



# HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

## COMMISSIONERS COURT

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Commissioner, Precinct 3

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Commissioner, Precinct 4

No. 00.25

### AGENDA

December 5, 2000

1:45 p.m.

Opening prayer by Reverend Stacy Pever of Bering Memorial United Methodist Church.

1. Public Infrastructure Department
  - a. Public Infrastructure
  - b. Flood Control District
  - c. Engineering
2. Toll Road Authority
3. Management Services
4. Central Technology
5. Facilities & Property Management
6. Public Health Services
7. Community Development Services
8. Library Services
9. Youth & Family Services
10. Constables
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12. Fire & Emergency Services
13. Medical Examiner
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15. District Clerk
16. County Attorney
17. District Attorney
18. Justices of the Peace
19. Probate Courts
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21. Fiscal Services & Purchasing
  - a. Auditor
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  - c. Purchasing
22. Commissioners Court
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  - b. Commissioner, Precinct 1
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26. Opening of bids and proposals
27. Executive Session

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

1. **Public Infrastructure Department**

a. **Public Infrastructure**

1. Recommendation that the Flood Control District be authorized to negotiate an interlocal agreement with Metro for replacement of the Fannin Street bridge to facilitate implementation of the Brays Bayou flood damage reduction plan in Precinct 1.
2. Recommendation that the court approve an order authorizing the county to acquire specific properties, declaring a public necessity and convenience, and for the Executive Director, or his designated representative, County Auditor, County Clerk, County Attorney, and County Treasurer to take necessary actions to complete the transactions for:
  - a. Domed Stadium complex expansion, Tracts 012 and 013 in Precinct 1.
  - b. Ella Boulevard-2, Tracts 005 and 006 in Precinct 4.
3. Recommendation that the court authorize the Flood Control District to issue an incidental expense payment of \$273 to Johnny and Stephanie Howard as part of the hazard mitigation grant program No. 2 in Precinct 2.
4. Recommendation that the court authorize the Flood Control District to issue processing fees of \$250 to First Nationwide Mortgage Corporation as part of the Armand Bayou improvement project in Precinct 2.
5. Recommendation that the court authorize the Flood Control District to issue an actual moving expense payment of \$4,709 to Bekins/EDC, Inc., as part of the hazard mitigation grant program No. 2 in Precinct 4.
6. Recommendation that the court authorize the Flood Control District to issue a fixed moving expense payment of \$1,075 to Therman B. Fisher as part of the hazard mitigation grant program No. 2 in Precinct 4.
7. Recommendation that the court authorize the Flood Control District to purchase Tracts 11-001.0 and 11-002.0, Unit C100-00-00-E011 in Precinct 1 for the negotiated purchase price of \$64,500, and for the Executive Director, or his designated representative, County Auditor, County Clerk, County Attorney, and County Treasurer to take necessary actions to complete the transaction.
8. Recommendation that the county be authorized to retain the drainage easement and sell Tract 001 within Dotson Road in Precinct 4 to Highland Timbers, Ltd., for the amount of \$5,561, and for the Executive Director, or his designated representative, County Auditor, County Clerk, County Attorney, and County Treasurer to take necessary actions to complete the transaction.

9. Recommendation that the court establish just compensation in the amount of \$130,000 for Tract 12-009.0, Unit G103-00-99-H003 as part of the Flood Control District's hazard mitigation grant program No. 2 in Precinct 2, and for the County Judge to take necessary action to complete the transaction.
10. Recommendation that the court establish just compensation in the amount of \$6,312,744 for Tract A001-001 and \$20,885 for Tract A001-003 for the Westpark corridor project in Precinct 3.
11. Transmittal of notices of road and bridge log changes.

b. **Flood Control District**

1. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute agreements with:
  - a. Brown & Root Services for engineering services in the amount of \$650,000 in support of program management services for implementation of the Brays Bayou flood damage reduction plan in Precincts 1, 2, and 3.
  - b. Edgar C. and Gayolyn Griffin for lease of a tract of land along the Buffalo Bayou Bend townhomes in Precinct 3.
  - c. ExxonMobile Pipeline Company for right of way utility adjustments in the amount of \$650,585 for relocation of facilities in Precinct 1.
  - d. Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 91 for repair of an outfall structure entering Cypress Creek in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$7,193 (amendment).
  - e. Otto Hargrave for landscaping services to maintain the district's buyout lot at 17211 East Strack Road in Precinct 4.
2. Recommendation that the court approve contract and bonds for Lindsey Construction, Inc., for general repairs in Precincts 1, 3, and 4 in the amount of \$345,790.
3. Recommendation that the award for channel improvements and utility adjustments for the Berry Bayou watershed in Precinct 2 be made to Ramos Industries, Inc., low bid in the amount of \$1,365,780.
4. Recommendation that the court adopt an order for conveyance of a special warranty water main easement, Unit T101-08-00, Tract 01-601.0 in Precinct 3.
5. Recommendation for approval of a change in contract for G. Greenstreet, Inc., for selective clearing of channels in Precinct 3, resulting in no change to the contract amount (99/0799).

c. **Engineering**

1. Recommendation for approval to seek bids for:
  - a. Construction of west lanes of West Lake Houston Parkway from the proposed bridge at Unit G103-15-00 to the south approach slab of bridge at the Union Pacific Railroad crossing in Precinct 1 for a three-week period at an estimated cost of \$2,191,700.
  - b. Traffic signal installation for the intersections of Richmond Avenue at Windchase Boulevard and Richmond Avenue at West Hampton Drive in Precinct 3 for a three-week period at an estimated cost of \$212,000.
  - c. Storm sewer along future Ella Boulevard from north of Spring Cypress Road to outfall at Seals Gully in Precinct 4 for a four-week period at an estimated cost of \$492,000.
  
