

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

October 7, 2005

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, will be held on **Tuesday, October 11, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.**, in the Courtroom of the Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, on the ninth floor of the Harris County Administration Building, 1001 Preston Avenue, Houston, Texas, for the purpose of considering and taking action on matters brought before the Court.

The agenda may be obtained in advance of the meeting in the office of the Commissioners Court Coordinator, Suite 938, Administration Building, 1001 Preston Avenue, Houston, Texas, and in the Commissioners Court Courtroom on the day of the meeting.

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No. 05.19

AGENDA

October 11, 2005

10:00 a.m.

Opening prayer by Pastor Mike Mast of Family of Joy Church in Humble.

1. Public Infrastructure Department
 - a. Public Infrastructure
 - b. Right of Way
 - c. Toll Road Authority
 - d. Flood Control District
 - e. Engineering
 2. Management Services
 3. Information Technology
 4. Facilities & Property Management
 5. Public Health & Environmental Services
 6. Community & Economic Development
 7. Youth & Family Services
 8. Constables
 9. Sheriff
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 11. Medical Examiner
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 17. Travel & Training
 - a. Out of Texas
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 - a. Auditor
 - b. Treasurer
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 - d. Purchasing
 20. Commissioners Court
 - a. County Judge
 - b. Commissioner, Precinct 1
 - c. Commissioner, Precinct 2
 - d. Commissioner, Precinct 3
 - e. Commissioner, Precinct 4
 21. Miscellaneous
 22. Emergency items
 23. Tax Rates Public Hearing
 24. Appearances before court
- Adjournment*

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.

The agenda is available on the internet at www.co.harris.tx.us/agenda.

1. **Public Infrastructure Department**

a. **Public Infrastructure**

1. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute amendments to agreements with:
 - a. Michael J. Urban for appraisal services in support of real estate transactions on behalf of the county.
 - b. Carter & Burgess for engineering services in the amount of \$35,000 in connection with design and construction of modifications to the kitchen exhaust system for the 1200 Baker Street jail.
2. Recommendation for authorization to negotiate a professional services agreement with EFC, Inc., in support of the annual roof replacement program.

b. **Right of Way**

1. Recommendation that the court approve resolutions and orders authorizing Right of Way on behalf of the Flood Control District to purchase for negotiated prices for the SJRA reservoir O/F project in Precinct 2, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete transactions for:
 - a. Tract 02-003.0 on Sralla Road between Goldenrod and Highlands Reservoir in the amount of \$3,267, \$1,321 over the appraised value.
 - b. Tract 02-002.0 between Highlands Reservoir and Goldenrod Road in the amount of \$4,366, \$1,000 over the appraised value.
2. Recommendation that the court approve a resolution and order authorizing the Castlewood acquisition project, three specific tracts in the Castlewood Subdivision in Precinct 1, decreeing the project to be a public necessity and convenience, and directing Right of Way to acquire the property on behalf of the Flood Control District, and for appropriate officials to take necessary action to complete the transactions.
3. Recommendation that the court approve a resolution and order authorizing Right of Way on behalf of the county to purchase Tract 010 at 16055 Spring Cypress Road for the Spring Cypress Road-4 project in Precinct 3 for the negotiated price of \$8,000, \$336 over the appraised value, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the transaction.
4. Recommendation that the court approve a resolution and order authorizing the South Street project, a specific tract at 2118 South Street in Precinct 2, decreeing the project to be a public necessity and convenience, and directing Right of Way to acquire specific property on behalf of the county, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the transactions.

5. Recommendation that the court approve a resolution and order authorizing the county to accept donation of a hike and bike trail easement from Cullen Park to Appletree Hill Lane, Tracts 3E, 4E, and 5E for the Mayde Creek pedestrian and bicycle pathway project in Precinct 3.

c. **Toll Road Authority**

1. Request for authorization to discontinue reimbursement of tokens effective January 1, 2006 and to properly dispose of token inventory.
2. Request for authorization to negotiate with Walter P. Moore, Inc., for system maintenance and repairs for the Sam Houston Tollway and Hardy Toll Road.
3. Request for authorization to negotiate with Lockwood, Andrews and Newnam, Inc., for an additional capacity lane on the Sam Houston Tollway at Boheme Drive and bridge column protection collars for the Westpark Tollway at Old Westheimer Road.

