



HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT

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Commissioner, Precinct 4

No. 01.19

AGENDA

September 25, 2001

1:45 p.m.

Opening prayer by Reverend Curtis Grissett of Asbury United Methodist Church in Pasadena.

1. Public Infrastructure Department
 - a. Public Infrastructure
 - b. Flood Control District
 - c. Engineering
2. Toll Road Authority
3. Management Services
4. Central Technology
5. Facilities & Property Management
6. Public Health Services
7. Social Services
8. Community Development Services
9. Library Services
10. Youth & Family Services
11. Constables
12. Sheriff
13. Medical Examiner
14. County Clerk
15. District Clerk
16. County Attorney
17. Court Services
18. Justices of the Peace
19. County Courts
20. District Courts
21. Fiscal Services & Purchasing
 - a. Auditor
 - b. Tax Assessor-Collector
 - c. Purchasing
22. Commissioners Court
 - a. County Judge
 - b. Commissioner, Precinct 1
 - c. Commissioner, Precinct 2
 - d. Commissioner, Precinct 3
 - e. Commissioner, Precinct 4
23. Miscellaneous
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25. Public Hearing on Tax Rates
26. Appearances before court
27. Opening of bids and proposals

The Commissioners Court may go into executive session, if necessary, pursuant to chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, for one or more of the following reasons: (1) consultation with the County Attorney to seek or receive legal advice or consultation regarding pending or contemplated litigation; (2) discussion about the value or transfer of real property; (3) discussion about a prospective gift or donation; (4) consideration of specific personnel matters; (5) discussion about security personnel or devices; or (6) discussion of certain economic development matters. The Commissioners Court may announce that it will go into executive session on any item listed on this agenda if the subject matter is permitted for a closed session by provisions of chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

1. **Public Infrastructure Department**

a. **Public Infrastructure**

1. Recommendation for authorization to negotiate with Bricker-Cannady, Architects, for professional services in support of the design of the Chimney Rock Youth Services Center in Precinct 3.
2. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute an interlocal agreement with the Houston Downtown Management District for a traffic management study at a cost to the county of \$30,700.
3. Recommendation that the court approve resolutions and orders authorizing the county to issue payments for landowner relocation assistance for Rosa L. Ignacio in the amount of \$1,150 and Rafael Zaragoza for \$700 for the Hardy Toll Road extension project in Precinct 1, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the transactions.
4. Recommendation that the court approve resolutions and orders authorizing the Flood Control District to issue payments for landowner relocation assistance and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete transactions for:
 - a. All Points Moving & Storage in the amount of \$5,320 for the FMAP-3 project in Precinct 3.
 - b. Harry and Donna Thibodeaux in the amount of \$3,570 for the HMGP-2 project in Precinct 4.
 - c. Mitchel W. and Vicki Ewell in the amount of \$130 for the Jackson Bayou improvements project in Precinct 4.
5. Recommendation that the court approve resolutions and orders to accept donations of:
 - a. Fill easement, Tract 001 for the Ella Boulevard-1 project in Precinct 4.
 - b. Warranty deed, Tract 001 for the Greenhouse Road-4 project in Precinct 3.
6. Recommendation that the court approve resolutions and orders authorizing appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete transactions for the county to abandon its interest in:
 - a. Horsepen Bayou, Tract 001 in Precinct 3.
 - b. Kuykendahl Road, Tract 003 in Precinct 4.
7. Recommendation that the court approve a resolution and order authorizing the Auditor to issue a check in the amount of \$1,000 to Texas Eastern Products Pipeline Co., for refund of the appraisal fee associated with sale of Tract 001 of Beltway 8 at the Ship Channel bridge project in Precinct 2.

