

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

October 17, 2008

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, will be held on **Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Courtroom of the Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, on the ninth floor of the Harris County Administration Building, 1001 Preston Avenue, Houston, Texas, for the purpose of considering and taking action on matters brought before the Court.

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No. 08.20

AGENDA

October 21, 2008

10:00 a.m.

Opening prayer by Pastor Sharon Sabom of Highlands United Methodist Church.

I. Departments

1. Public Infrastructure Department
 - a. Public Infrastructure
 - b. Right of Way
 - c. Construction Programs
 - d. Toll Road Authority
 - e. Flood Control District
 - f. Architecture & Engineering
 - g. Facilities & Property Management
2. Management Services
3. Information Technology
4. Public Health & Environmental Services
5. Community Services
6. Library Services
7. Youth & Family Services
8. Constables
9. Sheriff
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11. Medical Examiner
12. County Clerk
13. County Attorney
14. District Attorney
15. Justices of the Peace

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18. District Courts
19. Travel & Training
 - a. Out of Texas
 - b. In Texas
20. Grants
21. Fiscal Services & Purchasing
 - a. Auditor
 - b. Tax Assessor-Collector
 - c. 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

II. Emergency/supplemental items

III. Public Hearings

IV. Tax Rates

V. Executive Session

VI. Appearances before court

Adjournment

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

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

I. Departments

1. Public Infrastructure Department

a. Public Infrastructure

1. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute interagency agreements with Metro to provide funding for improvements on Tuckerton Road, Phase 1 from Unit U106-09-00 to Arched Oak Drive in the amount of \$1,215,000; Tuckerton Road, Phase 2 from Arched Oak Drive to Huffmeister Road, \$505,000; Cypress North Houston Road from Oak Plaza/Marcia Drive to Jones Road, \$1,027,000; Cypress Rose Hill Road from Cypress Needle to Manor Bend, \$5.4 million; and Kieth Harrow Boulevard from Tain Road to SH-6, \$1,215,000 in Precinct 3.
2. Recommendation for authorization to negotiate with:
 - a. Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc., for an engineering agreement for program administration, management, and financial services for restoration projects in the county as a result of damages caused by Hurricane Ike.
 - b. Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., Norex Engineering, Inc., and Shrader Engineering Company for a joint engineering agreement in connection with evaluating windstorm resistance of county and Flood Control District facilities.

b. Right of Way

1. Recommendation that the court approve resolutions and orders authorizing certain projects, decrees of public necessity and convenience, and acquisition of specific properties on behalf of the Flood Control District for the SRL 2008 project in Precincts 1, 2, and 4 to provide landowner relocation assistance up to \$22,500, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the transactions for:
 - a. Thirty specific tracts in the J Malley Survey, Abstract 48 and in the Aerial, Airline Farms, Arbor Oaks, Brookglen, Cresmont Park, Greenwood Place, Lake Houston Forest, Long Play U/R, Oak Knoll Estates, Ponderosa Forest, Sagemont, Shoreacres, and Woodland Oaks subdivisions.
 - b. Seven specific tracts in the Airline Farms, Belleau Woods, Chateau Forest, Greenbriar North Patio Homes, Northline Terrace, Ponderosa Forest, and Rio Villa subdivisions.
2. Recommendation that the court approve a resolution and order authorizing the Aldine Mail Route project in Precinct 1, one specific tract from Airline Drive to Aldine Westfield Road, decree of public necessity and convenience to acquire specific property on behalf of the county, to be funded by the Toll Road Authority, and to provide landowner relocation assistance according to federal guidelines, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the transactions.

3. Recommendation that the court approve a resolution and order declaring Tract 001 to be surplus property, and authorizing the county to sell an access easement across the tract to the Memorial Hills Utility District for the appraised value of \$12,429 for the district's access easement project in Precinct 4, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the transaction.
4. Recommendation for approval of an order prohibiting residential structures and fencing within the Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens or its expansion area, Tract 002 BZ at the west property line of Mercer Arboretum and south of Cypress Creek for the Memorial Hills UD access easement project in Precinct 4.

c. **Construction Programs**

1. Recommendation for approval of changes in contracts with:
 - a. Big State Excavation, Inc., contractor for drainage improvements in the Summer Lake Ranch Subdivision in Precinct 1, adding 45 calendar days and resulting in no change to the contract amount (08/0241-1).
 - b. Conrad Construction Co., Ltd., contractor for Brittmoore Road from Clay Road to south of Tanner Road in Precinct 4, resulting in an addition of \$15,066 to the contract amount (07/0144-6).
2. Recommendation for authorization to issue purchase orders for testing and inspection services to:
 - a. Geotech Engineering in the amount of \$28,213 for drainage improvements to Unit F-210-00-00 from Crestlane Street to the south in Precinct 2.
 - b. Geoscience Engineering in the amount of \$90,807 for Mason Road from Maple Village Drive to north of Schiel Road in Precinct 3.
 - c. Terracon Consultants in the amount of \$45,756 for Kieth Harrow Boulevard from SH-6 to east of Tain Road in Precinct 3.
 - d. HTS, Inc., in the amount of \$132,520 for T.C. Jester Boulevard from Center Court to Spring Cypress in Precinct 4.
3. Recommendation for approval of an additional mileage reimbursement in the amount of \$45 for an employee who exceeded the monthly maximum allowance for in-county travel while performing duties as an inspector.

