



HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT

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No. 02.06

AGENDA

March 5, 2002

1:45 p.m.

Opening prayer by Pastor Milton Pool of the First Assembly of God Church in Humble.

1. Public Infrastructure Department
 - a. Public Infrastructure
 - b. Toll Road Authority
 - c. Flood Control District
 - d. Engineering
2. Management Services
3. Facilities & Property Management
4. Public Health Services
5. Library Services
6. Youth & Family Services
7. Constables
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13. Court Services
14. Justices of the Peace
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18. Commissioners Court
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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 award for maintenance vehicle wash facilities for Miller Road, Wade Road, Genoa Red Bluff Road, and Washburn Tunnel Service Centers in Precinct 2 be made to Centurion Construction, Inc., low bid in the amount of \$477,300, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the award.
2. Recommendation for approval of an agreement with the North Channel Local Emergency Planning Committee for the county to co-sponsor a household hazardous waste collection event April 27 in the amount of \$15,000 in accordance with the EPA NPDES permit requirements, and for the County Judge to execute the agreement on behalf of the county.
3. Recommendation that the Flood Control District be authorized to negotiate an agreement with Andrew Lonnie Sikes, Inc., for surveying services in support of the Brays Bayou flood damage reduction plan, Unit D100-00-00 in Precincts 1, 2, and 3.
4. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute an amendment to an agreement with Dodson & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$16,000 for continuation of services in support of the county's hurricane preparedness study.
5. Recommendation for two employees to attend an environmental regulations conference and exhibition of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers March 9-14 in Fort Worth at an approximate total cost of \$3,100.
6. Recommendation that the court declare a public calamity and grant exemption from the competitive bid requirements and authorize issuance of a \$200,000 purchase order to Austin Bridge and Road for emergency repairs to the Toll Road Authority Ship Channel Bridge for the provision and protection of public safety.
7. Recommendation that the court approve resolutions and orders authorizing the projects, decreeing public necessity and convenience, and directing Right of Way to acquire specific property on behalf of the Flood Control District, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the transactions for:
 - a. TSA-district buyout project, Tract 28-863.0 in Precinct 3.
 - b. Gum Gully Road diversion project, Tract 01-002.0 in Precinct 4.

- c. HMGP-1379 project, Tracts 01-802.0, 01-802.0A, 01-803.0, 02-801.0 through 02-804.0, 02-803.0A, 02-806.0, 04-801.0 through 04-803.0, 04-801.0A, 04-801.0B, 04-805.0, 04-808.0, 04-810.0, 04-812.0, 04-813.0, 05-801.0, 05-802.0, 05-805.0, 05-808.0 through 05-810.0, 05-812.0 through 05-817.0, 08-811.0 through 08-814.0, 09-801.0, 10-829.0, 10-832.0 through 10-839.0, 10-838.0A, 12-803.0, 12-806.0, 12-808.0 through 12-812.0, 13-802.0, 14-801.0 through 14-803.0, 14-820.0, 14-839.0, 30-805.0, and 30-806.0 in Precincts 1, 2, and 4.
8. Recommendation that the court approve resolutions and orders authorizing the projects, decreeing public necessity and convenience, and directing Right of Way to acquire specific property on behalf of the county, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the transactions for:
 - a. Dowdell Road drainage improvements, Tracts 001 through 003 in Precinct 4.
 - b. Westpark Corridor project, Tract B511-001 in Precinct 3.
9. Recommendation that the court approve a resolution and order authorizing the Flood Control District to issue a payment of \$8,032 to All Points Moving & Storage Company, Inc., for landowner relocation assistance for the HMGP-2 project in Precinct 2, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the transaction.
10. Recommendation that the court approve a resolution and order authorizing the county to issue a payment of \$1,250 to Mojesta S. Whitehead for relocation assistance for the Hardy Toll Road extension project in Precinct 1, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the transaction.
11. Recommendation that the court approve a resolution and order authorizing Right of Way on behalf of the Flood Control District to purchase Tract 02-039.0 of the Willow Waterhole detention basin project in Precinct 1 for the negotiated purchase price of \$820,000, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the transaction.
12. Recommendation that the court approve a resolution and order authorizing the Sims Bayou project in Precinct 1, decreeing the project to be a public necessity and convenience, and directing Right of Way to acquire Tract 19-039.1 on behalf of the Flood Control District, and to provide landowner relocation assistance, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the transaction.
13. Recommendation that the court approve a resolution and order authorizing the Flood Control District to sell by sealed bid an easement in the John Dickinson Survey, Abstract No. 15, establishing a minimum bid of \$1,300, Unit A100-00-00-R004, Tract 12-602.0 in Precinct 1, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the transaction.

