

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

June 22, 2009

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, will be held on **Tuesday, October 7, 2008 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.

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No. 08.19

AGENDA

October 7, 2008

10:00 a.m.

Opening prayer by Reverend Rusty Watkins of Holy Trinity United Methodist Church in Houston.

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 - a. Public Infrastructure
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 - e. Flood Control District
 - f. Architecture & Engineering
 - g. Facilities & Property Management
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5. Community Services
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20. Commissioners Court
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 - b. Commissioner, Precinct 1
 - c. Commissioner, Precinct 2
 - d. Commissioner, Precinct 3
 - e. Commissioner, Precinct 4
21. Miscellaneous

II. Emergency/supplemental items

III. Public Hearings

IV. Tax Rates

V. Executive Session

VI. 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.

I. Departments

1. Public Infrastructure Department

a. Public Infrastructure

1. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute an agreement with the North Channel Local Emergency Planning Committee to conduct a household hazardous waste collection event under the terms of the NPDES storm water permit requirements at a cost of \$30,000.
2. Recommendation for authorization to create:
 - a. An information systems engineer position for analysis, design, development, and integration of systems to improve infrastructure reporting.
 - b. Two project manager positions, an office engineer/scheduler position, and a resident engineer position in the Construction Programs Division to manage future Toll Road Authority projects.
3. Recommendation that air curtain incineration, in accord with rules of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, be allowed as an alternative method of disposal of storm debris.

b. Right of Way

1. Recommendation that the court approve resolutions and orders authorizing the county to purchase certain tracts for negotiated prices, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete transactions for:
 - a. Tracts 004 and 005 between Wafer and Pasadena Boulevard for the Southmore Street-2 project in Precinct 2 in the amount of \$40,371, \$2,723 over the appraised value.
 - b. Tract 034 at the southeast corner of Mueschke Road and Sandy Hill Circle for the Mueschke Road-4 project in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$19,425, \$3,000 over the appraised value.
2. Recommendation that the court approve resolutions and orders authorizing certain projects, decrees of public necessity and convenience, and acquisition of specific properties on behalf of the county, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the transactions for:
 - a. One revised tract in the Victor Blanco Five League Grant Survey, Abstract No. 2 for the Beltway East detention sites project in Precinct 1 to be funded by the Toll Road Authority.
 - b. Two specific tracts east of Mason Road to west of Raintree Village, Section Three for the Morton Road-4 project in Precinct 3.

3. Recommendation that the court approve a resolution and order authorizing the County Judge to execute an amendment to an agreement with Tom N. Edmonds, Jr., and Alan L. Dominy for appraisal services in support of real estate transactions on behalf of the county.

c. **Construction Programs**

1. Recommendation for approval of changes in contracts with:
 - a. DCE Construction, Inc., contractor for concrete repairs and related items of various roads in the Genoa Camp area in Precinct 2, resulting in no change to the contract amount (07/0165-1).
 - b. Economic Construction, Inc., contractor for the Leming Court sinkhole proposed outfall replacement in Precinct 2, resulting in an addition of \$3,400 to the contract amount (07/0369-3).
 - c. TJ & T Enterprises, Inc., contractor for paving and drainage improvements for Jarvis Road from Skinner Road to Barker Cypress in Precinct 3, resulting in a reduction of \$73,629 from the contract amount (07/0015-5).
 - d. Pace Services, LP, contractor for Spring Cypress from US-290 to east of Barker Cypress in Precinct 3, resulting in a reduction of \$325,533 from the contract amount (07/0142-4).
 - e. Beyer Construction, LLP, contractor for Mueschke Road from US-290 to the north in Precinct 3, resulting in an addition of \$259,318 to the contract amount (08/0024-1).
 - f. Conrad Construction Co., Ltd., contractor for Brittmoore Road from Clay Road to south of Tanner Road, Segment A in Precinct 4, resulting in an addition of \$3,331 to the contract amount (07/0144-4).
 - g. Conrad Construction Co., Ltd., contractor for Brittmoore Road from Clay Road to south of Tanner Road, Segment A in Precinct 4, resulting in an addition of \$33,551 to the contract amount (07/0144-5).
 - h. TJ & T Enterprises, Inc., contractor for Grant Road from SH-249 to Copeland in Precinct 4, adding 33 calendar days and resulting in an addition of \$152,848 to the contract amount (07/0312-1).
2. Recommendation for authorization to issue a purchase order for testing and inspection services to Paradigm Consultants, Inc., in the amount of \$111,568 for North Houston Heights water and sewer line improvements in Precinct 1.

d. **Toll Road Authority**

1. Recommendation for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the transactions and for the County Judge to execute agreements/amendments with:
 - a. Huitt-Zollars, Inc., for engineering services in the amount of \$870,561 for design of the widening of Sam Houston Tollway mainlanes, ramp reversal, and ramp removal from south of Briar Forest Drive to south of Boheme Drive in Precinct 3.

- b. Jones & Carter, Inc., for engineering services in the amount of \$792,031 for design of the widening of Sam Houston Tollway mainlanes from Westpark Drive to south of Briar Forest Drive in Precinct 3.
 - c. Knudson, LP, in the amount of \$340,000 for professional landscape architecture services as part of the Beltway 8 East project in Precincts 1, 2, and 4.
 - d. TxDOT to extend the time for completion to December 1, 2008 for a jointly funded traffic and revenue study for SH 99, Grand Parkway, at a cost to the county of \$432,244.
2. Recommendation for authorization to advertise for bids for right of way preparation for the Beltway 8 East project from US-59 to US-90A in Precincts 1, 2, and 4 at an estimated cost of \$4 million.
 3. Recommendation for approval of a settlement with Rental Car Finance Corp., in the amount of \$225,000 for unpaid toll charges, administrative fees, and attorney's fees owed to the county.
 4. Recommendation for approval of toll waivers for vehicles used in response to Hurricane Ike: initial response vehicles, FEMA and FEMA contractor vehicles, disaster relief vehicles of governmental and private volunteer organizations, and vehicles involved in restoration of vital services, including electricity, water, sewer, and telephone through the preparation and recovery process for Hurricane Ike, and for TRA to return to court with a recommendation for when the waivers should end.
- e. **Flood Control District**
1. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute agreements/amendments with:
 - a. Fry Road Municipal Utility District in the amount of \$10,024 for mowing of Unit U101-19-00 at Park Row and continuing upstream to Saums Road in Precinct 3 for the period of October 1, 2008-September 30, 2011.
 - b. Harris County MUD No. 167 to extend the hike and bike trail within Unit U102-04-00, Tracts 01-001.0 and 01-004.0 from Bear Hunters Drive to the utility district's boundary in Precinct 3.
 - c. Houston-Galveston Area Council in the amount of \$93,100 for purchase of certain governmental administrative functions, goods or services specific to remote sensing data including oblique imagery and all associated remote sensing related services.
 - d. Skymark Development Company, Inc., and HCMUD No. 104 to acknowledge a contribution for development of Louetta Lakes, Section Five, to the district and to establish system capacity in the Cypress Creek watershed, Unit K124-02-00 in Precinct 4.
 - e. U.S. Geological Survey, United States Department of the Interior in the amount of \$318,200 to perform surface water research activities for the period of October 7, 2008-September 30, 2009.