d. **Toll Road Authority**

1. Recommendation for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the transactions and for the County Judge to execute agreements/amendments with:
 - a. TxDOT granting the county access to the right of way for Beltway 8 Tollway Northeast to clear and remove all vegetation in preparation of construction of the planned toll facility in Precincts 1, 2, and 4.
 - b. Landtech Consultants, Inc., for additional compensation in the amount of \$200,000 for on-call surveying services relating to the Hardy downtown connector project in Precincts 1 and 2.

- c. Electronic Transportation Consultants Corporation, for a change in scope of services and additional compensation in the amount of \$147,000 for engineering services relating to the IH-10 managed lane project in Precinct 3.
2. Recommendation for authorization to seek bids for:
 - a. Widening of the Sam Houston Tollway from Fallbrook Drive to Gessner Road in Precinct 4 at an estimated cost of \$18,895,687.
 - b. Rehabilitation of the Greens Road and FM 1960 pump stations at the Hardy Toll Road in Precincts 1 and 4 at an estimated cost of \$4,319,437.
 - c. The permeable friction course overlay on the Sam Houston Tollway from West Gulf Bank to Fallbrook Drive in Precinct 4 at an estimated cost of \$5,527,013.
 3. Recommendation for approval of the terms and conditions as part of the negotiations with TxDOT for the Grand Parkway project in Precincts 2, 3, and 4.
 4. Recommendation for approval of the initial operation and maintenance of the Katy Tollway in Precinct 3 on October 29, 2008 in accordance with the approved maintenance agreement with TxDOT and the 2003 tri-party agreement between the State of Texas, the county, and the Federal Highway Administration for funding, design, and reconstruction relating to IH-10.
 5. Recommendation for approval to reimburse an employee \$131 for expenses incurred due to Hurricane Ike.
 6. Recommendation for authorization to add 23 cellular phone allowances and delete 20 assigned cellular phones from the department's inventory.
 7. Recommendation for authorization to increase the budget for the operations and maintenance fund for patrol, equipment, services, and maintenance of the toll road system and approval of 20 part-time and 13 regular positions.
 8. Request for authorization to correct the payroll records of certain employees.
- e. **Flood Control District**
1. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute agreements/amendments with:
 - a. Dodson & Associates, Inc., and Walter P. Moore & Associates, Inc., for engineering services in amounts of \$300,000 each in support of implementation of Phase II of the Flood Event Modeling Program to develop expedited hydrologic and hydraulic simulations of flood events.
 - b. Land Surveying, Inc., for additional surveying services in the amount of \$100,000 in support of the district's engineering and maintenance programs.

2. Recommendation for appropriate officials to take necessary actions and awards for general channel repairs in Precinct 3 be made to:
 - a. Cravens Partners, Ltd., in the amount of \$1,514,001 from South Mayde Creek Raintree Village Drive to Clay Road.
 - b. Excalibur Excavation, LP, in the amount of \$1,576,575 from South Mayde Creek Greenhouse to Raintree Village Drive.
3. Recommendation for authorization to close projects for channel conveyance improvements to:
 - a. Widen and deepen White Oak Bayou and provide mitigating storage capacity within Unit E500-03-00 to reduce the potential of flood damages within the White Oak Bayou watershed in Precinct 4.
 - b. Enclose Unit W129-00-00 from Unit W130-00-00 to San Felipe in Precinct 4.
4. Recommendation that the award for site stabilization of erosion problems at C500-03-00, Phase 1 in Precinct 1 be made to Crosby Road Construction, Inc., lowest and best responsible bid in the amount of \$348,500.
5. Recommended for authorization to purchase mitigation credits from the Greens Bayou Wetlands Mitigation Bank at a cost of \$28,600 to compensate for failed mitigation at Unit J131-00-00 in Precinct 4.
6. Recommendation for authorization for the district to renew member benefits with the American Water Resources Association as an associate member at an annual cost of \$500.
7. Recommendation for approval of six cellular phone allowances.
8. Recommendation that the court acknowledge deposit receipts for impact fees for August and September, 2008.

f. **Architecture & Engineering**

1. Recommendation for authorization to seek bids for a three-week period for a term contract for guardrail repairs at various locations in Precinct 2 at an estimated cost of \$150,000.
2. Recommendation for approval of the following plats:
 - a. Humble ISD Middle School No. 8 in Precinct 1; CLR, Incorporated.
 - b. Long Road Development, Section One in Precinct 1; Survey 1 Incorporated.
 - c. Patel Aldine Bender in Precinct 1; HRS and Associates.
 - d. Summer Lake Ranch, Section Two in Precinct 1; Benchmark Engineering Corporation.
 - e. Drillmec Business Park in Precinct 3; Gruller Surveying, LLC.