14. Recommendation that the court approve a resolution and order authorizing the county to sell by sealed bid an easement in the John Dickinson Survey, Abstract No. 15, establishing a minimum bid of \$32,600 for the Challenger VII Memorial Park project in Precinct 1, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the transaction.

b. **Toll Road Authority**

1. Request for authorization for appropriate officials to execute an agreement with Sander Engineering Corporation for surveying services in support of the county's engineering programs.
2. Request for authorization to seek bids for the Westpark Tollway project from west of US 59 to east of US 59 at an estimated cost of \$23,500,000.
3. Request for authorization for:
 - a. An employee to attend a hazardous materials seminar March 26-27 in Dallas at an approximate cost of \$150, with travel by county vehicle.
 - b. Three employees to attend a management seminar April 2 in Houston at a cost of \$354, with travel by county vehicle.
 - c. An employee to attend a computer networking seminar April 3-5 in Houston at a cost of \$1,295.
 - d. An employee to attend a management and supervisory skills seminar April 5 in Houston at a cost of \$195.
4. Request for approval of a correction to the payroll record of an employee.
5. Request that the awards be made to Infrastructure Services, Inc., in the amount of \$1,473,928 for southbound mainlane widening and exit ramp from Sam Houston Central Toll Plaza to Clay Road, and Champagne Webber, Inc., Texas, in the amount \$1,539,947 for northbound mainlane widening and entrance ramp from Clay Road to Sam Houston Central Toll Plaza, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions relating to the awards.
6. Request for approval of an agreement with Dodson and Associates, Inc., for engineering services in the amount of \$242,000 for a drainage impact analysis for the Beltway 8 East project, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions relating to the agreement.
7. Recommendation for authorization for appropriate officials to execute agreements with Wilbur Smith Associates for a preliminary feasibility study for a toll connector facility between Beltway 8 East and SH 146 near Fairmont Parkway in the amount of \$135,000, and a transition impact evaluation of traffic from expanding the electronic toll collection system in the amount of \$110,000, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions relating to the agreements.

c. **Flood Control District**

1. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute agreements with:
 - a. Beechnut Investment Corporation and Bissonnet Municipal Utility District to acknowledge a contribution for development of Branford Park, Section 2 to the district and to establish system capacity in the Brays Bayou watershed in Precinct 3.
 - b. Harris County for planning and joint use of Langham Creek regional detention basin, Unit U500-02-00 in Precinct 3.
 - c. MUD No. 173 for flood control improvements on district property to mitigate the impact of developing Lone Oak, Sections 1 through 5 in Precinct 3.
 - d. McDonough Engineering Corporation for engineering services in the amount of \$150,000 in support of implementation of the Brays Bayou flood damage reduction plan, Unit D100-00-00 in Precinct 3.
 - e. Reliant Energy-Entex for right of way utility adjustments in the amount of \$298,089 for relocation of facilities in Precinct 1.
 - f. Reliant Energy-HL&P for right of entry for access and work space on Unit C100-00-00 in Precinct 1.
 - g. Solid Hydraulics, Inc., to use district property to demonstrate advantages and effectiveness of mitigating flood losses by elevating structures in the county.
2. Recommendation that the court approve contracts and bonds and for the County Judge to execute agreements with:
 - a. Excalibur Construction, Inc., for general repairs in Precincts 1 and 4 in the amount of \$338,330.
 - b. Lindsey Construction, Inc., for general repairs from Oxted to Old Louetta in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$258,205.
3. Recommendation for authorization to acquire rights of way for flood plain preservation in the Cypress Creek watershed, Unit K100-00-00.
4. Request for authorization for 21 employees to attend GIS training seminars March 26-27 and April 23-24 in Houston at a total cost of \$14,700.
5. Recommendation for approval of a change in contract with Lecon, Inc., for concrete channel conveyance improvements, Phase 1 at Berry Bayou in Precinct 2, adding 15 working days and resulting in an addition of \$19,575 to the contract amount (00-0215-02).
6. Recommendation for authorization to acquire right of way for maintenance of Unit T101-09-00 downstream of Katy-Fort Bend Road in Precinct 3.
7. Recommendation for authorization to acquire the ultimate right of way for maintenance of Unit A125-00-00 from downstream of Beltway 8 to Clear Creek in Precinct 1.