2. Recommendation that the court approve contracts and bonds for:
 - a. Erosion & Retaining Wall Structures, Inc., in the amount of \$325,525 for scour repairs in the second outlet of Clear Creek in the Clear Creek watershed in Precinct 2.
 - b. Mar-Con Services, LLC, in the amount of \$169,401 for concrete repairs on Brays Bayou at Scott and Almeda in the Brays Bayou watershed in Precinct 1.
 - c. Terbo Construction, LP, in the amount of \$1,218,648 for initial excavation of Homestead Road stormwater detention basin at IH-610 and Homestead Road in the Hunting Bayou watershed in Precinct 1.
3. Recommendation for authorization to negotiate engineering services agreements with:
 - a. Pate Engineers, Inc., for design services related to improvements on Unit W129-00-00 from San Felipe to Richmond in the Buffalo Bayou watershed in Precinct 4.
 - b. Montgomery & Associates for design services for Glen Forest stormwater detention basin, Unit P500-08-00 for the Greens Bayou mid-reach flood reduction plan in Precinct 1.
4. Recommendation for authorization to reduce the retainage from 5% to ½% of the total amount of work completed to date, and to release the difference of \$393,761 for payment to Lecon, Inc., contractor for Vogel Creek conveyance improvements from White Oak Bayou to Arncliffe Drive in Precinct 1.
5. Recommendation for authorization to submit payment in the amount of \$4,400 to the Federal Emergency Management Agency to support review of the conditional letter of map revision request report in association with the Goose Creek channel modification and detention project in Precinct 2.
6. Recommendation for authorization to close Project FMA-6 for acquisition of seven properties in the Cypress Creek watershed in Precinct 4.
7. Recommendation for authorization to add four cellular phone allowances, delete four cellular phone allowances, and purchase three replacement Nextel cellular phones and accessories.

f. **Architecture & Engineering**

1. Recommendation for authorization to seek bids for Queenston Boulevard from Clay Road to Kieth Harrow Boulevard in Precinct 3 for a three-week period at an estimated cost of \$4,375,000.
2. Recommendation for approval of the following plats:
 - a. Parkway Ranch in Precinct 1; Brown & Gay Engineers, Incorporated.
 - b. Harris County MUD No. 287 wastewater treatment plant in Precinct 3; Brown & Gay Engineers, Incorporated.
 - c. Inter Nos One, Section One in Precinct 3; Texas Engineering and Mapping.

- d. New Hope Presbyterian Church Katy Texas in Precinct 3; Carter & Burgess, Incorporated.
 - e. Peek Road Professional Building in Precinct 3; Benchmark Engineering Corporation.
 - f. Westgreen Center Subdivision in Precinct 3; Terra Surveying Co., Incorporated.
 - g. West Interstate 10 Volunteer Fire Department Station No. 4 in Precinct 3; Terra Surveying Co., Incorporated.
 - h. Cy-Fair Cardiology Clinic in Precinct 4; Texas Engineering and Mapping.
3. Recommendation for approval of changes in contracts with:
 - a. V.R. Electric, Inc., contractor for ball field lighting and distribution for Sheldon Sports Complex, adding 132 calendar days and resulting in an addition of \$22,800 to the contract amount (070410-1).
 - b. Columbia Environmental Services, Inc., contractor for the Pasadena Courthouse remediation phase, resulting in a reduction of \$17,756 from the contract amount (070452-3).
 - c. Lucas Construction Company, Inc., contractor for construction of Baytown Soccer Complex, adding 60 calendar days and resulting in an addition of \$480,110 to the contract amount (070110-6).
 4. Recommendation for authorization for the County Judge to execute environmental/engineering services agreements/amendments with:
 - a. Crouch Environmental Services, Inc., in the additional amount of \$19,000 in connection with various projects in Precinct 1.
 - b. LJA Engineering & Surveying, Inc., in the amount of \$181,107 in connection with construction of Crenshaw Road from Beltway 8 to east of Space Center Boulevard in Precinct 2.
 - c. Costello, Inc., in the amount of \$87,800 in connection with construction of Katy-Fort Bend County Road from IH-10 to Colonial Parkway in Precinct 3.
 - d. Dannenbaum Engineering Corporation in the amount of \$73,791 in connection with construction of Park Row Boulevard from Ricefield Drive to west of Barker-Cypress Road in Precinct 3.
 - e. Pate Engineers, Inc., in the amount of \$97,561 in connection with construction of Greenhouse Road from IH-10 to Saums Road in Precinct 3.
 5. Recommendation for deposit of funds received from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in the amount of \$16,539 for reimbursement of an environmental study and remediation at the downtown fueling center.
 6. Recommendation for authorization to negotiate with:
 - a. Norex Engineering, Inc., for continuation of on-going engineering support services.
 - b. Urban Architecture-Houston, Inc., for a new central headquarters facility at 1731 Hugh Road in Precinct 4.

7. Recommendation for appropriate officials to take necessary actions, that technical defects be waived, and awards be made to:
 - a. Main Lane Industries, Ltd., lowest and best bid in the amount of \$265,690 for county cemetery improvements in Precinct 2.
 - b. Diamond K Equipment, Inc., lowest and best bid in the amount of \$425,677 for Park Avenue bridge replacement in Precinct 2.
8. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute an agreement with CenterPoint Energy for reimbursement of costs associated with relocation of power poles for proposed paving and drainage improvements for Cypress North Houston Road from North Eldridge Parkway to Oak Plaza/Marcia Drive in Precinct 3.
9. Recommendation for authorization to renew a 90-day term contract option with American Materials in the amount of \$270,000 for 5,000 tons of Type D hot-mix, hot-laid asphaltic concrete material in Precinct 3.
10. Recommendation for authorization to proceed with the design phase and approval of preliminary engineering reports prepared by:
 - a. McDonough Engineering Corporation for construction of Queenston Boulevard from north of West Road to south of Houston National Boulevard and Tuckerton Road from west of the Tuckerton/Queenston intersection to west of Copper Cove in Precinct 3.
 - b. Robert Reid Consulting Engineer, Inc., for construction of Tuckerton Road E from west of Copper Cove Drive to the east right of way line of Unit U106-13-00 in Precinct 3.
11. Transmittal of notices of road and bridge log changes.

g. **Facilities & Property Management**

1. Request for authorization to renew annual agreements with:
 - a. Houston Business Development, Inc., for lease of space at 5330 Griggs for the Tax Office and Justice of the Peace 7.2.
 - b. Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 36 for lease of space at 903 Hollywood for a patrol division substation for the Constable of Precinct 3.
2. Request for authorization to occupy a portion of space leased for use by the County Attorney's Legislative Relations Division at 500 W. 13th Street in Austin on a month-to-month basis and for the Purchasing Agent to issue a purchase order for the monthly lease amount of \$750.
3. Request for authorization to change the title of an alarm technician position to project coordinator and increase the maximum salary, and for approval of two new fire alarm code compliance officer positions to manage building fire code requirements.

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 \$36,505 and a workers compensation recovery in the amount of \$140; settlement of four tort claims in the total amount of \$24,294; denial of seven claims for damages; and transmittal of claims for damages received during the period ending September 30, 2008.
- b. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute a release in exchange for payment to the county in the amount of \$6,496 in connection with settlement of an accident claim.
- c. Request for authorization for two employees to participate in collegiate job fairs of DeVry University October 9, 2008 and Houston Community College October 22, 2008 in Houston at no cost to the county.
- d. Transmittal of investment transactions and maturities for the period of September 17-30, 2008.
- e. Request for approval of an order amending a previous authorization for issuance of Harris County Permanent Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2008C.
- f. Request for approval of interest payments for commercial paper notes, and transmittal of the quarterly status report.
- g. Transmittal of the quarterly county investment report.
- h. Request that the court authorize a study by Management Services concerning provision of continuous uniform law enforcement coverage for the unincorporated areas of the county.
- i. Request for approval of authorized budget appropriation transfers for flood control and county departments.
- j. Consideration of and possible action regarding a report by the director of Human Resources & Risk Management on the impact of and response to Hurricane Ike.

