

# NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

**November 7, 2005**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, will be held on **Tuesday, November 8, 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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# HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

## COMMISSIONERS COURT

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No. 05.21

### AGENDA

November 8, 2005

10:00 a.m.

Opening prayer by Pastor Rusty Greer of The Worship Center Assembly of God in Houston.

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. Facilities & Property Management
  4. Information Technology
  5. Public Health & Environmental Services
  6. Community & Economic Development
  7. Library Services
  8. Youth & Family Services
  9. Constables
  10. Sheriff
  11. Fire Marshal
  12. Medical Examiner
  13. County Clerk
  14. District Clerk
  15. County Attorney
  16. Pretrial Services
  17. Probate Courts
  18. District Courts
  19. Travel & Training
    - a. Out of Texas
    - b. In Texas
  20. Grants
  21. Fiscal Services & Purchasing
    - a. Auditor
    - b. Treasurer
    - c. Tax Assessor-Collector
    - d. 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
  24. Emergency items
  25. Public Hearing
  26. 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](http://www.co.harris.tx.us/agenda).*

1. **Public Infrastructure Department**

a. **Public Infrastructure**

Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute an amendment to an agreement with Morris Architects, Inc., for architectural services in the amount of \$91,000 in connection with the Juvenile Justice Center.

b. **Right of Way**

1. Recommendation that the court approve a resolution and order authorizing for the Cypress North Houston O/F project four specific tracts northeast of North Eldridge Parkway and southwest of Unit K161-00-00 in Precinct 3, decreeing the project to be a public necessity and convenience, and directing Right of Way to acquire specific property on behalf of the Flood Control District, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the transactions.
2. Recommendation that the court approve a resolution and order authorizing for the Spring Cypress Road-4 project two specific tracts from US 290 to east of Barker Cypress Road in Precinct 3, 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.
3. Recommendation that the court approve a resolution and order authorizing Right of Way on behalf of the county to purchase Tract F001-115 at 15906 Alta Mesa Drive between Alief-Clodine and Amapola Drive of the Westpark Corridor, Phase 4 project in Precinct 3 for the negotiated price of \$2,500, \$900 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 Right of Way to accept an offer from Northgate Crossing Partners, Ltd., to sell to the county in the amount of \$1,003,543 approximately 17 acres of land adjacent to Sections 12 and 13 of Villages of Northgate Crossing for the Villages of Northgate Crossing project in Precinct 4, and for the county to pay all costs associated with the closing of the purchase and that appropriate officials take necessary actions to complete the transaction.

c. **Toll Road Authority**

1. Request for approval of a change in contract with W.W. Webber, Inc., for Item 9023, Bent No. 23, to be full settlement of delay claims from south of Carey Chase Drive to north of Hillcroft Avenue for the Fort Bend Parkway extension and that contingency bid items be adjusted to reflect new value, and adding 46 days and resulting in no change to the contract amount (00103).

2. Request for approval of 23 new positions and title changes and salary reclassifications in connection with the EZ Tag Call Center, storefront operations, and administration.
3. Request for authorization to correct the payroll records of two employees.
4. Request for approval to manage the leases, operations, and maintenance of facilities at 2202 Nance, 11246 S. Post Oak, 11300, 11320, and 11328 S. Post Oak, 2210 Brook Street, and 14209 Aston.
5. Recommendation for approval of an amendment to an agreement with HNTB Corporation for engineering services in the amount of \$59,478 for scope of services, with increase of the lump sum compensation for design of southbound entrance ramp north of Bissonnet and Sam Houston Tollway including updating plans for 2006 TxDOT lettings.
6. Recommendation for approval and authorization to seek bids for installation of overhead signs for various locations at an estimated cost of \$1,833,011.
7. Recommendation for approval of an agreement with Electronic Transaction Consultants Corporation for professional engineering services, project management, design, installation, and maintenance of toll collection systems, fiber optics, violation enforcement camera systems, ITS applications, and engineering support for message signs and traffic camera in the total amount of \$457,000.
8. Request for authorization to negotiate with Landtech Consultants, Inc., for on-call surveying services at an approximate cost of \$115,000 for the Hardy extension into downtown project.

d. **Flood Control District**

1. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute agreements with:
  - a. Huitt-Zollars, Inc., for additional engineering and architectural services in the amount of \$200,000 in support of the district's engineering, maintenance, architectural, and federal programs.
  - b. W.M. Trucking and Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$5,000 for construction of regional detention basin No. P500-02-00 in the Greens Bayou watershed in Precinct 4.
2. Recommendation that awards for:
  - a. Cypress Creek restoration project at Meyer Park in Precinct 4 be made to Lecon, Inc., in the amount of \$989,413.
  - b. Mason Creek channel restoration from Kingsland Blvd., to I-10 in Precinct 3 be made to Lecon, Inc., in the amount of \$1,278,718.