d. **Flood Control District**

1. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute agreements or amendments with:
 - a. Glenda L. Callaway for additional public information consulting services in the amount of \$80,000 in support of the district's capital improvement program.
 - b. Grounds Anderson, LLC, for engineering services in the amount of \$250,000 in support of the district's planning and capital improvement programs.
 - c. Langham Crossing, Ltd., by its general partner, Camcorp Management, Inc., and Langham Creek utility district flood control agreement to acknowledge a contribution for development of crossing at Stone Creek, Section 3 to the district and to establish system capacity in the Langham Creek watershed, Unit U100-00-00 in Precinct 3.
 - d. Myles Payan for lease along the north-south line of Lot 35, Block 3, Briarhills, Section 1, Unit W100-00-00, Tract 31-011.0 in Precinct 3.
 - e. Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan, Inc., for engineering services in the amount of \$35,000 to design a waterline bridge crossing adjacent to the Hiram Clarke bridge in Precinct 1 as a revision to the original bridge design.
 - f. Terracon Consultants, Inc., for additional materials engineering and testing services in the amount of \$10,000 in support of public works capital improvement construction projects.
2. Request for approval of change in contracts for H.N.B. Landscape for:
 - a. Mowing channels in the east sector of Precincts 2 and 4, resulting in an addition of \$24,635 to the contract amount (02/0423-01B).
 - b. Mowing channels in Precincts 1, 2, and 4, resulting in an addition of \$134,826 to the contract amount (02/0061-01B).

3. Recommendation that units D520-01-00, Brays Bayou in Precinct 3, and K531-04-00, Cypress Creek in Precinct 4, be added to the district's stormwater management system for identification purposes.

e. **Engineering**

1. Recommendation for authorization to seek bids for:
 - a. Furnishing and delivering 10,000 tons of crushed limestone base material to various locations in Precinct 1 for a two-week period at an estimated cost of \$150,000.
 - b. Furnishing and delivering various sizes of reinforced concrete pipes, saddle inlet risers, and related items in Precinct 2 for a two-week period at an estimated cost of \$60,000.
 - c. Furnishing and delivering various sizes of black corrugated plastic pipe and related items in Precinct 2 for a two-week period at an estimated cost of \$44,500.
 - d. Construction of six left turn lanes for Highland Knolls and Westgreen Boulevard in Precinct 3 for a three-week period at an estimated cost of \$280,800.
 - e. Construction of Aldine-Westfield Road from Simmans Road to Hydro-55 Street in Precinct 4 for a three-week period at an estimated cost of \$5.3 million.
2. Recommendation for approval of the following plats:
 - a. Vintage Lake Commercial Reserve in Precinct 4; Brown & Gay Engineers, Incorporated in Precinct 4.
 - b. Fairfield Village North, Section Five in Precinct 3; Jones & Carter, Incorporated.
 - c. Vintage Lake Apartments in Precinct 4; Brown & Gay Engineers, Incorporated.
 - d. Fairfield Creek Drive STD in Precinct 3; Jones & Carter, Incorporated.
 - e. Park at Northgate Crossing, Section Four in Precinct 4; R.G. Miller Engineers.
 - f. Celaya Subdivision in Precinct 4; Hovis Surveying Company.
 - g. Wimbledon Forest Plaza in Precinct 4; Hovis Surveying Company.
 - h. Northcrest Village, Sections One and Two in Precinct 4; Jones & Carter, Incorporated.
 - i. Klein ISD Benignus Elementary School in Precinct 4; American Engineering Surveys.
 - j. Ashford Place, Section Two in Precinct 4; Pate Engineers.
 - k. Twin Falls storm water lift station in Precinct 4; R.G. Miller Engineers and Miller Survey Group.
 - l. Woodland Gate amending plat in Precinct 4; Accurate Surveys of Texas, Incorporated.
 - m. Sheffield Center in Precinct 3; Texas Engineering and Mapping Company.

3. Recommendation for approval of changes in contracts for:
 - a. Pedko Paving, contractor for drainage and road improvements for Evergreen Woods Subdivision in Precinct 3, resulting in an addition of \$25,501 to the contract amount (04/0267-3).
 - b. Four Seasons Development Co., Inc., contractor for Jersey Village hike and bike trail in Precinct 4, resulting in an addition of \$6,122 to the contract amount (04/0451-2).
4. Recommendation for authorization for the County Judge to execute engineering/surveying services agreements or amendments with:
 - a. Klotz Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$150,000 for construction of traffic signals and other traffic related improvements for various projects in Precinct 1.
 - b. TEDSI Infrastructure Group in the amount of \$150,000 for construction of traffic signals and other traffic related improvements for various projects in Precinct 1.
 - c. R.W. Patrick & Associates, Inc., in the additional amount of \$190,500 for construction of Crestlane Street from SH 146 to Barbours Cut Terminal in Precinct 2.
 - d. S&B Infrastructure, Ltd., in the amount of \$81,453 in connection with construction of Barker-Cypress Road from South Drive to the south in Precinct 3.
 - e. Weisser Engineering Co., in the additional amount of \$4,000 in connection with construction, maintenance, and repair of various county facilities in Precinct 3.
5. Recommendation for authorization to negotiate with Cobourn, Linseisen & Ratcliff for engineering services in connection with Tidwell Road from East Beltway 8 to Pineland Road in Precinct 1.
6. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute agreements with:
 - a. The City of Nassau Bay for relocation of certain city facilities within the limits of the county's Lagoon Drive, Dauphin Court, Swan Court, and Baycrest Drive project in Precinct 2.
 - b. The City of Pasadena in connection with construction of Pasadena Boulevard from Strawberry Road to Burke Road in Precinct 2.
7. Recommendation that an initial wage rate determination be made on Pepper-Lawson Construction, LP, for their subcontractor Ramco for violation of county prevailing wage rates on the Harris County Fire and Sheriff Training Academy project in Precinct 4.
8. Recommendation that the court establish a public hearing date of October 25 to consider certain street name changes and corrections: Spring Lilac Lane to Caymus Drive, Omaha Beach Court to Omaha Beach Lane, and Valerian Drive to Valerian Lane in Precincts 3 and 4.
9. Transmittal of notices of road and bridge log changes.

