request by CPS for authorization for an employee to attend a conference of the Texas Counseling Association November 8-11 in Houston at a cost of \$175.
- i. Request by CPS for approval of interlocal agreements with Channelview, Houston, Clear Creek, and Klein Independent School Districts to provide youth service specialists in connection with the Community Youth Services program.

9. **Constables**

- a. Request by Constable Abercia, Precinct 1, for authorization for an employee to attend a board meeting of the Texas Criminal Justice Information Users Group October 10-13 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$600.
- b. Transmittal of notice by Constable Abercia of the addition of a regular deputy and a reserve officer to the department's authorized list.
- c. Transmittal of notice by Constable Freeman, Precinct 2, of the deletion of a reserve officer from the department's authorized list.

- d. Request by Constable Cheek, Precinct 5, for approval of payment of mileage reimbursement for an employee to travel to Fort Bend County to review the personnel files of a prospective employee.
- e. Request by Constable Cheek for authorization to accept equipment donated to the department.
- f. Transmittal of notice by Constable Cheek of the addition of three regular deputies and deletion of a reserve officer and a regular deputy in the department's authorized list.

10. **Sheriff**

- a. Transmittal of notice of changes in the department's authorized list of regular law enforcement officers.
- b. Request for authorization to accept funds in the amount of \$3,184,906 for the FY 2000 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant.
- c. Request for authorization to reclassify 17 detention positions to Deputy VI for officers who have obtained peace officer status.
- d. Request for authorization to correct the payroll record of an employee.
- e. Request for authorization for two employees to attend a conference of the Texas Criminal Justice Information Users Group October 11-13 in Corpus Christi at an approximate total cost of \$992, with travel by county vehicle.
- f. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a seminar of the Texas Association of Polygraph Examiners October 18-22 in Kerrville at an approximate cost of \$745.
- g. Request for authorization for four employees to attend a training seminar of the California Secondhand Dealer Investigators Association October 19-20 in San Diego at an approximate total cost of \$5,076.
- h. Request for authorization for an employee to attend an anti-terrorism training workshop October 23-26 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$555, with travel by county vehicle.
- i. Request for authorization for two employees to attend a conference of the Correctional Education Association October 23-27 in Dallas at an approximate total cost of \$1,080.
- j. Request for authorization for two employees to attend a video camera training seminar October 24-26 in Irving at an approximate total cost of \$1,340, with travel by county vehicle.
- k. Request for authorization to reclassify a Deputy IV position to Evidence Technical III in connection with a grant for the Regional Ballistics Lab.

- l. Request for authorization for two employees to travel to Washington, D.C., to transport evidence to the FBI laboratory in connection with a murder investigation at an approximate cost of \$1,121.
- m. Request for authorization for two employees to travel to Seattle in connection with a murder investigation at an approximate cost of \$1,872.

11. **Fire & Emergency Services**

- a. Request for approval of a temporary office management position.
- b. Request for approval of reimbursements in the total amount of \$13,200 to fire departments for mutual aid runs made in 1999.

12. **County Clerk**

- a. Transmittal of an affidavit of substantial interest filed by Commissioner Radack concerning items on the court's agenda of October 3.
- b. 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 November 7 elections.

13. **District Clerk**

- a. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a conference for administrative assistants November 16 in Houston at a cost of \$199.
- b. Request for authorization for four employees to attend a vendor relations and negotiations seminar November 28 in Houston at a total cost of \$716.
- c. Request for authorization to correct the payroll record of an employee.
- d. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a project management seminar November 1 in Houston at a cost of \$399.

14. **County Attorney**

- a. Request for approval of litigation expenses for cases in the Texas Supreme Court and U.S. District Court.
- b. Request for approval of an order authorizing suit and litigation expenses to compel compliance with the Texas Water Code and the Texas Health and Safety Code at 10701 Bay Area Boulevard in Pasadena.

- c. Request for approval of an order authorizing suit and litigation expenses to compel compliance with the Texas Health and Safety Code at 9009 East Mount Houston Road.
- d. Request for approval of orders authorizing suit and litigation expenses to compel compliance with flood plain management regulations at 12044 Beach Street, 26245 Sharp Road, 1794 Holcomb or 3511 Huffman Eastgate, 19106 Cypress Rosehill, and 12330 West Drive.
- e. Request for approval of an order authorizing settlement of a claim for damages in connection with an accident case in County Civil Court No. 3.
- f. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a civil trial course September 27-29 in San Antonio at an approximate cost of \$669.
- g. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a guardianship and elder law seminar October 20 in Houston at a cost of \$90.

