



HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT

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Commissioner, Precinct 4

No. 02.08

AGENDA

April 2, 2002

1:45 p.m.

Opening prayer by Pastor Curtis Grissett of Asbury United Methodist Church in Pasadena.

1. Public Infrastructure Department
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 - b. Toll Road Authority
 - c. Flood Control District
 - d. Engineering
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4. Facilities & Property Management
5. Public Health Services
6. Social Services
7. Library Services
8. Youth & Family Services
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 - a. Auditor
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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 for authorization to make payment of expenses not to exceed \$200 for a guest speaker presenting a Harris County Storm Water Quality Section workshop April 8 on alternative pest control and fertility management techniques and their effects on storm water quality.
2. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute an agreement between the county and Metro for construction of Greenhouse Road from Morton to Clay in Precinct 3 at an estimated cost of \$455,000 to the county, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the transaction.
3. Recommendation that the award for maintenance vehicle wash facilities at Deussen Park Service Center in Precinct 1 be made to QMH Interests, Inc., in the amount of \$259,955, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions relating to the award.
4. Recommendation that the award for maintenance vehicle/equipment wash facilities at Bayland Park, Katy Park, Westside Service Center, Hockley Service Center, and FM 529 Stockpile in Precinct 3 be made to QMH Interests, Inc., in the amount of \$696,448, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions relating to the award.
5. Recommendation for authorization for two employees to attend a GIS for Engineers presentation of the ASCE of Houston April 19 in Houston at a cost not to exceed \$430.
6. Recommendation for authorization to transfer three positions within the department in connection with department restructuring.
7. Recommendation that the court approve resolutions and orders authorizing the county to accept donations of:
 - a. Warranty deed for North Diamondhead Boulevard, Tract 001 in Precinct 4.
 - b. Drainage easement for North Diamondhead Boulevard, Tracts 002 and 003 in Precinct 4.
 - c. Storm sewer easements and temporary construction easements for Barker Cypress Road offsite drainage, Tracts 001 and 002 in Precinct 3.
8. Recommendation that the court approve resolutions and orders authorizing the county to issue payments for landowner relocation assistance expenses, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete transactions for:
 - a. Johnny and Mary Vaughn in the amount of \$5,250 for the Hardy Toll Road extension project in Precinct 1.

- b. Eagle Transporter in amounts of \$5,972, \$6,122, and \$5,922 for the Jana Lane project in Precinct 2.
9. Recommendation that the court approve resolutions and orders authorizing the Flood Control District to issue payment for landowner relocation assistance expenses, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete transactions for:
 - a. Margery Williams in the amount of \$568 for the FMAP-3 project in Precinct 3.
 - b. Maude Waiters in the amount of \$1,150 for the Sims Bayou project in Precinct 1.
 - c. Jose Quintanilla and Norma L. Escobedo in the amount of \$18,396 for the Sims Bayou project in Precinct 1.
 - d. Donald W. and Connie J. Larrison in the amount of \$12,637 for the HMGP-2 project in Precinct 2.
 - e. Curtis Radick in the amount of \$2,095 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Cypress Creek flood damage prevention project in Precinct 3.
 - f. John and Barbara Vitelli in the amount of \$1,223 for the FMAP-4 project in Precinct 4.
 - g. Joannetta and Kwame Brown in the amount of \$1,341 for the Sims Bayou project in Precinct 1.
10. 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. Westpark Corridor project, Tracts B511-029 and B511-024 in Precinct 3.
 - b. Jesse H. Jones Park expansion project, Tract 001 in Precinct 4.
11. Recommendation that the court approve a resolution and order authorizing the Greens Bayou Floodplain Acquisition-Dyerdale project in Precinct 1, decreeing the project to be a public necessity and convenience, and directing Right of Way to acquire Tracts 17-010.1 and 17-011.0 on behalf of the Flood Control District, and to provide landowner relocation assistance, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the transactions.
12. Recommendation that the court approve a resolution and order authorizing the Flood Control District to issue a payment of \$2,801 to Commonwealth Land Title Company of Houston for closing costs for the Willow Waterhole detention basin project in Precinct 1, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the transaction.

13. Recommendation that the court approve a resolution and order authorizing Right of Way on behalf of the Flood Control District to issue a payment of \$149,635 to Jay Alan Krokower ska Jay Alan Krakower pursuant to an agreed judgment in connection with a case in County Civil Court No. 3 for the Willow Waterhole detention basin project, Tract 02-033.0 in Precinct 1, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the transaction.
14. Transmittal of notices of road and bridge log changes.

b. **Toll Road Authority**

1. Request for authorization for:
 - a. Three employees to attend a women's professional development conference April 22-23 in Houston at a total cost of \$696.
 - b. An employee to attend a Cisco secure pix firewall seminar May 7-10 in Dallas at an approximate cost of \$2,939.
 - c. An employee to attend an operating environmental system seminar May 13-16 in Houston at a cost of \$1,995.
 - d. An employee to attend a Cisco secure pix firewall seminar June 18-21 in Houston at a cost of \$2,495.
2. Recommendation that the award for the Westpark Tollway project from east of US 59 to Alder Avenue be made to Champagne Webber, Inc., Texas, in the amount of \$9,424,640, and authorize a payment of \$372,273 to AECOM Enterprises for construction management services, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the award.
3. Recommendation for approval of payment in the amount of \$190,000 to reimburse Reliant Energy, Inc., for temporary transmission line relocation to accommodate construction of the Westpark Tollway, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the transaction.
4. Recommendation for approval of an agreement with Binkley & Barfield, Inc., for general engineering services in the amount of \$395,000 for additional capacity lanes on the Sam Houston Tollway between TxDOT/Harris County Toll Road Authority jurisdictional boundary and south of the Beechnut Street bridge.

c. **Flood Control District**

1. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute agreements with:
 - a. Brown & Gay Engineers, Inc., for engineering services in the amount of \$900,000 in support of implementation of the Brays Bayou flood damage reduction plan in Precincts 1, 2, and 3.
 - b. City of Seabrook for assistance in operation of the Clear Creek second outlet gates, Unit A200-00-00 in Precinct 2.

