

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

December 2, 2005

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, will be held on **Tuesday, December 6, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.**, in the Courtroom of the Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, on the ninth floor of the Harris County Administration Building, 1001 Preston Avenue, Houston, Texas, for the purpose of considering and taking action on matters brought before the Court.

The agenda may be obtained in advance of the meeting in the office of the Commissioners Court Coordinator, Suite 938, Administration Building, 1001 Preston Avenue, Houston, Texas, and in the Commissioners Court Courtroom on the day of the meeting.

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No. 05.23

AGENDA

December 6, 2005

10:00 a.m.

Opening prayer by Pastor Robert Jefferson of Cullen Missionary Baptist Church in Houston.

1. Public Infrastructure Department
 - a. Public Infrastructure
 - b. Right of Way
 - c. Toll Road Authority
 - d. Flood Control District
 - e. Engineering
 2. Management Services
 3. Facilities & Property Management
 4. Public Health & Environmental Services
 5. Community & Economic Development
 6. Library Services
 7. Youth & Family Services
 8. Constables
 9. Sheriff
 10. Fire Marshal
 11. Medical Examiner
 12. County Clerk
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 16. Pretrial Services
 17. Justices of the Peace
 18. District Courts
 19. Travel & Training
 - a. Out of Texas
 - b. In Texas
 20. Grants
 21. Fiscal Services & Purchasing
 - a. Auditor
 - b. Treasurer
 - c. Tax Assessor-Collector
 - d. Purchasing
 22. Commissioners Court
 - a. County Judge
 - b. Commissioner, Precinct 1
 - c. Commissioner, Precinct 2
 - d. Commissioner, Precinct 3
 - e. Commissioner, Precinct 4
 23. Miscellaneous
 24. Emergency items
 25. Appearances before court
- Adjournment*

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

The agenda is available on the internet at www.co.harris.tx.us/agenda.

1. **Public Infrastructure Department**

a. **Public Infrastructure**

Recommendation for authorization to consolidate policies for payment of acceptable nonperishable materials on hand into one uniform policy.

b. **Right of Way**

Recommendation that the court approve resolutions and orders authorizing the:

1. County to assign to Twin Falls, LP, an easement over and across Tract B previously acquired by the county for detention and other purposes in exchange for conveyance of an easement to the county by Twin Falls, LP, for detention and other purposes over and across a parcel of land south of the intersection of Spring Cypress Road at Doerre Street for the Cypress Road segment C detention pond project in Precinct 4.
2. Cypress North Houston outfall project, a specific tract from Cypress Creek to Cypress North Houston in Precinct 3, 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.
3. Ferndell Street project, a specific tract at the 11800 block of Ferndell Street in Precinct 1, 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.

c. **Toll Road Authority**

1. Recommendation for approval of an amendment to an engineering services agreement with Michael Baker Jr., Inc., for implementation of a geographical information system project in the added amount of \$358,685.
2. Request for approval of changes in contracts for:
 - a. Balfour Beatty Construction, Inc., for reconstruction of seven additional failed sections of RCP between manhole T-5 and inlet E4A west to east of US 59 for the Westpark Tollway project, resulting in an addition of \$1,381,234 to the contract amount (02/0081).
 - b. Texas Sterling Construction, LP, effective unless and until the contractor delivers to the county a maintenance bond, for acceptance of Class III RCP in place of Class V between inlet E-3 and manhole E-4 west of existing Westheimer Place to east of El Greco Road for the Westpark Tollway extension project, resulting in no change to the contract amount.
3. Recommendation that Public Infrastructure be authorized to negotiate an engineering service agreement with Quadrant Consultants, Inc., for geotechnical and testing services in support of Toll Road construction activities.

4. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute an amendment to an agreement with Turner Collie and Braden, Inc., for engineering services for contracts 1E1B and 117 for the Westpark Tollway project to continue providing GEC services for other unfinished construction projects and extend the time of performance to December 31, 2006 in the additional amount \$298,000.
5. Request for authorization to change the speed limit on the Hardy Toll Road between Hopper Road and FM 1960 from 65 mph to 55 mph for approximately 18 months, pending completion of a pavement reconstruction and widening project.

d. **Flood Control District**

1. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute agreements/amendments with:
 - a. Binkley & Barfield, Inc., for additional engineering and surveying services in the amount of \$82,618 to update existing hydrologic and hydraulic models with Tropical Storm Allison Recovery Project information in Precinct 4.
 - b. Bruce Broussard for additional computer database management and programming services in the amount of \$150,000 in connection with engineering services in support of the district's computer program.
 - c. Harris County to maintain a public hike and bike trail along Unit T101-00-00 at I-10 and continuing downstream along the west side of T101-00-00 ending at Kingsland Boulevard in Precinct 3.
 - d. HRA Gray & Pape, LLC, for additional archeological services in the amount of \$150,000 in support of the district's maintenance programs.
 - e. Mary Jackson to extend leased property 25 feet along the southern property line of Lot 3, Block 3, Briarhills Subdivision, Section 1, 14210 Briarhills Parkway, Unit W100-00-00, Tract 32-002.0 in Precinct 3.
 - f. Texas General Land Office to revise the work plan for Unit B504-03-00 in Precinct 2 and extend the termination date of the contract to January 31, 2006.
 - g. Turner Collie & Braden, Inc., for environmental consulting services in the amount of \$75,000 in support of the district's operations and maintenance programs.
 - h. U.S. Department of the Army, represented by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District Engineer memorandum of agreement in the amount of \$500,000 to establish a mutual framework to govern respective responsibilities of the parties for the US. Department of the Army to furnish technical expertise, oversight, and review to meet federal guidelines for a general reevaluation study for the Halls Bayou flood damage reduction and ecosystem restoration project in Precincts 1 and 2.
 - i. Westador MUD for construction of a new overflow channel and slope paving of two channels, Unit K141-00-00-Y002 in Precinct 4, for unanticipated costs involving utility adjustments, environmental permitting, geotechnical investigations, and associated engineering costs in the additional amount of \$72,530.