15. **District Attorney**

Request for authorization for an employee to travel to Marshalltown, Iowa November 13-16 to interview witnesses in connection with a capital murder trial at an approximate cost of \$1,500.

16. **Pretrial Services**

Request for authorization for four employees to attend the Women in Corrections and Juvenile Justice Conference November 5-8 in Houston at a total cost of \$1,192.

17. **Justices of the Peace**

- a. Request by Judge Patronella, JP 1.2, for authorization for four employees to attend a court personnel seminar October 10-12 in Corpus Christi at an approximate cost of \$265.
- b. Request for authorization for Judge Risner, JP 2.2, and an employee of Constable, Precinct 2, to attend a juvenile gang indicators and control seminar December 5-7 in Las Vegas at an approximate total cost of \$1,500.

18. **District Courts**

- a. Request for approval of payment in the amount of \$350 for expenses incurred by civil district judges to attend a trial management conference in Houston.
- b. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a computer technology conference November 13-16 in Las Vegas at an approximate cost of \$550.

19. **Fiscal Services & Purchasing**

a. **Auditor**

1. Transmittal of a certification of supplemental estimate of grant revenue from the Texas Department of Health for Public Health & Environmental Services.
2. Request for approval of an order for indemnification of Tax Assessor-Collector Paul Bettencourt for \$100 in connection with receipt of a counterfeit bill and County Clerk Beverly Kaufman for \$291 in connection with eight returned checks.
3. Request for authorization for an employee to attend the State and Local Government Conference October 30-31 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$700.
4. Request for authorization for an employee to attend the Ethics and Texas State Board of Public Accountancy Complaints class October 18 in Houston at a cost of \$65.
5. Request for approval of an order to increase a petty cash fund for the Central Technology Center.
6. Request by the Purchasing Agent and Auditor that certain items be removed from inventory.
7. Transmittal of audited claims.

b. **Treasurer**

Request for authorization for the Treasurer and an employee to attend the Texas Association of Counties' Public Funds Investment Conference November 16-17 in Houston at total cost of \$125.

c. **Purchasing**

1. Transmittal of projects scheduled for advertisement:
 - a. Field grown trees to machine dig for Precinct 3.
 - b. Trees and tree limb removal services for the Flood Control District and Precinct 3.
2. Recommendation by the Office of the Purchasing Agent that the award for PBX hybrid electronic telephone system, expansion replacement parts, and related equipment for the Central Technology Center be made to GAC Systems, Inc./Communications Specialty, and HTIS, Incorporated.
3. Recommendation by the Office of the Purchasing Agent that the award for integrated services digital network/protocol converter equipment, expansion, components, replacement parts, related equipment, and labor for the county be made to Southwestern Bell.

4. Recommendation by the Office of the Purchasing Agent that the award for legislative information services for the county be made to Texas Legislative Services in the amount of \$46,660 and GalleryWatch.com in the amount of \$12,300 effective November 1, and that previous term contracts be terminated October 31.
5. Recommendation by the Office of the Purchasing Agent that the award for cleaning services for the community centers and pavilions for the county be made to Coverall of Houston, low bid in the amount of \$114,430 for the period beginning November 1.
6. Recommendation by the Office of the Purchasing Agent that the award for furnishing, delivering, and installing miscellaneous playground equipment for Landsdale Park in Precinct 3 be made to Wade Contractors in the amount of \$80,000, and for the County Judge to take necessary action relating to the award.
7. Recommendation by the Office of the Purchasing Agent that the award for animal feed and related items for the Sheriff's Department and Precinct 3 be made to Town & Country Feed in the amount of \$17,095 and Heiden Feed and Supply, Inc., in the amount of \$14,853.
8. Request for approval of the first-year renewal option with SunGard Bi-Tech Inc., for software maintenance and support for the IFAS accounting and financial reporting system at an estimated cost of \$106,059 for the period through December 31, 2000.
9. Transmittal of a renewal option with Goodwill Industries of Houston for job training for special needs defendants supervised by the Community Supervision & Corrections Department in the approximate amount of \$15,000 for the period of January 1-December 31, 2001.
10. Request for approval of a renewal option with Corporate Express for office supplies and related items for the county for the period of January 1-December 31, 2001.
11. Request for approval of a renewal option with Alanton Group for janitorial services at various locations in region No. 5 for the county for the period of January 1-December 31, 2001.
12. Request for approval of a renewal option with Hart Information Services for election supplies and related items for the county for the period of January 1-December 31, 2001.
13. Request for approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an agreement between the county and BSI Consulting, Inc., for network consulting and support services for the District Clerk's Office in the amount of \$431,300 for the period of October 10-January 26, 2001.