- c. ExxonMobil Pipeline Company for right of way utility adjustments in the amount of \$36,090 for relocation of facilities in Precinct 3.
 - d. Gary Garrett for historical research and writing services in the amount of \$65,000 in support of the Brays Bayou flood damage reduction plan in Precincts 1, 2, and 3.
 - e. Harris County to construct and maintain a public recreational area at Bracher Drive Pocket Park, Unit W140-00-00 in Precinct 4.
 - f. Harris County to construct and maintain a public recreation area at Moritz Street Pocket Park, Unit W140-00-00 in Precinct 3.
 - g. Harris County to construct and maintain a public recreational area at Creek Drive Pocket Park, Unit W140-06-00 in Precinct 4.
 - h. Harris County to construct and maintain a public recreational area at Spring Branch Drive Pocket Park, Unit W140-00-00 in Precinct 4.
 - i. McMichael International for excavation of regional detention basin P545-01-00 in the Greens Bayou watershed in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$1,500.
 - j. Molina Construction and Materials for excavation of regional detention basin M500-01-00 in the Willow Creek watershed in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$3,500.
 - k. Molina Construction and Materials for excavation of regional detention basin P545-01-00 in the Greens Bayou watershed in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$1,000.
 - l. Ratnala & Bahl, Inc., for surveying services in the amount of \$200,000 in support of implementation of Brays Bayou flood damage reduction plan in Precincts 1, 2, and 3.
 - m. Reliant Energy HL&P for temporary access for the district to utilize property as right of way and access to Unit D113-00-00 for vegetation maintenance in Precincts 1 and 3.
 - n. Sprint Sand & Clay, L.P., for excavation of regional detention basin E500-10-00 in the White Oak Bayou watershed in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$5,500.
 - o. Texas Environmental Center to promote public education, awareness and safety information about flooding and flood damage reduction for major storms like Tropical Storm Allison in the amount of \$15,000.
 - p. Weatherford Excavation, Inc., for excavation of regional detention basin L500-02-00 in the Cypress Creek watershed in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$2,000.
2. Recommendation that the court approve construction documents and authorize bids to be taken for a three-week period for:
 - a. Spencer Hwy., regional detention basin excavation at Armand Bayou in Precinct 2 in the amount of \$2,193,000.
 - b. Channel conveyance improvements from F101-06-00 to North L Street in Precinct 2 in the amount of \$195,200.
 3. Recommendation that the court award contracts to:
 - a. Bio Landscape & Maintenance, Inc., for mowing channels in Precincts 1 and 4 in the amount of \$483,176.

- b. Champions Hydro Lawn, Inc., for mowing channels in Precincts 1, 3, and 4 in the amount of \$825,111.
 - c. Environmental Care, Inc., for mowing channels in Precinct 2 in the amount of \$416,990.
 - d. H.N.B. Landscape for mowing channels in Precincts 1, 2, and 4 in the amount of \$508,660.
 - e. P-Ville, Inc., for mowing channels in Precincts 3 and 4 in the amount of \$449,200.
4. Recommendation for authorization for two employees to attend the:
 - a. Annual ESRI International User Conference July 8-12 in San Diego at an approximate total cost of \$4,000.
 - b. Annual Texas Flood Conference May 14-17 in Corpus Christi at an approximate total cost of \$1,225.
 5. Recommendation for approval of changes in contracts for:
 - a. G. Greenstreet, Inc., for selective clearing on channels in Precinct 3, adding 140 work days and resulting in no change to the contract amount (99/0799-03).
 - b. Lecon, Inc., for general repairs in Precincts 1 and 2, resulting in an addition of \$9,550 to the contract amount (01/0248-01).
 - c. Lindsey Construction, Inc., for general repairs in the Cypress Creek watershed in Precinct 4, resulting in an addition of \$11,375 to the contract amount (01/0146-01).
 6. Recommendation for authorization to add Units H103-07-00, P118-24-01, and P518-03-00 in Precinct 1, Units O113-01-00 and P518-04-00 in Precinct 2, Unit U506-05-00 in Precinct 3, and Unit K226-00-00 in Precinct 4 to the district's stormwater management system.
 7. Recommendation for approval to renew a contract with P-Ville, Inc., for mowing services in the amount of \$904,320 for the period of May 1-April 30, 2003.
 8. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute an agreement with Jack C. Peterson for continued intergovernmental liaison services with the U. S. Government.
- d. **Engineering**
1. Recommendation for approval to seek bids for:
 - a. Harris County Fire and Sheriff's training academy for a four-week period at an estimated cost of \$9,182,700.
 - b. Roof renovation for Tom Bass Community Center in Precinct 1 for a three-week period at an estimated cost of \$90,000.
 - c. Intersection improvements to Pine Forest Lane at SH 6 in Precinct 3 for a three-week period at an estimated cost of \$300,000.