- f. Iglesia Cristiana Evangelica Comunidad De Amor in Precinct 3; Marsh/Jalayer & Associates.
 - g. Lakeside Haven Drive street dedication, amending plat in Precinct 3; Costello, Incorporated.
 - h. Reserve at Grand Parkway in Precinct 3; Vandewiele Engineering, Incorporated.
 - i. Sailila Subdivision in Precinct 3; Thomas Land Surveying.
 - j. West Beechnut Plaza Reserve B in Precinct 3; Surv-Tex Surveying Company.
 - k. Augusta Meadows in Precinct 4; West Belt Surveying, Incorporated.
 - l. Bridgestone Water Plant No. 4 in Precinct 4; Jones & Carter, Incorporated.
 - m. Crown Business Park in Precinct 4; Lentz Engineering, LC.
 - n. Fall Creek, Section 36 in Precinct 4; Brown & Gay Engineers, Incorporated.
 - o. Greensage Center at Eldridge and Gregson Subdivision in Precinct 4; Momentum Engineering + Surveying.
 - p. Jennings Airport Estates in Precinct 4; Prime Texas Surveys.
 - q. Laurel Oaks Shopping Center in Precinct 4; Cotton Surveying Company.
 - r. Louetta Lakes Retail Subdivision, Section One in Precinct 4; Terra Surveying Co., Incorporated.
 - s. Palwasha, Inc., in Precinct 4; Hovis Surveying Company.
 - t. Pine Forest Baptist Church Atascocita Road in Precinct 4; Hovis Surveying Company.
 - u. Spring ISD Richey Road Middle School, amending plat in Precinct 4; West Belt Surveying, Incorporated.
 - v. Turnkey Commercial in Precinct 4; Century Engineering, Incorporated.
 - w. Volta Properties Subdivision in Precinct 4; Thomas Land Surveying.
3. Recommendation for approval of a change in contract with Southwest Signal Supply, Inc., contractor for maintenance of traffic signal systems and related devices in the county, resulting in an addition of \$41,272 to the contract amount (060036-14).
 4. Recommendation for authorization for the County Judge to execute engineering services agreements/amendments with:
 - a. Norex Engineering, Inc., in the additional amount of \$40,000 in connection with design and evaluation of on-site sewerage facilities within the county and other civil engineering services for various projects.
 - b. R.W. Patrick and Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$22,829 in connection with drainage improvements to Unit F210-00-00 from Crestlane Street to the south in Precinct 2.
 - c. Weisser Engineering Company in the additional amount of \$23,364 for construction of the second half, north lanes, of Fallbrook Drive, Segment B from Antoine Drive to east of Halls Bayou in Precinct 4.

5. Recommendation for deposit of funds received from Spring Creek Terrace, L.P., in the amount of \$2,000 for reimbursement for necessary re-work to complete wheel chair ramps at the intersection of T.C. Jester Boulevard and Louetta Road in Precinct 4.
6. Recommendation for authorization to negotiate with TEDSI Infrastructure Group and LJA Engineering Surveying, Inc., for on-call engineering services for congestion mitigation and air quality fiber optic communications design in Precinct 2.
7. Recommendation for appropriate officials to take necessary actions and awards be made to:
 - a. Angel Brothers Enterprises, Ltd., lowest and best bid in the amount of \$4,485,809 for construction of El Dorado Boulevard from proposed Beamer Road to Blackhawk Boulevard in Precinct 1.
 - b. Allgood Construction Co., Inc., lowest and best bid in the amount of \$2,890,249 for construction of Mason Road from Maple Village Drive to north of Schiel Road in Precinct 3.
 - c. DCE Construction, Inc., lowest and best bid for repairs/replacement of concrete pavement, curbs, driveways, sidewalks, and related items in the Humble Camp area in Precinct 4.
 - d. Total Contracting Limited, lowest and best bid for repairs/replacement of concrete pavement, curbs, driveways, sidewalks, and related items in the Lyons Camp area in Precinct 4.
8. Recommendation that a technical defect be waived and the award for repairs/replacement of concrete pavement, curbs, driveways, sidewalks, and related items in the Spring Camp area in Precinct 4 be made to DCE Construction, Inc., lowest and best bid, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the transaction.
9. Recommendation that the retainage be reduced from 5% to .5% for SpawGlass Civil Construction, Inc., for construction of Gene Green Beltway 8 Park in Precinct 2.
10. Recommendation that the court establish a public hearing date of November 4, 2008 to consider street name changes: Battleground Road to Independence Parkway South and Crosby-Lynchburg Road to Independence Parkway North in Precinct 2.
11. Recommendation that the court approve an amendment to a local transportation project advance funding agreement for a Category 5 Mitigation and Air Quality Program project with TxDOT for signal or signal interconnect improvements to various intersections in Precinct 3.

12. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute agreements with:
 - a. The Methodist Hospital and Park Ten Oaks, Ltd., for construction of Park Row Drive from west of Barker-Cypress Road to Barker-Cypress Road in Precinct 3.
 - b. Baker Road MUD for extension of water service to Gary and Bonnie Trietsch Park at 2201½ Baker Road in Precinct 3, and that the County Auditor begin utility payments when applicable.
 - c. Harris County MUD No. 367 and No. 383 for construction of five-foot wide concrete sidewalks within existing right of way on the east side of Champion Forest Drive from Gleannloch Forest Drive to Gleannloch Estates Drive, the east side of Champion Forest Drive to Gleannloch Estates Drive to Northpointe Drive, and the south side of Crescent Clover Drive from Champion Forest Drive to the east in Precinct 4.

13. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute an application with Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 92 for temporary water service at John Pundt Park at 4129 Spring Creek Drive in Precinct 4, and that the County Auditor pay monthly utility bills.

14. Recommendation for authorization to change the title of a senior architectural technician position to architectural plan reviewer and increase the monthly salary maximum effective October 25, 2008.

15. Transmittal of notices of road and bridge log changes.

g. **Facilities & Property Management**

1. Request for authorization to transfer utility service for leased space at 17109 Clay Road for Justice of the Peace 5.2 file storage.

2. Request for approval of change in ownership to Investar Real Estate Services, Inc., for leased space at 701 East Main in Tomball for a Public Health clinic.

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 \$32,240 and five workers compensation recoveries in the total amount of \$13,544; settlement of five tort claims in the total amount of \$6,790; denial of three claims for damages; and transmittal of claims for damages received during the period ending October 14, 2008.

- b. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute a release in exchange for payment to the county in the amount of \$107 in connection with settlement of an accident claim.

- c. Request for authorization for two employees to participate in a job fair of the Epiphany Community Health Outreach Services October 24, 2008 in Houston at no cost to the county.

- d. Transmittal of investment transactions and maturities for the period of October 1-14, 2008.
- e. Request for approval of interest payments for commercial paper notes and for approval of debt payments for Flood Control Contract Tax Bonds, Series 2008B, with payments wired to the paying agent on the maturity dates.
- f. Request for approval of an order to issue and sell Flood Control District Contract Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2008C, including preparation of financing and offering documents, engagement of professionals, approving the amounts, interest rates, prices, terms, and payment of the principal and interest, awarding the sale, authorizing preparation and distribution of an official statement to be used in the sale of bonds, and other related matters.
- g. Request for authorization to defease Toll Road Commercial Paper Series E in an amount not to exceed \$10 million with the payment wired to the paying agent on the maturity date.
- h. Request for approval of an interfund borrowing and line of credit from the Harris County Toll Road Authority Revenue Fund to the Hurricane Ike Disaster Fund in an amount not to exceed \$60 million for general mobility expenses.
- i. Request for authorization to increase the commercial paper allocation for the JIMS2 project.
- j. Transmittal of the public official bond for Kelly Johnson pursuant to his appointment as Harris County Purchasing Agent effective November 1, 2008.
- k. Request for approval of authorized budget appropriation transfers for flood control and county departments.
- l. Consideration of and possible action regarding a report by the director of Human Resources & Risk Management on the impact of and response to Hurricane Ike.
- m. Request for approval of an annual adjustment in rates for law enforcement contracts.

3. **Information Technology**

- a. Request for authorization for two employees to attend the Harris County Job Fair October 23, 2008 in Houston at no cost to the county.
- b. Request for authorization for Facilities & Property Management to negotiate an annual license agreement with Pinnacle Towers, Inc., for the antenna site on West Baker Road in Baytown at an estimated annual cost of \$67,000.

- c. Transmittal of notice by the Records Management Section of the loss of records and files of Justice of the Peace 3.2 caused by Hurricane Ike.
- d. Request for approval of an agreement with the City of Houston Fire Department for the county to allow access to and use of information maintained by the Southeast Texas Crime Information Center.
- e. Request for approval of an agreement with New Caney Independent School District for use of the county's 800 MHz public radio system.

4. **Public Health & Environmental Services**

- a. Request for approval of an additional mileage reimbursement in the amount of \$387 for a TB outreach worker who exceeded the monthly limit in September.
- b. Request for authorization to accept donations in the total amount of \$527 for the Animal Control Shelter.
- c. Request for approval of an agreement with Houston Baptist University, College of Nursing for the county to provide internship training for students.
- d. Request for approval of an amendment to an agreement with the Public Health Foundation to extend the end date to December 30, 2008.

5. **Community Services**

- a. Request for approval of three deferred down payment assistance loans for low- and moderate-income homebuyers in Precincts 2 and 4 in the total amount of \$37,900.
- b. Request for authorization to increase the salary maximum of two general fund positions and three grant funded positions.
- c. Request for approval of amendments to the annual action plans for Program Years 2005, 2007, and 2008.
- d. Request for authorization to accept 500 HEB cards from Reliant Energy Retail Services, LLC, for distribution to residents who qualify for emergency financial assistance.
- e. Request for approval of a mutual termination of tax abatement agreement between the county, Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore, LLC, Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Corporation, and Lexington Northchase, LP, for a new office building at 16676 Northchase Drive in Precinct 4.