2. **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 \$48,273 and three workers compensation recoveries in the total amount of \$2,732; settlement of eight tort claims in the total amount of \$20,720; denial of nine claims for damages; transmittal of claims for damages received during the period ending October 4; and settlement of four accident cases in the total amount of \$6,091.
- b. Consideration of, and possible action in connection with portions of, a report and recommendations concerning group health and related benefits.
- c. Consideration of a report and possible action concerning expenditures relating to the county's response to provide relief and related services because of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.
- d. Transmittal of investment transactions and maturities for the period of September 21-October 4.
- e. Request for approval of interest payments for commercial paper projects.
- f. Transmittal of the quarterly investment report.
- g. Request for approval of a contract position to assist with the mental health screening program in the county jail at an estimated cost of \$10,062.
- h. Request for approval of authorized budget appropriation transfers for flood control and county departments.

3. **Information Technology**

Request for approval of an agreement with the Wharton County Sheriff's Department for use of the county's 800 MHz public radio system.

4. **Facilities & Property Management**

- a. Request for authorization to renew annual agreements with:
 1. DLC Properties, Inc., for lease with option to purchase space at 10585 West Office Drive for Community Supervision and Corrections.
 2. City of Tomball for lease of space at 101 South Walnut for the Tax Office.
 3. DLC Properties, Inc., for lease with option to purchase space at 1000 Robert E. Lee Drive in Baytown.
- b. Request for authorization to negotiate with Hermes Architects for professional architectural services to provide a program update for the Harris County Inmate Processing Center.

- c. Request for authorization to destroy certain records of the County Auditor in accordance with a records control schedule.
- d. Request for authorization to renew an annual license agreement with the U.S. Coast Guard for the Washburn Tunnel antenna site.
- e. Request for approval of a list of persons designated by an oversight committee for assignment of badges as part of the Frequent Courthouse Visitors Badge Program.

5. **Public Health & Environmental Services**

- a. Transmittal of updates and supporting documents regarding recent departmental policy and planning activities, including the HCPHES Strategic Planning Committee, the Pet Care Task Force, and the Immunization Task Force.
- b. Request for approval of additional mileage reimbursement in the amount of \$101 for a TB outreach worker who exceeded the monthly limit in August.
- c. Request for approval of a part-time physician position to be funded by the TB prevention and control grant, and for authorization to reclassify an HIV prevention services grant position.

6. **Community & Economic Development**

- a. Request for approval of orders or agreements with:
 - 1. Harris County Precinct 2 for public infrastructure improvements for the James Driver Park expansion project using Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$851,206.
 - 2. Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County, Inc., to provide services for the homeless using Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$73,000.
 - 3. Amy Holloway in the amount of \$18,500 for consulting services in connection with development of a request for proposals to solicit the services of an economic development consulting company for preparation of a strategic plan for the county and region.
 - 4. Harris County Housing Authority to fund acquisition of land and related costs associated with the Copperwood Ranch Apartments, a multi-family affordable rental-housing project at 6833 Lakeview Haven Drive in Precinct 3, using HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds in the amount of \$300,000.
- b. Request for approval of a subordination and modification agreement with One Oaklake X, LLC, to allow a refinancing to lower the interest rate on an apartment project.
- c. Request for approval of six deferred down payment assistance loans for low- and moderate-income homebuyers in Precincts 3 and 4 in the total amount of \$48,000.

- d. Request for approval of amendments to the 2005 annual action plan for HOME funds.

7. **Youth & Family Services**

a. **Cooperative Extension**

Request for authorization to reclassify two positions.

b. **Juvenile Probation**

- 1. Request for approval of the Harris County Personnel Regulations for Certain Educational Staff effective October 11 to govern personnel policies for instructional and support staff employed in the department's school programs.
- 2. Request for approval of retention incentives for certain employees in the school programs for the period of October 15-December 10.

8. **Constables**

- a. Request by Constable Cheek, Precinct 5, for approval of reimbursement in the amount of \$35 for a gas purchase made by a deputy.
- b. Request by Constable Trevino, Precinct 6, for authorization to purchase a replacement cellular phone.
- c. Request by Constable Trevino for approval of changes in the department's list of reserve deputies.

9. **Sheriff**

- a. Request for authorization to reclassify six deputy positions and change the title of an administrative assistant position.
- b. Request for authorization to reimburse the Special Investigation Fund \$220 for a certification fee paid to the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association.
- c. Request for approval of changes to the department's authorized list of regular deputies and reserve officers.
- d. Request for authorization to accept a donation for the Patrol Bureau.