14. Request for approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an agreement between the county and Ana Ilvento for permanency planning team meetings for children in the custody of Children's Protective Services at a cost not to exceed \$8,000 for the period of September 1-August 31, 2001.
 15. Transmittal of notice of receipt of funds in total net amounts of \$5,310, \$29,148, and \$315 from the sale of county items at Houston Auto Auction on August 23, 30, and September 13.
 16. Request for approval of property and equipment transfers within the county.
 17. 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.
 18. Recommendation by the Office of the Purchasing Agent, on the recommendation by an evaluation committee, that the award for a computerized time and attendance system for the Tax Assessor-Collector's Office be made to ADP, Inc., at an estimated cost of \$258,870, and for the County Judge to execute the agreement.
20. **Commissioners Court**
- a. **County Judge**
 1. Consideration of a resolution designating the week of October 22-28 as Red Ribbon Week in the county and designating October 24 as Red Ribbon Boat Ride Day in honor of fifth and sixth grade students participating in the Sheriff's Department D.A.R.E. program.
 2. Consideration of a resolution designating October 16-20 as Drive Friendly Week in the county.
 3. Request for approval for an employee to attend the Healthy Communities/Health Youth Conference November 1-4 in Minneapolis at an approximate cost of \$2,000.
 4. Request for discussion and possible action for replacement and/or reappointment of certain members of the Hospital District Board of Managers.
 - b. **Commissioner, Precinct 1**
 1. Request for approval of a management consultant services contract with J.E. McCain for a period of October 10, 2000 - September 30, 2001 at a cost of \$70 per hour, not to exceed \$84,000.
 2. Request for approval for two employees to attend the Oktober Gartenfest October 27-28 in Round Top, Texas at an approximate total cost of \$366.

3. Consideration of a resolution recognizing Judge Wayland on the occasion of his retirement as Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2, Pos. 1.
4. Consideration of a resolution recognizing October 19-21 as Texas Automotive Writers Association Days.

c. **Commissioner, Precinct 2**

1. Request for approval of a list of precinct judges and alternate judges for a one-year term.
2. Request for approval for an employee to attend a seminar regarding professional development for women October 23 in Houston at a cost of \$175.

d. **Commissioner, Precinct 3**

1. Request for approval to accept a check in the amount of \$508 from Therese Lehman for purchase of a bench for Terry Hershey Park.
2. Request for approval to transfer a mosquito mist sprayer from the precinct's inventory to Public Health Services.
3. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute an agreement with Cy-Fair High School-Earth Rescue for cleanup along the roadsides of Cypress North Houston Road from Highway 290 to Telge Road in connection with the Adopt a County Road program.
4. Request for approval of a list of presiding and alternate election judges for the term ending July 31, 2001.
5. Request for approval to reimburse an employee \$278 for expenses for repair of a county video camera.
6. Request for approval to transfer a vehicle from the precinct's fleet to the Toll Road Authority, with payment being deposited in the precinct's budget.

e. **Commissioner, Precinct 4**

1. Consideration of a resolution supporting Meals on Wheels Week October 22-28.
2. Request for approval for an employee to attend an annual conference of the Texas chapter of the Public Risk Management Assn., November 1-3 in Galveston at an approximate cost of \$500, with travel by county vehicle.

21. **Miscellaneous**

- a. Transmittal of a petition filed with U.S. District Court.
- b. Request for payment of annual membership dues to Houston-Galveston Area Council in the amount of \$112,728.

22. **Tax Rates**

Consideration of adoption of 2000 tax rates for Harris County, Harris County Flood Control District, Port of Houston Authority, and Harris County Hospital District.

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>Proposed 2000</u>	<u>Difference 1999-2000</u>
Harris County	.42768	.41866	.41660	.39483	.35902	(.03581)
Flood Control District	.07424	.07967	.08000	.08000	.06173	(.01827)
Port of Houston	.01600	.01959	.02132	.02040	.01830	(.00210)
Hospital District	<u>.12381</u>	<u>.12381</u>	<u>.12381</u>	<u>.14650</u>	<u>.20268</u>	<u>.05618</u>
Total	\$.64173	\$.64173	\$.64173	\$.64173	\$.64173	\$.00000

23. **Emergency items.**24. **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. Jack Johnson (3)
- c. Arturo Ramirez (3)
- d. Steve Williams (3)
- e. Charles Hixon (1)
- f. Others

25. **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.

Adjournment.