3. **Information Technology**

- a. Request for authorization to destroy certain records of the Public Infrastructure Department, Constable of Precinct 5, Justices of the Peace 4.1 and 7.1, and the Medical Examiner.
- b. Request for approval of payments for continuation of portions of the JIMS2 plan, subject to transfer of funding.

4. **Public Health & Environmental Services**

- a. Request for approval of additional mileage reimbursements in amounts of \$141 for a refugee case manager and \$1,409 for a TB outreach worker who exceeded the monthly limit in August.
- b. Request for approval of an order to assess the cost to abate a public nuisance at 0 Carl Road in Precinct 4, and approval of orders to abate public nuisances at 9622 and 9615 Dorita Lane in Precinct 1.

5. **Community Services**

- a. Request for approval of four deferred down payment assistance loans for low- and moderate-income homebuyers in Precincts 1 and 3 in the total amount of \$52,100.
- b. Request for approval of an amendment to an agreement with Harris County Street Olympics to revise the scope of services and budget for the Precinct 1 Discovery Camp project.
- c. Request for authorization to renew an agreement with Metro for continuation of the Baytown Express park and ride service in Precinct 2 in the amount of \$39,000.
- d. Request for approval of a mutual termination of tax abatement agreement between the county, Custom Catalytic Solutions, Inc., and BNIP New Decade Venture, Ltd., and acceptance of \$7,128 from BNIP New Decade Venture, Ltd., as full recapture of all taxes previously abated for the 2007 tax year for a chemical manufacturing facility at 9601 New Decade Drive in Pasadena in Precinct 2.
- e. Request for approval of resolutions to allocate \$87,959 to seven eligible applicants for county qualifying grants for the Texans Feeding Texans Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program.

6. **Library Services**

Request for authorization for the Library director to apply for an H-1B visa for the department's Technical Services Manager.

7. **Youth & Family Services**

a. **Juvenile Probation**

Request for approval of payment in the amount of \$1,000 to underwrite the cost of an annual staff meeting to recognize outstanding employees.

b. **Protective Services for Children & Adults**

1. Request for authorization for staff to host:
 - a. Houston Alumni & Youth Center grand opening on October 25, 2008 rather than September 27 in Houston for 250 participants at a cost of \$5,500.
 - b. A fall holiday event November 6, 2008 in Houston for 100 emergency shelter residents at an approximate cost of \$1,500.
2. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services contractor's authorized signature designation form to authorize the PSCA executive director and chief financial officer to execute documents for program functions other than the contract or amendments.
3. Request for authorization to use remaining funds in the amount of \$19,500 from the Ward Mentor Grant to purchase clothing, kitchen and related items for the Harris County Guardianship Program resource room, and department store, grocery, and drug store gift cards to meet the needs of the wards and the Representative Payee Program clients.
4. Request for approval of three supervisor positions and a model position for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Grant Program.

8. **Constables**

- a. Request by the constables' systems manager for approval of a reclassification change for a peace officer who met requirements for the senior deputy level.
- b. Request by Constables Abercia, Freeman, Hickman, and Bailey, Precincts 1, 2, 4, and 8, for approval of changes to the lists of regular law enforcement personnel and reserve officers with oaths and/or bonds.
- c. Request by Constable Jones, Precinct 3, for authorization to:
 1. Purchase a replacement cellular phone.
 2. Accept certain equipment donated to the department by Harris County Water Control & Improvement District No. 36.
- d. Request by Constable Hickman, Precinct 4, for authorization to:
 1. Appoint 14 deputies to fill vacant positions.
 2. Delete a cellular phone from the department's inventory.
 3. Accept a forfeiture check in the amount of \$902 in connection with a case in the 157th District Court.
- e. Transmittal of notice by Constable Trevino, Precinct 6, of the cancellation of an agreement with Houston Independent School District for the Absent Student Assistance Project assigned to the Contemporary Learning Center.

- f. Request by Constable Walker, Precinct 7, for:
 - 1. Approval of a regular clerk position, a part-time clerk position, a captain position, a lieutenant position, a sergeant position, and five deputy positions.
 - 2. Authorization to accept a forfeiture check in the amount of \$1,811 in connection with a case in the 127th District Court.
 - g. Request by Constable Bailey, Precinct 8, for approval of an amendment to a law enforcement agreement with Clear Creek Independent School District to add 69 hours of service.
9. **Sheriff**
- a. Request for authorization to purchase three cellular phones and purchase five replacement phones.
 - b. Request for authorization to accept the donation of three vehicles from the Harris County Housing Authority.
 - c. Request for approval of an amendment to an agreement with the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County for certain specialized service providers for inmates who are Hurricanes Katrina and Rita evacuees.
 - d. Request for approval of a Mobile Data Coordinator grant position.
 - e. Request for approval of 60 additional detention officers.
10. **Fire Marshal**
- a. Request for approval of incentive pay for an arson investigator who received intermediate peace officer certification.
 - b. Request for authorization to purchase an emergency generator including installation, related work, and recommended options at an approximate cost of \$225,000.
 - c. Request for authorization to complete phase one of the Fire Marshal reclassification program.
 - d. Request for authorization to reclassify a part-time model administrative coordinator position to a full-time inventory specialist and to increase the maximum salary.
 - e. Request for authorization to decrease the maximum salary of an administrative coordinator position for equalization.
 - f. Transmittal of the financial report for Emergency Services District No. 7.

11. **Medical Examiner**

Request for authorization to purchase a replacement cellular phone device.

12. **County Clerk**

- a. Request for authorization to adjust the number of cellular phones from 1,397 to 1,314 due to loss or non-returned or broken phones used on election days.
- b. Request for authorization to renew an agreement with the Department of State Health Services, Bureau of Vital Statistics, for on-line computer services.
- c. Transmittal of the minutes of the court's September 9 and 23, 2008 regular meetings, September 11 and 18, 2008 emergency meetings, and an affidavit of substantial interest filed by Commissioner Radack regarding two items on the September 23, 2008 agenda.
- d. Request for approval of joint election agreements with various entities for the November 4, 2008 general and special elections.

13. **District Clerk**

- a. Request for approval of agreements for e-Clerk and Subscriber Access services.
- b. Request for authorization to increase the maximum salaries of four positions.
- c. Request for authorization to correct the payroll record of an employee.

14. **County Attorney**

- a. Request for approval of orders authorizing litigation expenses in connection with cases in County Civil Courts Nos. 1, 2, and 4, the 125th, 127th, 151st, 215th, 270th, 311th, 313th, and 334th District Courts, and U.S. District Court.
- b. Request for approval of orders authorizing suits and litigation expenses to compel compliance with flood plain management regulations at 13509 Hillside and 13905 Surlles Drive in Houston and 6727 Ackley Drive in Humble in Precinct 1, 12201 Pine View Drive in Cypress in Precinct 3, and 8811 Seber Drive and 26511 State Highway 249 in Tomball in Precinct 4.