2. Recommendation for approval of the following plats:
  - a. Kaylawood Estates in Precinct 2; E.R. Consultants Land Surveying & Engineering.
  - b. Plantation at Woodforest, Section Five in Precinct 2; Jones & Carter, Incorporated.
  - c. Kingsville Park, Section One in Precinct 3; Moffatt-Easley, Incorporated.
  - d. Westgreen Park, Section One in Precinct 3; Rayburn Cherry Engineers, Incorporated.
  - e. Westside Mall, Section One in Precinct 3; Edminster, Hinshaw, Russ and Associates, Incorporated.
  - f. Westside Parkway Street dedication plat in Precinct 3; Edminster, Hinshaw, Russ and Standley, Incorporated.
  - g. Canyon Lakes Village, Section One in Precinct 3; Pate Engineers.
  - h. Preserve, Section One in Precinct 4; JNS Consulting Engineers, Incorporated.
  - i. Powell, Subdivision Two in Precinct 4; Rayburn Cherry Engineers, Incorporated.
  
3. Recommendation for acceptance or cancellation of bonds for:
  - a. Clearwater Utilities, Inc., for Cimmaron MUD executed by Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America for the north and south sides of East Fernhurst with two crossings in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$15,000 (acceptance).
  - b. Celanese Ltd., executed by Fireman's Fund Insurance Company for Bayport Boulevard with a crossing in Precinct 2 in the amount of \$10,000 (acceptance).
  - c. Ultramar Diamond Shamrock Corporation executed by National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford for the median of Sheldon Road in Precinct 2 in the amount of \$5,000 (acceptance).
  - d. Allgood Construction Company, Inc., for Northwest Park MUD executed by Hartford Fire Insurance Company for Antoine Drive and Duckett Park Drive with eight crossings in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$60,000 (acceptance).
  - e. Joel A. Trimm Construction Company, Inc., for Weston MUD executed by National American Insurance Company for Park Row and Westborough Drive with a crossing in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$20,000 (acceptance).
  - f. MCM Concrete Construction, LLC, executed by Atlantic Alliance Fidelity and Surety Company for Cypresswood Drive in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$19,930 (acceptance).

- g. N&S Construction Company, LLC, executed by Insurance Company of the West for Spring-Cypress Road with a crossing in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$5,000 (acceptance).
  - h. Continental Lot Partnership, Ltd., executed by Universal Surety of America for the Estates of Highland Creek, Section Two in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$24,806 (cancellation).
  - i. Flair Construction Company, Inc., executed by Reliance National Indemnity Company for Cypresswood Forest, Section Two in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$8,800 (cancellation).
  - j. Spring Creek Oaks Estates, Ltd., executed by Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America for Spring Creek Oaks, Section Seven in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$15,533 (cancellation).
  - k. Sterling Gate Estates, Ltd., executed by United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company for Sterling Gate Estates in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$1,000 (cancellation).
4. Recommendation for approval of notices by:
- a. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on the west side of Brittmoore Road in Precinct 4 (20223).
  - b. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on North Huffsmith Road and West Stanolind Road in Precinct 4 (20287).
  - c. Reliant Energy-Houston Lighting & Power of the authorized installation of an electrical poleline on the east and west sides of Aldine Westfield, Farrel Road, Woodcreek, and East Richey Road in Precinct 4 (20289).
  - d. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on the west side of Stuebner Airline in Precinct 4 (20340).
  - e. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on the south side of Cairway Drive in Precinct 3 (20341).
  - f. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on the east side of Brittmoore Road in Precinct 4 (20342).
  - g. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on the east side of Boudreaux Road in Precinct 4 (20343).
  - h. Time Warner Communications, Inc., of the authorized installation of buried television cable on the south side of Alief-Clodine Road in Precinct 3 (20344).
  - i. Reliant Energy-Entex of the authorized installation of a natural gas distribution line on Greenhouse Road and the south side of Morton Road with a crossing in Precinct 3 (20347).
  - j. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on the south side of Saums Road with a crossing in Precinct 3 (20351).
  - k. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on Cypress North Houston Road with a crossing in Precinct 3 (20352).