8. Recommendation for approval to release retainage in the amount of \$17,952 to Champions Hydro-Lawn, Inc., for Phase II of the vegetation maintenance project for Terry Hershey Park in Precinct 3.
9. Recommendation for authorization to accept tree seedlings from the National Tree Trust through the Community Tree Planting Grant program to be planted on public lands throughout the county.

d. **Engineering**

1. Recommendation for approval to seek bids for a three-week period for:
 - a. Improvements of Lazy Lake Lane from Lagoon Drive to Sandy Cove, Baycrest Drive from Lazy Lake Lane to Lagoon Drive, and Sandy Cove from NASA Road 1 to Lazy Lake Lane in Precinct 2 at an estimated cost of \$740,050.
 - b. Spring Cypress Road Section 10 from west of Foster Road to FM 2920 in Precinct 4 at an estimated cost of \$2,022,000.
2. Recommendation for approval of the following plats:
 - a. Cypress Point Lake Estates Section Three in Precinct 3; VanDeWiele Engineering, Incorporated.
 - b. Atascocita Forest Model Section One in Precinct 4; Brown & Gay Engineers, Incorporated.
 - c. Lakes of Bridgewater Section Nine in Precinct 3; Brown & Gay Engineers, Incorporated.
 - d. Lakes of Bridgewater Section 10 in Precinct 3; Brown & Gay Engineers, Incorporated.
 - e. Plazas at Lakewood Forest in Precinct 4; Hughes-Southwest Surveying Company.
 - f. Vaughan-Hays Subdivision in Precinct 4; John W. Gilligan.
 - g. Lock-N-Key Ministorage in Precinct 4; PEPE Engineering.
 - h. Stonefield Terrace Section One in Precinct 1; Pate Engineers.
 - i. Kings Lake Estates Section Five in Precinct 4; Brown & Gay Engineers, Incorporated.
 - j. Northpointe Boulevard street dedication in Precinct 4; R.G. Miller Engineers.
 - k. Villages of Bear Creek Section Eight in Precinct 3; Turner Collie & Braden, Incorporated.
 - l. Lakes on Eldridge North Sections 10 and 11 in Precinct 4; Benchmark Engineering Corporation.
 - m. Summerwood Section 15 in Precinct 1; Jones & Carter, Incorporated.
 - n. Highway 6 commercial Sections One and Two in Precinct 3; Terra Surveying, Company.
3. Recommendation for approval of a change in contract for Hubco, Inc., for asphalt overlay and base repair for Morton Road and Katy Hockley Road in Precinct 3, adding 21 calendar days and resulting in a reduction of \$30,670 from the contract amount (27430).