8. Recommendation that the court approve a resolution and order authorizing Right of Way on behalf of the county to purchase Tract 013 of the Domed Stadium complex expansion project in Precinct 1 for the negotiated purchase price of \$500,000, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the transaction.
9. Recommendation that the court authorize the County Judge to execute a right of entry and possession for Tract A001-025 of the Westpark Corridor project in Precinct 3.
10. Recommendation that the county be authorized to cancel a billboard lease agreement between First City, Texas and Patrick Media Group of Houston, Inc., for Tract 12-005.0 of the Armand Bayou regional detention basin project in Precinct 2, and to give written notice to Eller Media Company canceling the agreement, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the cancellation.
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. Baseline Corporation for additional surveying services in the amount of \$80,000 for the district's engineering and maintenance programs (amendment).
 - b. Brown & Gay Engineers, Inc., for engineering, surveying, and project management services in the amount of \$880,000 for implementation of the Tropical Storm Allison recovery project.
 - c. Dodson & Associates, Inc., for technical advisory engineering services in the amount of \$250,000 in support of the Tropical Storm Allison recovery project.
 - d. LJA Engineering & Surveying, Inc., for engineering services in the amount of \$450,000 for the event analysis portion of the Tropical Storm Allison recovery project.
 - e. Malcolm-Pirnie, Inc., for additional engineering services in the amount of \$165,000 to collect and analyze sediment samples and related items, and continue to evaluate the beneficial reuse of channel sediment and material, and create a sediment management plan (amendment).
 - f. Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan, Inc., for engineering services in the amount of \$450,000 for the event analysis portion of the Tropical Storm Allison recovery project.
 - g. Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan, Inc., for additional environmental engineering services in the amount of \$50,000 for the district's engineering and maintenance programs (amendment).
 - h. Prejean & Company, Inc., for additional surveying services in the amount of \$80,000 for the district's engineering and maintenance programs (amendment).
2. Request for authorization for eight employees to attend an engineering conference and exposition of the American Society of Civil Engineers October 10-13 in Houston at a total cost of \$5,400.

3. Recommendation for approval of a change in contract for Richardson-Dunn, Inc., dba J & S Water Wells for irrigation of well No. 2 of the Greens Bayou wetlands mitigation site in Precinct 4, resulting in an addition of \$12,202 to the contract amount.
4. Recommendation that the court authorize execution of a cooperative agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency for development of accurate data for mitigation, planning, and recovery in support of the Tropical Storm Allison recovery project.

c. **Engineering**

1. Recommendation for approval to seek bids for a three-week bid period for Hester Gully wetlands restoration in Precinct 2 at an estimated cost of \$26,000.
2. Recommendation for approval of the following plats:
 - a. Diamond Shamrock Store No. 569 in Precinct 1; Brooks & Sparks.
 - b. La Paloma in Precinct 3; William A. Hudspeth.
 - c. Bear Creek H.E.B. in Precinct 3; Pate Engineers.
 - d. Tuscany Section Two in Precinct 3; The Landtech Group, Incorporated.
 - e. Sir Dain Place in Precinct 4; Ken Stanley.
 - f. Cy-Fair swim complex in Precinct 4; Colbourn, Linseisen & Ratcliff, Incorporated.
 - g. Mandolin Section One partial replat in Precinct 4; Dannenbaum Engineering Corporation.
 - h. Spring Lakes Section Seven in Precinct 4; Van De Wiele Engineering, Incorporated.
 - i. Spring Landing Section One in Precinct 4; Alexander Engineering, Incorporated.
 - j. Antoine Plaza in Precinct 4; RP & Associates.
 - k. Country Club Greens Section Two in Precinct 4; Century Engineering, Incorporated.
3. Recommendation for approval of changes in contracts for:
 - a. Ramos Industries, Inc., for Beamer Road construction from Sagedowne Lane to South Canyon Drive in Precinct 1, resulting in an addition of \$3,193 to the contract amount (27330).
 - b. AAA Asphalt Paving, Inc., for rehabilitation of various asphalt roads in the Miller Road Camp area in Precinct 2, resulting in a reduction of \$149,497 from the contract amount (27331).
4. Recommendation for authorization to negotiate with TEDSI Infrastructure, Inc., for engineering services for a traffic study for Barker-Cypress Road from Spring-Cypress Road to Huffmeister Road in Precinct 3.