- l. Clearwater Utilities for Cimarron MUD of the authorized installation of a water main and casing on the north and south sides of East Fernhurst with two crossings in Precinct 3 (20354).
  - m. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on Gulf Bank Road with a crossing in Precinct 4 (20357).
  - n. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on East Eldridge Parkway with a crossing in Precinct 4 (20362).
  - o. Celanese, Ltd., of the unauthorized installation of a steel pipeline on Bayport Boulevard with two crossings in Precinct 2 (20364).
  - p. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on the east side of Millrun Drive with two crossings in Precinct 3 (20365).
  - q. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on Grant Road, Jones Road, Archmont Drive, Brentway, Creektree, Dunbrook, Elmdale, Fawnview, Glenway, and the center of Jones Road with 10 crossings in Precinct 4 (20367).
  - r. Diamond Shamrock Refining and Marketing of the unauthorized installation of monitoring wells on the median of Sheldon Road with two crossings in Precinct 2 (20368).
  - s. Allgood Construction Co., for Northwest Park MUD of the authorized installation of pipe on Antoine Drive and Duckett Park Drive with eight crossings in Precinct 4 (20369).
  - t. Joel A. Trimm Construction for Weston MUD of the authorized installation of a waterline and a storm sewer on Park Row and Westborough Drive with a crossing in Precinct 3 (20370).
  - u. N&S Construction Co., LLC, for Northwest Harris County MUD No. 36 of the authorized installation of a steel waterline on Spring-Cypress Road with a crossing in Precinct 4 (20371).
  - v. MCM Concrete Construction, LLC, of the unauthorized installation of a left turn lane and median opening on Cypresswood Drive in Precinct 4 (20372).
  - w. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on Barker-Cypress Road with a crossing in Precinct 3 (20373).
  - x. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on West Stuebner-Airline Road and Hufsmith Road with three crossings in Precinct 4 (20374).
  - y. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of the authorized installation of buried telephone cable on Wied Road, the east side of Wied Road, and the north side of Louetta Road with a crossing in Precinct 4 (20375).
5. Recommendation for approval of changes in contracts for:
- a. Hassell Construction Company, Inc., for Franz Road from west of Gatwick Lane to east Primewest Parkway in Precinct 3, adding 17 calendar days and resulting in an addition of \$10,853 to the contract amount (27164).
  - b. Hubco, Inc., for Westheimer Parkway from Barker Reservoir Levee to F.M. 1093 in Precinct 3, resulting in an addition of \$25,126 to the contract amount (27165).

- c. Angel Brothers Enterprises, Inc., for reconstruction of six roads in the Crosby Camp area in Precinct 4, resulting in an addition of \$75,352 to the contract amount (27156).
  - d. Aqua Pure to operate and service the wastewater treatment plants at Arthur Bayer Park, Baldwin-Boettcher Library, and Spring Cypress maintenance facility in Precinct 4, resulting in an addition of \$2,950 to the contract amount (26891).
  - e. Cutler Repaving, Inc., for E.A. Lyons Camp area, refurbishing by hot in place recycling of existing asphalt surface and overlay in Precinct 4, resulting in a reduction of \$85,732 from the contract amount (27163).
  - f. Turner Paving and Construction, Inc., for construction of concrete sidewalk at Champion Forest Drive, Lyons School Road, and Round Up Lane in Precinct 4, resulting in an addition of \$27,699 to the contract amount (27152).
6. Recommendation for authorization to issue purchase orders for testing and inspection services to:
- a. Coastal Testing for 1999 asphaltic concrete overlay and base repair of various roads in the Wade Road Camp area in Precinct 2 in the amount of \$27,195.
  - b. Geotest Engineering for construction of Dell Dale Street from I.H. 10 to Woodforest Boulevard in Precinct 2 in the amount of \$151,270.
7. Recommendation for deposit of funds in the amount of \$3,396 received from Binkley & Barfield, Inc., for reimbursement for overpayment on basic fees due to final construction cost for Cutten Road south of F.M. 1960 to Cypresswood in Precinct 4.
8. Recommendation for authorization for the County Judge to execute agreements with:
- a. Jacobs Facilities, Inc., for architectural and engineering services for the Harris County Civil Justice Center in the amount of \$349,000.
  - b. Klotz Associates, Inc., for engineering services in connection with construction of various projects in all precincts in the amount of \$100,000.
  - c. Binkley & Barfield, Inc., for engineering services in connection with construction of Dell Dale Street from IH-10 to Woodforest Boulevard in Precinct 2 in the amount of \$21,855.
  - d. Wayne Smith and Associates, Inc., for engineering services in connection with construction of Howell-Sugarland Road from south of Beechnut Boulevard to Alief-Clodine Road in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$30,849.
  - e. Sunland Engineering Company for engineering services in connection with construction of a structure within Unit E135-01-00 to serve Castlebridge Drive in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$107,923.
9. Recommendation that the award for corrugated metal pipe with band couplers furnished and delivered to Flood Control District Service Center No. 3 be made to Texas Steel Culvert Company, Inc., lowest and best bid in the amount of \$33,215, and for the County Clerk and County Judge to take necessary actions relating to the award.

10. Recommendation for approval of a title and salary maximum change for a position in the Engineering Division.
11. Recommendation that a bid for 2,600 tons of 2-sack cement stabilized sand for any jobsite for the Flood Control District be rejected and the project readvertised for a two-week period.
12. Recommendation for approval of a preliminary engineering report by Binkley & Barfield, Inc., for construction of Homestead Road from Mount Houston to Old Humble Road in Precinct 1, and authorization to proceed with the design phase.
13. Recommendation for authorization to renew an annual contract with Batterson, Inc., for striping of various roads in Precinct 2 in the amount of \$500,000, and for the County Engineer, County Clerk, and County Judge to take necessary actions relating to the agreement.
14. Recommendation that the award for repair of an existing storm sewer on East Cedar Bayou-Lynchburg Road in Precinct 2 be made to Angel Brothers Enterprises, Inc., lowest and best bid in the amount of \$23,470, and for the County Clerk and County Judge to take necessary actions relating to the award.
15. Recommendation for authorization for the County Judge to execute an agreement between the county, 290 Residential, Ltd., and Wheatstone Investments, L.P., for the county to construct a two-lane section of Fry Road Bridge and related drainage improvements at Cypress Creek in Precinct 3 at an estimated cost of \$1,061,833.
16. Recommendation that the award for ADA major thoroughfare improvements in Precinct 3 be made to Curb Planet, Inc., lowest and best bid in the amount of \$109,835, and for the County Engineer, County Clerk, and County Judge to take necessary actions relating to the award.