15. **District Attorney**

- a. Request for authorization to use discretionary funds to issue checks to the:
 1. City of South Houston Police Department in the amount of \$42,491 to provide funds to purchase computer systems to assist with evidence collection and handling.
 2. Pasadena Independent School District in the amount of \$50,000 to provide funds to purchase equipment and computer hardware and software to help the Metro Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force managed by the district's police department.
 3. League City Police Department in the amount of \$83,665 to provide funds to purchase a portable automated fingerprint identification system and equipment.
 4. Harris County District Clerk in the amount of \$225,000 to provide funds to enhance the existing DEEDS infrastructure to meet the imaging needs of the District Attorney.
- b. Request for authorization to accept a forfeited vehicle in connection with a case in the 125th District Court.
- c. Request for authorization to purchase specialized software designed for property and evidence inventory management for items acquired through subpoenas or search and arrest warrants executed by the Special Crimes Bureau in the amount of \$62,019, using discretionary funds.
- d. Request authorization for the County Auditor to take appropriate steps to provide compensatory time for employees who participated in training for which they were not compensated.

16. **District Courts**

- a. Request for authorization to accept a donation in the amount of \$5,000 from the Houston Bar Foundation to support the professional development program for court coordinators and reporters that was held July 28-30, 2008 in Houston.
- b. Transmittal of notice of action by the Purchasing Agent Board for appointment of Kelly Johnson as the Purchasing Agent of Harris County effective November 1, 2008.
- c. Request by the district and county courts for approval of salary maximum adjustments for various positions.

17. **Travel & Training**a. **Out of Texas**

	Dept.	# Emp.	Purpose	Date(s)	Location	Cost	Fund
1.	PID/ED	1	Transportation Research Board meeting	1/10-15	Washington, DC	\$2,650	General
2.	PHES	1	American Dietetic Assn. Food & Nutrition Conference	10/25-28	Chicago, IL	\$329	General
3.	PHES	1	Chronic Disease Workgroup meeting	12/9-10	Washington, DC	\$1,995	Other

	Dept.	# Emp.	Purpose	Date(s)	Location	Cost	Fund
4.	PHES	1	Natl. Assn. of County & City Health Offic. sub-comm. mtg.	11/13-14	Oakland, CA	\$250 \$1,320	General Other
5.	PHES	1	Ryan White Grant quality management collaborative mtg.	10/22-24	Washington, DC	\$250 \$1,200	Grant Other
6.	PHES	1	Child Injury Prevention Conference	10/15-18	Washington, DC	\$1,369 \$350	General Other
7.	CS	2	Neighborhood Stabilization Program Summit	10/6-9	Washington, DC	\$3,187	Grant
8.	CS	1	Neighborhood Stabilization Program Summit	10/15-17	Orlando, FL	\$1,073	Grant
9.	Juv. Prob.	1	American Correctional Association training conference	11/7-9	Oklahoma City, OK	\$1,025	Other
10.	Sheriff	3	Inspection of county prisoners (2 visits per month)*	FY 09	Louisiana	\$8,000	General
11.	Sheriff	1	Employee Assistance Professional Assn. World Conf.	10/12-19	Atlanta, GA	\$3,600	General
12.	Sheriff	2	Sudden death, excited delirium & in-custody death conf.	10/27-11/1	Las Vegas, NV	\$400 \$3,900	General Other
13.	Sheriff	2	Motorola Users Group Biometrics training	10/17-25	Costa Mesa, CA	\$1,500	Other
14.	Fire M.	1	Technical workshop and symposium*	10/30-11/3	Clearwater, FL	\$200 \$1,000	General Other
15.	Prob. Ct. 2	1	National College of Probate Judges Conference	11/12-16	Savannah, GA	\$1,756	General
16.	Dist. Cts.	1	Marital property law seminar	10/15-19	Napa Valley, CA	\$2,425	General
17.	Pur. Agt.	1	American Society of Health meeting	12/6-11	Orlando, FL	\$2,110	General
18.	Co. Judge	1	Big City Emergency Managers Forum	10/7-10	Coronado, CA	\$1,350	Grant
	Subtotal	23	Out of Texas average cost \$1,793 per employee			\$41,239	

b. In Texas

	Dept.	# Emp.	Purpose	Date(s)	Location	Cost	Fund
1.	PID/ROW	1	Residential relocation seminar	10/22-23	Houston	\$415	General
2.	PID/ROW	2	Right of Way Agent's Development Program	11/6-7	Houston	\$830	General
3.	PID/TRA	2	Adobe Photoshop Conference	11/18	Houston	\$398	TRA
4.	PID/TRA	3	Texas Transportation Forum*	1/5-7	Austin	\$1,650	TRA
5.	PID/FCD	1	VMware software training (\$3,054 appvd. 9/9 date change)	10/14-17	Houston	\$0	FCD
6.	PID/FCD	1	AutoCAD software training (\$613 appvd. 9/9 date change)	10/28-29	Houston	\$0	FCD
7.	PID/FCD	15	Flood Control District planning department workshop	11/14	Houston	\$500	FCD
8.	PID/FCD	2	National Flood Insurance Program training	11/30-12/5	Arlington	\$3,185	FCD
9.	PID/A&E	1	Geographic Information System workflow seminar	10/16	Houston	\$12	General
10.	PID/FPM	1	Institute of Real Estate Managers ethics seminar	9/10	Austin	\$705	General
11.	PID/FPM	12	Commercial washer/dryer repair training	10/9	Pasadena	\$300	Other
12.	MS/HRRM	1	Houston Claims Association seminar	10/8	Houston	\$95	Other
13.	MS/HRRM	2	Texas County & District Retirement System Conference	11/13	Austin	\$910	Other
14.	ITC	2	Texas Radio Coalition meetings	10/1-2/28	Texas	\$2,870	General
15.	PHES	2	Pickup computers for WIC Program	9/12	Austin	\$140	Grant
16.	PHES	5	Healthy homes training	10/9-10	Houston	\$600	General
17.	PHES	2	Depression, heart disease, and stroke training	10/16	Houston	\$214	General
18.	PHES	1	U.S. EPA Quality Assurance Conference	10/19-20	Dallas	\$448	General
19.	PHES	3	Tx. Health & Human Serv. Comm. Refugee Conference	10/23-24	Austin	\$1,540	Grant
20.	PHES	1	Professional Development for Women Conference	11/3	Houston	\$225	General
21.	PHES	1	Houston Wellness Association Obesity Summit	11/13	Houston	\$250	General