5. Recommendation for authorization for the County Judge to execute engineering services agreements with:
 - a. Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan, Inc., in connection with construction of C.E. King Parkway from Tidwell Road to Beaumont Highway in Precinct 1 in the amount of \$537,836.
 - b. Klotz Associates, Inc., in connection with construction of traffic signal modifications and left turn lanes for Fairmont Parkway and Brookwood Drive, Fairmont Parkway and Farrington Boulevard, and Fairmont Parkway and Wilmont Drive in Precinct 2 in the amount of \$74,510.
 - c. Wilson & Company, Engineers & Architects, in connection with construction of drainage improvements in the vicinity of Evergreen Woods Subdivision in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$249,519.
 - d. Scientech in connection with construction of Cypress-North Houston Road from North Eldridge Parkway to Oaks Plaza Drive/Marcia Drive in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$399,606.
 - e. Van De Wiele Engineering, Inc., in connection with construction of Clay Road from west of Elrod Road to west of Lakes of Bridgewater Drive in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$385,102.
 - f. Turner Collie & Braden, Inc., in connection with construction of West Greens Road from west of Unit P150-00-00 to the west turn-out of proposed Cutten Road at Weeds Road in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$416,329.
 - g. Turner Collie & Braden, Inc., in connection with construction of West Greens Road from the proposed north end of the north approach slab of the bridge over Greens Bayou at Cutten Road to the west turn-out of proposed Hollister Road in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$584,056.
 - h. Van De Wiele Engineering, Inc., in connection with construction of Cutten Road from south of F.M. 1960 to the north end of the proposed West Greens Road bridge over Greens Bayou in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$498,136.
6. Recommendation that a technical defect be waived and the award for Space Center Boulevard mitigation plan in Precinct 2 be made to Custom Dirt Works, lowest and best bid in the amount of \$124,000, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions relating to the award.
7. Recommendation that the award for asphalt overlay and base repair of Morton Road and Katy Hockley Road in Precinct 3 be made to Hubco, Inc., lowest and best bid in the amount of \$950,723, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions relating to the award.
8. Recommendation that the award for asphalt chipseal with base repair of Sharp Road and Stockdick School Road in Precinct 3 be made to Silva, Inc., lowest and best bid in the amount of \$203,428, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions relating to the award.

9. Recommendation for authorization for the County Judge to reduce the retainage from 5% to 2% for Hassell Construction Company, Inc., for construction of Franz Road from west of Gatwick Lane to east of Primewest Parkway in Precinct 3.
10. Recommendation for authorization for an employee to attend a traffic management workshop September 24-27 in Tucson at no cost to the county.
11. Recommendation for authorization for an employee to attend a conflict management seminar November 19 in Houston at a cost of \$99.
12. Recommendation for authorization for four employees to attend a management skills seminar December 6-7 in Houston at a total cost of \$1,596.

2. **Toll Road Authority**

- a. Request for authorization to negotiate with the City of Houston and the Texas Department of Transportation for a joint project related to improvements for Old Westheimer Road from Westheimer to Alief Clodine in connection with Westpark Tollway.
- b. Request for approval of two incident management coordinator positions and two vehicles effective October 6.
- c. Request for authorization for utility service to be established for lighting the Southbelt portion of the Sam Houston Tollway.
- d. Request that the award for construction of Westpark Tollway from east of Old Westheimer Drive to west of Boone Road be made to South Coast Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$4,080,441, and for approval of payment in the amount of \$161,177 to AECOM Enterprises for construction management services, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions relating to the award.
- e. Request for approval of an agreement with Harding ESE, Inc., for engineering services in the amount of \$50,000 for Westpark Tollway, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions relating to the agreement.
- f. Request for authorization to amend compensation and payment and/or extend the time of performance for Tamborello Engineering Corporation, Survcon, Inc., R.G. Miller Engineers, Inc., Turner Collie & Braden, Inc., and Traffic Engineers, Inc., for additional engineering services for Westpark Tollway, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions relating to the agreements.
- g. Request for authorization to seek bids for construction of Westpark Tollway from west of Rice Avenue to east of Rice Avenue, and for a fiber optic route from west of Eldridge Parkway to east of IH 610.