2. **Toll Road Authority**

- a. Request for approval of a change in contract for R.G. Miller Engineers, Inc., to delete retaining walls and add bridge spans between Chimney Rock and Royalton Street in connection with the Westpark Tollway project, resulting in a decrease of \$13,078 from the contract amount.
- b. Request for authorization to negotiate with Walter P. Moore & Associates for engineering services for additional lane capacity from the Clay Road entrance to Sam Houston Tollway central plaza northbound.
- c. Request for authorization to negotiate with PBS&J Consulting Engineers to coordinate with the Corps of Engineers to develop a plan for a permit to extend Barker Cypress Road across Barker Reservoir to FM 1093.

- d. Request for authorization to negotiate with Pate Engineers, Inc., for engineering services for additional lane capacity from Sam Houston Tollway central plaza to Clay Road southbound.

3. **Management Services**

- a. Request for approval of orders authorizing acceptance of payments in connection with settlement of damages to county equipment and property in the total amount of \$8,695 and 11 workers compensation recoveries in the total amount of \$31,284; settlement of two tort claims in the total amount of \$1,434; denial of five claims for damages; and transmittal of claims for damages received during the period which ended November 28.
- b. Request for authorization for two employees to attend a benefits seminar of the International Society of Certified Employee Benefit Specialists December 7 in Houston at a cost of \$40.
- c. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a board meeting of the Public Risk Management Association December 14 in Dallas at no cost to the county.
- d. Request for approval of an agreement for termination of a tax abatement for Excel Teleservices, Inc., and acceptance of \$36,852 from the company as full recapture of all taxes previously abated for tax years 1997 through 1999.
- e. Transmittal of investment transactions for the period of November 15-28 and maturities for November 22-December 5, and request for approval of changes in securities pledged for county funds.
- f. Request for approval of an order authorizing a substitute credit agreement for commercial paper notes, Series A, B and C, and approving an updated offering memorandum and related items.
- g. Request for approval of contract specifications and applications for bids to be taken for depository bank services for the county, County Clerk, District Clerk, remittance processing, and Flood Control.
- h. Request for authorization to pay quarterly remarketing fees for Toll Road variable rate bonds.
- i. Request for approval of interest payments for commercial paper issues and for approval of issues for the purchase of vehicles.
- j. Request for annual renewal of the county's investment policy, and for authorization to add Seattle Northwest and Weller, Anderson and Cheneviere Ltd., to the list of authorized securities firms.

- k. Request for approval of an order authorizing tax and revenue certificates of obligation Series 2001 and permanent improvement refunding bonds Series 2001, including preparation of financing documents and preliminary official statement, and authorizing engagement of professionals and publication of notice of intent to issue the bonds, and making other provisions to provide financing for a parking garage, tunnel, jail parking facility, and a plaza as part of the county's downtown master plan.
- l. Request for authorization for the County Attorney to prepare contract amendments with Deloitte & Touche for the next phases of strategic plan preparation for the county's information system needs, and regarding certain financial reporting requirements.
- m. Request for approval of authorized budget appropriation transfers for flood control and county departments.
- n. Consideration of an order approving an option for the Harris County TCDRS retirement plan for the 2001 calendar year.

4. **Central Technology Center**

- a. Request for approval of agreements with Galena Park and the Katy Police Department for use of the county's 800 MHz public radio system.
- b. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a system storage management seminar December 11-13 in Mountain View, Cal., at an approximate cost of \$3,488.
- c. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a meeting of the Texas Office of Court Administration concerning implementation of a statistical caseload reporting system December 4 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$150.

5. **Facilities & Property Management**

- a. Request for approval of an agreement with 3-K Shopping Center, Inc., for lease of space at 1200 Main Street in Tomball for the Tomball branch library during construction of a new branch facility.
- b. Request for authorization to renew an annual agreement with Halliburton Technical Services, Inc., for lease of space at 3403 Richardson for the Sheriff's Department Patrol Bureau.
- c. Request for authorization to extend a temporary position through February 28.

6. **Public Health & Environmental Services**

- a. Request for authorization for an employee to attend an HIV planning meeting of the Texas Department of Health December 11 in Tyler at an approximate cost of \$200.