- f. Request for authorization to renew Shelter Plus Care agreements with Volunteers of America in the amount of \$122,496; Veterans Affairs for \$173,208; Service of the Emergency Aid Resource Center for the Homeless, Inc., for \$92,196; and AIDS Foundation Houston for \$75,816.
- g. Request for approval of amendments to agreements with:
 - 1. Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services to reduce the number of units to be demolished from 17 to 12 in connection with the Nuisance Abatement Project.
 - 2. Water Control and Improvement District No. 36 to add \$295,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds for wastewater improvements in the north zone of Bandera and southwest zone of the Barbara Mae service area project in Precinct 2.
 - 3. Mental Health & Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County to revise the scope of services and budget for the Katrina/Rita Counseling & Case Management Program.
 - 4. Harbour Glen, Ltd., to decrease the number of set-aside units from 118 to 44 to maintain the long-term affordability of the Enclave at Cornerstone project at 15330 Bammel-North Houston Road in Precinct 4.

6. **Library Services**

- a. Request for approval of three cellular phone allowances for employees of the County Library.
- b. Request for approval of payment in the amount of \$230 for diesel fuel costs for County Library delivery trucks.

7. **Youth & Family Services**

a. **Juvenile Probation**

- 1. Request for authorization to purchase a replacement cellular device.
- 2. Request for authorization to increase the salary maximum of a clinical supervisor position and for the County Auditor to make appropriate budgetary changes.

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

- 1. Request for authorization for staff to host:
 - a. The annual Community Resource Coordination Group Retreat October 30, 2008 in Houston for 30 participants at an estimated cost of \$1,500.
 - b. Thanksgiving family enrichment time November 8, 2008 in Houston for 100 participants at an estimated cost of \$1,500.
 - c. The annual foster parent appreciation dinner December 4, 2008 in Houston for 300 participants at an approximate cost of \$8,000.

- d. A grandparent and kinship care seminar November 7, 2008 in Houston for 60 participants at an approximate cost of \$4,000.
2. Request for authorization to spend \$150,000 in federal flex funds for various needs of families served by the Systems of Hope Program.
3. Request for approval of an annual agreement with the Pasadena Police Department for assignment of youth service specialists for social services to youth and families who are in crisis.
4. Request for authorization to correct cellular phone records regarding employees who receive cellular phone allowances and for authorization to use budgeted funds to cover the cost of remaining payments in the amount of \$300.

c. **Children's Assessment Center**

1. Request for authorization to increase a cellular phone allowance for the facilities director.
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 associated with fiscal years 2009 and 2010 and their allocation.

8. **Constables**

- a. Request by Constables Freeman, Camus, and Trevino, Precincts 2, 5, and 6, for approval of changes to the lists of regular law enforcement personnel and reserve officers with oaths and/or bonds.
- b. Request by Constable Freeman, Precinct 2, for authorization to upgrade a deputy position to senior deputy level for an employee who has met requirements for the change.
- c. Request by Constable Jones, Precinct 3, for approval of reimbursement in the amount of \$55 for membership and certification fees paid by an employee to the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association, Incorporated.
- d. Request by Constable Hickman, Precinct 4, for authorization to:
 1. End a deputy position in connection with cancellation of a law enforcement agreement with Country Lake Estates.
 2. Appoint two deputies to fill vacant positions.
 3. Reclassify a deputy position to senior deputy level for an employee who has met requirements for the change.
 4. Allow a retiring narcotics detecting canine to be released to his handler for adoption.

- e. Request by Constable Camus, Precinct 5, for authorization to:
 - 1. Transfer a vehicle from the department's inventory to the Toll Road Authority.
 - 2. Accept a check in the amount of \$135,212 from the District Attorney to purchase a digital camera system and hardware.
- f. Request by Constable Trevino, Precinct 6, for approval of expenses incurred for meals provided to employees who worked during Hurricane Ike.
- g. Request by Constable Walker, Precinct 7, for authorization to:
 - 1. Purchase a replacement cellular phone and add four cellular phones to the department's inventory for the Patrol Division.
 - 2. Purchase six mobile data terminals for patrol vehicles.
 - 3. Transfer certain reserve deputies to regular model positions to work during the early voting period.

9. **Sheriff**

- a. Request for authorization to reclassify four sergeant positions to deputy positions effective October 25, 2008.
- b. Request for authorization to upgrade certain deputy positions to senior deputy level for employees who have met requirements for the change.
- c. Request for authorization to correct the payroll records of certain employees.
- d. Request for authorization to accept a donation in the amount of \$680 for the Patrol Bureau.
- e. Request for authorization to issue a patrol service credit in the amount of \$8,541 to Harris County MUD No. 239 for the period of July 6, 2008 through August 31, 2008.
- f. Request for authorization to forward invoices in the total amount of \$3,960 to the County Auditor for payment to Hungry Mary Enterprise dba Quiznos Sub for staff meals during Hurricane Ike.
- g. Request for authorization to proceed with development of the concept of detention officer sergeant positions for jail management, and to comply with civil service requirements.
- h. Request for authorization to donate \$700,000 of seized funds for the Information Technology Center's backup generator project.