2. Request for approval of a change in contract for Lindsey Construction, Inc., for general repairs in the White Oak Bayou watershed in Precincts 1 and 4, adding 22 working days and resulting in an addition of \$74,460 to the contract amount (05/0184).
3. Recommendation for approval of construction documents and authorization to seek bids for a seven-week period for channel modifications, DS 101, Brays Bayou mouth to Lawndale, and related improvements for the Brays Bayou federal flood control project in Precinct 2 at an estimated cost of \$5.4 million.

e. **Engineering**

1. Recommendation for authorization to seek bids for a four-week period for:
 - a. Asphalt overlay and base repair of various roads in the Miller Road Camp area in Precinct 2 at an estimated cost of \$1,334,000.
 - b. Asphalt overlay and base repair of various roads in the Wade Road Camp area in Precinct 2 at an estimated cost of \$1,542,000.
 - c. Cold in-place recycling of Magnolia Road and asphalt overlay of Mulberry Road in Precinct 2 at an estimated cost of \$167,000.
2. Recommendation for approval of the following plats:
 - a. Canyon Village at Cypress Springs, Section Nine in Precinct 3; GBI Partners, LP.
 - b. Dunnco Properties Atascocita in Precinct 4; Century Engineering, Incorporated.
 - c. Gleannloch Forest Drive first extension street dedication plat in Precinct 4; Costello, Inc., and Northrup Associates, Incorporated.
 - d. Champion Forest Drive second extension street dedication plat in Precinct 4; Costello, Inc., and Northrup Associates, Incorporated.
 - e. Taco Bell at FM 529 and Sandhill Glen Drive in Precinct 3; Geosolutions, Limited.
 - f. Lake Shadows, Section Six in Precinct 4; Landtech Consultants, Inc., and Claunch & Miller, Incorporated.
 - g. Remington Ranch, Section 17 in Precinct 4; Edminster Hinshaw Russ and Associates.
 - h. Amstar in Precinct 4; Thomas Land Surveying.
 - i. Remington Ranch, Section 18 in Precinct 4; Edminster Hinshaw Russ and Associates.
 - j. Martinez Place, Tract 11 in Precinct 4; Frontier Surveyors, Incorporated.
3. Recommendation for cancellation of bonds for:
 - a. Astoria-Beamer Development 42, LLC, executed by Seaboard Surety Company in the amount of \$32,686 for Clear Brook Landing, Section One in Precinct 1.
 - b. MPL Development, LP, executed by Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America in the amount of \$38,358 for Canyon Lakes at Stone Gate, Section Five in Precinct 3.

- c. Riata Ranch Development 1, executed by Independence Casualty and Surety Company in the amount of \$19,275 for Cypress Point Lake Estates, Section Three in Precinct 3.
 - d. Canyonlands Partners IV, Ltd., and 6 Little York Partners, Ltd., executed by Seaboard Surety Company in the amount of \$19,015 for Yorktown Crossing, Section One in Precinct 3.
 - e. Canyonlands Partners IV, Ltd., executed by Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America in the amount of \$25,457 for Yorktown Crossing, Section Two in Precinct 3.
 - f. Lennar Homes of Texas Land and Construction, Ltd., executed by the Continental Insurance Company in the amount of \$17,346 for Villages of Langham Creek, Section Four in Precinct 3.
4. Recommendation for approval of changes in contracts for:
- a. Total Contracting Limited, contractor for concrete repairs of various roads in the Wade Camp area, Precinct 2, resulting in no change to the contract amount (040319-1).
 - b. Bean Construction Co., contractor for Paul Rushing Park Chain of Lakes Phase I in Precinct 3, resulting in no change to the contract amount (050268-1).
 - c. Southwest Signal Supply, Inc., contractor for traffic signal installation at the intersection of Clay Road and Lakes of Bridgewater Drive in Precinct 3, adding 35 calendar days and resulting in an addition of \$5,138 to the contract amount (040475-1).
 - d. Southwest Signal Supply, Inc., contractor for traffic signal installation at the intersection of Fry Road and Arbor Creek Drive in Precinct 3, resulting in an addition of \$13,338 to the contract amount (040307-1).
 - e. Hubco, Inc., contractor for Spring-Cypress Road, Sections 7E and Eight in Precinct 4, resulting in a reduction of \$55,188 from the contract amount (030211-7).
5. Recommendation for authorization for the County Judge to execute engineering services agreements or amendments with:
- a. Dabhi Engineering Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$50,000 in connection with construction, maintenance, and repair of various county facilities.
 - b. Binkley & Barfield, Inc., in the amount of \$45,234 in connection with development of a process for electronic capture of information pertinent to a county asset management system and to develop and test methodologies for electronic review of submittals for design of Saums Road improvements from east of Unit 101-02-00 to Houston city limits.
 - c. Parsons Water & Infrastructure, Inc., in the amount of \$109,000 in connection with development and implementation of a county asset management system.
 - d. Brown & Gay Engineers, Inc., in the amount of \$45,400 in connection with a study and report to improve traffic flow and safety on West Bay Area Boulevard between I-45 and SH 3 in Precinct 2.