- b. Request for authorization to abate nuisances at 1914 Warwick, 13826 Terlin, 5707 Northington, and 838 Bishopvale in Precinct 1, and 203 Dreamland, 914 Beacon, 2118 William Tell, 14349 Hillsboro, 14422 Bonham, 14210 Duncan, 2405 Chamberlain, 2518 Warwick, and 2209 William Tell in Precinct 2.
- c. Request for authorization for certain employees to attend a dental services meeting February 9 in Houston at a total cost of \$755.
- d. Request for approval of payment in the total amount of \$318 for expenses incurred by two employees to attend a management seminar in Houston.
- e. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a screening guidelines meeting for the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program December 5 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$250.
- f. Request for approval of an annual agreement with the Texas Department of Health to fund the HIV prevention and education program in the amount of \$385,053.
- g. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a meeting of the American Mosquito Control Association February 17-22 in Dallas at an approximate cost of \$1,050.
- h. Request for approval of additional mileage reimbursement in amounts of \$143 and \$16 for two TB outreach workers who exceeded the monthly limit in October.
- i. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a pediatric nutrition conference December 1 in Houston at a cost of \$50.
- j. Request for authorization for an employee to travel to Fairfield, N.J., January 8-12 to attend a chemistry analyzer training seminar at an approximate cost of \$294.
- k. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a minority health conference December 13-15 in Dallas at an approximate cost of \$469.
- l. Request for approval of payment in the amount of \$150 for expenses incurred by two employees for travel to Galveston to attend a meeting concerning community and state health programs.

7. **Community Development Services**

- a. Request for approval of an agreement with Prevent Blindness Texas, Inc., to provide eyeglasses and vision screening and referrals to qualifying individuals using Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$46,934.

- b. Request for approval of an agreement with Foundation Latino Americana Contra El SIDA, Inc., to provide funding for the HIV Prevention Among Hispanic Youth Program using Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$100,000.
- c. Request for approval of an agreement with Brentwood Community Foundation for a program to promote good health for certain persons in low to moderate-income service areas using Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$162,000.
- d. Request for approval of an agreement with the City of South Houston to demolish and remove existing elevated and ground storage tanks on Virginia Avenue and construct a hydropneumatic tank and foundation using Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$336,036.
- e. Request for approval of an agreement with Houston Community Voice Mail to provide voice mail to low-income and homeless persons using Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$17,007.
- f. Request for approval of an agreement with The Arc of Greater Houston, Inc., for the Right to Learn Program to provide educational assistance to youth with disabilities and their parents using Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$50,000.
- g. Request for approval of an agreement with JASA House-Safe Havens Project to provide funding for shelter costs and supportive services for homeless women and children using Emergency Shelter Grant funds in the amount of \$25,366.
- h. Request for approval of an agreement with Child Advocates, Inc., for a program that provides rehabilitative services for abused and neglected children in service areas using Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$60,000.
- i. Request for approval of an agreement with the City of South Houston to provide partial funding for rehabilitation and new construction of sanitary sewer manholes using Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$215,968.
- j. Request for approval of an agreement with the City of South Houston to provide funding for the demolition and removal of a failed ground tank on Allen-Genoa Road and construction of a new bolted steel tank and foundation using Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$485,460.
- k. Request for approval of an agreement with the City of South Houston to provide funding for replacement of a sanitary sewer pipeline and reconstruction of manholes and related items using Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$302,960.

- l. Request for approval of an agreement with CROSSROADS: Community Partnership for Youth, Inc., to provide funding for a program to aid in prevention and reduction of youth involvement in the juvenile justice system using Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$45,032.
- m. Request for approval of an agreement with Northwest Assistance Ministries to provide funding for the NAM Hope Homeless Prevention Enterprise Program for services for families at risk of homelessness using Emergency Shelter Grant funds in the amount of \$95,400.
- n. Request for approval of payment in the amount of \$1,250 for an employee of the Guardianship Division to receive advanced clinical practice training.

8. **Library Services**

- a. Request for authorization for an employee of the County Library to attend a web server training course December 11-15 in Houston at a cost of \$1,995.
- b. Request for authorization for two employees of the County Library to attend a computer software training seminar December 18-22 in Houston at a total cost of \$2,550.
- c. Request for authorization for an employee of the County Library to attend a board meeting of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission December 7 in Austin at a cost of \$225.

9. **Youth & Family Services**

- a. Request by Juvenile Probation for authorization to modify a grant application submitted to the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor to continue the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program for Juveniles at the Burnett-Bayland Reception Center.
- b. Request by Juvenile Probation for authorization for the County Judge to execute an agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council in connection with grant funds for residential and non-residential services for juveniles.
- c. Request by Community & Juvenile Justice Education for authorization for an employee to attend a juvenile justice conference January 8-9 in Galveston at an approximate cost of \$100.
- d. Request by Community & Juvenile Justice Education for authorization for an employee to attend a standards meeting of the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission December 8 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$200.

10. **Constables**

- a. Request by the constables' systems manager for authorization to reclassify certain clerical and dispatch positions.
- b. Request by the constables' systems manager for approval of educational incentive pay adjustments for officers who met requirements for the changes during the last quarter.
- c. Request by Constable Abercia, Precinct 1, for authorization for seven employees to attend a field training officer course February 5-9 in Houston at a total cost of \$175.
- d. Request by Constable Freeman, Precinct 2, for approval of agreements with South Belt Security Alliance and Galena Park Independent School District for law enforcement services.
- e. Request by Constable Moore, Precinct 4, for authorization to add 12 vehicles to the department's fleet.
- f. Request by Constable Moore for authorization for the County Judge to execute an application for grant funds for continuation of the Domestic Violence Unit/Enhancement to Victims Assistance program.
- g. Request by Constable Cheek, Precinct 5, for authorization for two employees to attend a law enforcement seminar January 3-5 in Fort Lauderdale at an approximate total cost of \$1,414.
- h. Transmittal of notice by Constable Cheek of the addition of three regular deputies to the department's authorized list.
- i. Request by Constable Trevino, Precinct 6, for authorization to use a county vehicle for travel to San Antonio for a law enforcement training seminar.
- j. Request by Constable Trevino for approval of a temporary deputy contract service position for the period of December 2 through May 2, 2001.