- d. Construction of Katy-Fort Bend County Road from Colonial Parkway to Franz Road in Precinct 3 for a three-week period at an estimated cost of \$2,014,923.
 - e. Temporary traffic signal system for the intersection of Barker Cypress Road at Jarvis Road in Precinct 3 for a two-week period at an estimated cost of \$53,000.
 - f. Extension of the east-half of T.C. Jester Boulevard from FM 1960 to south of Pebble Trace and traffic signal modifications in Precinct 4 for a three-week period at an estimated cost of \$380,000.
2. Recommendation for approval of the following plats:
- a. Windstone Colony recreation center in Precinct 3; Texas Engineering and Mapping Company.
 - b. Oak Ridge Place, Section Three in Precinct 3; Cobourn Linseisen & Ratcliff, Incorporated.
 - c. Suburban Lodge at Romano Woods in Precinct 4; Clark-Geogram, Incorporated.
 - d. Harvest Bend, Section 10 in Precinct 4; LANDEV Engineers, Incorporated.
 - e. 14525 FM 529 in Precinct 4; E.I.C. Surveying, Company.
 - f. Saddle Ridge Estates in Precinct 3; Robert T. Deden, Services.
 - g. Cinco Ranch Equestrian Village, Section Two replat in Precinct 3; Turner Collie & Braden, Incorporated.
 - h. Cypresswood Apartments amending plat in Precinct 4; Carter & Burgess, Incorporated.
 - i. 9817 FM 2920 Subdivision in Precinct 4; Sitech Engineering Corporation.
 - j. Blue Creek, Section One in Precinct 4; Edminster, Hinshaw, Russ and Associates.
 - k. Westminster Village, Section Two in Precinct 3; Sherrington, Incorporated.
3. Recommendation for cancellation of bonds for:
- a. Long Lake, Ltd., executed by Universal Surety of America for Williamsburg Parish, Section Five in Precinct 3 in the amount of \$16,800.
 - b. Kaufman and Broad Lone Star, L.P., executed by American Insurance Company for Meadows of Northwest Park, Section Three in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$29,400.
 - c. RH of Texas Limited Partnership executed by Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America for Schroeder Oaks Village, Section Two in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$23,850.
4. Recommendation for approval of changes in contracts for:
- a. Keating Building Corporation, contractor for construction of the county parking garage, resulting in an addition of \$15,427 to the contract amount (27694).
 - b. G&Z Contracting, contractor for 7th floor administration building renovations, resulting in an addition of \$6,124 to the contract amount (32213).
 - c. Turner Paving & Construction, Inc., contractor for Clear Lake park entrance renovations in Precinct 2, resulting in an addition of \$1,635 to the contract amount (27690).

- d. Hubco, Inc., contractor for Westheimer Parkway construction from Barker Reservoir Levee to FM 1093 and signalization at FM 1093 in Precinct 3, resulting in an addition of \$16,348 to the contract amount (27429).
 - e. Infrastructure Services, Inc., contractor for West University Place pedestrian bridges over Poor Farm Ditch at Plum Street, Tangley Road, and Robinhood Street in Precinct 3, resulting in an addition of \$3,500 to the contract amount (27415).
 - f. Kinsel Industries, Inc., contractor for Fry Road bridge over Cypress Creek in Precinct 3, resulting in an addition of \$6,637 to the contract amount (27414).
 - g. L.N. McKean, Inc., contractor for Binford Road bridge construction over Unit J158-00-00, Kickapoo Creek in Precinct 3, adding 33 calendar days and resulting in an addition of \$12,399 to the contract amount (27425).
5. Recommendation for authorization to negotiate with:
- a. Richard Carter and Associates for engineering services for the design and evaluation of on-site sewage facilities and other small permit related projects for various county projects.
 - b. Traffic Engineers, Inc., for engineering services for the Katy comprehensive traffic study in Precinct 3.
 - c. Huitt-Zollars, Inc., for preliminary, design, and contract phase services for Barker-Cypress from south of Cypress Creek to north of Jarvis in Precinct 3.
 - d. Burk Kleinpeter, Inc., for preliminary and design phase services for Memorial Drive from Dairy Ashford to Kirkwood in Precinct 3.
 - e. Weisser Engineering Company for preliminary, design, and contract phase services for Barker Cypress from north of Jarvis to Spring Cypress in Precinct 3.
6. Recommendation for authorization to issue purchase orders for testing and inspection services to:
- a. Geotest Engineering in the amount of \$26,467 for asphalt overlay and drainage improvements of parking lots and roads at Sylvan Beach Park in Precinct 2.
 - b. HBC Engineering in the amount of \$47,996 for construction of Ella Boulevard from north of Spring-Cypress to south of Seals Gully in Precinct 4.
7. Recommendation for deposit of funds received from:
- a. Ray Childress Auto Group in the amount of \$15,161 for refund of payment for a contract with HGAC.
 - b. City of Pasadena in the amount of \$7,267 for reimbursement for construction of Strawberry Road from Genoa Red Bluff Road to north of Hernandez Road in Precinct 2.
 - c. City of Houston in the amount of \$377,725 for reimbursement for drainage improvements in connection with the Forest Cove project in Precinct 4.