10. **Fire Marshal**

- a. Request for approval of incentive pay for an arson investigator who received intermediate peace officer certification.

- b. Request for approval of payment in the amount of \$134 to reimburse an employee for canine supplies purchased.
- c. Request for authorization to reimburse a fee in the amount of \$50 for a foster home inspection that is no longer required.
- d. Request for authorization to transfer a position to the Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management effective October 25, 2008.
- e. Request for approval of two cellular phone allowances and for authorization to cancel two county cell phone accounts.
- f. Request for approval of indemnification for loss of funds in the total amount of \$2,100.

11. **Medical Examiner**

Request for authorization to increase the salary maximum and change the title of a medical transcriptionist position.

12. **County Clerk**

- a. Transmittal of the minutes of the court's October 7, 2008 meeting and an affidavit of substantial interest filed by Commissioner Radack regarding an item on the October 7, 2008 agenda.
- b. Request for approval of an interlocal agreement with Travis County for use of 200 batteries for Hart InterCivic eSlate voting equipment during the November 4 election, and for authorization to accept 200 new batteries from Travis County within 90 days after the election.

13. **County Attorney**

- a. Request for approval of orders authorizing litigation expenses in connection with cases in County Civil Courts Nos. 1 and 2, the 80th, 125th, 151st, 152nd, 189th, 257th, 270th, 295th, 308th, 310th, 311th, 313th, 333rd, and 334th District Courts, and U.S. District Court.
- b. Request for approval of orders authorizing suits and litigation expenses to compel compliance with:
 - 1. County flood plain management regulations at 13713 Terlin and 13722 Pecantex Drive in Houston in Precinct 1.
 - 2. County flood plain management regulations at 21627 Rio Villa Drive in Houston in Precinct 2.

3. Texas Administrative and Water codes at 16217 Ridlon in Channelview in Precinct 2.
 4. County fire code regulations at 731 Freeport in Houston in Precinct 2.
 5. Texas Water Code at 4901 Langley Road in Houston in Precinct 2.
 6. County flood plain management regulations at 411 Prairie Street in Highlands in Precinct 2.
 7. County fire code regulations at 3740 Addicks Clodine in Houston in Precinct 3.
 8. County flood plain management regulations at 12751 North Eldridge Parkway and 5518 Dancy Road in Houston in Precinct 3.
 9. County flood plain management regulations at 811 East Stroker Road in Crosby in Precinct 4.
 10. County fire code regulations at 6625 FM 2100 in Crosby in Precinct 4.
 11. County flood plain management regulations at 4220 Treaschwig Road in Houston in Precinct 4.
 12. County flood plain management regulations at 15510 Champagne Court in Tomball in Precinct 4.
- c. Request for approval of an order authorizing a settlement and payment of funds in connection with a condemnation suit concerning Perry Road, Segment A, Tract 6 in Precinct 4.

14. **District Attorney**

- a. Request for authorization to use discretionary funds to issue checks to the:
 1. City of West University Place Police Department in the amount of \$98,340 to provide funds to purchase digital in-car equipment, a mobile handheld Automated Fingerprint Identification System, and bullet proof vests.
 2. Harris County Constable of Precinct 1 in the amount of \$119,520 to provide funds to purchase bullet proof vests and in-car camera equipment.
 3. Memorial Villages Police Department in the amount of \$123,425 to provide funds to purchase infra-red cameras, a Cyanoacrylate fuming chamber, mobile laptops, and software.
 4. City of Houston Police Department in the amount of \$128,704 to provide funds to purchase a gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer to better analyze drug evidence for use in county courts.
 5. Harris County Constable of Precinct 7 in the amount of \$134,710 to provide funds to purchase camera equipment and evidence lockers.
 6. City of Seabrook Police Department in the amount of \$146,000 to provide funds to purchase audio visual equipment.
 7. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in the amount of \$53,440 to provide funds to purchase in-car video cameras and tactical vests.

- b. Request for authorization to use discretionary funds in the amount of \$84,647 to purchase three scanners and a maintenance agreement to implement an imaging project to reduce records storage needs.
- c. Request for authorization to use discretionary funds in the amount of \$48,000 to purchase two vehicles for investigators.
- d. Request for authorization to delete three assigned cellular phones from the department's inventory and transfer 14 multi-user/pool cellular phones to assigned individuals.
- e. Request for authorization to use discretionary funds in the amount of \$111,860 to purchase a digital recording system to upgrade existing interview rooms in the Special Crimes Bureau.