3. Recommendation for authorization to enter into negotiations with BGM Land Investments, Ltd., for a possible trade of property for Unit T501-01-00 in Precinct 3.
4. Recommendation for authorization to negotiate an agreement with C. H. Fenstermaker & Associates, Inc., for engineering services in support of the district's engineering and maintenance programs in Precinct 2.
5. Recommendation for authorization to recognize John H. (Jack) Rafferty as the first Flood Control Engineer for the district with a memorial at a Willow Waterhole detention basin site in Precinct 1.
6. Recommendation for approval of construction documents and authorization to seek bids for a three-week period for Fallbrook regional detention basin excavation and related improvements in the White Oak Bayou drainage area system in Precinct 4 at an estimated cost of \$2,730,000.
7. Recommendation that Unit P530-03-00 be added to the district's stormwater management system for identification purposes only in connection with the Greens Bayou watershed in Precinct 4.
8. Recommendation for approval of contract and bonds for AHS Texas Enterprise, LP, for general repairs in the South Mayde Creek watershed in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$294,270.
9. Recommendation that the court acknowledge deposit receipts for impact fees for September.

e. **Engineering**

1. Recommendation for approval of the following plats:
  - a. Mueschke Road storage facility in Precinct 3; Hovis Surveying Company.
  - b. Barkers Branch, Section Three in Precinct 3; Brown & Gay Engineers, Incorporated.
  - c. Bear Creek Church in Precinct 3; West Belt Surveying, Incorporated.
  - d. Werrington, Section One in Precinct 4; VanDeWiele Engineering, Incorporated.
  - e. Odom/Smith Acres in Precinct 4; Thomas Land Surveying.
  - f. Dickerson Subdivision in Precinct 4; Cleveland Surveying Company.
  - g. Settlers Village, Section Three partial replat in Precinct 3; R.G. Miller Engineers.
  - h. Woodland Pines, Section Four in Precinct 4; Edminster Hinshaw Russ and Associates.
  - i. Harris County MUD No. 200 lift station No. 2 in Precinct 4; Jones & Carter, Incorporated.
  - j. Chase Bank at Wilson Road in Precinct 4; Paksima Group, Inc., and Geosolutions, Limited.

- k. North Harris County Regional Water Authority, Louetta water plant in Precinct 4; Brown & Gay Engineers, Incorporated.
  - l. Providence Place Apartments, Section One in Precinct 3; United Engineers, Incorporated.
  - m. Strathmore, Section Three in Precinct 3; Brown & Gay Engineers, Incorporated.
  - n. Louetta Glen, Section Two in Precinct 4; Edminster Hinshaw Russ and Associates.
  - o. Meadowview Farms, Section Four in Precinct 4; Brown & Gay Engineers, Inc., and Kerry R. Gilbert & Associates, Incorporated.
  - p. Springbrook, Section Six in Precinct 4; Jones & Carter, Incorporated.
  - q. Huffmeister Wimbledon in Precinct 3; Terra Associates, Inc., and Terra Surveying Co., Incorporated.
  - r. Ravensway Townhome Apartments in Precinct 3; Hovis Surveying.
  - s. Grants Trace in Precinct 4; Dannenbaum Engineering Corporation.
  - t. Snake River at Park Row in Precinct 3; Thomas Land Surveying.
  - u. DNJK Investments, Section One in Precinct 3; Rekha Engineering, Incorporated.
2. Recommendation for approval of changes in contracts for:
- a. ACM Contractors, Inc., contractor for Cypress N. Houston and Raven South Drive in Precinct 3, resulting in a reduction of \$1,189 from the contract amount (04/0450-2).
  - b. Diversified Impact Utilities, Ltd., contractor for chipseal for various roads in the Westside area in Precinct 3, adding four calendar days and resulting in no change to the contract amount (04/0204-4).
  - c. Durotech, Inc., contractor for Youth Services Center in Precinct 3, adding 19 calendar days and resulting in an addition of \$17,686 to the contract amount (04/0144-8).
  - d. Triple B Services, Inc., contractor for Huffmeister Road from Union Pacific Railroad to South US 290 in Precinct 3, adding 21 calendar days and resulting in an addition of \$18,076 to the contract amount (04/0344-1).
  - e. Triple B Services, Inc., contractor for Huffmeister Road from Union Pacific Railroad to South US 290 in Precinct 3, adding a calendar day and resulting in an addition of \$3,082 to the contract amount (04/0344-2).
3. Recommendation for authorization for the County Judge to execute engineering/environmental services agreements or amendments with:
- a. CivilTech Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$150,000 in connection with construction of the drainage of Will Clayton Parkway from US 59 to east of Wilson Road in Precinct 4.
  - b. Crouch Environmental Services, Inc., in the additional amount of \$10,000 for providing/constructing wetlands and drainage mitigation, permitting, and monitoring as necessary to satisfy Environmental Protection Agency and United States Army Corps of Engineers requirements imposed in connection with a previous project for Grant Road and Kitzman Road off-site drainage improvements in Precinct 4.