8. Recommendation for authorization for the County Judge to execute agreements with:
 - a. Bricker + Cannady Architects in the amount of \$893,000 in connection with the Chimney Rock Center replacement, with accompanying parking, running track, and volleyball sandpit located within Burnett Bayland Park.
 - b. TEDSI Infrastructure Group, Inc., in the additional amount of \$25,000 in connection with Westgreen Boulevard from IH-10 to Park Row Boulevard in Precinct 3 (amendment).
9. Recommendation that the award for installation of advance warning flashers or school zone flashers and related improvements for six months at various locations in Precinct 1 be made to Creacom, Inc., lowest and best bid in the amount of \$79,466, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions relating to the award.
10. Recommendation that bids for clearing and grubbing East Harris County Soccer Complex in Precinct 2 be rejected and the project be readvertised.
11. Recommendation that the award for asphalt overlay and drainage improvements of parking lots and roads in Sylvan Beach Park in Precinct 2 be made to Pedko Paving, Inc., best bid in the amount of \$285,055, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions relating to the award.
12. Recommendation that bids for improvements to Westheimer Parkway from east of Fry Road to Buffalo Bayou in Precinct 3 be rejected and the project readvertised at a later date.
13. Recommendation that a technical defect be waived and the award for signage and graphics for Barbara Bush Branch Library in Precinct 4 be made to Neon Electric Corporation, lowest bid in the amount of \$41,489, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions relating to the award.
14. Recommendation for authorization to renew a contract with Batterson, Inc., for striping of various roads in the Spring Camp area in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$175,000, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions relating to the contract.
15. Recommendation for authorization for the County Judge to execute an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for construction of West Greens Road from SH 249 to Cutten Road in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$15,000.
16. Recommendation for authorization for the County Judge to execute a joint participation agreement with Pulte of Texas, L.P., for construction of Ella Boulevard as it fronts Cypresswood Glen Subdivision between Louetta Road and Spring-Cypress Road in Precinct 4.

17. Recommendation for authorization for the County Judge to execute an agreement with the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Department of Transportation for construction of the Kuykendahl Road grade separation at FM 1960 in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$2,000,000.
18. Recommendation for approval of payment in the amount of \$92 for notary fees and supplies for an employee.
19. Recommendation for authorization for an employee to attend a business writing seminar May 17 in Houston at a cost of \$99.

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 \$8,681; settlement of three tort claims in the total amount of \$3,819; denial of five claims for damages; and transmittal of claims for damages received during the period which ended March 25.
- b. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a board meeting of the Texas Chapter of the Public Risk Management Association April 4-5 and a regional meeting April 19 in Austin at no cost to the county.
- c. Request for authorization for two employees to attend job fairs April 9, 10, and 25 in Houston at an approximate total cost of \$350.
- d. Request for approval of a refund in connection with overpayment by a retiree for dependent health insurance premium in the amount of \$123.
- e. Transmittal of investment transactions for the period of March 13-25 and maturities for March 20-April 1, and request for approval of changes in securities pledged for county funds.
- f. Request for approval of amendments to commercial paper projects for the Reliant Park complex auxiliary campus and the Toll Road Authority, and request for approval of commercial paper projects for architectural services for the Chimney Rock Center replacement and computer equipment for constables.
- g. Request for approval of a purchase order in the amount of \$5.1 million for the Harris County Sports & Convention Corporation in connection with demolition of Reliant Hall and request that the master purchase order for construction be increased to a total of \$109,755,500 to reflect the current value of Reliant Park construction activity, and for approval of commercial paper issuance for the \$5.1 million project.
- h. Transmittal of the quarterly commercial paper status report.

- i. Request for authorization for two employees to attend the state cash management conference April 6-9 in Dallas at an approximate total cost of \$1,700.
- j. Request for approval of a resolution to permit the county to be reimbursed for library facility expenditures that are made prior to the anticipated issuance of a series of tax-exempt obligations.
- k. Request for approval of an order authorizing tax and subordinate lien Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2002, and related provisions in connection with Reliant Park construction improvements.
- l. Request for approval of authorized budget appropriation transfers for flood control and county departments.

3. **Central Technology Center**

- a. Request for authorization for two employees to attend a conference of the Texas Association of Governmental Information Technology Managers May 14-17 in Galveston at an approximate total cost of \$1,550.
- b. Request for approval of an agreement with the City of Friendswood for use of the county's 800 MHz public radio system.
- c. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a computer network conference May 5-10 in Las Vegas at an approximate cost of \$4,352.

4. **Facilities & Property Management**

- a. Request for authorization to negotiate with Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc., for an agreement in the amount of \$50,000 to provide on-call professional services on an as-needed basis in connection with service needs for the downtown courthouse master plan.
- b. Request for authorization to correct the payroll records of certain employees.
- c. Request for approval of an amendment to an agreement with Palace Partners Ltd., for lease of space at 216 La Branch.
- d. Request for authorization to destroy certain records of the Public Infrastructure Department, Toll Road Authority, and JPs 1.1 and 2.2 in accordance with records control schedules.
- e. Request for authorization to renew annual agreements with South Texas College of Law for lease of space at 1307 San Jacinto for the First and 14th Courts of Appeals.

- f. Request for authorization to renew an annual agreement with Bayou Properties Company for lease of space at 1007 South Broadway in LaPorte for a Public Health WIC clinic.
- g. Request for authorization to renew an annual agreement with Houston West Town, Ltd., for lease of space at 4204 Decker Drive in Baytown for a Public Health WIC clinic.

5. **Public Health & Environmental Services**

- a. Request for approval of additional mileage reimbursement in the amount of \$24 for a TB outreach worker who exceeded the monthly limit in February.
- b. Request for authorization for two employees to attend an annual TB clinical records conference and workshop April 4-5 in Austin at an approximate total cost of \$462.
- c. Request for authorization for an employee to attend an HIV and STD prevention meeting of the Texas Department of Health April 29 in Austin at a cost of \$350.
- d. Request for authorization for an employee to attend the African American Health Conference April 17 in Houston at a cost of \$45.
- e. Request for authorization for nine employees to attend the annual outreach workers' conference of the Texas Department of Health June 16-19 in Austin at an approximate total cost of \$5,300.
- f. Request for authorization for an employee to attend Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention meetings April 9 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$250.
- g. Request for approval of payment in the amount of \$3,000 for rental of a facility at 13800 Beechnut Street April 4 to provide tobacco prevention and educational exhibits for youth and for approval of \$800 for security services.
- h. Request for authorization for an employee to attend an epidemiological software training seminar May 14-17 in Atlanta at an approximate cost of \$1,300.
- i. Request for authorization for 15 members of the Houston/Harris County Child Fatality Review Team and five employees to attend a meeting of the Texas Child Fatality Review Team Network April 22-25 in San Antonio at an approximate total cost of \$4,712.
- j. Request for approval of a temporary position and authorization to reclassify four positions, delete two positions, and change the salary maximums of three positions.