11. **Sheriff**

- a. Request for approval of salary increases for civilian personnel who have met requirements for the upgrade.
- b. Request for approval of educational incentive pay for qualifying personnel who have met requirements necessary for the changes.
- c. Request for authorization to accept a donation for the department.

- d. Request for authorization to submit, with the City of Baytown, an application to the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for continuation of the Harris County Organized Crime and Narcotics Task Force.
- e. Request for authorization for three employees to attend a seminar concerning school violence December 5 in Houston at a total cost of \$687.
- f. Request for authorization for two employees to attend a firearms training seminar December 10-15 in Abilene at an approximate total cost of \$1,769, with travel by county vehicle.
- g. Request for authorization for seven employees to attend a law enforcement seminar December 11-13 in Houston at a total cost of \$1,855.
- h. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a law enforcement ethics seminar December 11-15 in Richardson at an approximate cost of \$1,108, with travel by county vehicle.
- i. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a meeting of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education December 14-15 in Huntsville at an approximate cost of \$154, with travel by county vehicle.
- j. Request for authorization for four employees to attend a gang seminar December 18-20 in San Antonio at an approximate total cost of \$1,396, with travel by county vehicle.

12. **Fire & Emergency Services**

Request for authorization for the Fire Marshal and an employee to use a county vehicle for travel to College Station December 6 to visit the Emergency Operations Center at Brayton Fire Field at no cost to the county.

13. **Medical Examiner**

- a. Request for authorization to submit an amendment to an application to the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for grant funds in the amount of \$309,762 for the DNA Laboratory.
- b. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute an agreement with Harris County Community Supervision and Corrections for drug testing services.

14. **County Clerk**

- a. Transmittal of an affidavit of substantial interest filed by Commissioner Radack concerning items on the court's agenda of November 21.
- b. Transmittal of the court's minutes for the meeting of October 24.

15. **District Clerk**

- a. Request for authorization to correct the payroll record of an employee.
- b. Request for authorization for the District Clerk and an employee to attend a NACo legislative conference March 2-6 in Washington, D.C., at an approximate total cost of \$5,640.
- c. Request for approval of agreements for use of the county's Subscriber Access Program.

16. **County Attorney**

- a. Request for approval of litigation expenses for cases in the 127th, 157th, 164th, 165th, 215th, 234th, 270th, 281st, and 334th District Courts and County Civil Courts Nos. 1, 2, and 4.
- b. Request for approval of orders authorizing suits for collection of damages to county vehicles and property.
- c. Request for approval of orders authorizing suits and litigation expenses to compel compliance with flood plain management regulations at 19539 and 19643 Rio Villa Drive, 17000 block of South Rio Villa Drive, and 1621 Hill Road in Houston, 3531 Eula Morgan and 6244 Katy Hockley in Katy, 506 Grace Lane in Highlands, 7000 block of Mourning Drive in Baytown, and 19115 Azalea Way in Spring.
- d. Request for approval of an order authorizing suit and litigation expenses to compel compliance with the Texas Water and Health and Safety Codes at 12215 Northwood Forest Drive in Houston.
- e. Request for approval of an order authorizing suit to compel compliance with the Texas Health and Safety Code at 3623 Wilson Road and authorizing settlement agreement.
- f. Request for approval of an order authorizing settlement of damages to county property in connection with a case in JP Court 1.2.
- g. Request for approval of an order authorizing settlement of a tort claim in connection with a case in the 129th District Court.
- h. Request for approval of an attorney position in connection with the Real Property Division.
- i. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a management seminar December 5 in Houston at a cost of \$199.
- j. Request for authorization for two employees to attend a trail tactics seminar December 14-15 in Houston at a cost of \$650.

- k. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a computer maintenance seminar January 11-12 in Houston at a cost of \$895.

17. **District Attorney**

- a. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a conference for elected prosecutors December 12-15 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$665.
- b. Request for approval of payment in the amount of \$5,000 to Daily Court Review for publication of legal notices on asset forfeiture cases.
- c. Request for approval of three positions for the Bond Forfeiture, Asset Forfeiture, and Child Abuse Divisions.
- d. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute an application to the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for renewal of a grant for the Protective Order Prosecutor Project.
- e. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute an application for renewal of the Caseworker Intervention Expansion Project grant.

18. **Justices of the Peace**

- a. Request by Judge Patronella, JP 1.2, for authorization to travel to Austin December 7 to meet with legislators and staff at an approximate cost of \$295.
- b. Request by Judge Fury, JP 5.1, for authorization to reclassify three clerk positions.
- c. Request by Judge Green, JP 7.2, for authorization to attend a juvenile justice conference January 7-9 in Galveston at an approximate cost of \$250.