4. Recommendation for authorization to issue or increase purchase orders for testing and inspection services to:
  - a. Geotest in the additional amount of \$35,000 for paving and drainage improvements for Orem Drive from east of Mykawa to Foxton Road in Precinct 1.
  - b. Atser in the amount of \$60,650 for reconstruction of Bayridge Road from west limits of Morgans Point to Visonia in Precinct 2.
  - c. Geotest in the amount of \$268,770 for paving and drainage improvements for Garth Road from IH-10 to Wallisville Road in Precinct 2.
  - d. Geotest Engineering in the amount of \$150,929 for paving and drainage improvements for Barker Cypress from South Drive to south of South Drive in Precinct 3.
  - e. QC Laboratories in the amount of \$25,607 for repairs/replacement of concrete pavement, curbs, driveways, sidewalks, and related items in Precinct 4.
  - f. HTS, Inc., in the additional amount of \$18,553 for pavement construction on Fallbrook Drive from Antoine Drive to east of Ann Louise Road in Precinct 4.
  
5. Recommendation for appropriate officials to take necessary actions and awards be made to:
  - a. Angel Brothers Ent., Ltd., lowest and best bid in the amount of \$1,124,841 for 2004 asphalt overlay and base repairs of various roads in the Miller Road Camp area in Precinct 2.
  - b. DCE Construction, Inc., lowest and best bid for repairs/replacement of concrete pavement and related items on Claire Lane in the Miller Road Camp area in Precinct 2.
  - c. Ideal Construction Services, lowest and best bid in the amount of \$71,065 for erosion control and maintenance on Jones Road over Spring Gully in Precinct 2.
  - d. Beyer Construction, LLP, lowest and best bid in the amount of \$931,672 for Barker Cypress Road paving and drainage improvements from north of Jarvis Road to Spring-Cypress Road in Precinct 3.
  - e. ACM Contractors, Inc., lowest and best bid in the amount of \$492,718 for proposed traffic signals and left turn improvements for Boudreaux Road at Hufsmith-Kohrville Road in Precinct 4.
  
6. Recommendation that the contract with Smith's Classic Construction, Inc., for a wetlands learning area at Challenger 7 Memorial Park in Precinct 1 be terminated for convenience of the county due to uncompleted work by Pasadena ISD.
  
7. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute an agreement with Coastal Water Authority for design modifications to a proposed storm sewer system within the limits of the county's Industrial Road project in Precinct 2.
  
8. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to reduce retainage from 5% to 2% for:
  - a. JFT Construction, Inc., contractor for construction of Fry Road South from south of West Little York to FM 529 in Precinct 3.

- b. TJ&T Enterprises, Inc., contractor for paving and drainage improvements for Mason Road in Precinct 3.
9. Recommendation that technical defects be waived and the award for furnishing and delivering geogrid in various sizes on an as needed basis in Precinct 3 be made to Lone Star Products, Inc., lowest and best bid in the amount of \$90,000, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions relating to the award.
10. Request for approval of a preliminary engineering report prepared by WCCM Engineering, Inc., for construction of North Eldridge Parkway Bridge for the west lanes over Cypress Creek in Precinct 3, and authorization to proceed with the design phase.
11. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute an agreement with ExxonMobil Pipeline Company for reconstruction of Aldine-Westfield Road, Segment C, from Hydro-55 Street to Farrel Road in Precinct 4.
12. Request for authorization to have the County Attorney take legal action against SBC to cause the relocation of their facilities that are in conflict with the county's proposed improvements for the Cutten Road project from south of FM 1960 to Greens Bayou Bridge in Precinct 4.
13. Recommendation that joint checks be issued to Hubco, Inc., and Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company for various jobs in Precinct 4.
14. 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 \$57,035 and three workers compensation recoveries in the total amount of \$2,277; settlement of 10 tort claims in the total amount of \$17,438; denial of three claims for damages; and transmittal of claims for damages received during the period ending November 1.
- b. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute releases in exchange for payments to the county in amounts of \$1,218, \$1,472, and \$929 in connection with settlement of accident claims.
- c. Request for approval of renewal of group health and related benefits effective March 1, 2006, and for approval of an amendment to the flexible benefits plan document as prepared by the County Attorney.
- d. Transmittal of investment transactions and maturities for the period of October 19-November 1.



- e. Request for approval of payment of actual Reliant Park construction invoices in the total amount of \$38,234 for September as submitted by the Harris County Sports & Convention Corporation.
- f. Request for approval of amended commercial paper notes for funding of the JIMS2 upgrade project and renovations for the historical Civil Courts Building project.
- g. Consideration of an order for approval of renewal of contracts for law enforcement services for schools with reimbursements for services of peace officers set at 100%.
- h. Consideration of an order for approval of changes in salaries for judges.
- i. Request for approval of authorized budget appropriation transfers for flood control and county departments.