4. Recommendation for authorization to negotiate for engineering services with:
 - a. Binkley & Barfield, Inc., in connection with the design and preparation of construction plans for Scarsdale Boulevard from Sageking Street to the future Yost extension including bridge in Precinct 1.
 - b. Binkley & Barfield, Inc., in connection with traffic design services in Precinct 3.
 - c. Klotz Associates, Inc., in connection with traffic design services in Precinct 3.
5. Recommendation for deposit of funds received from the Harris County Hospital District in the amounts of \$773 and \$1,188 for reimbursement for wage rate compliance services in December and January.
6. Recommendation that the award for a mowing and maintenance contract for central parks in Precinct 2 be made to Bio Landscape & Maintenance, Inc., lowest and best bid in the amount of \$76,965, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions relating to the award.
7. Recommendation that the award for storm sewer repairs at 226 Wood Circle Lane in Precinct 2 be made to AAA Asphalt Paving, Inc., lowest and best bid in the amount of \$69,817, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions relating to the award.
8. Recommendation that the award for furnishing 15,000 tons of 2-sack cement stabilized sand in Precinct 3 be made to Martin Marietta Materials Southwest, Ltd., lowest and only bid in the amount of \$279,750, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions relating to the award.
9. Recommendation for authorization to renew a contract with Bio Energy Landscape & Maintenance, Inc., for a mowing and maintenance contract for various roads in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$612,059, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions relating to the award.
10. Recommendation that the award for paving and storm sewer repairs on Addicks-Clodine Road from Westheimer Road to Unit D-100-00, Westpark Drive from Green Crest to Unit D-100-00, Colonial Parkway from Mason Creek to Mason Road, and Logenbaugh Drive from Barker-Cypress Road to Queenston Drive in Precinct 3 be made to Curb Planet, Inc., only bid in the amount of \$168,963, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions relating to the award.
11. Recommendation that the award for clearing of Spring-Cypress Road Section Seven E and Eight from east of Unit K131-03-00 to west of Falvel Road in Precinct 4 be made to Hubco, Inc., lowest and best bid in the amount of \$155,652, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions relating to the award.

12. Recommendation for authorization for three employees to attend a flood plain managers conference May 14-17 in Corpus Christi at an approximate total cost of \$2,300, with travel by county vehicle.

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 \$5,449; settlement of a tort claim in the amount of \$1,330; denial of two claims for damages; and transmittal of claims for damages received during the period which ended February 26.
- b. Request for authorization for four employees to attend a seminar of the Public Risk Management Association March 13 in Conroe at a cost of \$50.
- c. Request for authorization for two employees to attend a job fair of Houston Area Consortium of Career Centers April 9 in Houston at no cost to the county.
- d. Request for approval of a federal exemption waiver agreement between the county, Katoen Natie Gulf Coast, Inc., and Houston Polymers, L.P., relating to the continued payment of ad valorem taxes in an expansion of Foreign Trade Zone No. 84 in Precinct 2.
- e. Transmittal of investment transactions for the period of February 20-26 and maturities for February 27-March 5, and request for approval of changes in securities pledged for county funds.
- f. Request for approval of authorized budget appropriation transfers for flood control and county departments.

3. **Facilities & Property Management**

- a. Request for authorization for two employees to attend training classes of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission March 7, May 30, and August 7 in Liberty at an approximate total cost of \$90.
- b. Request for authorization to renew an annual agreement with Murworth I, LLC, for lease of space at 2525 Murworth Drive for CPS, Juvenile Probation, and the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services effective April 1 at a cost of \$980,475.
- c. Request for authorization to renew an annual agreement with Murworth II, LLC, for lease of space at 2525 Murworth Drive for the Community Development Agency, County Attorney, and Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program effective April 1 at a cost of \$774,690.

4. **Public Health & Environmental Services**

- a. Request for authorization to accept donations in the total amount of \$807 for the Animal Control Shelter.
- b. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a third party reimbursement training seminar of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services March 18-19 in Dallas at an approximate cost of \$686.
- c. Request for authorization for two employees to attend a health education conference of the Texas Department of Health March 6-7 in Longview at an approximate cost of \$458.
- d. Request for authorization for eight employees to attend a workshop of the Texas Mosquito Control Association March 13-14 in Jefferson at an approximate cost of \$1,000, with travel by county vehicles.
- e. Request for authorization for two employees use a county vehicle for travel to College Station in March to deliver a donation of salvaged birds at an approximate cost of \$30.
- f. Request for authorization to accept a donation in the amount of \$15,000 from the Rockwell Fund to provide consultation resources for the Community Access Program.
- g. Request for authorization to accept additional funds in the amount of \$80,000 from the Texas Department of Health for infant nutrition training and salaries for the WIC Program.
- h. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a conference of the Texas Public Health Association March 24-26 in Fort Worth at an approximate cost of \$550.
- i. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a conference of the Texas Public Health Association March 24-26 in Fort Worth at an approximate cost of \$785.
- j. Request for authorization for an employee to attend an infant nutrition conference of the Texas Department of Health April 3-5 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$581.