- k. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a joint meeting of the American Association of Public Health Dentistry and the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors April 28-May 2 in Boston at an approximate cost of \$1,463.

6. **Social Services**

- a. Request for authorization for four program participants to attend the Weed and Seed strategy development and implementation workshop April 22-25 in St. Louis at an approximate total cost of \$2,000.
- b. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a conference for veterans county service officers April 8-11 in Galveston at an approximate cost of \$400.
- c. Request for authorization to accept annual grant funds in the amount of \$374,431 for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Food and Shelter Program.

7. **Library Services**

- a. Request for authorization for two employees of the County Library to attend a conference of the American Booksellers Association and the Association of American Publishers, Inc., May 2-5 in New York City at an approximate cost of \$3,000.
- b. Request for authorization for the director of the County Library and eight employees to attend the annual conference of the Texas Library Association April 22-26 in Dallas at an approximate total cost of \$7,700.

8. **Youth & Family Services**

- a. Request by Domestic Relations for approval of a temporary position for the Precinct 1 Summer Youth Program.
- b. Request by Domestic Relations for authorization for an employee to attend an annual training seminar of the National Child Support Enforcement Association August 4-8 in New Orleans at an approximate cost of \$1,850.
- c. Request by Cooperative Extension for authorization for five employees to travel to Conroe April 27 to supervise and assist 4H members during the District 4H Clothing Project Contest at an approximate total cost of \$105.
- d. Request by Cooperative Extension for authorization for four employees to attend an agricultural and natural resources workshop April 9-10 in Montgomery at an approximate total cost of \$480.

- e. Request by the Juvenile Probation director, as chair of the Youth & Family Services Division, for David Simpson, Domestic Relations director, to serve as division chairman, and Dr. Steven Schnee, director of MHMRA, to serve as vice-chair, for the term expiring December 31, 2003.
- f. Request by Juvenile Probation for authorization for the Chief JPO and the Deputy Director of Institutions to act as designated representatives of the court for completing required documents for the Texas Department of Human Resources in connection with the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program and the commodities program.
- g. Request by Juvenile Probation for authorization to submit an application to the Houston-Galveston Area Council for grant funds in the amount of \$63,486 from the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for various services to youth in the Austin High School area.
- h. Request by Children's Protective Services for authorization for an employee to attend a child welfare conference June 13-14 in San Marcos at an approximate cost of \$506.
- i. Request by CPS for authorization for an employee to attend a conference of the Services to At-Risk Youth Program April 17-18 in Austin at a cost of \$238.
- j. Request by CPS for authorization for the executive director and an employee to attend a scholarship award luncheon of the Children's Defense Fund April 4 in Houston at a cost of \$100.
- k. Request by Children's Assessment Center for authorization for two employees to attend the Partners Spring Luncheon April 5 in Houston at a cost of \$150.
- l. Request by CAC for authorization for two employees to travel to New Orleans May 29-June 1 to participate in an annual colloquium concerning abused children at an approximate cost of \$1,073.
- m. Request by CAC for authorization for the director and certain employees to attend scheduled luncheon meetings of various organizations during the fiscal year.

9. **Constables**

- a. 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.
- b. Request by Constable Abercia, Precinct 1, for authorization for three employees to use a county vehicle for travel to Lake Buchanan Dam to attend an environmental law enforcement training class April 28-May 3, and for an employee to attend an environmental investigation techniques course April 15-26 in Glynco, Ga., at a total cost not to exceed \$500.

- c. Request by Constable Jones, Precinct 3, for approval of a car allowance for two pay periods for an employee.
- d. Request by Constable Hickman, Precinct 4, for authorization to accept donations of \$500 from Robbins Nissan Oldsmobile, Inc., and a video camcorder from Security Storage for use by the department.
- e. Transmittal of notice by Constable Hickman of changes in the department's authorized list of reserve officers.
- f. Request by Constable Hickman for authorization to reimburse an employee for purchase of an award plaque.
- g. Request by Constable Cheek, Precinct 5, for authorization to submit an application for grant funds in the amount of \$175,673 for the Crime Victims Assistance Unit.
- h. Request by Constable Trevino, Precinct 6, for authorization to apply for grant funds in the amount of \$142,235 for the Sex Offender Monitoring & Compliance Program.
- i. Transmittal of notice by Constable Trevino of changes in the department's authorized list of reserve officers and regular deputies.
- j. Transmittal of notice by Constable Wooten, Precinct 7, of changes in the department's authorized list of reserve officers and regular deputies.
- k. Request by Constable Wooten for authorization for an employee to attend a D.A.R.E. recertification conference June 18-21 in Beaumont at an approximate cost of \$630.
- l. Transmittal of notice by Constable Bailey, Precinct 8, of the addition of a regular deputy to the department's authorized list.

10. **Sheriff**

- a. Transmittal of notice of employee name changes and changes in the department's authorized list of law enforcement officers.
- b. Request for authorization to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Commerce for grant funds in the amount of \$750,000 for the Technology Opportunities Program.
- c. Request for authorization to correct the payroll record of an employee.
- d. Request for approval of an amendment to an agreement with the Texas Department of Health for HIV grant funds for early medical intervention in the amount of \$66,670.