19. **Probate Courts**

- a. Request by Judge Olsen, Court No. 3, for authorization for two employees to attend a litigation seminar January 19-20 in San Antonio at an approximate total cost of \$2,000.
- b. Request by Judge Olsen for authorization to attend a civil mediation course of the National Judicial College January 21-26 in Reno at an approximate cost of \$2,800.

20. **Courts of Appeals**

- a. Request by Chief Justice Murphy, 14th Court, for approval of payment in the amount of \$300 for expenses incurred to attend a conference of the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Mexico City.

- b. Request by Justice Amidei, 14th Court, for approval of payment in the amount of \$729 for expenses incurred to attend a seminar of the American Law Institute in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

21. **Fiscal Services & Purchasing**

a. **Auditor**

1. Request for approval of final payments to:
  - a. Angel Bro., for Dad's Club sports complex proposed parking lot in Precinct 2.
  - b. Batterson, Inc., for a renewable term contract for paint striping various roads in the Spring Camp area in Precinct 4.
  - c. Const. Design Co., for storm sewer and paving repairs for Westador MUD in Precinct 4.
  - d. Cutler Repaving, Inc., for Louetta Road improvements, segment E, from Ella Blvd., to Old Holzworth Road in Precinct 4.
  - e. National America Ins., for construction of Doss Community Center, Phase II, in Precinct 4 and for renovation of the basketball pavilion for Community Development.
  - f. Pfeiffer & Son for traffic signal installation on West Bay Area Boulevard and Glenwest Drive, pavement widening and traffic signal modifications on West Bay Area Boulevard and Baybrook Mall, West Bay Area Boulevard and Mall Way, and West Bay Area Boulevard and IH-45 southbound frontage road in Precinct 1.
2. Transmittal of certification of supplemental estimates of revenue for Harris County Road Capital Project Fund 360 for Precinct 2; Harris County Road Restricted Fund 223 for Harris County Community Development; Library Donation Fund 277 for Harris County Public Library; Texas Health and Human Services Commission for CHIP Outreach Services; and the U.S. Department of Justice and the State of Texas for various criminal justice programs.
3. Transmittal of audited claims.

b. **Tax Assessor-Collector**

1. Request for approval of quarterly payments for the Appraisal District.
2. Request for approval of tax refund payments.
3. Request for authorization for the Tax Assessor-Collector and an employee to attend legislative committee meetings and testify at legislative sessions in Austin as necessary at an approximate cost of \$250 per trip, with travel by county vehicle.

c. **Purchasing**

1. Transmittal of a list of computer related equipment obtained through the State of Texas vendor program for the District Courts and Central Technology Center.
2. Recommendation that the award for photocopier services for the county and the Flood Control District be made to Panasonic Document Systems Company in the amount of \$956,860 for Classes I, II, and III, Savin Corporation in the amount of \$184,968 for Class IV, Xerox Corporation in the amount of \$666,900 for Class V, and that a technicality be waived to award Class VI to Savin Corporation in the amount of \$18,384.
3. Recommendation that the award for maintenance and repair of elevators for the county be made to Elevator Maintenance Company, lowest and most complete bid in the amount of \$479,555 for the period beginning January 1.
4. Recommendation that corrections be made to a term contract for various foods for county jails awarded on September 26 to Ditta Meat Company, Premium Foods, and Performance Food Group for the period of December 1-June 30, 2001.
5. Request for approval of a renewal option with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for coinless inmate, public coin, inmate TDD, public TDD, and public fax telephone service for the county for the period of December 30-December 29, 2001.
6. Transmittal of notice of an extension of a contract with BI, Inc., for electronic monitoring equipment for the Community Supervision & Corrections Department on a month-to-month basis for the period through February 1, 2001, or until a new contract is awarded.
7. Request for approval of a renewal option with Emergency and Safety Products, E.S.P., Inc., for push bumpers, siren speakers and lights, and electronic siren amplifiers for the county for the period of March 1-February 28, 2002.
8. Request for approval of a renewal option with Signal Measurement Corp., for communication consoles and related items for various late model police vehicles for the county for the period of March 1-February 28, 2002.
9. Request for approval of a renewal option with Greenspoint Dodge of Houston, primary contractor, and Crown Dodge, secondary contractor, for repair parts, labor, and related items for Daimler Chrysler automobiles and trucks for the county for the period of March 1-February 28, 2002.
10. Request for approval of a renewal option with BioWhittaker, Inc., for cell cultures for Public Health & Environmental Services/Mosquito Control Division for the period of April 1-March 31, 2002.

11. Request for approval of a renewal option with Coolgas, Inc., for refrigerants for the county for the period of March 1-August 31, 2001.
12. Request for approval of an amendment to an agreement with GTE Mobilnet of South Texas, L.P., for wireless data/voice customer service for the county, and renewal for the period of January 11-January 10, 2002.
13. Request that Computer Corporation of America be granted a sole source exemption from the competitive bid process for purchase of Webgate Web Server software and maintenance for the Central Technology Center/JIMS Division.
14. Request for approval of property and equipment transfers within the county.
15. Transmittal of notice of receipt of funds in the total net amount of \$21,619 from the county's Internet public auction of recyclable materials, surplus, and/or confiscated property items.
16. Recommendation that the award for a gun shot residue system for the Medical Examiner's Office be made to ASPEX Instruments, only bid in the amount of \$129,450.
17. Recommendation by the Office of the Purchasing Agent and Public Health & Environmental Services/HIV Services Division that proposals for Ryan White Title I capacity building project for minority community based organizations for the county be rejected and specifications be revised.
18. Request that Informix Software, Inc., be granted a sole source exemption from the competitive bid process for software maintenance for the Auditor's IFAS system in the amount of \$91,956 for the period of July 1-June 30, 2001.
19. Recommendation for approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an amendment to an agreement between the county and the Houston Bar Association for renewal of alternative dispute resolution services for the district courts for the period of March 1-February 28, 2002.