- e. JNS Consulting Engineers, Inc., in the amount of \$66,721 in connection with construction of a diversion ditch from Peek Road eastward to Unit U101-09-00 in Precinct 3.
 - f. Landtech Consultants, Inc., in connection with construction of Cypress North Houston Road from Oak Plaza/Marcia to Jones Road in Precinct 3.
6. Recommendation for authorization to negotiate for engineering services with:
- a. Corrigan Consulting, Inc., for remediation studies associated with a leaking petroleum storage tank site at 1117 Franklin Street.
 - b. Binkley & Barfield, Inc., in connection with storm water and drainage improvements at El Franco Lee Park in Precinct 1.
 - c. Corrigan Consulting, Inc., for remediation studies associated with a leaking petroleum storage tank site at 3050 FM 1960 East in Precinct 4.
 - d. MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc., for remediation studies associated with a leaking petroleum storage tank site at 4634 Spring-Cypress Road in Precinct 4.
 - e. MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc., for remediation studies associated with a leaking petroleum storage tank site at 4134 Spring-Cypress Road in Precinct 4.
7. Recommendation for appropriate officials to take necessary actions and awards be made to:
- a. SER Construction Partners, Ltd., lowest and best bid in the amount of \$1,097,971 for storm water detention and drainage improvements for El Franco Lee Park in Precinct 1.
 - b. Batterson, LLP, second low bid, as responsible bidder for a renewable term contract for paint striping various roads in the Spring Camp area in Precinct 4.
 - c. Batterson, LLP, second low bid, as responsible bidder for a renewable term contract for paint striping various roads in the Humble Camp area in Precinct 4.
 - d. Ramos Industries, Inc., lowest and best bid in the amount of \$5,485,837 for Aldine Westfield Road Segment B from Simmans Road to Hydro-55 Street in Precinct 4.
8. Recommendation that bids be rejected and projects readvertised for:
- a. Furnishing and delivering 10,000 tons of crushed limestone base material for various locations in Precinct 1.
 - b. Furnishing and delivering \$60,000 worth of various sizes of reinforced concrete pipes, saddle inlet risers, and related items in Precinct 2.
9. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute an agreement with CenterPoint Energy for extension of additional electrical service to El Franco Lee Park, and for the County Auditor to pay utility bills.

10. Recommendation that a technical defect be waived for Royalwood Drive storm sewer replacement in Precinct 2 and the award be made to Barricade Arrowboard & Traffic Sign Service of Texas, lowest and best bid in the amount of \$39,119, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions relating to the award.
11. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute an advance funding agreement with TxDOT for replacement or rehabilitation of a bridge on Old Washington Road over Mound Creek in Precinct 3.
12. Recommendation that the court accept and authorize the County Judge to execute agreements with MUD No. 396 regarding a submerged storm sewer system serving Fairfield Village North, Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 in Precinct 3.
13. Recommendation for authorization for CenterPoint Energy to raise power lines at 8202½ Queenston Boulevard in Precinct 3.
14. Recommendation that the court establish a public hearing date of December 20 to consider certain street name changes and corrections: Sperry Gardens Drive to Sperry Landing Drive, and Enchanted Creek Drive to Enchanted Crest Drive in Precinct 3.
15. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to reduce retainage from 5% to 4% for Pepper-Lawson Construction, LP, for the Harris County Fire & Sheriff's Training Academy project in Precinct 4.
16. Request for authorization to purchase two vehicles for the Permit Section of the Engineering Division.
17. Transmittal of notices of road and bridge log changes.

2. **Management Services**

- a. Request for approval of orders authorizing acceptance of payments in connection with settlement of damages to county equipment and property in the total amount of \$30,218 and two workers compensation recoveries in the total amount of \$2,061; settlement of two tort claims in the total amount of \$3,345; denial of 9 claims for damages; and transmittal of claims for damages received during the period ending November 29.
- b. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute releases in exchange for payments to the county in amounts of \$900, \$2,488, and \$140,905 in connection with settlement of accident claims.
- c. Request for authorization to reimburse the Harris County Sports & Convention Corporation an additional \$2,175,000 in FEMA funds for Hurricane Katrina sheltering operations at Reliant Park.

- d. Transmittal of investment transactions and maturities for the period of November 16-29.
- e. Request for approval of interest payments for commercial paper projects, and for authorization to increase funding in connection with renovation of the historical Civil Courts Building.
- f. Request for approval of authorized budget appropriation transfers for flood control and county departments.

3. **Facilities & Property Management**

- a. Request for approval of a list of persons designated by an oversight committee for assignment of badges as part of the Frequent Courthouse Visitors Badge Program.
- b. Request for authorization to renew an annual agreement with Betty Jo and William H. Kindred, Jr., for lease of space at 3000 Wilson Road in Humble for the Sheriff's Department.
- c. Request for approval of an annual agreement with GAR Associates IX LLC for lease of space at 480 N. Sam Houston Parkway for the Fire Marshal.
- d. Request for authorization to destroy certain records for the County Library, Guardianship Program, and Commissioners Precincts 3 and 4.