5. **Library Services**

Request by the director of the County Library for authorization for the County Judge to execute an agreement with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for the Loan Star Libraries Grant in the amount of \$110,106.

6. **Youth & Family Services**

- a. Request by Community & Juvenile Justice Education for authorization for an employee to attend a governmental accounting and auditing seminar of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants March 20 in Houston at a cost of \$80.
- b. Request by Community & Juvenile Justice Education for authorization for an employee to attend a HUD Youthbuild site visit seminar March 13-15 in Brownsville at an approximate cost of \$325.
- c. Request by Children's Protective Services for authorization for three employees to attend the Texas Families Conference March 26-28 in Austin at an approximate total cost of \$1,650.
- d. Request by CPS for authorization to accept donations in the total amount of \$5,276.
- e. Request by CPS for approval of an annual agreement with the Texas Department of Human Services for the Special Nutrition Program.
- f. Request by Children's Assessment Center for authorization for an employee to attend the criminal bench bar conference of the Houston Bar Association April 19 in Conroe at a cost of \$28.
- g. Request by CAC for authorization for an employee to attend a leadership conference of the National Children's Alliance April 19-24 in Washington, D.C., at a cost of \$1,828.
- h. Request by CAC for authorization for an employee to attend a management training seminar of the National CAC Academy April 14-19, in Huntsville, Ala., at an approximate cost of \$1,619.
- i. Request by CAC for authorization for certain employees to travel outside of the county as may be required during the fiscal year for county business.
- j. Request by CAC for authorization for an employee to attend a conference of the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault March 11 in San Antonio at a cost of \$172.

7. **Constables**

- a. Transmittal of notice by Constable Freeman, Precinct 2, of deletion of two regular deputies from the department's authorized list and employee name changes.
- b. Transmittal of notice by Constable Jones, Precinct 3, of changes in the department's list of regular deputies.

- c. Request by Constable Cheek, Precinct 5, for authorization for seven employees to attend a motorcycle training seminar conducted by a captain of the department April 1-5 in Katy at a cost of \$80.
- d. Request by Constable Cheek for authorization to accept a grant in the amount of \$48,234 from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms for the Gang Resistance Education and Training Program.
- e. Transmittal of notice by Constable Cheek of employee name changes and deletion of two regular deputies from the department's authorized list.
- f. Request by Constable Trevino, Precinct 6, for authorization for an employee to attend a drug investigation seminar March 12-13 in San Antonio at a cost of \$402.
- g. Transmittal of notice by Constable Trevino of changes in the department's authorized list of reserve officers.
- h. Transmittal of notice by Constable Bailey, Precinct 8, of a change in the department's authorized list of regular deputies.

8. **Sheriff**

- a. Request for authorization to cancel a law enforcement agreement with Sterling Green Village Community Improvement Association.
- b. Transmittal of notice of changes in the department's authorized list of reserve officers.
- c. Request for authorization to accept four trucks donated by the Houston Automobile Dealers Association for the Motorist Assistance Program.
- d. Request for authorization to submit applications to the Office of National Drug Control Policy for continued annual funding of the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Programs in the total amount of \$445,114.
- e. Request for authorization for an employee to attend an instructor certification program April 1-5 in Houston at a cost of \$895, with travel by county vehicle.
- f. Request for authorization for 12 employees to attend a conference of the Texas Auto Theft Prevention Authority April 7-10 in Dallas at an approximate cost of \$3,939, with travel by county vehicle.
- g. Request for authorization for four employees to attend a media relations training seminar April 8-10 in San Antonio at an approximate cost of \$2,231, with travel by county vehicle.

- h. Request for authorization for two employees to attend a false alarm reduction training conference April 22-26 in Portland at an approximate total cost of \$2,882.
- i. Request for authorization for five employees to attend a conference of the Texas Jail Association May 20-24 in San Antonio at an approximate cost of \$2,285, with travel by county vehicle.
- j. Request for authorization for four employees to attend the National Peace Officer Memorial May 12-17 in Washington, D.C., at an approximate cost of \$5,268.