3. **Facilities & Property Management**

- a. Request for authorization to dispose of historical business records in the Hogan-Allnoch Building by donation to Rice University.
- b. Request for authorization to renew lease agreements for Annex C at 8080 El Rio for the Library Department; Annex E at 5300 Griggs for JP 7.2 and the Tax Department; and 17427 Village Green Drive for the Sheriff's Auto Theft Unit.
- c. Request for authorization to renew an agreement for space for the Harris County Department of Education at the county's Walker Multi-Service Center at 7613A Wade Road in Baytown.
- d. Request for approval of an agreement with the Sports & Convention Corporation for use of a parking lot at Annex M, 2525 Murworth, during games of the Houston Texans; and an amended agreement with the Texas Department of Family & Protective Services for space in Annex M.
- e. Request for acceptance of a letter of credit in connection with an agreement with Looking Glass at 2202 Nance and the company's obligations and covenants for repair and related renovation of the leased space.
- f. Request for authorization to renew an agreement for lease of an antenna site at 1153 Old Phelps Road in Huntsville for Information Technology's radio communications equipment.
- g. Request for authorization to store donated disaster relief items for the Houston Area Urban League at 1319 Texas Avenue for a period of up to six months.
- h. Request for approval for connection of utilities for a county parking lot at 1300 Baker Street.

- i. Request for approval of a salary adjustment and title change for an administrative position for equalization.

4. **Information Technology**

Request for approval of six cellular phone allowances, the addition of two assigned county cellular phones, and deletion of 11 phones.

5. **Public Health & Environmental Services**

- a. Request for approval of added mileage reimbursement of \$28, \$126, and \$325 for TB program employees who exceeded monthly limits while performing county duties.
- b. Request for authorization to purchase gift cards with grant funds for clients receiving HIV services as incentives to encourage completion of appointments for medical services.
- c. Request for authorization to lower the hourly rate and add hours to a public health nurse model position.
- d. Request for approval of a medical grant position for the Office of Public Health Preparedness.
- e. Request for authorization to purchase an automated ambient air analysis system at a cost of \$49,957.
- f. Request for approval of 26 grant loan agreements for residential lead-based paint hazard reductions in accordance with HUD regulations.

6. **Community & Economic Development**

- a. Request for approval for the County Judge or designee to endorse payments for disaster assistance and repair costs for damages by Hurricane Rita to a housing rehabilitation project in Crosby.
- b. Request for approval of an amended agreement with New Horizon Family Center for a women's shelter project with allocation of an additional \$506,473 in grant funds.
- c. Request for approval of an amended agreement with Bayou Housing Partners, Inc., for an affordable housing project in La Porte, allowing an additional \$5,000 for inspection services.
- d. Request for approval of a lienholder's subordination to the dedication of streets, rights of way and easements in connection with the Louetta Village Apartments project in the 1900 blocks of Louetta and Holzwarth Road in Spring.

- e. Request for approval of amendments to annual action plans in connection with grant funds for various projects.
- f. Request for approval of 10 deferred down payment assistance loans for low income homebuyers in the assistance program.
- g. Request for approval of grant funds in the amount of \$21,816 for construction of a parking lot at Southwell Park and Community Center in Precinct 4.
- h. Request for acceptance of transmittal of agreements for disaster relief shelter services with Vietnamese Martyrs Church, Moriah House for Families, Live Oak Friends Meeting, and Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church.
- i. Request for approval of an agreement with Greenwood Utility District for a sanitary sewer rehabilitation project in Precinct 1 in the amount of \$397,738.

7. **Library**

Request for authorization to correct the payroll records of an employee.

8. **Youth & Family Services**

a. **Domestic Relations**

- 1. Request for authorization to change the fee schedule for custody investigation studies from \$125 per party to a sliding scale based on income.
- 2. Request for authorization to provide parenting coordination services for cases in family district courts on a sliding scale fee basis.

b. **Juvenile Probation**

Request for approval of 16 cellular phone allowances for staff in the Education Services Division.

c. **Children's Assessment Center**

Request for authorization to replace two cell phones.

9. **Constables**

- a. Request by Constables Jones, Precinct 3, and Walker, Precinct 7, for approval of changes in listings of reserves and regular officers.
- b. Request by Constable Abercia, Precinct 1, for authorization to accept a donation of computer equipment from Lockheed Martin.

- c. Request by Constable Hickman, Precinct 4, for amendment to a law enforcement agreement with Lakewood Forest Fund, Inc., for deletion of one deputy position.
- d. Request by Constable Cheek, Precinct 5, for approval of a car allowance for a sergeant position.
- e. Request by Constable Trevino, Precinct 6, for authorization to add a seized truck to the department's fleet pursuant to an award by the 334th District Court.
- f. Request for authorization to continue three deputy positions in the Sex Offender Monitoring and Compliance Program on the general fund.
- g. Request by Constable Walker, Precinct 7, for approval to restock a postage meter at a cost of \$4,000.

10. **Sheriff**

- a. Request for authorization to accept a donation of \$1,000 from Wal-Mart.
- b. Request for approval of two cellular phone allowances.
- c. Request for authorization to reclassify a detective position to sergeant for the Patrol Bureau, and to change the titles of two positions in the Firearms Lab Section.