4. **Public Health & Environmental Services**

- a. Request for authorization to purchase gift cards for elementary schools participating in the Coordinated Approach to Child Health Program at a cost of \$50,000 in grant funds.
- b. Request for authorization to purchase gift cards for clients receiving HIV services as incentives to attend and participate in health care interventions at a cost of \$10,000 in grant funds.
- c. Request for authorization to correct the payroll records of certain employees.
- d. Request for approval of additional mileage reimbursement in the amount of \$417 for a TB outreach worker who exceeded the monthly limit in September.

5. **Community & Economic Development**

- a. Request for subordination of the county's lien to dedications and conditions on the plat of Copperwood Ranch Apartments, a multifamily residential rental development at 6833 Lakeview Haven Drive in Precinct 3.

- b. Request for authorization to allocate \$25,000 of additional TIRZ affordable housing set-Aside funds to the Avenue Community Development Corporation for the Jefferson Davis Artist Lofts Project in Precinct 2; for approval of an amendment to an agreement with Jefferson Davis Artist Lofts Limited and Avenue Community Development Corporation; and for the Auditor to transfer necessary funds from the TIRZ Affordable Housing Increment Fund.
- c. Request for approval of four deferred downpayment assistance loans for low- and moderate-income homebuyers in Precincts 3 and 4 in the total amount of \$58,200.
- d. Transmittal of agreements with Crossway Christian Fellowship Church, Bible Way Fellowship Baptist Church, Champions Covenant Church, Garden of Glory Community Church, and New Spirit of Life Mission Baptist Church, DRC, for disaster relief services related to Hurricane Katrina.
- e. Request for approval of creation of a reinvestment zone and tax abatement agreement with Plastipak Packaging, Inc., for expansion of a manufacturing facility at 222 Kerry Road in Highlands in Precinct 2.
- f. Request for approval of an agreement with Harris County Housing Authority to fund development of an affordable housing project at 101 Normandy in Precinct 4 to assist low-income seniors using \$1,065,000 in HOME Investment Partnerships funds.
- g. Request for approval of an order authorizing Public Infrastructure to use Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$850,000 to rehabilitate water and sewer systems in connection with the Tasfield Subdivision water improvements project in Precinct 2.
- h. Request for approval of an amendment to an agreement with the City of La Porte to add \$40,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds for the Northside Neighborhood Second Street Project in Precinct 2.
- i. Request for approval of an amended order to reallocate funds between budget line items to fund design and environmental site assessment for the Precinct 2 James Driver Park improvements project.

6. **Library Services**

Request for authorization to correct the payroll records of three County Library employees.

7. **Youth & Family Services**

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

Request for authorization to purchase gift certificates from local merchants for holiday presents for youth in the Chimney Rock Center Emergency Shelter Program.

b. **Children's Assessment Center**

1. Request for authorization to increase the amount of a contract with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services for evaluation and treatment services.
2. Request for approval of a memorandum of understanding between the county and the Children's Assessment Center Foundation to recognize income from various grants and their allocation.

8. **Constables**

- a. Request by the constables' systems manager for approval of career development increases for clerical personnel and communication officers who have met requirements for the changes.
- b. Request by Constables Jones and Hickman, Precincts 3 and 4, for approval of changes in listings of reserves and regular officers.
- c. Request by Constable Cheek, Precinct 5, for authorization to reclassify a sergeant position to lieutenant for the Toll Road Authority.
- d. Request by Constable Walker, Precinct 7, for approval of payment in the amount of \$1,000 to the 100 Club, Inc., for lifetime membership.

9. **Sheriff**

- a. Request for authorization to correct the payroll records of certain employees.
- b. Request for approval of cellular phone allowances for five employees.

10. **Fire Marshal**

- a. Request for authorization to correct the payroll records of three employees.
- b. Request for approval of an order to implement a prohibition on the sale and use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of the county effective for the period of December 20-January 1.

11. **Medical Examiner**

Request for approval of payment in the amount of \$400 to advertise the department's fellowship program in the Directory of Pathology Training Programs for recruitment purposes.

12. **County Clerk**

- a. Transmittal of minutes for the court's meeting of November 16, and an affidavit of substantial interest filed by Commissioner Radack regarding an item on the November 22 agenda.
- b. Request for approval of appointment of the presiding judge and alternate judge for the central counting station, rental fees for use of certain facilities during the early voting period, publication of a notice listing all early voting and election day polling places, and appointment of the presiding judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board in connection with the December 10 joint runoff elections.
- c. Request that the court approve for the December 10 joint runoff elections an interdepartmental transfer to the Constable of Precinct 1 for law enforcement supervision of early voting ballots; rental fees for facilities during the early voting period and for election judge training; installation of telephone service; payment for information materials; publication of notices of equipment test and polling places; payments for election officials; and a list of precincts and certain polling location changes for conduct of the State Representative District 143 runoff election.