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 \$4,885; settlement of four tort claims in the total amount of \$6,355; denial of two claims for damages; and transmittal of claims for damages received during the period which ended September 18.
- b. Request for authorization to accept \$74,012 from Omaha Property and Casualty for partial payment of property losses sustained at 49 San Jacinto as a result of Tropical Storm Allison.
- c. Request for authorization for two employees to participate in the University of Houston-Downtown Career Expo October 3 in Houston at a cost of \$100.
- d. Transmittal of investment transactions for the period of September 12-18 and maturities for September 19-25, and request for approval of changes in securities pledged for county funds.
- e. Request for approval of interest payments for commercial paper issues, and for a commercial paper project for a dispatch console expansion for the Sheriff's Department.
- f. Request for authorization for three employees to attend a financial seminar November 5 in Houston at a cost not to exceed \$865, and for an employee to attend a financial seminar October 31 in Houston at a cost not to exceed \$255.
- g. Request for approval of authorized budget appropriation transfers for flood control and county departments.
- h. Request for approval of an order authorizing issuance, sale and delivery of Toll Road Senior Lien Revenue Commercial Paper Notes, Series E, and related items; and for approval of a resolution for pooling of a list of toll road projects as component facilities.

4. Central Technology Center

- a. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a conference of the Texas Criminal Justice Information Users Group October 16-19 in Austin at a cost of \$1,780.
- b. Request for approval of agreements with Klein and Little York Volunteer Fire Departments for use of the county's 800 MHz public radio system.
- c. Request for approval of an agreement with Galveston County for access by that county to data maintained by the SouthEast Texas Crime Information Center.

- d. Request for authorization for two employees to attend the Citrix iForum 2001 Conference October 29-November 1 in Orlando at an approximate total cost of \$5,094.
- e. Request for authorization for the executive director to attend a board meeting of the County Information Resource Agency October 1-3 in Austin at a cost of \$513.

5. **Facilities & Property Management**

- a. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a meeting of the Texas CUC Aggregation Project, Inc., September 26 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$150.
- b. Request for approval of a purchase order in the amount of \$4,200 to D.J. Associates for annual lease of the parking lot at 1721 Pech Road in Precinct 4.
- c. Request for authorization to renew an annual agreement with Houston Inwood Professional, Ltd., for lease of space at 5668 West Little York in Precinct 4.
- d. Request for approval of an agreement with the City of Tomball for lease of space at 101 South Walnut for the Tax Office at a cost of \$650 per month for a one-year period effective October 1.

6. **Public Health & Environmental Services**

- a. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a planning meeting of the Texas Department of Health October 4-5 in Galveston at an approximate cost of \$120.
- b. Request for approval of an agreement with the City of Houston for continued funding support for the position of Child Fatality Review Team Coordinator.
- c. Request for authorization for two employees to attend a conference of the Texas Association Concerned with School Age Parenthood November 7-9 in El Paso at an approximate total cost of \$1,500.
- d. Request for authorization for two employees to attend a regional conference of the Louisiana and Texas Mosquito Control Associations October 29-31 in Westlake, La., at an approximate total cost of \$630, with travel by county vehicle.
- e. Request for authorization for two employees to attend a meeting concerning resources for community health programs October 14-17 in Arlington, Va., at an approximate total cost of \$1,952.
- f. Request for authorization for an employee to attend the annual conference of the American Public Health Association October 21-25 in Atlanta at a cost of \$1,350.
- g. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a WIC staff certification training seminar October 22-26 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$482.

- h. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a meeting of the Project Funding and Administration Study Group of the Texas Department of Health September 28 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$247.
- i. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a creativity training workshop October 29-30 in Houston at a cost of \$440.
- j. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a writing skills seminar October 12 in Houston at a cost of \$175.
- k. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a health management certification program October 31-November 3 in Irving at an approximate cost of \$1,630.
- l. Request for approval of an amendment to an annual grant agreement with the Texas Department of Health and for approval of a budget transfer and extension of the position schedule for the WIC Program.

7. **Social Services**

- a. Request for authorization to accept a grant award in the amount of \$225,000 from the U.S. Office of Justice Programs for the Weed and Seed program in the Aldine area.
- b. Request that the court designate the department as the Harris County Guardianship Program to provide guardianship and related services for incapacitated persons, and for the interim director to execute certain documents on behalf of the program.
- c. Request for authorization for two employees, along with an employee of the Sheriff's Department and an Aldine resident, to attend a national crime prevention conference October 6-9 in Washington, D.C., at an approximate total cost of \$1,972.
- d. Request for approval of payment in the amount of \$293 for notary public commissions for two employees.