- e. Request for authorization to purchase 10 additional patrol vehicles for the Burglary Apprehension Response Squad and 10 pick-up trucks for the Department of Transportation Truck Unit at an approximate total cost of \$371,490.
- f. Request for authorization to submit an application to the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for grant funds in the amount of \$161,191 for the Runaway Investigative Unit.
- g. Request for authorization to accept grant funds in the total amount of \$613,500 from the Office of National Drug Control Policy for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program.
- h. Request for authorization for an employee to attend an interview techniques seminar April 3-4 in San Antonio at an approximate cost of \$425, with travel by county vehicle.
- i. Request for authorization for three employees to attend a grant presentation April 8-10 in Washington, D.C., at an approximate cost of \$3,870.
- j. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a fingerprint comparison class April 8-12 in Fort Bend County at a cost of \$53, with travel by county vehicle.
- k. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a seminar regarding the Texas Public Information Act April 22-23 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$442, with travel by county vehicle.
- l. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a Spanish course April 25-26 in Huntsville at an approximate cost of \$279, with travel by county vehicle.
- m. Request for authorization for two employees to attend a technical writing workshop May 2-3 in Houston at a cost of \$890.

11. **Fire & Emergency Services**

- a. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute an amendment to a fire protection agreement with the McNair Volunteer Fire Department.
- b. Request for authorization for the Fire Marshal to attend the annual state training conference and convention for firemen and fire marshals June 8-12 in Beaumont at a cost not to exceed \$600, with travel by county vehicle.
- c. Transmittal of the treasurer's bond for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 3 and Rural Fire Prevention District No. 20.
- d. Request for authorization to retain a vehicle for the department's hazmat team.

12. **County Clerk**

- a. Transmittal of affidavits of substantial interest filed by Commissioners Radack and Eversole concerning items on the court's agenda of March 19.
- b. Transmittal of the court's minutes for the meetings of February 8 and 12.
- c. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a management seminar May 3 in Houston at a cost of \$150.
- d. Request for approval of continued use of a telephone voice line and modem dial-up line at each of the early voting branch locations and payment for security services in connection with the early voting period for the April 9 runoff elections.
- e. Request for authorization for Facilities & Property Management to assist the County Clerk for location of warehouse space for storage of the county's punch card voting equipment.

13. **District Clerk**

Recommendation that the court authorize use of an e-Clerk program in connection with certain information that is provided through the county's Subscriber Access Program.

14. **County Attorney**

- a. Request for approval of orders authorizing litigation expenses in connection with cases in County Civil Courts Nos. 2 and 3 and the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.
- b. Request for approval of an order authorizing execution of a release in connection with settlement of a workers compensation subrogation claim in the 295th District Court.

15. **District Attorney**

Request for authorization to issue five checks to law enforcement agencies in the total amount of \$120,000 to distribute proceeds associated with forfeitures in certain cases.

16. **Court Services**

- a. Request for authorization to refund a \$900 personal bond fee payment to a defendant in connection with a case in the 232nd District Court.
- b. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a pretrial meeting of the National Institute of Corrections May 7-10 in Alexandria at no cost to the county.
- c. Request for authorization for an employee to attend a conference of the National Institute of Justice May 19-22 in San Diego at an approximate cost of \$900.

17. **Justices of the Peace**

Request by Judge Adams, JP 4.1, for authorization for an employee to attend management seminars May 14-15 or June 17-18 in Houston at a cost of \$349.

18. **Probate Courts**

- a. Request by Judge Austin, Court No. 1, for approval of payment in the amount of \$35 for expenses incurred by an employee for a mental health ethics course.
- b. Request by Judge Austin for authorization to attend a conference of the National College of Probate Judges May 1-4 in Key West at an approximate cost of \$1,650.
- c. Request for authorization for Judge Wood, Court No. 2, and two employees to attend a probate litigation seminar of the Tarrant County Probate Bar Association April 25-26 in Fort Worth at an approximate total cost of \$2,175.
- d. Request by Judge Olsen, Court No. 3, for authorization for three employees to attend a regional meeting of the Texas College of Probate Judges May 9-10 in Galveston at an approximate cost of \$2,400.
- e. Request by Judge Olsen for authorization for an employee to attend an evidence and discovery law course April 11-12 in Santa Fe at an approximate cost of \$1,300.

19. **District Courts**

- a. Request for approval of payment in the amount of \$250 for expenses incurred by Judge Godwin, 174th Court, for travel to Austin to attend a meeting of the Fair Defense Act Task Force.
- b. Request for approval of corrections to the payroll record of an employee.
- c. Request for authorization for Judge Stricklin, 180th Court, to attend an evidence conference July 20-25 in Otter Rock, Ore., at an approximate cost of \$2,520.

20. **Courts of Appeals**

- a. Request by Justice Hedges, First Court, for authorization to attend the criminal bench bar conference of the Houston Bar Association April 19-20 in Del Lago at a cost of \$185.
- b. Request by Chief Justice Brister, 14th Court, for authorization to attend a seminar of the Harvard Law School June 10-14 in Cambridge, Mass., at a cost of \$1,200.