13. **District Clerk**

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

14. **County Attorney**

- a. Request for approval of orders authorizing litigation expenses in connection with cases in the 11th, 61st, 64th, 125th, 189th, and 333rd District Courts, and U.S. District Court.
- b. Request for approval of orders authorizing suits and litigation expenses to compel compliance with the Texas Health and Safety Code at IH 45 South, State Highway 3, FM 1959, and Clear Lake City Boulevard in Precincts 1 and 2, 3601 Decker Drive in Precinct 2, and 11621 Walters Road in Precinct 4; and flood plain management regulations at 2014 Baker Trail in Precinct 3.

15. **District Attorney**

Request for authorization to pay with discretionary funds a former assistant district attorney to review an organizational restructuring of the department.

16. **Pretrial Services**

Request for approval of four pretrial officer positions to meet workload requirements resulting from an increase in criminal justice defendants.

17. **Justices of the Peace**

Request by Judge Adams, JP 4.1, for authorization to continue a lease agreement with SafeGuard Self Storage for offsite storage of archived records and office supplies.

18. **District Courts**

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

19. **Travel & Training**

a. **Out of Texas**

1. Request by **Information Technology** and the **Purchasing Agent** for authorization for two employees to attend a board meeting of the Bi-Tech Users Group January 11-15 in Denver at no cost to the county.
2. Request by **Public Health & Environmental Services** for authorization for:
 - a. The director to attend a community health and prevention advisory committee meeting of the National Association of County & City Health Officials January 23-25 in Washington, D.C., at no cost to the county.
 - b. The director and an employee to attend a public health preparedness summit February 20-24 in Washington, D.C., at an approximate total cost of \$3,589.
3. Request by **Community & Economic Development** for authorization for:
 - a. An employee to attend a training course of the National Association of Foreign Trade Zones January 8-9 in Long Beach, Calif., at a cost of \$1,300.
 - b. An employee to attend a governmental accounting and reporting training course December 12-13 in Kenner, La., at an approximate cost of \$946.
4. Request by the **District Clerk** for authorization to attend the NACo Legislative Conference March 4-8 in Washington, D.C., at an approximate cost of \$1,900.
5. Request by the **District Attorney** for authorization to use discretionary funds for reimbursement of \$3,500 for expenses incurred by three employees to attend a violent crimes course November 13-17 in Lake Tahoe, Nevada.
6. Request by Judge Austin, **Probate Court No. 1**, for authorization to attend a civil litigation conference January 3-7 in Aspen, Colo., at an approximate cost of \$2,585.
7. Request for authorization for the **County Treasurer** to attend a conference of the Government Finance Officers Association May 7-10 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada at an approximate cost of \$2,000.

8. Request by the **County Judge** for authorization for an employee of the Joint City County Commission on Children to attend the Urban Health Initiative annual meeting and leadership retreat December 5-8 in Key Biscayne, Fla., at no cost to the county.

b. **In Texas**

1. Request by **PID** for authorization for:
 - a. An employee to attend a computer programming course January 16-20 in Houston at a cost not to exceed \$1,275.
 - b. Three employees to attend a low impact development seminar of the Bayou Preservation Association January 20 in Houston at a total cost of \$245.
2. Request by **PID Toll Road Authority** for approval for an employee to attend a workshop of the National Transit and National Highway Institutes January 30 in Austin at an estimated cost of \$200.
3. Request by the **PID Flood Control District** for authorization for:
 - a. Thirty employees to attend a vegetation management conference January 19 in Hockley and January 20 in Baytown at a total approximate cost of \$750.
 - b. Payment in the amount of \$2,500 to co-sponsor a low impact development symposium January 20 in Houston.
4. Request by **Management Services** for authorization for two employees to tour the Travis County inmate processing facility and jail December 16 in Austin at a total cost of \$70, with travel by county vehicle, in connection with a study in progress.
5. Request by **Information Technology** for authorization for:
 - a. Seven employees to attend RoboHelp X5 training December 12 and 14-15 in Houston at a total cost of \$9,065.
 - b. Two employees to attend an information mapping training class January 17-19 in Houston at a total cost of \$2,990.
 - c. Two employees to attend the Government Technology Conference January 30-February 2 in Austin at a total cost of \$1,365.
6. Request by **Facilities & Property Management** for approval of mileage reimbursement for an employee to travel to Austin December 7 to attend a maintenance advisory group meeting of the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program.
7. Request by **Public Health & Environmental Services** for authorization for:
 - a. Four employees to attend an influenza preparedness conference December 12 in Austin at a total cost of \$1,200.
 - b. An employee to attend a nutrition grant funding conference December 21 in Austin at an approximate cost of \$290.