10. **Fire & Emergency Services**

- a. Request for approval of a fee schedule for hazardous materials responses and inspections effective November 1.

- b. Request for authorization to purchase three vehicles and related equipment.
- c. Request for approval of education incentive pay for a fire/arson investigator who has received advanced peace officer certification.
- d. Request for approval of a senior administrative assistant position.

11. **Medical Examiner**

Request for approval of payment of relocation expenses for a person to fill the position of Forensic Biology Director.

12. **County Clerk**

Transmittal of minutes for the court's meetings of September 13, 21, and 27.

13. **District Clerk**

- a. Request for authorization to correct the payroll records of an employee.
- b. Request for approval of applications and agreements for use of the county's Subscriber Access and e-Clerk programs.

14. **County Attorney**

- a. Request for approval of orders authorizing litigation expenses in connection with cases in County Civil Courts Nos. 1, 3, and 4, the 55th, 61st, 80th, 113th, 125th, 127th, 151st, 152nd, 157th, 215th, 295th, 313th, and 410th District Courts, and U.S. District Court.
- b. Request for approval of an order authorizing suit and litigation expenses to compel compliance with the Texas Solid Waste Disposal and Texas Clean Air Acts and the Administrative Code at 9911 C.E. King Parkway in Precinct 1.

15. **District Attorney**

- a. Request for approval of a reimbursement in the amount of \$1,515 for the purchase of tables and canopies to be used by the Asset Forfeiture Division during semi-annual auctions.
- b. Request for authorization to reimburse an employee for expenses incurred for travel to 12 counties for the Environmental Circuit Rider Project, and for approval of an agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council to fund and expand the program to include more intensive and advanced training and prosecutorial support.

16. **District Courts**

- a. Request for authorization to accept a contribution from Emerson Unitarian Church for the STAR Drug Court.
- b. Request for approval of payment to the Harris County Department of Education for alternative dispute resolution services.

17. **Travel & Training**

a. **Out of Texas**

1. Request by **Management Services** for authorization for an employee to attend a transportation public finance conference October 17-18 in San Francisco, Calif., at an approximate cost of \$1,250.
2. Request by **Information Technology** for authorization for an employee to attend a Motorola course October 24-28 in Schaumburg, Ill., at a cost of \$3,416.
3. Request by **Public Health & Environmental Services** for authorization for:
 - a. An employee to attend a conference of the Environmental Systems Research Institute October 22-27 in Chicago at an approximate cost of \$1,690.
 - b. Three employees to attend a meeting of the Health Resources and Services Administration October 27-30 in Chicago at a total cost of \$3,600.
 - c. Two employees to attend a statistics technology conference November 16-19 in Las Vegas at an approximate total cost of \$5,852.
 - d. An employee to attend weapons of mass destruction response training of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security October 24-28 in Socorro, N.M., at no cost to the county.
4. Request by **Protective Services for Children & Adults** for authorization for an employee to attend a site visit meeting of the Council on Accreditation Agency January 8-12 in Morehead, Ky., at no cost to the county.
5. Request by **Fire & Emergency Services** for authorization for two employees to use a county vehicle for travel to Stillwater, Okla., October 8-11 to attend lectures of Oklahoma State University's Fire Protection Society at no additional cost to the county.
6. Request by the **Medical Examiner** for authorization for:
 - a. An employee to attend an annual training conference of the Southwestern Association of Forensic Scientists October 17-21 in Wichita, Kan., at an approximate cost of \$1,450.
 - b. The Chief Medical Examiner and three employees to attend an annual workshop and symposium of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors October 23-27 in Phoenix, Ariz., at an approximate total cost of \$6,350.

- c. Request for approval for reimbursement of \$473 for expenses incurred by an employee to attend the DEA State and Local Forensic Chemists Seminar September 19-23 in Sterling, Virginia.
 7. Request by the **County Clerk** for authorization for two employees to attend Hart InterCivic's annual voting systems users group workshop November 30-December 2 in Orange County, Calif., at an approximate total cost of \$1,555.
 8. Request by the **District Attorney** for authorization for:
 - a. Two employees to attend a prosecution and victim advocacy course of the National College of District Attorneys October 16-20 in San Francisco at an approximate total cost of \$4,400.
 - b. Four employees to attend the annual National Conference on Domestic Violence of the National College of District Attorneys October 23-October 27 in Reno, Nev., at an approximate total cost of \$7,000 with use of discretionary funds.
 - c. An employee to attend an executive program conference of the National College of District Attorneys September 30-October 4 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina at an approximate cost of \$3,000 with use of discretionary funds.
 - d. The District Attorney to attend meetings of the National District Attorneys Association November 3-5 in Chicago at an approximate cost of \$1,200.
 9. Request by **Commissioner of Precinct 2** for authorization for an employee to attend the Public Policy and International Affairs Conference November 5 in Washington, D.C., at an approximate cost of \$500.
 10. Request by **Commissioner, Precinct 3** for authorization for two employees to attend bus factory service workshops October 17-20 in Fort Valley, Ga., at an approximate total cost of \$1,000.
- b. **In Texas**
1. Request by **Public Infrastructure** for authorization for an employee to attend the TxDOT transportation project development workshop November 3 in Houston at a cost of \$30.
 2. Request by **PID Toll Road Authority** for authorization for:
 - a. Four employees to attend a seminar of the Regional Mobility Authority October 27-28 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$2,400.
 - b. An employee to attend a TxDOT course October 10-12 at College Station at an approximate cost of \$350.
 3. Request by the **PID Flood Control District** for authorization for an employee to attend a technical conference of the Texas Floodplain Management Association November 2-4 in Kerrville at an approximate cost of \$812.