9. **County Clerk**

- a. Transmittal of an affidavit of substantial interest filed by Commissioner Radack concerning items on the court's agenda of February 26.
- b. Transmittal of the court's minutes for the meeting of January 29, and for authorization for the County Judge to execute the minutes for the term that ended January 29.
- c. Request for authorization to extend security services in connection with the early voting period for the March 12 primary elections to all county constables, for approval of an increase to \$15,000 for the cost of security, and for authorization to employ election day personnel to demonstrate the new voting system to primary voters.

10. **District Clerk**

- a. Request for authorization for two employees to attend a conference of the Texas Criminal Justice Information Users Group April 10-12 in Corpus Christi at a total cost of \$900.
- b. Request for approval of agreements for the Subscriber Access Program.

11. **County Attorney**

- a. Request for approval of orders authorizing litigation expenses in connection with cases in County Civil Courts Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, the 190th 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 13300 Wallisville Road, and the Texas Health and Safety Code at 11511 Sheridan Road.
- c. Request for approval of an order authorizing settlement of damages to county property in County Civil Court No. 3.

12. **District Attorney**

- a. Request for approval of educational incentive pay for four employees who have met requirements for the changes.
- b. Request for authorization to pay notary fees for commissions for certain employees.
- c. Request for authorization to transfer a car allowance from one position to another.

13. **Court Services**

Request for approval of bilingual incentive pay for an employee who has met the requirements for the increase.

14. **Justices of the Peace**

- a. Request by Judge Adams, JP 4.1, for authorization to reclassify an administrative clerk to assistant chief clerk.
- b. Request by Judge Adams for approval of payment in the amount of \$459 for expenses incurred to conduct a meeting regarding school programs for youth.

15. **Probate Courts**

Request by Judge Wood, Court No. 2, for authorization to attend a conference of the National College of Probate Judges May 1-4 in Key West at an approximate cost of \$1,966.

16. **District Courts**

- a. Request for authorization for Judge Rynd, 309th Court, Judge Motheral, 257th Court, and Judge Wallace, 263rd Court, to attend a conference concerning judicial ethics July 15-17 in San Antonio at an approximate cost of \$1,905.
- b. Request for authorization for Judge Rynd, 309th Court and Judge Motheral, 257th Court, to attend a family violence conference April 14-16 in Irving at an approximate cost of \$1,070.
- c. Request for approval of payment to the Harris County Department of Education for alternative dispute resolution services.

17. **Fiscal Services & Purchasing**

a. **Auditor**

1. Request for approval of final payments to:
 - a. Bank One for scope revisions to an administration building project in Precinct 1.
 - b. Hubco, Inc., for a Community Development roadway improvements project for Binford Place.

2. Request for approval of orders for indemnification of Judge Parrott, JP 3.1, and Judge Yeoman, JP 5.2, for \$100 each in connection with losses due to counterfeit bills.

3. Transmittal of audited claims.

b. **Tax Assessor-Collector**

Request for approval of tax refund payments.

c. **Purchasing**

1. Transmittal of projects scheduled for advertisement:

a. Purchase of vertical carousel storage units for Constable, Precinct 1.

b. Furnish emergency response for hazardous material incident handling for the county.

c. Financial software for Community Development.

d. Blanket crime coverage for the county and the Flood Control District.

2. Transmittal of a list of computer-related items obtained through the State of Texas vendor program for the Flood Control District and Constable, Precinct 1.

3. Transmittal of notice of award for personal supplies and related items to ICS in the amount of \$19,027 for the period beginning March 1 for a program of Community Supervision & Corrections.

4. Recommendation that the award for janitorial services for various locations in Precinct 4 be made to Alanton Group, low bid in the amount of \$79,872 for the period beginning April 1, and for the County Judge to take necessary action relating to the award.

5. Recommendation that items 1-8 for pest control services and related items for the county be made to Northwest Pest Patrol, Inc., in the amount of \$108,167 for the period beginning April 1, and for the County Judge to take necessary action relating to the award.