8. **Community Development Services**

- a. Request for approval of an order allocating Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$120,000 to Harris County Precinct 2 for Cloverleaf Park Development Project for design and construction of a 50-car capacity parking lot at Nadolney Park.
- b. Request for approval of an order authorizing execution of a subordination agreement between the county and Household Mortgage Services to allow participants in a homeownership assistance program to refinance at a lower interest rate.

- c. Request for approval of an agreement with Humble Area Assistance Ministries, Inc., for partial funding of a program to provide counseling and rent and mortgage assistance for low-and moderate-income families at risk for homelessness using Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$49,375.

9. **Library Services**

Request for authorization for an employee of the County Library to attend the Monterrey International Book Fair October 12-15 in Monterrey, Mexico at a cost of \$700.

10. **Youth & Family Services**

- a. Transmittal of notice by the Juvenile Board of a grant award in the amount of \$114,188 from the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission to fund two probation officer positions for a special needs diversionary program.
- b. Request by Community & Juvenile Justice Education for authorization for an employee to attend a meeting of the Texas Education Agency September 28 in Austin at a cost of \$150.
- c. Request by CJJE for authorization for an employee to attend the ChildBuilders Community Education Conference October 12 in Houston at a cost of \$100.
- d. Request by CJJE for authorization for six employees to attend the Balancing Education and Juvenile Justice Conference October 21-23 in Houston at a cost of \$550.

11. **Constables**

- a. Request by the constables' systems manager for approval of educational incentive pay adjustments for officers who met requirements for the changes during the last quarter.
- b. Transmittal of notice by Constable Abercia, Precinct 1, of changes in the department's authorized list of regular deputies and reserve officers.
- c. Transmittal of notice by Constable Freeman, Precinct 2, of the deletion of two reserve officers from the department's authorized list.
- d. Transmittal of notice by Constable Jones, Precinct 3, of changes in the department's authorized list of regular deputies and reserve officers.
- e. Request by Constable Hickman, Precinct 4, for authorization to accept a donation in the amount of \$100.
- f. Request by Constable Cheek, Precinct 5, for approval of a law enforcement agreement with Memorial Parkway Community Association, and for approval of a deputy position and a sergeant position.

- g. Transmittal of notice by Constable Cheek of the deletion of two regular deputies from the department's authorized list.
- h. Request by Constable Cheek for authorization to accept a forfeiture check in the amount of \$14,430.
- i. Transmittal of notice by Constable Trevino, Precinct 6, of changes in the department's authorized list of regular deputies and reserve officers.
- j. Transmittal of notice by Constable Wooten, Precinct 7, of the addition of a regular deputy to the department's authorized list.
- k. Transmittal of notice by Constable Bailey, Precinct 8, of the addition of a regular deputy to the department's authorized list.
- l. Request by Constable Bailey for approval of payment in the amount of \$150 to Dr. Rion N. Hart for counseling services for a deputy involved in a shooting incident.

12. **Sheriff**

- a. Transmittal of notice of changes in the department's authorized list of regular law enforcement officers.
- b. Request for approval of an agreement for law enforcement services with Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 11, and for approval of a deputy position.
- c. Request for approval of an agreement for one year with the Internal Revenue Service effective October 1 for reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$8,000 for assignment of county officers to a task force to conduct U.S. Treasury investigations.
- d. Request for approval of payment in the amount of \$18,000 for a street survival seminar for supervisory staff September 25-28 in Houston.
- e. Request for authorization for five employees to attend a training conference of the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation November 1-4 in Houston at a cost of \$1,385.
- f. Request for authorization for three employees to attend a conference of the National Commission on Correctional Health Care November 11-14 in Albuquerque at an approximate total cost of \$3,713.
- g. Request for authorization for four employees to attend a conference of the Texas Criminal Justice Information Users Group October 16-19 in Austin at an approximate total cost of \$1,340, with travel by county vehicle.

13. **Medical Examiner**

- a. Request for authorization to increase the monthly maximum for a toxicologist position.
- b. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a symposium on crime laboratory development December 10-14 in Phoenix at an approximate cost of \$755.
- c. Request for authorization for an employee to attend the annual meeting of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists September 30-October 5 in New Orleans at a cost of \$720.
- d. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a training seminar of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors October 21-24 in Salt Lake City at an approximate cost of \$1,100.