4. Request by **PID Engineering** for authorization for approval of payment in the amount of \$135 for additional expenses incurred by two employees to attend a workshop July 14 in Dallas.
5. Request by **Management Services** for authorization for two employees to attend a financial accounting seminar of the Texas Society of CPAs October 19 in Houston at a total cost of \$378.
6. Request by **Information Technology** for authorization for:
 - a. An employee to attend the annual San Jacinto College South Career Expo October 19 in Houston at a cost of \$45.
 - b. An employee to attend a conference of the Center for Digital Government October 19 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$290.
 - c. An employee to attend the SunGard 2005 Client Conference October 18-21 in Dallas at an approximate cost of \$1,176.
7. Request by **Public Health & Environmental Services** for authorization for:
 - a. An employee to attend the annual Title V Maternal and Child Health Planning Bidders Conference October 3 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$100.
 - b. Reimbursement of \$97 for expenses incurred by an employee to visit Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine September 13 in College Station.
 - c. An employee to attend a WIC vendor liaison meeting October 13-14 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$324.
8. Request by the director of **Community & Economic Development** for approval of reimbursement of \$375 for early registration for five employees to attend an economic impact seminar at the University of Houston November 10.
9. Request by the **County Library** for authorization for 14 employees to attend the annual Puppetry Festival/Workshop October 15 in Houston at a total cost of \$927.
10. Request by **Domestic Relations** for authorization for:
 - a. Two employees to attend the annual Institute for Responsible Dispute Resolution October 28 in Houston at a total cost of \$350.
 - b. An employee to attend a divorce prevention and marriage protection seminar September 30 in Houston at no cost to the county.
 - c. An employee to attend mediation training October 28-30 and November 11-13 in Houston at a cost of \$250.
11. Request by **Cooperative Extension** for authorization for:
 - a. Five employees to attend the District 4-H & Youth Program Development Conference October 4 in Conroe at a cost of \$108.
 - b. An employee to attend the District 9 TCAAA Retreat September 14 in Danbury at a cost of \$145.
 - c. Two employees to attend a grant proposal seminar September 13-14 in Alvin at a cost of \$262.

12. Request by **Protective Services for Children & Adults** for authorization for:
 - a. Five employees to attend the annual Partners in Prevention Conference November 15-18 in Austin at an approximate total cost of \$2,665.
 - b. An employee to attend safety training October 21 in Houston at a cost of \$100.

13. Request by **Children's Assessment Center** for authorization for:
 - a. Executive Director to attend board orientation and management training of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas October 18-20 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$600.
 - b. An employee to attend training of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas November 3 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$225.
 - c. An employee to attend a victims assistance conference of the Office of the Attorney General November 6-9 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$800.
 - d. Two employees to attend a forensic interviewing conference October 27 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$550.

14. Request by **Constable Hickman, Precinct 4**, for authorization for an employee to attend a quarterly TCLEOSE meeting October 13-14 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$390.

15. Request by the **Sheriff** for authorization for:
 - a. Seven employees to attend an annual substance abuse conference October 6-9 in Houston at a total cost of \$1,995.
 - b. Two employees to attend a court security seminar October 18-20 in Austin at an approximate total cost of \$1,215, with travel by county vehicle.
 - c. Two employees to attend the Correctional Education Association Regional Conference October 24-26 in Huntsville at an approximate total cost of \$685, with travel by county vehicle.
 - d. Twelve employees to attend criminal profiling training October 24-26 in Houston at total cost of \$900.
 - e. Two employees to attend the Crime Victim Services Conference November 7-9 in Austin at an approximate total cost of \$846, with travel by county vehicle.
 - f. Five employees to attend the State of Texas Sex Offender Registration Conference November 14-17 in Galveston at an approximate total cost of \$1,551, with travel by county vehicle.
 - g. Two employees to attend the Texas Association of Crime and Intelligence Analysts Training Conference October 31-November 4 in San Antonio at an approximate total cost of \$1,800.
 - h. Eleven employees to attend a practical homicide investigation seminar October 24-26 in Houston at a total cost of \$4,675.
 - i. An employee to attend a training session for operation and maintenance of a photo processor October 11-13 in Dallas at an approximate cost of \$440.

16. Request by the **Medical Examiner** for authorization for:
 - a. Reimbursement of travel expenses in the amount of \$750 incurred by a forensic biologist for a toxicology and DNA testing workshop October 6 in Houston.