	Dept.	# Emp.	Purpose	Date(s)	Location	Cost	Fund
22.	PHES	1	Defensive driving instructor course	11/18-20	Dallas	\$1,200	General
23.	CS	1	Natl. Abatement Tech. Center lead inspector course	8/6	Houston	\$175	Grant
24.	CS	1	HOME foreclosure training	10/26-27	San Antonio	\$226	Grant
25.	CS	8	U of H Institute for Regional Forecasting Symposium	11/13	Houston	\$760	General
26.	AgL Ext.	1	Multi-County Career Quest Conference planning meeting	9/3	Stafford	\$40	General
27.	AgL Ext.	1	Washington County Fair	9/19-20	Brenham	\$90	General
28.	AgL Ext.	1	Fort Bend County Fair	9/23	Rosenberg	\$70	General
29.	AgL Ext.	1	Fort Bend County Fair	9/30 - 10/1	Rosenberg	\$180	General
30.	AgL Ext.	1	Pickup turkeys for livestock show exhibitors	10/21	College Station	\$110	General
31.	Juv. Prob.	30	Juvenile Justice Association of Texas Conference	10/5-8	Houston	\$3,900	Grant
32.	Juv. Prob.	10	Hispanic Family Conference	10/8	Houston	\$1,350	Grant
33.	Juv. Prob.	1	Protecting Children Conference	10/13	Houston	\$300	Grant
34.	Juv. Prob.	1	Association for Compensatory Educators of Texas Conf.	10/28-30	Houston	\$360	Grant
35.	PSCA	2	Statewide Preparation for Adult Living meeting	10/14-15	Austin	\$783	Grant
36.	PSCA	3	Behavioral strategies for children and teens training	10/18	Houston	\$135	General
37.	PSCA	3	Greater Texas Community Partners Conference	10/19-21	Austin	\$1,457	General
38.	PSCA	1	Texas Network of Youth Services board retreat	10/23-25	San Antonio	\$449	General
39.	PSCA	7	Dept. of Fam. & Prot. Serv. Prev. & Early Interv. Conf.	11/11-14	Austin	\$588	General
						\$4,147	Grant
40.	CAC	1	Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas Conference	10/27-29	Austin	\$341	Other
41.	CAC	1	Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas Conference	10/27-29	Austin	\$771	General
42.	CAC	1	Health professionals seminar	10/31	Houston	\$75	General
43.	Const. 6	2	Telecommunications certification course	10/6-10	Webster	\$200	General
44.	Const. 8	1	Basic hostage crisis negotiation class	9/8-12	Texas City	\$70	Other
45.	Const. 8	2	Law enforcement background investigation seminar	12/8-9	Humble	\$590	Other
46.	Sheriff	2	Texas Career Expo	10/23	Woodlands	\$325	General
47.	Sheriff	2	Crossfit Level 1 Certification*	10/24-27	Dallas	\$2,250	General
48.	Sheriff	2	Intl. Assn. of Bomb Technicians & Investigators Conf.*	11/1-8	Mesquite	\$1,650	General
49.	Sheriff	12	Interviewing and interrogation training	11/3-7	Houston	\$4,120	General
50.	Sheriff	4	Crash reconstruction training	11/13-15	Houston	\$1,400	General
51.	Sheriff	5	Sexual assault & family violence investigators course*	11/17-19	Galveston	\$100	General
52.	Sheriff	8	Chemical capture & restraint of animals training	TBD	Humble	\$2,800	General
53.	Fire M.	1	Texas Foster Family Conference*	10/3-4	San Antonio	\$250	General
54.	Fire M.	2	Tx. Alliance on Child and Foster Care Conference*	10/15-16	Austin	\$500	General
55.	Co. Clk.	2	Adobe Photoshop Users Conference	11/19	Houston	\$400	General
56.	Dist. Clk.	1	Grammar and proofreading seminar	10/9	Houston	\$149	General
57.	CA	4	Real Estate Institute seminar	10/24-31	Houston	\$380	General
58.	JP 1.2	1	Credit card cases workshop	10/15-17	Lubbock	\$757	General
59.	JP 2.1	1	Collections and judgments training	9/18-19	Houston	\$118	General
60.	JP 3.2	1	Civil law and technology seminar	10/27-28	Round Rock	\$374	General
61.	JP 4.1	1	Communications skills seminar	12/11-12	Houston	\$429	General
62.	Prob. Ct. 2	1	Page Keeton Civil Litigation Conference	10/30-31	Austin	\$100	General
63.	Dist. Cts.	116	Annual cont. ed. prog., court staff (\$8,000 appvd. 5/20)	7/28-30	Houston	\$81	General
64.	Dist. Cts.	1	Statistical analysis software training	10/26-28	Houston	\$567	General
65.	Dist. Cts.	1	Civil Litigation Conference	10/30-31	Austin	\$900	General
66.	Auditor	1	Business recovery plan training	11/4-8	Grand Prairie	\$800	General
67.	Auditor	2	Preparing for year end training	11/10	Houston	\$848	General

	Dept.	# Emp.	Purpose	Date(s)	Location	Cost	Fund	
68.	Tax A-C	8	Gulf Coast Chapter Tx. Assn. of Assessing Officers sem.*	10/10	League City	\$825	General	
69.	Tax A-C	1	Tx. Assn. of Assessing Officers Leadership Conference	11/21-22	Austin	\$500	General	
70.	Pur. Agt.	2	Basic public purchasing training class	10/28-29	Austin	\$1,655	General	
71.	Pur. Agt.	1	Texas County Purchasing Association workshop	11/5-7	Odessa	\$900	General	
72.	Co. Judge	50	Ryan White Part A Grant council orientation	TBD	Houston	\$3,500	Grant	
73.	Com. 1	1	Texas PRIMA Conference	11/19-21	Woodlands	\$665	General	
74.	Com. 2	1	Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7109 meeting	9/2	Pearland	\$34	General	
75.	Com. 2	1	Grammar and proofreading seminar	10/9	Houston	\$149	General	
76.	Com. 3	2	Tx. Assn. of County Engineers & Road Admin. Conf.	10/28-30	San Antonio	\$1,165	General	
77.	Com. 4	12	Transportation safety meeting	10/1	Houston	\$350	General	
78.	Com. 4	12	Transportation safety meeting	10/6	Huffman	\$600	General	
Subtotal		405	In Texas average cost \$156 per employee			\$63,295		
Total							428	\$104,534

*Travel by county vehicle

General	Grant	Other	Total
\$61,924	\$22,281	\$20,329	\$104,534

Cumulative	Out of Texas	In Texas	Total
FY 2008-09	\$1,082,691	\$1,791,470	\$2,874,161

18. Grants

- a. Request by the **PID Flood Control District** for authorization to submit an application to the Texas Water Development Board for grant funds not to exceed \$3.5 million for the acquisition and demolition of certain residential properties at risk of continued flood damages under the FEMA Severe Repetitive Loss Program.
- b. Request by **Public Health & Environmental Services** for authorization to:
 1. Accept an agreement with the Texas Department of State Health Services for grant funds in the amount of \$7,711,440 for the Women, Infants, and Children Program, including the deletion and addition of various positions.
 2. Extend positions through August 31, 2009 pending receipt of award documents from the Texas Department of State Health Services for the Title X Family Planning/HIV Integration Program.
 3. Accept grant funds in the amount of \$100,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the Community Action for a Renewed Environment Program.
 4. Accept grant funds in the amount of \$532,812 from the Texas Department of State Health Services for the FY 2009 Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Program.
- c. Request by the **County Library** for authorization to submit an application to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for grant funds in the amount of \$265,954 for the Lone Star Library Program.

- d. Request by **Protective Services for Children & Adults** for authorization to:
 - 1. Renew an interlocal contract with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services for Title IV-E foster care and adoption services in the amount of \$1,207,526.
 - 2. Accept grant funds in the amount of \$2 million from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the Harris County Alliance for Children and Families in collaboration with the Juvenile Probation Department and the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority for care of children and youth with serious emotional disturbances and their families.

- e. Request by the **Children's Assessment Center** for authorization to accept grant funds from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services to provide evaluation, treatment, and psychological services to sexually abused children.

- f. Request by **Constable Walker, Precinct 7**, for authorization to accept grant funds in the amount of \$64,643 from the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for the Victims Assistance Program.

- g. Request by the **Sheriff** for authorization to:
 - 1. Extend positions pending receipt of award documents from the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for the New Choices Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program.
 - 2. Accept additional 2008 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Grant funds from the Office of National Drug Control Policy in the amount of \$950,000 to support the Houston Intelligence Support Center's Operation Hemisphere to interdict illegal drug trafficking.
 - 3. Accept grant funds in the amount of \$2,929,661 from the U.S. Department of Justice for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, and \$5,000 for the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force.