21. **Fiscal Services & Purchasing**

a. **Auditor**

1. Request for approval of final payments to:
 - a. Batterson, Inc., for removal and replacement of pavement markings on Bellaire Boulevard and Mason Road in Precinct 3.
 - b. Firemen Construct., for construction of the new Crosby Community Center in Precinct 4.
 - c. Lindsey Construct., for general repairs for the Flood Control District in west Harris County.
 - d. Lindsey Construct., for channel repairs for the Flood Control District in northeast Harris County.
 - e. Traffic Maintenance, for fiber optic signal communication cable installation at Veterans Memorial from Veterans Memorial Drive to IH 45 in Precinct 4.
2. Transmittal of certification of supplemental estimates of revenue received for various funds and grants.
3. Transmittal of audited claims.

b. **Treasurer**

Transmittal of a report of monies received and disbursed for the month that ended February 28.

c. **Tax Assessor-Collector**

1. Request for approval of tax refund payments.
2. Request for authorization for Facilities & Property Management to seek a new location of comparable size for the Tax Office Distribution Center.

d. **Purchasing**

1. Request for authorization to seek bids for a two-week period for furnishing, delivering, and installing mechanical HVAC system and related work at Lincoln Park Community Center for Facilities & Property Management at an estimated cost of \$120,000.
2. Transmittal of a list of computer-related items obtained through the State of Texas vendor program for Juvenile Probation, County Criminal Courts, and Central Technology Center.

3. Transmittal of a change in contract with DecisionOne, contractor for maintenance of ITT courier equipment for Central Technology Center resulting in a reduction of \$263 from the contract amount (00577).
4. Recommendation that the award for vertical carousel storage units for Constable, Precinct 1 be made to Advance Office Systems, low bid in the amount of \$49,960.
5. Recommendation that the award for upgrade of an elevator for the Toll Road Authority be made to Schindler Elevator Corporation, low bid in the amount of \$19,956.
6. Recommendation that the award for risk property insurance for all Reliant Park facilities for the county be made to Aon Risk Services of Texas in the amount of \$1,284,485 for the period beginning April 16.
7. Recommendation by the Office of the Purchasing Agent and Precinct 3 that the award for landfill services for dumping of Type IV, non-putrescible, non-compacted solid waste for Precinct 3 be made to G.O. Weiss, Inc., in the amount of \$66,000 for the period beginning April 2.
8. Request for approval of a renewal option with Gulf Utility Service, Inc., for maintenance and minor repair of water wells for the county for the period of June 20-June 19, 2003.
9. Request for approval of a renewal option with Republic Waste Services for refuse removal for Precinct 4 for the period of June 1-May 31, 2003.
10. Transmittal of notice of a renewal option with Electronic Transaction Consultants, Inc., for toll collection computer systems and software maintenance for the Toll Road Authority for the period of July 25-July 24, 2003.
11. Request for approval of a renewal option with MAXIMUS, Inc., for cost allocation services for the Auditor's Office for the period of April 21-April 20, 2003 in the amount of \$45,200.
12. Request for approval of a renewal option with MAXIMUS, Inc., for consulting services for federal reimbursement opportunities for the county for the period of May 19-May 18, 2003.
13. Request for approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an interlocal agreement between Public Health & Environmental Services and the Texas Department of Health/Women's Health Laboratories for laboratory testing services in the amount of \$50,000 for the period ending August 31.

14. Request for approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an agreement with Dr. Bich Nguyen for medical services for Public Health & Environmental Services in the amount of \$1,800 for the period of April 1-March 31, 2003.
15. Request for approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an agreement with Hubert Leo Ried, M.D., for medical services for Public Health & Environmental Services in the amount of \$15,750 for the period of April 1-March 31, 2003.
16. Request for approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an agreement with Dr. Thuan Van Tran for medical services for Public Health & Environmental Services in the amount of \$14,400 for the period of April 1-March 31, 2003.
17. Request for approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an addendum to the Evolvcs software license and maintenance agreements with Defran Systems, Inc., for Children's Protective Services in the approximate amount of \$209,250.
18. Request that Stephen Kaminsky, M.D., P.A., be granted a professional service exemption from the competitive bid process for radiographic interpretations of chest image diagnostic impressions for the detection of TB for inmates at detention facilities in the amount of \$300,000 for the period of June 1-May 31, 2003, and for the County Judge to take necessary action relating to the agreement.
19. Request for approval of orders authorizing the County Judge to execute amendments to agreements with Blues Management, Inc., dba DAPA Family Recovery Program in the amount of \$26,250; Houston Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse for \$18,250; Sisterhood of Faith In Action for \$6,000; The Life Center, Inc., for \$8,500; Greater Houston Area Health Education Association for \$6,000; WBS Consulting, LLC, for \$5,250; and Compression Health Care Specialists, for \$6,250 for the period ending August 31 for Public Health Services.
20. Request for authorization for an employee to attend the National Association of Fleet Administrators Conference April 28-May 1 in Toronto at an estimated cost of \$2,650.
21. Request for authorization for two employees to attend the Certified Professional Public Buyer Conference April 30-May 3 in Galveston at a total cost of \$600.
22. Request for authorization for the Purchasing Agent to participate in a seminar of the National Purchasing Institute April 18-19 in Lewisville and a NPI officers and director strategic planning session April 20-21 in Dallas at an estimated total cost of \$350.