- b. Four employees to attend a meeting of the Southwestern Association of Toxicologists November 3-5 in San Antonio at a total cost of \$1,600.
 - c. Five forensic investigator employees to take examinations of the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators to be scheduled during November and December at a total cost of \$1,825.
17. Request by the **County Clerk** for authorization for two employees to attend an annual election law seminar November 30-December 2 in Austin at an approximate total cost of \$790.
18. Request by the **District Clerk** for authorization for an employee to attend the annual Texas Attorney General's Open Government Conference December 12-14 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$720.
19. Request by **Judge Delgado, JP 2.1**, for authorization to attend a justice of the peace education seminar February 7-9 in Galveston at an approximate cost of \$500.
20. Request by the **County Auditor** for authorization for:
- a. An employee to attend an accounting software course November 14-16 in Dallas at an approximate cost of \$2,000.
 - b. Twelve employees to attend an accounts payable audio conference October 11 and 25 in Houston at a cost of \$549.
21. Request by the **Tax Assessor-Collector** for authorization for:
- a. An employee to attend the Board of Tax Professional Examiners registered tax assessor-collector exam November 4 in Hillsboro at a cost of \$480.
 - b. Seven employees to attend the Tax Assessor-Collectors Association personnel management for public officials meeting October 24-26 in Houston at a cost of \$490.
 - c. An employee to attend the annual Texas Association of Assessing Officers Leadership Conference and Workshop October 21-22 in San Antonio at an approximate cost of \$490.
22. Request by **Commissioner of Precinct 1** for authorization for an employee to attend a computer training course October 17-21 in Houston at a cost of \$1,275.
23. Request by **Social Services** for authorization for two employees to attend a grant program meeting October 14-15 in Corpus Christi at an approximate cost of \$500.
24. Request by **Commissioner of Precinct 3** for authorization for an employee to attend the National Association of Social Workers conference November 11 in Galveston at an approximate cost of \$60.
25. Request by **Commissioner of Precinct 4** for authorization for an employee to attend a workshop December 1-2 in Houston at a cost of \$399.

18. **Grants**

- a. Request by **Public Health & Environmental Services** for authorization to accept a revised budget for the Ryan White 1 Grant for an additional \$645,558 for the period through February 2006.
- b. Request by **Constables** for authorization for:
 1. Precinct 5 to accept grant funds in the amount of \$40,998 from the U.S. Department of Justice for the Gang Resistance Education and Training program.
 2. Precinct 7 to accept grant funds in the amount of \$92,708 from the U.S. Department of Justice for the Gang Resistance Education and Training program.
- c. Request by the **Medical Examiner** for authorization to:
 1. Accept grant funds in the amount of \$95,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice for the Harris County Forensic Laboratory Improvement Program.
 2. Accept grant funds in the amount of \$219,322 from the U.S. Department of Justice for the DNA Capacity Enhancement Program Formula Grant.
 3. Accept grant funds in the amount of \$399,379 from the U.S. Department of Justice for the DNA Backlog Reduction Formula Grant.
- d. Request by the **District Courts** for authorization to submit an application to the Texas Task Force on Indigent Defense for grant funds in the amount of \$1,908,009 to improve indigent legal defense services.

19. **Fiscal Services & Purchasing**

a. **Auditor**

1. Request for approval of final payments to:
 - a. Grisham Grading & Excavating, Inc., for detention element for Eldridge Detention Basin for the Flood Control District.
 - b. Grisham Grading & Excavating, Inc., for work in Arthur Storey Park for the Flood Control District.
 - c. Hard Rock Construction, Inc., for channel restoration for Unit P110-00-00 for the Flood Control District.
 - d. Hunter Allied of Texas, Inc., for hike and bike trail bridges at George Bush Park in Precinct 3.
 - e. Lindsey Construction, Inc., for outfall flap gates for the Flood Control District.
 - f. Statewide Traffic Signal Co., for traffic signal installation at the intersection of Barker Cypress Road and Westgate Park Drive in Precinct 3.
 - g. Western Surety Co., for repair of bridges on Huffmeister Road at Horsepen Creek and Trailside Drive at Horsepen Creek in Precinct 4.
2. Transmittal of certification of supplemental estimates of revenue received for various funds and grants.

3. Transmittal of audited claims.

b. **Treasurer**

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

c. **Tax Assessor-Collector**

Request for approval of tax refund payments.

d. **Purchasing**

1. Transmittal of projects scheduled for advertisement:

- a. Dow 1 Park, ballfield lighting and pole replacement in Precinct 1.
- b. Small gas engine repair parts for the county.
- c. Consultation services for a transit finance and implementation strategy for Community & Economic Development outside of the Metro service area within the county.

2. Transmittal of changes in contract with:

- a. Northwest Pest Control, contractor for pest control services and related items for Facilities & Property Management, resulting in an addition of \$270 to the contract amount (00892).
- b. Houston Saw & Knife Works, contractor for commercial lawn and garden equipment for the county, resulting in an addition of \$24,000 to the contract amount (00893).