6. Recommendation that the award for furnishing, delivering, and installing miscellaneous playground equipment for El Franco Lee Park in Precinct 1 be made to Wade Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$50,000, and for the County Judge to take necessary action relating to the award.

7. Recommendation that the award for telephone and data cable for the county and the Hospital District be made to Accu-Tech Corporation and Litecomm/ADI for the period of March 5-January 31, 2003.

8. Request for approval of a renewal option with Recovery Contractors, Inc., for demolition services for the county for the period of June 1-May 31, 2003.
 9. Request for approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an amendment to an agreement with Bryan Dulock for computer programming services for the Office of Court Services in the additional amount of \$5,000.
 10. Request for approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an agreement with Reginia Kerr for counseling services for youth and their families for the Truancy Learning Camp for Children's Protective Services in the amount of \$1,000 for the period ending August 31.
 11. Request for approval of an order for assignment of a portion of a purchase order from Advance Tech Systems 2, Inc., to Synnex Information Technologies for laptops for the Constables.
 12. Request that Ayanna Ade, RN, CNM, be granted a professional services exemption from the competitive bid process for a certified nurse midwife for Public Health & Environmental Services in the amount of \$60,000 for the period ending February 28, 2003, and for the County Judge to take necessary action relating to the agreement.
 13. Request for authorization for an employee to attend the road and bridge construction equipment seminar and exposition March 19-23 in Las Vegas at an estimated cost of \$1,750.
 14. Transmittal of notice of receipt of funds in total net amounts of \$66,233 and \$1,620 for county equipment sold at Houston Auto Auction January 16, 30, and February 4.
 15. 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.
 16. Request that Ram Tackett be granted a personal services exemption from the competitive bid process for computer consultant services for Public Health & Environmental Services for the period of March 1-February 28, 2003 in the amount of \$290,000, and for the County Judge to take necessary action relating to the agreement.
18. **Commissioners Court**
- a. **County Judge**

b. **Commissioner, Precinct 1**

1. Request that the court approve an allocation of \$175,000 from the general fund to Harris County Community Development Department.
2. Consideration and approval of the creation of a joint local government corporation, to be known as the Texas Urban Counties Local Government Corporation, and include approval of its Articles of Incorporation, and authorize its filing with the Texas Secretary of State, and approval and support of its bylaws through the corporation's board of directors.
3. Request for approval of the appointment of Merle Lynn Strickland to the board of Rural Fire Prevention District No. 17.

c. **Commissioner, Precinct 2**

d. **Commissioner, Precinct 3**

1. Request for approval to accept checks in amounts of \$66 from the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Retirees Association and \$50 from Christ Church Cathedral.
2. Request for approval to accept a check in the amount of \$356,910 from National Golf Operating Partnership, LP, for the county's share of revenue generated by Bear Creek Golf World.

e. **Commissioner, Precinct 4**

1. Request for approval of a resolution extending gratitude to Barbara Bush Library Friends for their contribution of \$25,000 for the Barbara Bush Library.
2. Request for approval for the Crosby Sports Association to extend electrical service and install two soft drink machines in the main complex at Crosby Park.
3. Request for approval for Humble Baseball Association to extend fencing on sports fields Nos. 10 and 11, move the backstop on sports field No. 13, and modify the interior working space of the concession stand at Lindsay/Lyons Park.
4. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a business writing seminar May 6 in Houston at a cost of \$169.
5. Request for authorization to change the status and required hours for certain positions effective March 9.
6. Request for authorization to submit supplemental payrolls for two employees.

7. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute an agreement with Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity, Philippines Alumni, for cleanup along the roadsides of Fairbanks North Houston Road from Breen Road to Cole Creek in connection with the Adopt a County Road program.

8. Transmittal notice of traffic sign installations.

19. **Miscellaneous**

Transmittal of petitions filed with the 334th District Court and County Civil Courts Nos. 3 and 4.

20. **Emergency items.**

21. **Appearances before court**

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

a. Robert Bush (3)

b. Marilyn Head (3)

c. Arlene Kelly (3)

d. Others

22. **Opening of bids and proposals.**

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

Adjournment.