14. **County Clerk**

- a. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute an agreement with Title Data, Inc., to allow purchase of a microfilm copy of deed and real estate records for the period of January 1, 1980 through February 20, 1986.
- b. Transmittal of affidavits of substantial interest filed by Commissioners Radack and Eversole concerning items on the court's agenda of September 18.
- c. Transmittal of the court's minutes for the meeting of August 7, and for authorization for the County Judge to execute the minutes for the term that ended August 7.

15. **District Clerk**

- a. Request for authorization to correct the payroll records of two employees.
- b. Request for authorization for two employees to attend the annual conference of the California Revenue Officers Association October 2-5 in Concord, Calif., at an approximate total cost of \$2,700.
- c. Request for authorization for two employees to attend a management seminar November 5 in Houston at a cost of \$298.
- d. Request for authorization for three employees to attend an accounts receivable seminar October 18 in Houston at a total cost of \$477.
- e. Request for authorization for the District Clerk and six employees to attend a continuing education seminar for county and district clerks January 14-17 in College Station at a total cost of \$4,550.

16. **County Attorney**

- a. Request for approval of litigation expenses for cases in the 61st and 270th District Courts, County Civil Courts Nos. 1 and 4, and the U.S. Court of Appeals.
- b. Consideration of adoption of an order suspending collection of the \$4 court costs previously assessed for a justice court technology fund.
- c. Request for approval of an order authorizing certain amendments to county regulations for storm water quality management.
- d. Request for approval of an order authorizing partial release of judgment lien on 6518 Trail Valley Way in connection with a matter before the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission.
- e. Request for approval of an order continuing the juvenile curfew in Harris County.
- f. Request for approval of orders authorizing execution of deed of trust instruments covering certain county-owned property to secure note obligations of the Harris County Sports & Convention Corporation.

17. **Court Services**

Request for authorization for two employees to attend a seminar of the National Criminal Justice Association October 24-25 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$800.

18. **Justices of the Peace**

- a. Request for authorization for Judge Patronella, JP 1.2, to travel to Austin September 19-20 to meet with legislative staff at an approximate cost of \$285.
- b. Request by Judge Adams, JP 4.1, for authorization to rent space at 6911 Louetta Road in Spring to store court records for approximately six months at a cost of \$147 per month.

19. **County Courts**

- a. Request for approval of salary adjustments for certain employees of the courts who met requirements for the changes in connection with the career development salary plan authorized by Commissioners Court.
- b. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a seminar of the Justice Management Institute October 7-10 in San Jose, and a meeting of the Urban Court Managers Network October 25-28 in Tampa at total cost of \$2,800.

20. **District Courts**

- a. Request for authorization for the District Court Administrator to attend a meeting of the Urban Court Managers October 25-27 in Tampa, Fla., at an approximate cost of \$1,000.
- b. Request for approval of salary adjustments for certain employees of the courts who met requirements for the changes in connection with the career development salary plan authorized by Commissioners Court.
- c. Request for approval of payment to the Houston Bar Association for alternative dispute resolution services.

21. **Fiscal Services & Purchasing**

a. **Auditor**

1. Request for approval of a final payment to Angel Brothers for improvements to Texas Avenue from Bay Area Boulevard to Nasa Road 1 in Precinct 2.
2. Transmittal of certification of supplemental estimates of revenue received for various funds and grants.
3. Request for authorization to increase the change fund for Public Health/Animal Control Division.
4. Request for authorization for the County Auditor to attend the annual conference of the Texas Association of County Auditors October 22-26 in El Paso at an approximate cost of \$760.
5. Request for authorization for four employees to attend monthly seminars of the Institute of Internal Auditors and the Information Systems Audit and Control Association March, 2001-February, 2002 in Houston at an approximate total cost of \$1,000.
6. Transmittal of audited claims.

b. **Tax Assessor-Collector**

Request for approval of tax refund payments.