3. Request for approval of a change in contract with Bio Landscape & Maintenance, contractor for tree planting and maintenance for the Flood Control District, resulting in an addition of \$90,000 to the contract amount (00889).

4. Transmittal of a list of computer-related items obtained through the State of Texas vendor program for the District Attorney, Information Technology, County Clerk, and Inmate Industries.

5. Recommendation that awards be made to:

- a. Trailer Wheel & Frame Co., low bid in the amount of \$25,970 for furnishing and delivering trailers for the county.
- b. Momentum Printing and Graphics, Inc., low bid in the amount of \$38,011 for printed EZ Tag materials for the Toll Road Authority for the period beginning November 1.

6. Transmittal of notice of an award to Heights Transportation Company, Inc., in the amount of \$506,000 for purchase of transportation services for Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program students for the period of October 1-July 31, 2006, with four one-year renewal options.

7. Recommendation that proposals for property management services for the South Post Oak Business Park and adjacent property for the county be rejected.
8. Request for approval of renewal options with:
 - a. Texas Lawyers' Insurance Exchange for professional liability insurance for judges at an approximate cost of \$21,000 for the period of January 1-December 31, 2006.
 - b. Corporate Express of Texas, Inc., for office supplies for the county at an estimated cost of \$2,645,000 for the period of January 1-December 31, 2006.
 - c. Statewide Tree Service for tree and tree limb removal service for the county at an approximate cost of \$100,000, with an \$8,098 annual increase for the period of December 1-November 30, 2006.
 - d. Myriad Systems, Inc., for processing, printing, and mailing of voter registration certificates for the county at an approximate cost of \$47,166 for the period of December 1-November 30, 2006.
 - e. C.R. Kirkpatrick for sale of surplus, worn out, and damaged books, and audio and video tapes and other materials in various formats for the county at an approximate cost of \$2,500 for the period of January 1-December 31, 2006.
 - f. SHI Government Solutions, Inc., for a Microsoft enterprise agreement for Information Technology at an approximate cost of \$27,511 for the period of December 1-November 30, 2006.
 - g. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for public and inmate pay telephone long distance services for the county and the Harris County Hospital District for the period of October 16, 2005-October 15, 2010, and approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an amendment to the agreement.
9. Request for approval of a month-to-month extension with William Rigg for all risk property insurance for the Washburn Tunnel for the period of November 1 and not to exceed December 31.
10. Request for approval of performance bonds for Terra Management Services for lawn care services for buy-out property throughout the county and for the County Clerk to execute the bonds.
11. Request for approval of orders authorizing the County Judge to execute agreements and/or amendments with:
 - a. SOLA Communications, LLC, for mobile satellite video technology equipment for the Sheriff's Department at a cost of \$73,600.
 - b. The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston for physician services for Juvenile Probation at a cost of \$363,625 for the period ending August 31, 2006.
 - c. The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston for developmental and psychological evaluations for Protective Services for Children & Adults at a cost of \$36,000 for the period ending August 31, 2006.

12. Request for approval of orders permitting assignments of portions of contracts with Dell Marketing, LLP, to Dell Government Leasing & Finance Program III for Information Technology for 22 Dell servers in the amount of \$141,341 and an exchange server in the amount of \$169,197.
13. Request for approval of sole source, personal, professional, and other exemptions from the competitive bid process for:
 - a. Computer Corporation of America for maintenance on certain proprietary software products for Information Technology, and approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an addendum to a software maintenance agreement in the amount of \$202,047 for the period ending September 30, 2006.
 - b. Luis Valdez to conduct face-to-face psychological assessments for Protective Services for Children & Adults, and approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an agreement in the amount of \$6,000 for the period ending August 31, 2006.
 - c. Veronique F. Delattre, DDS, for dental services for the Medical Examiner's Office, and approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an agreement in the amount of \$50,000 for the period of November 1-October 31, 2006.
14. 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.
15. Transmittal of notice of receipt of funds in the total amount of \$47,532 from the sale of recyclable materials and surplus and/or confiscated property items through the county's internet public auction for the period of August 26-September 29, and for the County Auditor to issue checks to the Port of Houston, Harris County Hospital District, Houston Community College, and the County Clerk Registry for items sold.
16. Request for authorization to transfer property from the Purchasing Agent to Information Technology.
17. Transmittal of bids and proposals for advertised jobs that were opened October 3 by the Office of the Purchasing Agent, and request for approval of recommendations for disposition.
20. **Commissioners Court**
 - a. **County Judge**
 1. Request for approval of resolutions designating/recognizing:
 - a. Albert Ray Diaz and Waymon Lee Dendy on the occasion of their retirement from the Sheriff's Department.
 - b. October 9-15 as National 4-H Week in the county.