- h. Request by the **Medical Examiner** for authorization to accept grant funds in the amount of \$803,108 from the U.S. Department of Justice for the Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program.

- i. Request by the **County Judge** for authorization to accept grant funds in the amount of \$244,213 from the Division of Emergency Management of the Office of the Governor for the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program.

19. **Fiscal Services & Purchasing**

a. **Auditor**

1. Request for approval of final payments to:
 - a. Batterson, Inc., for installation of thermoplastic striping and related items for Precinct 3.
 - b. DCE Construction, Inc., for repairs/replacement of concrete pavement, curbs, driveways, sidewalks, and related items in the Humble Camp and Spring Camp areas in Precinct 4.
 - c. D J Civil Construction, LLC, for outfall replacement at 20512 Atascocita Shores Drive in Precinct 4.
 - d. Jerdon Enterprise, LP, for SH-249 exit ramp modifications to include the addition of a second EZ Tag lane for the Toll Road Authority.
 - e. Windsor Contracting, LLC, for on-call repairs/replacement of existing concrete pavement, curbs, driveways, sidewalks, and related items in Precinct 3.
2. Transmittal of certifications of supplemental estimates of revenue received for various funds and grants.
3. Transmittal of audited claims.

b. **Treasurer**

Transmittal of a report for July of monies received and disbursed.

c. **Tax Assessor-Collector**

Request for approval of tax refund payments.

d. **Purchasing**

1. Request for approval of projects scheduled for advertisement:
 - a. Storage area network for the Sheriff's Department.
 - b. Abstract services for the county.
 - c. Custom curb markers for the Public Infrastructure Department.
 - d. Law enforcement training simulator for the Constable of Precinct 5.
2. Transmittal of a list of computer-related items obtained through the State of Texas vendor program for the County Clerk, Toll Road Authority, Flood Control District, Sheriff's Department, and Information Technology.

3. Recommendation that awards be made to:
 - a. Kurz & Co., low bid in the amount of \$495,355 for bakery items for the Sheriff's Department for the period of October 1, 2008-September 30, 2009.
 - b. AT&T, Shared Technologies, Inc., Solutionz Videoconferencing, Inc., and Visionality/Designs That Compute in the total amount of \$250,000 for miscellaneous video parts and labor for Information Technology and the Harris County Hospital District for the period ending August 31, 2009.
 - c. Bay Area Recovery Center, Ltd., Career and Recovery Resources, Inc., Directions of Recovery, Inc., Omega-Alpha House, Inc., Pathway to Recovery, Inc., Phoenix Houses of Texas, Inc., The Turning Point, Inc., and Volunteers of America Texas, Inc., for substance abuse treatment services for the STAR Drug Court Program, and authorization for the County Judge to execute agreements for the period ending August 31, 2009.
 - d. Roche Diagnostics, Inc., only bid in the amount of \$99,998 for drug testing equipment and supplies for Public Health & Environmental Services for the period ending May 31, 2009, with two one-year renewal options.
 - e. Dyonyx, LP, best proposal meeting requirements for Windows active directory re-design for the Toll Road Authority, and authorization for the County Judge to execute an agreement for the period of October 7, 2008-March 22, 2009, with an option to extend for a six-month period.
 - f. Baylor College of Medicine in the amount of \$72,000, City of Pasadena, \$63,250, and Communities in Schools, Southeast Harris County, Inc., \$87,250 and \$47,302 for a community youth development project in the Pasadena area for Protective Services for Children & Adults, and authorization for the County Judge to execute agreements for the period ending August 31, 2009, with the Baylor College of Medicine agreement to be presented at a later date.
 - g. CompuCycle, Inc., low bid in the amount of \$1,760 for disposal of salvage electronic equipment and related items for the county and the Flood Control District for the period beginning November 1, 2008.
 - h. Regnier & Associates, dba VFIS of Texas for an annual cost of \$17,880 for excess accident insurance for reserve deputies and volunteer fire/arson investigators for the county for the period beginning November 1, 2008.
 - i. R.J. Thomas Mfg. Co., Inc., low bid in the amount of \$28,351 to provide and deliver picnic tables with benches and grills for Precinct 1.
 - j. Environmental Tree and Design, Inc., dba Environmental Design, only bid in the amount of \$166,925 for tree spading services for the Flood Control District.

4. Recommendations that awards go to Aetna Life Insurance Company for coverage for the group medical and prescription drug program for the period beginning March 1, 2009 for Harris County and the Flood Control District, and to Safehealth Life Insurance and Safeguard Health Plan for dental services; Spectera Insurance Co., Inc., for vision care; UNUM Provident for long-term disability insurance; Aetna for flexible benefits account services; and that the court grant a waiver of technicality for award to Prudential Life Insurance Company of America for Option II for life and accidental death and dismemberment benefits for the county and the Flood Control District for the period beginning March 1, 2009.

5. Recommendation to immediately terminate an agreement with Gulf Coast Presort for pick-up, process, and delivery of mail for the county in connection with damages caused by Hurricane Ike.
6. Recommendation to reject a bid for a data center co-location facility for the Toll Road Authority, and that the project be readvertised at a later date.
7. Recommendation that the beginning date be changed to November 1, 2008 for a term contract with Brunswick Press, Inc., for unpaid toll report self-mailer forms for the Toll Road Authority.
8. Recommendation that the court rescind the award to Labatt Food Service and award Class 9, Item 13 to Premium Foods, Inc., for various foods for county jails in the amount of \$21,979 based on the lowest bid meeting specifications for a total of \$2,805,534.
9. Request for approval of renewal options with:
 - a. Blackbourn/Division of Fey Industries for vinyl cases for audio visual materials for the County Library for the period of January 1-December 31, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$25,000.
 - b. SHI-Government Solutions for maintenance of Symantec antivirus software for Information Technology for the period of October 1, 2008-September 30, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$42,500.
 - c. SpeakWrite, LLC, for online transcription services for Protective Services for Children & Adults for the period of November 1, 2008-October 31, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$100,000.
 - d. Banks Information Solutions, Inc., for federal and state environmental records database for the Flood Control District for the period of December 1, 2008-November 30, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$22,900.
 - e. Search Technologies, Elite Personnel Consultants, Inc., dba Evins Temporaries, ATSER, LP, A-1 Personnel of Houston, Inc., and IT Nexus, Inc., for supplemental temporary IT personnel for Information Technology, the Sheriff's Department, and the Flood Control District for the period of December 1, 2008-November 30, 2009 at an estimated total cost of \$2,192,110.
 - f. Green Tree Resorts, LLP, for sale of surplus tires and disposal of scrap tires for the county for the period of January 1-December 31, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$35,000.
 - g. G4S Justice Services, Inc., for electronic monitoring random/scheduled tracking, and alcohol monitoring service and support for Juvenile Probation for the period of October 20, 2008-October 19, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$15,000.
 - h. A-Athletic & Medical Supply Co., Inc., for first aid supplies for multiple users for the period of December 1, 2008-November 30, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$133,500.