15. **Justices of the Peace**

- a. Request by Judge Patronella, JP 1.2, for authorization to transfer the balance of an existing purchase order to a new purchase order in connection with a contract parking space at 1311 Preston.
- b. Request by Judge Burney, JP 7.2, for authorization to extend two clerk positions and reclassify them to regular, full-time positions.

16. **County Courts**

- a. Request for authorization to purchase two replacement cellular phones.
- b. Request for authorization to increase the monthly maximum salaries of four hearing officer positions.

17. **Probate Courts**

Request by Judge Olsen, Court No. 3, for approval of a cellular phone allowance for a court investigator and for authorization to delete a cellular phone from the department's inventory.

18. **District Courts**

- a. Request for approval of salary maximum adjustments for two employees in connection with the coordinators' incentive career plan.
- b. Request for approval of payments to the Harris County Department of Education and the Houston Bar Association for alternative dispute resolution services.

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

	Dept.	# Emp.	Purpose	Date(s)	Location	Cost	Fund
1.	PID/FCD	2	Water Environment Research Foundation research forum	11/30-12/4	Clearwater, FL	\$3,066	FCD
2.	ITC	1	Digital Communities Chief Information Offic. Task Force mtg.	11/9-12	Tucson, AZ	\$1,038	General
3.	ITC	1	Motorola Trunked Users Group presentation	11/10-12	Schaumburg, IL	\$1,402	Other
4.	ITC	1	National Association of Counties board of directors meeting	12/3-7	Tempe, AZ	\$1,295	General
5.	ITC	1	Computer measurement group conference	12/6-12	Las Vegas, NV	\$3,347	General
6.	PHES	1	EPA grant workshop conference	11/17-20	Chicago, IL	\$1,415	Grant
7.	PHES	10	Present technical reports on mosquito control program*	12/1-4	Lake Charles, LA	\$2,040	General
						\$2,230	Grant
						\$590	Other
8.	PHES	2	Ryan White Program data report training	12/2-5	Scottsdale, AZ	\$2,400	Grant
9.	PHES	1	National Environmental Public Health Tracking Conference	2/23-26/2009	Washington, DC	\$1,900	General
10.	PSCA	3	Casey Family Programs Conference (2 staff & 1 youth)	10/30-11/2	Hollywood, CA	\$5,000	Grant
11.	PSCA	2	National Runaway and Homeless Youth Conference	11/18-21	St. Louis, MO	\$2,900	General
12.	PSCA	14	National Federation of Families Conference	11/20-23	Atlanta, GA	\$20,620	Grant
13.	CAC	1	Leadership Exchange and Coaching Project membership meeting	10/27-30	Philadelphia, PA	\$946	Other
14.	CAC	2	American Prof. Society on the Abuse of Children Colloquium	6/17-20/2009	Atlanta, GA	\$2,950	General
15.	Const. 6	1	Receive Gulf Guardian Award	10/29-30	New Orleans, LA	\$534	Other
16.	Sheriff	2	Basic narcotics investigation training*	8/17-29	Meridian, MS	\$550	General
						\$1,000	Other
17.	Sheriff	1	Scientific Working Group for Forearms & Tool Marks meeting	10/18-23	Missoula, MT	\$100	General
						\$1,200	Other
18.	Sheriff	4	Incident response to terrorist bombings training	10/19-25	Socorro, NM	\$13,588	Other
19.	Sheriff	4	Travel to select replacement canines*	11/9-16	Denver, IN	\$1,900	General
20.	Fire M.	1	Response to hazardous materials and emergencies training	10/28-30	Chicago, IL	\$835	General
21.	Fire M.	1	Intl. Assn. of Fire Fighters Instructor Development Conference	11/11-14	Charleston, SC	\$1,155	Other
22.	DA	1	National Multi-Disciplinary Conference on Domestic Violence	10/4-7	San Diego, CA	\$2,590	Other
23.	DA	4	Prosecuting homicide cases seminar	11/2-6	San Francisco, CA	\$10,000	Other
	Subtotal	61	Out of Texas average cost \$1,420 per employee			\$86,591	

b. **In Texas**

	Dept.	# Emp.	Purpose	Date(s)	Location	Cost	Fund
1.	PID/ED	2	Texas Department of Transportation meeting	10/31	Austin	\$100	General
2.	PID/FCD	2	Severe storm prediction & global climate impact seminar	10/29-31	Houston	\$300	FCD
3.	PID/FCD	3	Applied stream morphology workshop	11/17	Houston	\$90	FCD
4.	PID/A&E	1	Texas Department of Transportation meeting	10/29	Austin	\$200	General
5.	PID/A&E	1	Fire sprinkler plan review training	11/3-4	Missouri City	\$385	General
6.	PID/A&E	1	Auto Computer Aided Design application training	11/3-6	Houston	\$595	General
7.	PID/A&E	2	Advanced Transportation Controller working group mtg.	11/4-7	Austin	\$1,480	Other
8.	PID/A&E	2	Arc Geographic Information System server seminar	11/5	Houston	\$360	General
9.	PID/A&E	11	Auto Computer Aided Design application training	11/10-12, 17-18 12/8-10 & 16	Houston	\$8,745	General