22. **Commissioners Court**

a. **County Judge**

1. Request for consideration and approval of a resolution designating December 5 as Anthony Gagliano Day in the county.
2. Request for consideration and approval of a resolution designating December 5 as Neighborhood Centers Inc., Day in the county.

3. Request for consideration and approval of a resolution designating December 5 as Dr. Lewis A. Coveler Day in the county.
4. Request for consideration and approval of a resolution designating December 5 as Charles J. Thomas Day in the county.
5. Request for consideration and approval of a resolution designating December 29 as James E. McKnight Day in the county.
6. Request for discussion and possible action for the reappointment of Jonathan Day to the Joint City/County Commission on Children for a one-year term.
7. Request for discussion and possible action for the reappointment of Ken Spalding to the Children's Protective Services Board for a three-year term.
8. Request for discussion and possible action for the reappointment of Ida Wong Eng, Bob Kendrick, and Ken Spalding to the Joint City/County Commission on Children for a two-year term.
9. Recommendation by the Office of Emergency Management for authorization for an employee to attend a donations management course sponsored by the State Division of Emergency Management December 13-15 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$70, with travel by county vehicle.

b. **Commissioner, Precinct 1**

1. Request for approval to accept checks in the amounts of \$200 and \$180 for Mickey Leland Memorial Park.
2. Request for approval for an employee to attend a writing seminar January 17 in Houston at a cost of \$169.
3. Request for approval for an employee to attend a health and safety seminar December 7 in Houston at a cost of \$175.
4. Request for approval of reimbursement for 1998 and 1999 service awards for 60 employees at a total cost of \$3,000.

c. **Commissioner, Precinct 2**

1. Request for approval to accept a donation of two buses from East Harris county Senior Citizens, Incorporated.
2. Request for approval to create 11 part-time positions and delete a regular position.

d. **Commissioner, Precinct 3**

1. Request for authorization to submit a grant application to the Community Development Department for \$433,900 to complete infrastructure improvements for Binford Place subdivision.
2. Request for approval for an employee to attend the TexITE Winter Meeting January 25-27 in San Antonio at an approximate amount of \$375, with travel by county vehicle.
3. Request for approval to transfer a car allowance and add four regular Operator I positions.
4. Request for authorization to enroll an employee in a certified program planner course at a cost of \$485.
5. Request for approval to name streets within the Fun Fair Positive Soccer complex in George Bush Park.
6. Transmittal of notice of traffic sign installations.

e. **Commissioner, Precinct 4**

1. Request for approval of a resolution commending M.B. Donaldson for his service to the Aldine Independent School District.
2. Transmittal of notice of deposit of funds from Wildewood Baptist Church, 40 Something Club, SWBT Star Achievers, Susan M. Douglas, and the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta, Incorporated.
3. Request for approval to transfer a vehicle from the precinct's fleet to the Community Development Department.
4. Request for approval for 10 employees to attend a first aid course January 2-5 in Porter at a total approximate cost of \$2,500.
5. Transmittal of notice of traffic sign installations.

23. **Miscellaneous**

- a. Transmittal of petitions filed with the 127th, 157th, 228th, and 270th District Courts, County Civil Court No. 3, and U.S. District Court.
- b. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute a tax exempt loan resolution on behalf of Harris County Rural Fire Prevention District No. 8 and Crosby Volunteer Fire Department with Emergency One, Inc., for purchase of pumper equipment.

- c. Request for approval of resolutions authorizing the resale of struck-off properties in connection with delinquent ad valorem tax suits.

24. **Emergency items.**

25. **Appearances before court**

*By court policy, speakers whose intended comments relate to an identifiable item of business on this agenda will be limited to three minutes (3). Speakers whose intended comments do not relate to an identifiable item of business on this agenda will be limited to three minutes (3) if they have not appeared at any of the four preceding court meetings, and to one minute (1) if they have appeared at any of the four preceding court meetings.*

- a. R.J. Bob Taylor (3)
- b. Steve Williams (3)
- c. Charles Hixon (1)
- d. Others

26. **Opening of bids and proposals.**

*Bids and proposals will be opened by the Purchasing Agent and recommendations will be presented for action by the court.*

27. **Executive Session**

- a. Request by the County Judge for an executive session for discussion and possible action for appointment of Cheryl L. Thompson-Draper as a commissioner of the Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority.
- b. Request for an executive session for discussion and possible action regarding a proposed settlement in the matter of Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 130, et al vs. Wiesner Dodge, Inc.,-Tomball.
- c. Request by Public Infrastructure for an executive session for review of trust information in connection with purchase of Tract 003 for Homestead Road in Precinct 1.

Adjournment.