- c. Two employees to attend an animal control services meeting December 13 in Beaumont at a total cost of \$80.
 - d. An employee to attend audio conferences of the Texas Health Information Management Association December 7 and 14 in Houston at a cost of \$210.
 - e. An employee to participate as an arbitrator in a Ryan White grant grievance hearing on a date to be set prior to March 1 in Fort Worth at no cost to the county.
8. Request by **Community & Economic Development** for authorization for three employees to attend HUD grant compliance training January 11-12 in Fort Worth at an approximate cost of \$1,150.
 9. Request by **Cooperative Extension** for authorization for six employees to travel to the Woodlands, College Station, Alvin, Rosenberg, West Columbia, Conroe, Orange County, Angleton, and Hempstead on dates between November 15 and March 1 regarding rice and plant production and protection, a hay show, and pesticide recertification training at a total approximate cost of \$650.
 10. Request by **Protective Services for Children & Adults** for authorization for:
 - a. Reimbursement of \$800 for expenses incurred to host a staff development training event for 150 employees October 13 in Houston.
 - b. Two employees to attend a conference of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services November 29 in Austin at a total cost of \$420.
 11. Request by **Constable Cheek, Precinct 5**, for approval of payment in the amount of \$1,025 to Houston Community College System for TCLEOSE training for 16 employees.
 12. Request by the **Sheriff** for authorization for:
 - a. Seven employees to attend the Advanced Motor Vehicle Theft Investigation School November 28-December 2 in Austin, with travel by county vehicle at no additional cost of the county.
 - b. Two employees to attend a training partnership meeting of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards December 1 in Richmond, with travel by county vehicle and at no additional cost to the county.
 - c. Two employees to tour the Travis County inmate processing facility and jail December 16 in Austin at a total cost of \$70, with travel by county vehicle.
 - d. Two employees to attend a construction process seminar January 12 in Houston at a cost of \$927.
 13. Request by the **Fire Marshal** for approval of reimbursement of \$359 for expenses incurred by an employee to attend the East Texas Arson Investigators Seminar November 7-10 in Longview.

14. Request by the **District Clerk** for authorization for:
 - a. The District Clerk and 27 employees to attend an annual retreat for supervisors January 27 in Houston at a total cost of \$3,100.
 - b. The District Clerk and two employees to attend quarterly meetings of the Attorney General State Case Registry & Disbursement Unit Work Group regarding child support issues in 2006 in Austin or San Antonio at a total cost not to exceed \$350 per person, per trip.
15. Request by the **District Courts** for authorization for Judge Velasquez, 183rd Court, and Judge Warne, 257th Court, to attend the College for New Judges January 9-11 in Austin at a total cost of \$870.
16. Request by the **Tax Assessor-Collector** for authorization for two employees to attend a meeting of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs December 9 in Austin at a total cost of \$400.
17. Request by the **Purchasing Agent** for authorization for:
 - a. An employee to attend a Microsoft Windows XP training course January 23-27 in Houston at a cost of \$1,275.
 - b. Three employees to attend the Government Technology Conference January 30-February 3 in Austin at a total cost of \$3,000.
18. Request by **Commissioner of Precinct 3** for authorization to correct the date for an employee to attend a computer software training course December 8-9 in Houston at a cost of \$100.
19. Request by **Commissioner of Precinct 4** for authorization for two employees to participate in online training sessions for a one-year period in Houston at a total cost of \$1,158.
20. **Grants**
 - a. Request by **Public Health & Environmental Services** for authorization to:
 1. Accept grant funds in the amount of \$152,915 from the Texas Department of State Health Services for the HIV Targeted Prevention program.
 2. Accept grant funds in the amount of \$109,914 from the Texas Department of State Health Services for tuberculosis control and prevention.
 3. Accept grant funds in the amount of \$1,019,075 from the Texas Department of State Health Services for the Refugee Medical Assistance Program.
 4. Accept from the Texas Department of State Health Services continued grant funding for family planning services through August 31, 2006, and for approval to extend salary schedules.

- b. Request by **Juvenile Probation** for authorization to accept grant funds in the amount of \$8,046 from the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant program to provide advanced training for work with at-risk and delinquent youth.
- c. Request by the **Sheriff** for authorization to:
 - 1. Submit an application to the Houston-Galveston Area Council for grant funds in the amount of \$39,796 for the Regional Law Enforcement Officer Training program.
 - 2. Accept grant funds in the amount of \$329,784 from the Texas Department of State Health Services for HIV prevention services for jail inmates.
 - 3. Apply for and accept reimbursement funds in the amount of \$2,693,977 from the U.S. Department of Justice for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program.
 - 4. Accept grant funds in the amount of \$1,670,766 through an interlocal agreement with the City of Houston from the U.S. Department of Justice for the Justice Assistance Grant to reduce illegal drug use and related criminal activities.

21. **Fiscal Services & Purchasing**

a. **Auditor**

- 1. Request for approval of final payments to:
 - a. Bio Landscape & Maintenance for tree planting and maintenance for the Flood Control District.
 - b. Hubco, Inc., for Spring Cypress Road, Sections 7E and 8 from Carrot Drive to west of Falvel Road in Precinct 4.
 - c. Uretek USA, Inc., for concrete slab lifting and undersealing by injecting high density polyurethane at various locations in Precinct 1.
- 2. Request for approval of payroll payments for the periods ending December 9, 23 and 31.
- 3. Transmittal of certification of supplemental estimates of revenue received for various funds and grants.
- 4. Transmittal of audited claims.

b. **Treasurer**

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

c. **Tax Assessor-Collector**

Request for approval of tax refund payments.