11. **Fire Marshal**

- a. Request for approval of a burn ban order and prohibition on the sale and use of certain fireworks in unincorporated areas for a period of 90 days, and for automatic extension of the order and prohibition if drought conditions exist on February 6, 2006.
- b. Transmittal of a financial report by Harris County Emergency Services District No. 80.

12. **Medical Examiner**

- a. Request for approval of a cell phone allowance for an employee.
- b. Request for approval of extension agreements with eight counties for postmortem examinations and related court testimony.
- c. Request for approval of payments for membership dues for the Chief Medical Examiner to the Houston Society of Clinical Pathologists, the Harris County Medical Society and Houston Academy of Medicine, Texas Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

13. **County Clerk**

- a. Request for approval to replace a cellular phone and to upgrade the service plan.
- b. Transmittal of the court's minutes for the October 25 meeting.

14. **District Clerk**

Request for approval of agreements for e-Clerk and Subscriber Access services.

15. **County Attorney**

- a. Request for approval of litigation expenses in connection with cases in County Civil Courts Nos. 3 and 4; the 55th, 61st, 80th, 133rd, 152nd, 157th, 164th, 189th, 190th, 234th, 269th, 270th, 281st, 315th, and 334th District Courts; JP 5.1 Court; and U. S. District Court.
- b. Request for approval of an order authorizing settlement and payment of an additional \$4,000 plus interest in connection with a condemnation suit concerning the Hardy Toll Road Extension Project, Tract 002 in Precinct 1.

16. **Pretrial Services**

Request for approval of bilingual language incentive pay adjustment for an employee who qualified for the change in status.

17. **Probate Court No. 3**

Request for approval to replace a cellular telephone.

18. **District Courts**

Request for approval of payment to the Harris County Department of Education for alternative dispute resolution services.

19. **Travel & Training**

a. **Out of Texas**

1. Request by **PID Flood Control** for expenses in the approximate amount of \$4,000 for travel by an employee to New Orleans and other locations to assist the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as part of an Interagency Performance Evaluation Task Force in connection with flooding from Hurricane Katrina.

2. Request by **Public Health & Environmental Services** for authorization for two employees to attend the annual Society for Public Health Education Conference December 8-10 in Philadelphia, Pa., at an approximate total cost of \$4,000.
  3. Request by **Domestic Relations** for authorization for an employee to travel to Sulphur, La., in November to complete a home visit for a family district court case at no cost to the county.
  4. Request by **Protective Services for Children & Adults** for authorization for an employee, two community partners, and a parent representative to attend a conference of the Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health November 18-20 in Washington, D.C., at an approximate total cost of \$4,500.
  5. Request by the **Sheriff** for authorization for:
    - a. An employee to travel to select a new police dog from the Vohne Liche Kennels November 14-16 in Denver, Ind., at an approximate cost of \$785.
    - b. An employee to attend the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Undercover Operatives School November 29-December 8 in Glyco, Ga., with travel by county vehicle and no additional cost to the county.
  6. Request by the **District Attorney** for authorization to use discretionary funds for reimbursement of \$1,700 for expenses incurred by an employee to attend the End Violence Against Woman Conference October 1-5 in Baltimore, Maryland.
  7. Request by **Probate Court No. 3** for authorization for an employee to attend the National Guardianship Association Conference November 4-9 in Cleveland, Ohio at an approximate cost of \$1,840.
- b. **In Texas**
1. Request by **PID** for authorization for two employees to discuss projects for elimination of illicit discharges in storm waters with professors of Texas A&M University in College Station in November at a total cost of \$200.
  2. Request by the **PID Flood Control** for authorization for:
    - a. Three employees to attend an ethics and expansive clays seminar November 30 in Houston at a total cost of \$225.
    - b. Two employees to attend a boundary law seminar November 15 in Houston at a total cost of \$458.
    - c. Five employees to attend an introduction to ArcGIS I seminar December 8-9 in Houston at a total cost of \$500.
  3. Request by **PID Engineering** for authorization for:
    - a. Reimbursement of \$450 for expenses incurred by an employee to attend a board of directors meeting of the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials October 20-23 in San Antonio.