10. Request for approval of orders authorizing the County Judge to execute agreements/amendments with:
 - a. ACC Consultants, Inc., to provide dental services for youths in custody of Juvenile Probation for the period of September 1, 2008-August 31, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$65,000.
 - b. Novasys Technologies, Inc., for application development, maintenance, and support for Ryan White CARE Act Title I centralized patient care data management system for Public Health & Environmental Services for the period of October 7, 2008-February 28, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$60,750.
 - c. Information Builders, Inc., for upgrades of WebFocus and various software products for Information Technology for the period of September 1, 2008-August 31, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$269,585.
 - d. All About Recovery, Inc., in the amount of \$500,000; Bonita House of Hope, \$100,000; Career & Recovery Resources, Inc., \$300,000; Cenikor Foundation, Inc., \$30,000; David & Ivory Ministries, Inc., \$400,000; Directions of Recovery, \$90,000; Make Ready, Inc., \$300,000; Omega Alpha House, \$200,000; Pathway to Recovery, Inc., \$150,000; Sunrise Recovery Programs, \$200,000; Texas Treatment Centers, \$100,000; The Turning Point, Inc., \$500,000; TRS Behavioral Care, Inc., \$300,000; Unlimited Visions Aftercare, Inc., \$450,000; Volunteers of America Texas, Inc., \$200,000; and Zebra, Inc., dba Cheyenne Center, \$90,000 for substance abuse treatment services for the Community Supervision & Corrections Department for the period ending August 31, 2009.
 - e. Stephen D. Cabler, dba Cabler Polygraph and Investigative Services, LLC, for polygraph testing services for the Sheriff's Department, adding \$30,000 for a total amount of \$80,000 for the period ending December 31, 2008.

11. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute a settlement agreement with the Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau to settle claims arising from provision of general promotion and tourist advertising of Harris County from July 1, 2007-August 31, 2007.

12. Request for approval of sole source and personal services exemptions from the competitive bid process and approval of orders authorizing the County Judge to execute agreements/amendments with:
 - a. Electronic Transaction Consultants for software maintenance services for an electronic toll collection system for the Toll Road Authority for the period of July 25, 2008-July 24, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$394,087.
 - b. Jeffrey S. Ward & Associates for FEMA grant project consulting services for the Flood Control District for the period of October 7, 2008-October 6, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$130,000.
 - c. Proquest, LLC, for renewal of Digital Vault Ancestry Library and Safari Techbooks online database subscriptions for the County Library for the period of December 1, 2008-November 30, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$46,670.

13. 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.
14. Request for authorization to delete certain property from inventories of the Medical Examiner, Purchasing Agent, and Commissioner of Precinct 1.
15. Transmittal of bids and proposals for advertised jobs that were opened September 29 and October 6, 2008 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. October 5-11 as 4-H Week recognizing 4-H members for learning, leading, and serving in their communities.
 - b. Hope Shining, a national movement to increase awareness, prevention, and support services to empower children, families, and communities impacted by violence and abuse.
2. Consideration for discussion of the current nationwide financial crisis as described by President Bush and the impact of the crisis on the county and its investments, bonds, notes, and other financial instruments.
3. Request for approval for the annual Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long to be held at 10 a.m. on December 11, 2008 in the lobby of the Family Law Center.
4. Request for authorization to host a regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Ryan White Planning Council at a social service location to be determined at a later date at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.
5. Request by the Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management for authorization to accept donation of two vehicles from the Harris County Housing Authority.

b. **Commissioner, Precinct 1**

1. Request for approval for:
 - a. The Sagemont Cowboys to host Halloween related fundraising activities October 24-25 and 31, 2008 at El Franco Lee Park.
 - b. The Harris County Aquatics Program Parent's Booster Club to host a Wild Goose Chase fundraiser September 27, 2008 at Tom Bass Fine Arts Pavilion.
 - c. JuntaHispana to host a Hispanic Heritage event October 5, 2008 at Tom Bass Park.

2. Request for authorization to host a job fair in conjunction with Human Resources & Risk Management October 23, 2008 at an approximate cost of \$1,500 to be funded by both departments.
3. Request for approval of traffic sign installations for Riverstone Ranch Drive at Melillo Middle School in connection with a school zone speed study.
4. Request for approval to lease three parking spaces at 1311 Preston from Merit Parking Company, Ltd., at an annual cost of \$2,993.
5. Request for approval to create two positions, change the titles of two positions, delete two positions, and add a car allowance to a project manager position effective October 11, 2008.
6. Request for approval of payment in the amount of \$5,192 to the Galveston Bay Foundation for a Supplemental Environmental Project enforcement order.

c. **Commissioner, Precinct 2**

d. **Commissioner, Precinct 3**

1. Request for approval of a list of election judges and alternates for the term ending August 31, 2009.
2. Request for authorization to accept donation of a live oak tree from Crime Stoppers of Houston to be planted in George Bush Park.

e. **Commissioner, Precinct 4**

1. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute an agreement between the county and Mercer Society to support and enhance Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens through fundraising efforts, membership opportunities, and volunteer activities for the period of January 1, 2009-December 31, 2013.
2. Request for authorization to accept certain donated items in the total amount of \$150,660 from the Mercer Society for the benefit of Mercer Arboretum & Botanical Gardens.
3. Request for approval of a list of election judges and alternates for the 2008-09 term.
4. Transmittal of notice of traffic sign installations.

21. **Miscellaneous**

- a. Transmittal of petitions filed with the 129th and 280th District Courts.
- b. Request for approval of a corrected resolution concerning issuance of Tarrant County Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2008, and reissuance of Harris County Health Facilities Development Corporation Revenue Bonds, Series 2005A, to finance or refinance the cost of health facilities for Christus Health located and to be located in Harris County, and with respect to a public hearing.

II. Emergency/supplemental items

- 1. Request by the County Judge for consideration of an order renewing the Declaration of Disaster for Harris County for 45 days to facilitate recovery efforts from the effects of Hurricane Ike.
- 2. Request by Commissioner, Precinct Three for approval of additional positions and position reclassifications for the District Attorney's Office.

III. Public Hearings

IV. Tax Rates

Public Hearing The following proposed 2008 tax rates were discussed by the court on September 23 and hearings have been set for October 7 and 14. An order for adoption will be on the court's agenda October 21. The rates are for Harris County, Harris County Flood Control District, Port of Houston Authority of Harris County, and the Harris County Hospital District.

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>Difference</u>
County General	.33221	.33221	.00000
Pub. Imp. Cont. Fund	.00697	.00594	(.00103)
Debt Service	.05321	.05108	(.00213)
Subtotal County	<u>.39239</u>	<u>.38923</u>	<u>(.00316)</u>
Flood Control O&M	.02754	.02754	.00000
Flood Control Debt	.00352	.00332	(.00020)
Subtotal Flood Control	<u>.03106</u>	<u>.03086</u>	<u>(.00020)</u>
Port of Houston Debt	.01437	.01773	.00336
Hospital District	<u>.19216</u>	<u>.19216</u>	<u>.00000</u>
Total	<u>.62998</u>	<u>.62998</u>	<u>.00000</u>

V. Executive Session

1. Request by Public Infrastructure for an executive session to review trust information in connection with purchase of Tract 005 for the Mueschke Road-4 project in Precinct 3.
2. Request by the County Judge for an executive session for consideration and possible approval for reappointment of Tom Hamilton to the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority Board of Trustees for a term ending September 11, 2010.

VI. Appearances before court

1. 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.

2. 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
- Public Health & Environmental Services
- Community Services
- 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 2008

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Commissioners Court will meet on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in regular session during the periods of Calendar 2008 and Calendar 2009 on the dates noted by [] . Court-approved county holidays are noted by [] .