d. **Purchasing**

1. Transmittal of projects scheduled for advertisement:
 - a. All risk property insurance for the Washburn Tunnel for Human Resources & Risk Management.
 - b. Sale of scrap metal material for the county, Flood Control District, and the Harris County Hospital District.
 - c. Repair services for chassis, front-end, brake, clutch, and suspension work for Fleet Services.
 - d. Repair parts for chassis, front-end, brake, clutch, suspension, and related items for Fleet Services.
 - e. Facility security services for Facility & Property Management.
 - f. Southwell Park proposed parking lot addition in Precinct 4.
 - g. Television production for the Storm Water Quality Section of Public Infrastructure.
 - h. Billboard advertising for the Storm Water Quality Section of Public Infrastructure.
 - i. Uniforms and related items for the Sheriff's Department.
 - j. Glass reflective spheres for traffic paint, reflective and non-reflective pavement markers, and epoxy adhesive for the county.
 - k. Maintenance and repair of vertical transportation equipment for Facilities & Property Management.
2. Transmittal of changes in contracts with:
 - a. Redwood Biotech, Inc., contractor for drug testing kits for Community Supervision & Corrections, resulting in no change to the contract amount (00897).
 - b. Ampco System Parking, contractor for contract for parking facilities management services for Facilities & Property Management, resulting in an addition of \$15,528 to the contract amount (00902).
 - c. Northwest Pest Control, contractor for pest control services and related items for Protective Services for Children & Adults, resulting in an addition of \$340 to the contract amount (00906).
3. Transmittal of a list of computer-related items obtained through the State of Texas vendor program for Sheriff's Department, District Clerk, Community Supervision & Corrections, and the Toll Road Authority.
4. Recommendation that awards be made to:
 - a. Southwest Wholesale Nursery, lowest complete bid in the corrected total amount of \$226,562 for nursery plants and related items for the county for the period beginning January 1, 2006.
 - b. J. Brandt Co., in the amount of \$19,266 for service award items Nos. 1-5, 12-15, 17, and 20-22; Advertising Novelties Co., Inc., \$5,017, Nos. 6-8, 18, and 19; and C + R Awards Incentive, Inc., \$22,650, Nos. 9-11, 16, 23, and 24 for the period beginning February 1, 2006.

- c. Quantum Fitness Corp., best bid in the amount of \$84,390 for furnishing and delivering fitness equipment for the Sheriff's Academy.
 - d. Milam & Co. Painting, Inc., in the amount of \$25,370 as best bid for painting and minor repairs of the Brookhollow Building third floor for the Flood Control District.
 - e. ACS State and Local Solutions, Inc., in the amount of \$329,700 for call center services for the District Clerk for the period of January 1-December 31, 2006.
 - f. URS Corporation, low bid in the total amount of \$336,837 for an ambient air monitoring station for Public Health & Environmental Services/Pollution Control Division for a two-year term.
5. Recommendation that a bid for all risk property insurance for the Washburn Tunnel be rejected, the job number cancelled, and the project rebid with revised specifications.
 6. Request for authorization for the county to use the Harris County Hospital District's contract for desilvering x-rays for the period ending August 31, 2006.
 7. Request for approval of renewal options with:
 - a. Mac Haik Dodge Chrysler Jeep, Ltd., primary contractor, and Champion Chrysler, secondary contractor, for repair parts, labor, and related items for Daimler Chrysler automobiles and trucks for the county at an estimated cost of \$50,000 for the period of March 1, 2006-February 28, 2007.
 - b. Thermo Environmental Instruments for ozone monitors and related items for the county at an estimated cost of \$15,000 for the period of January 1-December 31, 2006.
 - c. Helena Chemical Company for horticultural chemicals, fertilizers, and related items for the county at an estimated cost of \$85,000 for the period of March 1, 2006-February 28, 2007.
 - d. Phillip Reclamation Services, Inc., for cleanup of hazardous and non-hazardous waste for the county at an estimated cost of \$25,000 for the period of March 2, 2006-March 1, 2007.
 - e. Cabredon Animal Disposal for pickup, transporting, and disposal of animal carcasses for the county at an estimated cost of \$25,000 for the period of March 1, 2006-February 28, 2007.
 - f. GalleryWatch.com and Texas Legislative Services for legislative information services for the county in amounts of \$6,448 and \$38,450, respectively, for the period of January 1-December 31, 2006.
 - g. Redwood Biotech, Inc., for drug testing kits for Juvenile Probation at an approximate cost of \$50,000 for the period of March 1, 2006-February 28, 2007.
 - h. ChoicePoint Business and Government Services, Inc., for a criminal locator and warrant system for the Sheriff's Department at a cost of \$28,800 for the period ending September 30, 2006, and for the County Judge to execute an amendment to the agreement for unlimited access to Auto Track XP.