- c. November 17 as Delta Chemical Services, Inc., Day in recognition of the company being selected as the 2005 Industry of the Year by the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce Salute to Industry Committee.
 2. Request for approval of agreements with Volunteer Houston and United Way in amounts of \$5,000 each to provide services in support of the Harris County Citizen Corps Council.
 3. Request for authorization to accept a donation from Micro News Network for a wireless communication system and receivers in support of the Harris County Citizen Corps Community Emergency Response Teams program.
- b. **Commissioner, Precinct 1**
1. Request for approval for the Sagemont Cowboys to host Halloween related fundraising activities October 28-29 at El Franco Lee Park, and transmittal of a list of items to be sold.
 2. Request for consideration and approval of the appointment of Deborah Foster to the Aldine Improvement District Board, Position Five, for a term ending July 1, 2009.
 3. Request for approval to store items donated to the Houston Area Urban League for Hurricane Katrina relief at the Hogan-Allnoch building at 1319 Texas Avenue for a period of up to six months.
 4. Request for approval to install a 20-mph school zone speed limit sign on El Dorado Blvd. approaching Beamer Road; install advanced school crossing and school crosswalk warning signs and remove two existing stop signs at El Dorado Boulevard and Beamer; and place a stop sign to control bus traffic coming out of a driveway for Westbrook Intermediate School.
 5. Request for approval of reappointments of Bob Beasley, Gerald Overturff, Ray Shotwell, and Maria Espinoza to the Aldine Improvement District Board for terms ending July 1, 2009.
- c. **Commissioner, Precinct 2**
- d. **Commissioner, Precinct 3**
1. Request for authorization to delete a cellular phone allowance and add four cellular phones.
 2. Request for approval of a list of election judges and alternates for a term ending July 31, 2006.

3. Request for approval of the reappointment of John Downey Bridgwater to the board of the Harris County Housing Finance Corporation for a term ending September 14, 2007.
4. Request for authorization to accept the donation of a Hoover steam vacuum from the Houston Calligraphy Guild for use at Tracy Gee Community Center.
5. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute an agreement with the Rotary Club of Katy Sunrise for cleanup along the roadsides of Baker Road from Greenwind Chase to Baker Trail in connection with the Adopt a County Road program for the period of October 1-September 30, 2006.

e. **Commissioner, Precinct 4**

1. Request for approval to post signs prohibiting overnight parking of commercial motor vehicles in the Foxwood Subdivision.
2. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute an agreement with Frank Willingham Insurance Agency for cleanup along the roadsides of Aldine Westfield Road from FM 1960 to Hirschfield Road in connection with the Adopt a County Road program for the period of October 31, 2005-October 31, 2006.
3. Transmittal of notice of traffic sign installations.

21. **Miscellaneous**

- a. Transmittal of petitions filed with County Civil Courts Nos. 3 and 4 and U.S. District Court.
- b. Transmittal of executed agreements with Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, Greater St. Matthew Church, Old Landmark, Bonita Street House of Hope, and Briardale Treatment Center/Spillers Personal Care for disaster relief shelter services in connection with Hurricane Katrina.
- c. Consideration of proposed orders consenting to resale of property by the City of Tomball in connection with judgment in a delinquent tax suit.
- d. Request by Harris County Health Facilities Development Corporation for approval of a resolution for issuance of bonds to finance and refinance projects for Memorial Hermann Healthcare System.

22. **Emergency items.**

23. **Tax Rates**

Public Hearing

Consideration of 2005 tax rates for Harris County, Harris County Flood Control District, Port of Houston Authority, and Harris County Hospital District.

The following rates have been recommended for adoption at the court's scheduled meeting on October 25.

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>Difference</u>
County	.39986	.39986	.00000
Flood	.03318	.03322	+.00004
Port	.01673	.01474	-.00199
Hospital	<u>.19021</u>	<u>.19216</u>	<u>+.00195</u>
Totals	.63998	.63998	\$.00000

24. **Appearances before court**

a. **3 minutes**

A speaker whose subject matter as submitted relates to an identifiable item of business on this agenda will be requested by the County Judge or other presiding court member to come to the podium where they will be limited to three minutes (3). A speaker whose subject matter as submitted does 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.

b. **1 minute**

A speaker whose subject matter as submitted does not relate to an identifiable item of business on this agenda and who has appeared at any of the four preceding court meetings will be limited to one minute (1).

Adjournment.

Commissioners Court

County Judge

Commissioners (4)

Services

- Public Infrastructure
- Management Services
- Information Technology
- Facilities & Property Management
- Public Health & Environmental Services
- Community & Economic Development
- Library Services
- Youth & Family Services

Fiscal Services & Purchasing

- Auditor
- Treasurer
- Tax Assessor-Collector
- Purchasing

Administration of Justice

- Constables (8)*
- Sheriff*
- Sheriff's Civil Service
- Fire & Emergency Services
- Medical Examiner
- County Clerk*
- District Clerk*
- County Attorney*
- District Attorney*
- Community Supervision & Corrections
- Pretrial Services
- Justices of the Peace (16)*
- County Courts (19)*
- Probate Courts (4)*
- District Courts (59)*
- Courts of Appeals (2)*

Elected

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Calendar 2005

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