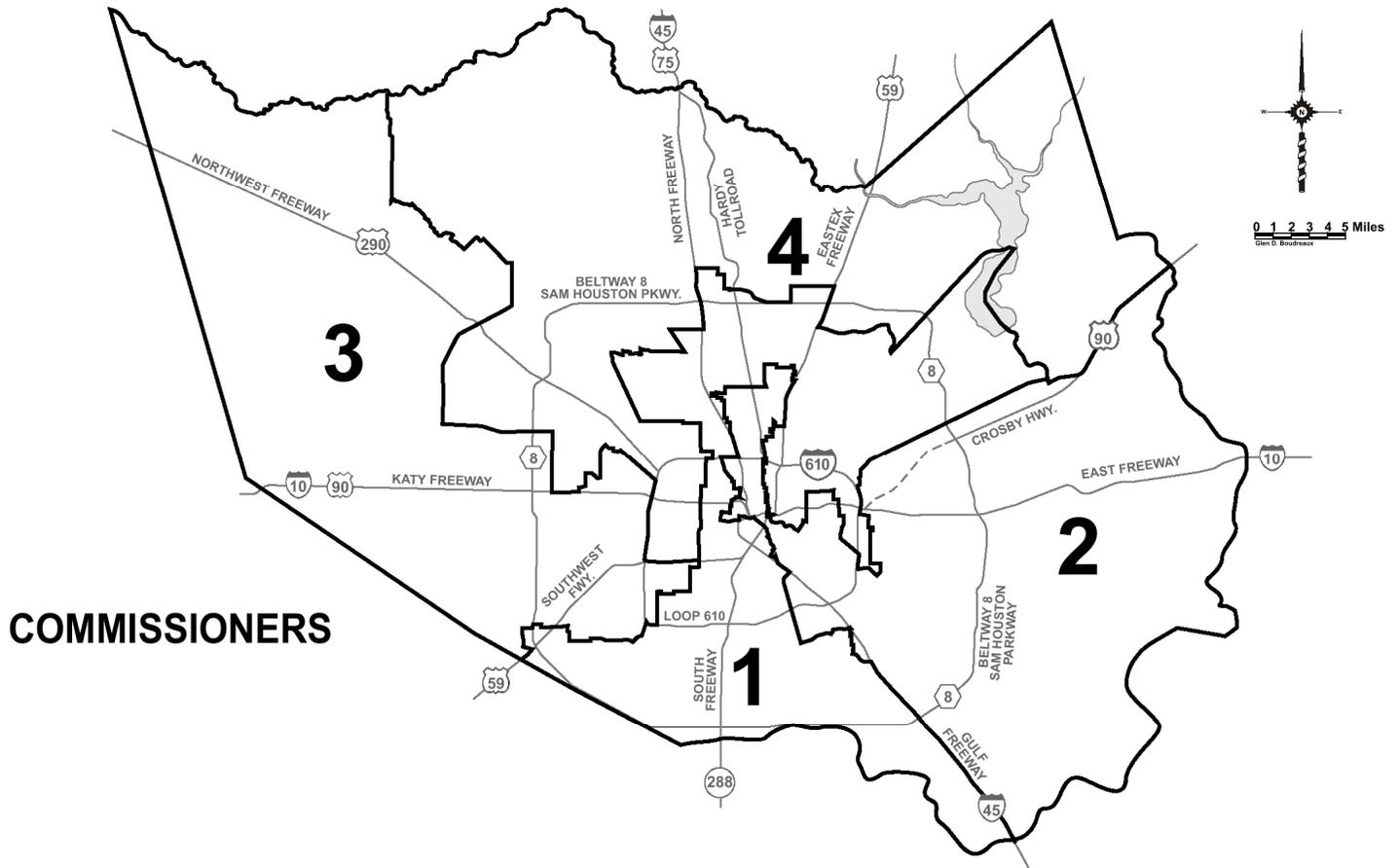
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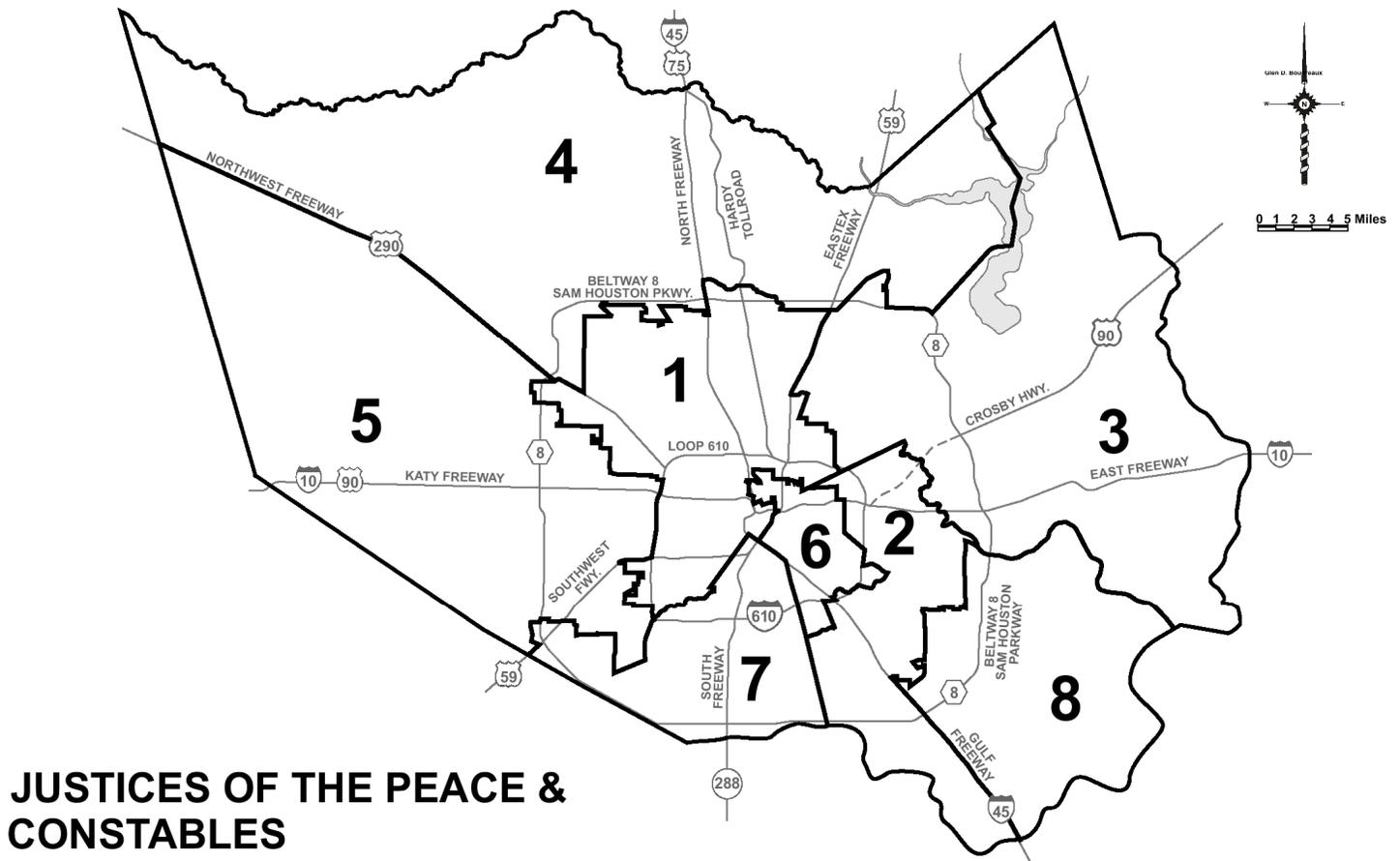
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