- i. SunGard Bi-Tech, Inc., for software maintenance and support fees for the IFAS-Accounting and Financial Reporting System for the county at a cost of \$337,552 for the period of January 1, 2006-December 31, 2007.
 - j. Motorola, Inc., for service and software subscription agreement for the county at an approximate cost of \$438,638 for the period of December 1-November 30, 2006.
8. Request for authorization to extend an agreement with Amtech Elevator Services for maintenance and repair of elevators for the county for one month, not to exceed January 31, 2006.
9. Request for approval of orders authorizing the County Judge to execute agreements/amendments with:
 - a. Nancy Cook in the additional amount of \$8,000; Regina Harris, \$5,000; Patricia Lee, \$5,000; and Twila Ross, \$5,000 for coordination of efforts of permanency planning teams for children in custody of Protective Services for Children & Adults to be provided with safe and permanent living arrangements.
 - b. Sylvia Franzmeier, Beverly Nelson, Alyson Roberts, and Elizabeth Scarborough to increase out-of-county grant reimbursement from \$138 to \$175 for coordination of efforts of permanency planning teams for children in custody of Protective Services for Children & Adults to be provided with safe and permanent living arrangements.
 - c. Gene Daniel and Gloria Batiste-Roberts to increase out-of-county grant reimbursement from \$138 to \$175, and increase contracts in amounts of \$10,000 and \$2,000, respectively, for coordination of efforts of the permanency planning teams for children in custody of Protective Services for Children & Adults to be provided safe and permanent living arrangements for the period ending February 28, 2006.
 - d. The Assistance Fund, Houston Area Community Services, Bering Omega Community Services, Montrose Clinic, Inc., St. Hope Foundation, and Montrose Counseling Center for Ryan White Title I Services for Public Health & Environmental Services/HIV Services Division for the period ending February 28, 2006.
10. Request for approval of sole source, personal, professional, and other exemptions from the competitive bid process for:
 - a. IBM for the monthly license charge of the IBM System 390 software programs for Information Technology for the period ending October 31, 2006, and annual license software subscriptions for the period of January 1-December 31, 2006 at an estimated cost of \$1,111,172.
 - b. Key Government Finance, Inc., for the Unisys CS7412 computer system for Information Technology, and approval of an amendment to an agreement for software license and hardware support through Key Government Finance, Inc., at a total cost of \$1,762,298 for the period of December 1-November 30, 2007.

- c. Mercedes Villareal and Larry Crenshaw to convene and conduct permanency planning team/family conferencing meetings for Protective Services for Children & Adults, and approval of orders authorizing the County Judge to execute agreements in amounts of \$7,000 each for the period ending February 28, 2006.
 - d. Glen McClure, Ph.D., to complete pre-employment psychological evaluations for Juvenile Probation, and approval of an order authorizing the County Judge to execute an agreement in the amount of \$60,000 for the period ending November 30, 2006.
11. Transmittal of notice of receipt of funds in total amounts of \$33,826 and \$12,563 for county equipment sold at Houston Auto Auction October 19 and 26 and November 2 and 5.
 12. Transmittal of notice of receipt of funds in the total amount of \$29,430 from the sale of recyclable materials and surplus and/or confiscated property items through the county's internet public auction for the period of October 31-November 21, and for the County Auditor to issue checks to the Port of Houston, Harris County Hospital District, and Houston Community College for items sold.
 13. Request for authorization to delete property from inventory records for the Purchasing Department.
 14. Transmittal of bids and proposals for advertised jobs that were opened November 28 and December 5 by the Office of the Purchasing Agent, and request for approval of recommendations for disposition.

22. **Commissioners Court**

a. **County Judge**

1. Consideration of reappointments to the board of the Mental Health & Mental Retardation Authority of Lynne A. Cleveland for a term ending December 30, 2007, and Dr. Mae F. McMillan for a term ending January 18, 2008.
2. Request for authorization for Facilities & Property Management to negotiate a lease agreement with the American Red Cross on behalf of the Harris County Coordinated Transportation Program for office space at 2700 Southwest Freeway for the period of January 1-December 31, 2006.
3. Request by the Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management for approval of a mutual aid assistance agreement with San Jacinto County.

b. **Commissioner, Precinct 1**

Request for approval of traffic sign installations and alterations for Yarberry Street between Aldine Bender and Buschong Road for a pedestrian crosswalk, and 4700 West Mount Houston Road at Nitsch Elementary School and Klein Intermediate School.

c. **Commissioner, Precinct 2**

Request for authorization to create four part-time transportation voucher clerk positions at an hourly rate of \$11.65 effective December 10.

d. **Commissioner, Precinct 3**

Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute an agreement with Mayde Creek Senior High School-FFA Chapter for cleanup along the roadsides of Dulany Road from Cherry Tree Grove to Saums Road in connection with the Adopt a County Road program for the period of October 15-October 14, 2006.

e. **Commissioner, Precinct 4**

1. Request for approval of reappointment of Dr. Ernest Fruge to the Harris County Protective Services for Children & Adults board for a term ending December 31, 2008.
2. Request for authorization for the Tomball Girls Softball Association to construct a storage building at Burroughs Park.
3. Request for approval to post signs prohibiting overnight parking of commercial motor vehicles in the Camden Park Subdivision.
4. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute an agreement with Cub Scout Pack No. 1323 for cleanup along the roadsides of Theiss Mail Route Road from Louetta Road to Champions Forest Drive in connection with the Adopt a County Road program for the period of December 1-November 30, 2006.
5. Transmittal of notice of traffic sign installations.

23. **Miscellaneous**

Request by the Harris County Hospital District for approval of an agreement with the City of Houston for lease of office space for relocation of the Gateway to Care Program to 3611 Ennis.

24. **Emergency items.**

25. **Appearances before court**

a. Request for an open court grievance resolution appeal by an employee of Juvenile Probation.

b. 3 minutes

A speaker whose subject matter as submitted relates to an identifiable item of business on this agenda will be requested by the County Judge or other presiding court member to come to the podium where they will be limited to three minutes (3). A speaker whose subject matter as submitted does not relate to an identifiable item of business on this agenda will be limited to three minutes (3) if they have not appeared at any of the four preceding court meetings.

c. 1 minute

A speaker whose subject matter as submitted does not relate to an identifiable item of business on this agenda and who has appeared at any of the four preceding court meetings will be limited to one minute (1).

Adjournment.

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