- b. An employee to attend the Watershed Management Training Conference November 16-18 in Fort Worth at a cost of \$600.
4. Request by **Management Services** for authorization for:
  - a. Two employees to attend a financial management seminar November 16-18 in San Antonio at a total cost of \$300.
  - b. An employee to attend an insurance seminar November 29 in Houston at a cost of \$155.
  - c. An employee to attend a health information technology forum December 1 in Austin at a cost of \$160.
5. Request by **Information Technology** for authorization for four employees to attend RoboHelp X5 training November 9-11 in Houston at a total cost of \$5,180.
6. Request by **Facilities & Property Management** for authorization for:
  - a. Two employees to attend an American Institute of Architects seminar on improving handicap accessibility in commercial and public buildings November 17 in Houston at a total cost of \$80.
  - b. Reimbursement of \$80 for expenses incurred by two employees to attend an American Institute of Architects seminar that was held November 1 in Houston.
7. Request by **Community & Economic Development** for authorization for:
  - a. Five employees to attend the annual Power Tools for Nonprofits Conference November 16 in Houston at a total cost of \$225.
  - b. Payment to Dennison and Associates, contractor for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, of \$5,200 for providing a HUD training course for approximately 40 county and subrecipient staff November 17-18 in Houston.
8. Request by **Protective Services for Children & Adults** for authorization for:
  - a. An employee to attend the annual Adult Protective Services Conference November 2-4 in San Antonio at a cost of \$150.
  - b. Staff to host fall and winter holiday events November 10-December 20 in Houston at total cost of \$2,000 for Emergency Shelter residents.
  - c. Two employees to attend training of the Texas Association for Partners in Education November 11 in Houston at a total cost of \$100.
  - d. Three employees to attend a management conference November 16 in Houston at a total cost of \$180.
  - e. Four employees to attend a grant writing seminar December 7 in Houston at a total cost of \$100.
  - f. Five employees to attend a mental health conference luncheon November 11 at a total cost of \$125.
  - g. Staff to host an annual Preparation for Adult Living Program winter holiday celebration December 3 in Houston at an approximate cost of \$8,500.
  - h. An employee to attend the annual Texas Network of Youth Services Board of Directors Retreat November 18-20 in New Ulm at a cost of \$308.

9. Request by **Constables** for authorization for:
  - a. An employee of **Precinct 4** to attend the annual Open Government Conference December 12-14 in Austin at a cost of \$710.
  - b. Reimbursement of \$276 for expenses incurred by an employee of **Precinct 6** to attend the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards & Education Training Coordinator's Workshop September 12-15 in Corpus Christi.
  - c. An employee of **Precinct 7** to attend a Texas Department of Public Safety training school January 16-20 in Austin at a cost of \$63.
  
10. Request by the **Sheriff** for authorization for:
  - a. Two employees to attend a fire and security conference November 9 in Galveston at a total cost of \$660, with travel by county vehicle.
  - b. Two employees to attend a media relations seminar December 1-2 in Arlington at a total cost of \$1,466, with travel by county vehicle.
  - c. Eight employees to attend a child passenger safety course November 8-11 in Houston at a total cost of \$480.
  
11. Request by the **Medical Examiner** for authorization for:
  - a. A forensic pathologist consultant and author to give a presentation for staff concerning drug-related deaths December 5 in Houston at an approximate cost of \$900.
  - b. An employee to attend laboratory safety training November 30-December 1 in Corpus Christi at a cost of \$1,350.
  
12. Request by **Justices of the Peace** for authorization for:
  - a. Three employees of **JP 1.1** to attend a justice of the peace training seminar November 7-9 in Richardson at a cost of \$319.
  - b. **Judge Patronella, JP 1.2**, to attend the Advanced Real Estate Short Course November 16-18 in Dallas at a cost of \$594.
  - c. **Judge Risner, JP 2.2**, to attend a justice of the peace seminar February 7-9 in Galveston at a cost of \$500.
  - d. Four employees of **JP 4.1** to attend a seminar at the Texas Justice Court Training Center in December in Austin.
  - e. Request by the County Courts Manager for authorization for the court manager, 16 **Justices of the Peace**, staff, and an assistant county attorney to attend a justice court training and legal education session November 14-16 in Montgomery at a total cost of \$7,600.
  
13. Request by **Probate Court No. 3** for authorization for an employee to attend the Adult Protective Service volunteer coalition meeting November 1-4 in San Antonio at a cost of \$646.



14. Request by the **County Auditor** for authorization for:
  - a. Two employees to attend an accounting seminar November 9-10 in Houston at a total cost of \$540.
  - b. Fourteen employees to attend an accounts payable network audio seminar November 10 in Houston at a total cost of \$299.
  - c. Two employees to attend a financial management training seminar November 16-17 in Austin at a total cost of \$820.
  - d. An employee to attend a communications seminar December 1-2 in Houston at a cost of \$299.
  - e. An employee to attend a grant administration training workshop February 15-16 in Corpus Christi at a cost of \$480.
  
15. Request by the **County Treasurer** for authorization for:
  - a. An employee to attend the annual Government Treasurers' Organization of Texas Seminar December 12-14 in San Antonio at a cost of \$1,200.
  - b. The Treasurer and an employee to attend the TEXPO 2006 Conference April 2-4 in Ft. Worth at a total cost of \$1,750.
  
16. Request by **Commissioner of Precinct 2** for authorization for four employees to attend a pesticide applicator recertification program December 6 in Baytown at a total cost of \$100.
  
17. Request by **Commissioner of Precinct 4** for authorization for seven employees to attend a training class on small engine repair November 18 in Houston at no cost to the county.

20. **Grants**

- a. Request by **PID** for authorization to submit an application to the Houston-Galveston Area Council for grant funds in the amount of \$100,880 for the household hazardous waste collection program.
  
- b. Request by the **County Library** for authorization to:
  1. Accept grant funds in the amount of \$78,000 from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for the Public Access Computer Hardware Upgrade Program in branch libraries.
  2. Submit an application to Reading Is Fundamental, Inc., for grant funds in the amount of \$4,575 to purchase books for low-income families.
  