c. **Purchasing**

1. Transmittal of projects scheduled for advertisement:
 - a. Pest control services and related items for the county.
 - b. Data entry services for the Tax Assessor-Collector.
 - c. Family planning supplies for Public Health Services.
 - d. Voter registration system software for the Tax-Assessor Collector.
 - e. Professional liability insurance for judges.
 - f. Applications for grant funds for community development services for the Community Development Department.
2. Transmittal of a list of computer-related equipment obtained through the State of Texas vendor program for the County Clerk.
3. Transmittal of changes in contract with:
 - a. Unisys, contractor for hardware upgrades for the Central Technology Center, resulting in an addition of \$139,627 to the contract amount (00553).
 - b. Home Plate Bar & Grill, contractor for jury meal services for the county, resulting in no change to the contract amount (00550).
 - c. Texas Maintenance Systems, contractor for janitorial services in Region No. 4 for Facilities & Property Management, resulting in an addition of \$608 to the contract amount (00554).
4. Transmittal of a correction to the job number of an award to The Omega Group, Inc., for crime analysis software for the Sheriff's Department.
5. Recommendation that proposals for fiber optic network services for the Toll Road Authority be rejected.
6. Recommendation that bids for UPS system and maintenance for the Flood Control District be rejected and the project readvertised at a later date.
7. Recommendation by an evaluation committee and the Purchasing Agent that the award for a fleet fuel monitoring and dispensing system for the county and the Flood Control District be made to Rusche Fuel Controls, a division of Susser Petroleum, LLC, for the period beginning October 1, and for the County Judge to take necessary action relating to the award.
8. Recommendation that the award for winter jackets for the Sheriff's Department be made to Direct Action Uniforms, second low bid in the amount of \$37,510 for the period beginning October 1.
9. Recommendation that the award for mortuary racks and body trays for the Medical Examiner's Office be made to Thermo Shandon in the amount of \$32,110.

10. Recommendation that the award for modernization of an existing elevator for the county be made to Elevator Maintenance Company, only bid in the amount of \$66,440.
11. Recommendation that the award for D.A.R.E. t-shirts for the county be made to Tee's Plus Screen Printing Company, low bid in the amount of \$24,360 for the period beginning December 1.
12. Request for approval of a renewal option with Dow Fence & Supply for fencing materials, installation, labor, and related items for the county for the period of January 1-December 31, 2002.
13. Request that Glenn Seidel be granted a personal services exemption from the competitive bid process for an agreement for vehicle damage appraisal services in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for the period of December 1-November 30, 2002.
14. Request for approval of orders authorizing the County Judge to execute agreements with DePelchin Children's Center in amounts of \$12,518 and \$8,655, KIPP Academy, Inc., for \$6,179, Teen Conflict Solutions, Inc., for \$20,000, and North Pasadena Community Outreach for \$18,268 for programs to prevent and reduce juvenile crime for Children's Protective Services for the period of September 1-October 31.
15. Request that Walt Kemmerer be granted a personal services exemption from the competitive bid process for technical support services for the Central Technology Center's operating system, application and communication support services in the amount of \$176,800 for the period of November 1-October 31, 2002.
16. Request that The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston be granted a professional services exemption from the competitive bid process for physician services for Children's Protective Services and the Juvenile Probation Department at a cost not to exceed \$284,500 for the period ending August 31, 2002, and for the County Judge to take necessary action relating to the agreement.
17. Request for approval of orders authorizing the County Judge to execute agreements with Council on Alcohol and Drugs Houston in the amount of \$5,499, Baylor College of Medicine for \$7,074, and Gulfton Area Neighborhood Organization for \$9,410 for programs to prevent and reduce juvenile crime for Children's Protective Services for the period of September 1-October 31.
18. Request for approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an addendum to a licensing agreement with Transcore, Inc., for maintenance and modification of an installed system for the Toll Road Authority with no change to the contract amount.

19. Request that Computer Corporation of America be granted a sole source exemption from the competitive bid process for an MQ 204 software license and one year maintenance in the amount of \$85,600 for the Central Technology Center, and for the County Judge to take necessary action relating to the product schedule for CCA licensed products.
20. Request for approval of additional funds in the amount of \$250 for an employee to attend an annual recycling summit October 14-17 in Arlington.
21. Transmittal of notice of receipt of funds in the net amount of \$27,777 from the sale of county equipment at Houston Auto Auction June 20 and August 15 and 22.
22. Request for authorization for a list of county surplus and/or confiscated property to be sold at Internet auction and for disposal of unsold surplus items.