23. Request for approval of immediate termination of a contract with Fares Security Services for security guard service for the county for failure to provide the required performance bond.
24. Recommendation that the award for bedding soil, mulch, gravel, and stone for the county be made to Living Earth Technology Company in the amount of \$145,824 for the period beginning May 1.
25. Request for approval of an extension to a contract with Johnson Supply for HVAC repair parts for the county not to exceed July 31.
26. Request for approval of a renewal option with Waste Management for refuse removal services for the county, Harris County Hospital District, Flood Control District, and Community Supervision & Corrections for the period of July 1-June 30, 2003.
27. Request for approval of a renewal option with Alvin Equipment Company for repair parts and labor for Case/International Harvester farm equipment for the county and the Flood Control District for the period of July 1-June 30, 2003.
28. Request for approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an agreement with Saint Hope Foundation for Ryan White Title I Services at an estimated amount of \$90,600 for the period of April 2-February 28, 2003.
29. Request for approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an agreement with REA & Associates, Inc., for a community based diversion/detention and/or supervision program for youth for Juvenile Probation at a cost not to exceed \$12,000 for the period ending February 28, 2003.
30. Request that the University of Texas-Houston Health Science Center be granted a professional services exemption from the competitive bid process for psychiatric services for juveniles involved in the juvenile justice system for the Juvenile Probation Department in the amount of \$950,000 for the period of May 1-October 31, and for the County Judge to take necessary action relating to the agreement.
31. Request that DynaSource, Inc., be granted a sole source exemption from the competitive bid process for conversion of records from personnel educational files into a DS Database Conversion Script for the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$27,370.
32. 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.
33. Transmittal of notice of receipt of funds in the total net amount of \$13,343 for county equipment sold at Houston Auto Auction February 20.

22. **Commissioners Court**

a. **County Judge**

1. Consideration of a resolution designating April 13-20 as National Infant Immunization Week in the county.
2. Consideration of resolutions commending Major Carl P. Borchers, Detective Marcel Dionne, Deputy Jimmie Bridges, and Deputy Tom Wade on the occasion of their retirement from the Sheriff's Department.
3. Consideration of a resolution designating May 10 as Harris County Employees' Special Night at Astroworld.
4. Consideration of a resolution designating April 7-13 as National County Government Week in the county to raise public awareness about the roles and responsibilities of counties.
5. Discussion and possible action for the county to participate with the Greater Harris County 9-1-1 Emergency Network in the implementation of an early warning notification system to enable elected officials to notify citizens of certain hazardous conditions, severe weather, or other emergency situations.
6. Request for authorization for an employee of the Joint City/County Commission on Children to attend meetings of the Texas Network of Youth Services April 19, June 14, and August 13, and the Center for Public Policy & Priorities May 17 and September 13-14 in Austin at no cost to the county.

b. **Commissioner, Precinct 1**

1. Consideration and approval of a resolution authorizing Harris County's support through in-kind contributions for the Aldine Community Improvement District in connection with an application to the Texas Water Development Board for funds to determine economically feasible alternatives to enhance or replace septic systems and water supply for district residents and businesses.
2. Request for approval for two employees to attend an industrial electricity seminar April 25-26 in Houston at a total cost of \$1,580.

c. **Commissioner, Precinct 2**

Request for approval of a resolution designating April 29-May 3 as the 25th Anniversary of the North Channel Senior Olympics.

d. **Commissioner, Precinct 3**

e. **Commissioner, Precinct 4**

1. Request for authorization to change a position title effective April 6.
2. Request for approval to reappoint Doug Struckmeyer and Margaret Shaw to the board of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 1.
3. Request for approval for the Humble Girls Softball League to install and frame a new message sign at the entrance to the softball complex at Lindsay/Lyons Park.
4. Request for approval for Texas HeatWave Soccer Club to install lights and electrical service at Lindsey/Lyons Park.
5. Request for approval for Cy-Fair Girls Athletic Association to extend electrical service at the concession stand at Dyess Park.
6. Request for approval for Humble Girls Softball League to provide certain improvements for Lindsay/Lyons Park.
7. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute an agreement with Amberwood Property Owners Association for cleanup along the roadsides of Lee Road in connection with the Adopt a County Road program for the period of January 1-December 31.
8. Request for approval to post signs prohibiting overnight parking of commercial motor vehicles in Easton Commons, Section One.
9. Transmittal of notice of receipt of funds in the amount of \$250 for rent and concession fees for Crosby Park.
10. Request for approval for Huffman Little League to extend electrical service for additional field lights at I.T. May Park.
11. Transmittal notice of traffic sign installations.

23. **Miscellaneous**

- a. Transmittal of a petition filed with the 164th District Court.
- b. Request for approval of an interlocal agreement between the Harris County Hospital District and the University of Houston, School of Pharmacy, for a pharmacy training program for clinical and educational experiences at district facilities for students enrolled in the university's pharmacy academic programs.
- c. Request by the Harris County Sports & Convention Corporation for approval to transfer utility services to the new Reliant Park complex parking lots.

- d. Request for approval of a resolution approving issuance of Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds by the Harris County Housing Finance Corporation at an amount not to exceed \$13,600,000 for financing costs of residential ownership for low and moderate-income persons.
- e. Consideration of an order granting a petition to create Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 1, and setting an election date of May 4 to confirm the creation and authorize imposition of an ad valorem tax not to exceed 3¢ per \$100 of taxable value.

24. **Emergency items.**

25. **Public Hearing**

Request by Public Infrastructure for a public hearing to consider name changes and corrections in Precinct 4 as follows: Jadecrest Court to Jadecrest Ridge in Northampton Forest, Sec. 3; Crescent Hollow Court to Crescent Hollow Court in Hannover Forest, Sec. 2; and Nelson Road to Nelson Street in Villages of Northgate Crossing, Sec. 7.

26. **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. Jay Malhotra (3)
- c. Julian R. Cortinas (3)
- d. Steve Williams (3)
- e. Lynell Gadison (1)
- f. Others

27. **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.

28. **Executive Session**

- a. Request by Commissioner, Precinct 3 for an executive session for discussion and possible action concerning the Harris County Commissioners Court appointees to the Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Directors.
- b. Request by the County Attorney for an executive session for discussion of possible settlement in the matter of United States of America v. H.N. McElroy in his official capacity and Harris County in U.S. District Court, and to consider settlement upon return to open session.

Adjournment.