- c. Request by **Constable Precinct 5** for authorization to accept an amendment to an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for enforcement of traffic control regulations.
  
- d. Request by the **Sheriff** for authorization to:
  1. Accept grant funds in the amount of \$76,512 from the U.S. Department of Justice for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership program.

2. Accept an agreement with the Greater Greenspoint Management District in the amount of \$336,354 for the Greenspoint Stopping Auto Theft Program.
- e. Request by **Social Services of Precinct 1** for authorization to submit an application to the Houston-Galveston Area Council for grant funds in the amount of \$142,105 to provide employment opportunities for eight persons who were displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

21. **Fiscal Services & Purchasing**

a. **Auditor**

1. Request for approval of final payments to:
  - a. AHS Texas Enterprises, LP, for Alexander Deussen Park - T and auxiliary pier repairs in Precinct 1.
  - b. Cary Construction Company for erosion repair for West Road to Unit E141-030-00 for the Flood Control District.
  - c. Cutler Repaving, Inc., for refurbishing various roads by hot in place recycling of existing asphalt surface and overlay in the Crosby and Humble Camp areas in Precinct 4.
  - d. Lonnie Lischka Co., Inc., for Mason Creek channel rehabilitation extension and detention basin from Franz Road to Katy Hockley Cutoff Road for the Flood Control District.
  - e. NBG Constructors, Inc., for failed sheet pile wall replacement for the Flood Control District.
2. Transmittal of certification of supplemental estimates of revenue received for various funds and grants.
3. Request for approval of payroll payments for the periods ending November 11, 25, and 30.
4. Transmittal of an unaudited and unadjusted monthly financial report for September.
5. Transmittal of audited claims.

b. **Treasurer**

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

c. **Tax Assessor-Collector**

1. Request for approval of an interlocal agreement with Harris County Improvement District No. 5 for assessment services as prepared by the County Attorney's Office.

2. Request for approval of tax refund payments.

d. **Purchasing**

1. Transmittal of projects scheduled for advertisement:
  - a. Furnish and deliver various fitness equipment for the Sheriff's Department.
  - b. Printing of standard business cards for the county.
  - c. Interment burial and cremation services for Social Services of Precinct 1.
  - d. Painting and minor repairs of the Brookhollow Building, third floor, for the Flood Control District.
  - e. Telephone and data cable for the county and the Harris County Hospital District.
2. Transmittal of changes in contracts with:
  - a. Aramark Correctional Services, contractor for food catering for Juvenile Probation, resulting in no change to the contract amount (00894).
  - b. Northwest Pest Control, contractor for pest control services for Precinct 3, resulting in an addition of \$50 to the contract amount (00896).
  - c. Olmsted-Kirk Paper, contractor for office paper for the county, resulting in an addition of \$1,039 to the contract amount (00900).
3. Transmittal of a list of computer-related items obtained through the State of Texas vendor program for the Flood Control District, Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program, and Public Health & Environmental Services.
4. Recommendation that awards be made to:
  - a. WT Cox Subscriptions, overall low bid in the amount of \$162,254 for periodical subscriptions for the County Library.
  - b. 1Point Solutions in the amount of \$33,516 at \$3 per enrollee for flexible benefit plan for the county and the Flood Control District for the period beginning March 1.
  - c. Safeguard in the amount of \$1,876,201 for dental DHMO benefits, Option C, Plan 1; Safeguard in the amount of \$1,859,726 for dental indemnity benefits, Option D; Spectera in the amount of \$1,194,316 for vision benefits, Option E; and Unumlife Insurance Company of America in the amount of \$2,156,833 for long term disability benefits for the period beginning March 1.
  - d. Cypress Lawn & Turf Equipment Co., overall low bid in the amount of \$52,870 for small gas engine repair parts for the county for the period beginning January 1.
  - e. G & C Building Maintenance Services, Inc., low bid in the amount of \$59,021 for janitorial services at the Youth Services Center for the period beginning December 1, and approval of bonds and for the County Judge to take necessary action relating to the agreement.
  - f. Portable Computer Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$427,846 for Panasonic Toughbook laptops for Constable, Precinct 1.