22. **Commissioners Court**

a. **County Judge**

1. Consideration of a resolution designating Faye Christopher Day in the county on the occasion of her retirement.
2. Request for approval of an order to amend the county's regulation prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages within 300 feet of any church, public school, day-care center, child-care facility, or public hospital to include private schools, as drafted by the County Attorney.

b. **Commissioner, Precinct 1**

1. Request for approval of a management services agreement to assist Commissioner, Precinct 1 for the period of October 1-September 30, 2002 at a cost not to exceed \$84,000.
2. Request for approval of the reappointment of Walter D. Davis, III, to the board of directors for Alameda/O.S.T. Corridors Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 7.

c. **Commissioner, Precinct 2**

1. Request for approval for an employee to attend a commercial bus factory service training workshop September 24-28 in Fort Valley, Ga., at an estimated cost of \$600.
2. Request for authorization for approval of an agreement with the City of Shoreacres for improvements to Circle Park in the amount of \$60,000 each for the city and the county.

3. Request for approval for an employee to attend the National Development Council Certification Program October 15-19 in Atlanta, Ga., at an estimated cost of \$2,520.
4. Request for approval for payment of tuition for 20 employees who attended a training course July 30-August 1 and August 13-15 in Houston at a total cost of \$2,060.

d. **Commissioner, Precinct 3**

e. **Commissioner, Precinct 4**

1. Request for approval of a resolution proclaiming October 5-December 31 as Support Meals on Wheels in the county.
2. Request for approval for Northwest 45 Girls Fastpitch to place an equipment storage building at Bayer Park.
3. Request for approval of appointment of election precinct judges.
4. Transmittal of notice of receipt of funds in the amount of \$194 in connection with donations for the Senior Adult program.
5. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute an agreement with Westfield High School JROTC for cleanup along the roadsides of Ella Boulevard and Mathis Church Road from FM 1960 West to Southridge in connection with the Adopt a County Road program.
6. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute an agreement with Pam Lychner State Jail for cleanup along the roadsides of Wilson Road from Will Clayton Parkway to Atascocita Road in connection with the Adopt a County Road program.
7. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute an agreement with Cub Scout Pack No. 1323 for cleanup along the roadsides of Theiss Mail Route Road from Louetta Road to Champions Forest Drive in connection with the Adopt a County Road program.
8. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute an agreement with Boy Scouts of America Troop No. 1659 for cleanup along the roadsides of Bammel North Houston Road from Veterans Memorial Drive to Richey Road in connection with the Adopt a County Road program.

23. **Miscellaneous**

- a. Transmittal of a petition filed with the U.S. District Court.

- b. Request for approval of an amended order establishing new boundaries for commissioner precincts, correcting the August 21 order of the court to provide the proper listing of certain voting precincts in relation to the new boundary lines.
- c. Transmittal of petitions for creation of Emergency Services District No. 6 and Rural Fire Prevention District No. 12 in Precinct 2, and to set the place, date, and time for a public hearing to consider the petitions and for necessary notices to be issued pursuant to Chapters 775 and 794 of the Texas Health & Safety Code.

24. **Emergency items.**

25. **Public Hearing on Tax Rates**

- a. Consideration of a public hearing on a proposal to increase tax revenues from properties on the tax roll for Harris County.
- b. Consideration of a public hearing on proposed tax rates for 2001.

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	Proposed <u>2001</u>
Harris County	.42768	.41866	.41660	.39483	.35902	.38568
Flood Control	.07424	.07967	.08000	.08000	.06173	.04758
Port of Houston	.01600	.01959	.02132	.02040	.01830	.01826
Hospital District	<u>.12381</u>	<u>.12381</u>	<u>.12381</u>	<u>.14650</u>	<u>.20268</u>	<u>.19021</u>
Total	<u>\$.64173</u>	<u>\$.64173</u>	<u>\$.64173</u>	<u>\$.64173</u>	<u>\$.64173</u>	<u>\$.64173</u>

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. Robert Horton(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.

Adjournment.