- f. MTM Technologies in the amount of \$22,400 for an upgrade to the Exchange 2003 environment for Information Technology.
  - g. Catapult Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$1,100,000 for design and development services of certain computer applications for the District Clerk for the period of November 8-February 15, 2006.
  - h. The City of Houston for use of the George R. Brown Convention Center May 16-17 for the Harris County Youth & Family Services Conference at cost of \$5,200.
8. Request for authorization to terminate an agreement with Vital Records Storage for off-site storage of certain records for Information Technology effective December 27.
9. Request for approval of sole source, professional, and other exemptions from the competitive bid process for:
  - a. International Business Machines for renewal of certain software for Information Technology, and approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an agreement in the amount of \$99,168 for the period ending October 31, 2006.
  - b. Motorola, Inc., for upgrade of a radio system and purchase of certain high performance data system for Information Technology at an approximate cost of \$1,805,953.
  - c. Merck & Co., Inc., for purchase of certain vaccines for Public Health & Environmental Services at an estimated cost of \$150,000 for the period ending October 31, 2006.
  - d. Cummins-Allison Corp for purchase of certain currency scanner and coin sorter/counter equipment for the Toll Road Authority in the amount of \$49,999.
  - e. Stephen Kaminsky, M.D., P.A., for radiological services for inmates housed in county facilities for the Sheriff's Department, and approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an agreement in the amount of \$24,000 for the period ending October 31, 2006.
10. Request for authorization for the Purchasing Agent to use Public Surplus to sell county surplus items through its Internet auction website.
11. Transmittal of notice of receipt of funds in the amount of \$25,542 for sale of equipment by Houston Auto Auction on September 28, and in the amount of \$28,650 from the sale of recyclable materials and surplus and/or confiscated property items through the county's internet public auction for the period of October 3-27, and for the County Auditor to issue checks to the Port of Houston, Harris County Hospital District, and Houston Community College for items sold.
12. Request for authorization to delete property from inventory records for Commissioner, Precinct 3.

13. Transmittal of bids and proposals for advertised jobs that were opened October 31 and November 7 by the Office of the Purchasing Agent, and request for approval of recommendations for disposition.

22. **Commissioners Court**

a. **County Judge**

1. Request for approval of resolutions designating/recognizing:
  - a. November as Home Care and Hospice Month in recognition of services and benefits by home care and hospice providers in the county.
  - b. November 25-27 as Harris County Evening at the Alley, allowing county employees to purchase discount tickets for "A Christmas Carol" performance.
2. Request for approval of the appointment of Pat Smiley to fill a vacancy on the Harris County Flood Control Task Force.
3. Request for approval for the annual Christmas Carol Sing to be held at 10 a.m. on December 7 in the Family Law Center.
4. Request for authorization to begin implementation of provisions of an amended Chapter 751 of the Texas Health & Safety Code relating to mass gatherings.
5. Request by the Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management to renew participation in an annual joint funding agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey in the amount of \$183,390 for engineering studies and stage level sensor maintenance at various gauges throughout the county for the period of October 1-September 30, 2006, and for the County Judge to take necessary action relating to the agreement.
6. Request for approval of an agreement authorizing the county through Community & Economic Development to contract with service providers for disaster relief ancillary services in connection with Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

b. **Commissioner, Precinct 1**

1. Request for approval to delete a cellular allowance, replace a cellular phone, and upgrade a phone.
2. Request for approval for the Hill Family to host fundraising activities at Randolph Park November 12, and transmittal of a list of items to be sold.
3. Request for approval of a proclamation designating November 11 as Veterans Day in the county.

c. **Commissioner, Precinct 2**

Request for approval of reappointments of Ruben Carrizal and Martha Espinosa to the board of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 6, and Alan C. Burke and William Darling to the board of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 12 for the period of January 1, 2006-December 31, 2007.

d. **Commissioner, Precinct 3**

1. Request for discussion and possible action to allow the County Attorney's Office to handle collection of all delinquent taxes, and for analysis of the impact of a reduction of the delinquent penalty from 20% to 15%.
2. Request for authorization to accept donations of:
  - a. \$35 from M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Retirees Association in connection with the Precinct Three Seniors Transportation Program.
  - b. \$255 from William F. Woodward for a tree to be planted in Terry Hershey Park.
  - c. \$165 from Diane Skelton Weathersbee for a tree to be planted in Terry Hershey Park.

e. **Commissioner, Precinct 4**

Transmittal of notice of traffic sign installations.

23. **Miscellaneous**

- a. Transmittal of petitions filed with the 61st District Court and County Civil Courts Nos. 2 and 4.
- b. Request by the Harris County Resource Management Program Committee for an analysis to be made of the Harris County Workplace Recycling Program.
- c. Request by the Hospital District for approval of an agreement between HCHD and the City of Houston for medical health services and facility use at La Nueva Casa de Amigos Community Health Center.
- d. Transmittal of a petition to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for creation of Harris County M.U.D. No. 436.
- e. Transmittal of a quarterly report of activities by the Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau.

24. **Emergency items.**

25. **Public Hearing**

- a. Request by Public Infrastructure Engineering for a public hearing to consider approval of a street name change and correction: Brushy Haven Drive to Northvalley Drive in Precinct 4.
- b. Request by Community & Economic Development for a public hearing to consider creation of a reinvestment zone for the purpose of entering into a tax abatement agreement with FMC Technologies, Inc., for a manufacturing facility at 1777 Gears Road in Precinct 4, and request that the County Attorney work with staff of CED and Precinct 4 to prepare the agreement.

26. **Appearances before court**

a. 3 minutes

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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 Marshal  
Medical Examiner  
**County Clerk**  
**District Clerk**  
**County Attorney**  
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Community Supervision & Corrections  
Pretrial Services  
**Justices of the Peace (16)**  
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**Probate Courts (4)**  
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