	Dept.	# Emp.	Purpose	Date(s)	Location	Cost	Fund
10.	PID/A&E	2	Texas Boundary Law & Landowner Disputes Conference	11/18	Houston	\$518	General
11.	PID/FPM	1	Defensive driving instructor course	11/18-20	Dallas	\$1,102	General
12.	PID/FPM	1	Conference on customer service	11/19	Austin	\$869	General
13.	MS/HRRM	1	Surplus Lines Stamping Office of Texas board meeting	10/29	Austin	\$455	Other
14.	MS/OFP	2	Personal and professional ethics for Texas CPAs training	11/21	Houston	\$260	General
15.	MS/EBRT	2	Automation of bridge inventory seminar	10/31	Austin	\$200	General
16.	ITC	4	Business continuity disaster recovery testing	11/4-8	Grand Prairie	\$4,676	General
17.	PHES	2	Computer-Aided Mgt. of Emergency Operations training*	10/23-24	League City	\$24	General
18.	PHES	1	Texas Assn. of Community Health Centers Conference	10/25-29	Austin	\$1,160	General
19.	PHES	1	Tx. Heart & Stroke Prevention Partnership planning mtg.	10/28-29	Austin	\$360	General
20.	PHES	1	Programs in cancer prevention and control seminar	10/29	Austin	\$265	Other
21.	PHES	3	Texas nutrition environment assessment training	11/3-5	Austin	\$515 \$650	General Grant
22.	PHES	13	Texas Environmental Health Association meeting	11/5	Conroe	\$955	General
23.	PHES	1	Temporary food establishments inspection seminar	11/18-20	Bandera	\$620	General
24.	PHES	2	Administrative support skills seminar	12/10	Houston	\$398	General
25.	CS	1	Exhibitor at Natl. Hispanic Council on Aging Conference	10/15	Humble	\$50	General
26.	CS	1	Centered mobility mgt. national strategy planning meeting	10/17	Austin	\$140	General
27.	CS	1	Veterans County Service Officer's Association of Tx. mtg.	10/28-29	Waco	\$443	General
28.	AgL Ext.	2	Horticulture management training	8/21	College Station	\$140	General
29.	AgL Ext.	3	Texas 4-H Professional Development Summit	11/3-6	Brownwood	\$555	General
30.	AgL Ext.	2	District 9 south agriculture training retreat	11/6-7	Alice	\$678	General
31.	AgL Ext.	1	National Middle School Summit	11/11	Bellaire	\$65	General
32.	Juv. Prob.	2	Mental health and ethics conference	10/31	Houston	\$456	Grant
33.	Juv. Prob.	20	Hispanic Family Conference	11/19	Houston	\$1,700	Grant
34.	Juv. Prob.	15	Sexual abuse prevention conference	12/10-12	Corpus Christi	\$7,091	General
35.	PSCA	1	Greater Texas Community Partners Conference	10/19-21	Austin	\$380	General
36.	CAC	1	National Incident Management System training	11/11-13	Houston	\$20	General
37.	Const. 4	2	Telecommunications system conference	11/10-12	Bryan	\$545	Other
38.	Const. 4	2	Open Government Conference	11/24-25	Austin	\$1,170	Other
39.	Const. 4	1	Purchase a new K-9 dog with training for department	12/1-19	Spring Branch	\$10,235	Other
40.	Const. 4	2	Telecommunications system conference	1/12-14/2009	Austin	\$246	Other
41.	Const. 6	5	Water rescue training*	10/26-29	New Braunfels	\$600 \$1,010	General Other
42.	Sheriff	5	Marine safety enforcement officer course	9/27	Humble	\$125	Grant
43.	Sheriff	1	Jail Management Conference*	10/19-24	Huntsville	\$600	General
44.	Sheriff	1	Regional Gang Investigators Conference	10/20-24	Eagle Pass	\$1,125	General
45.	Sheriff	9	Homicide investigations training	10/27-31	Houston	\$5,625	Other
46.	Sheriff	1	Dell storage area network mgt. & data protection training*	11/9-15	Austin	\$6,850	General
47.	Sheriff	1	Fingerprint development techniques training	12/1-3	Humble	\$315	General
48.	Sheriff	4	High performance handgun training	12/10-11	Houston	\$1,200	General
49.	Fire M.	1	Hazard logistics training	10/1-2	Austin	\$60	General
50.	Fire M.	2	Regional incident survey team training	10/19-21	College Station	\$780	Other
51.	Fire M.	2	Compost Advisory Council Conference*	10/20-22	Buda	\$204	Other
52.	Fire M.	3	TCLEOSE Training Coordinator's Conference*	10/26-30	Corpus Christi	\$1,683	Other
53.	Co. Clk.	1	Office of Court Administration meeting	11/11-12	Austin	\$444	General
54.	JP 1.2	1	Advanced legal drafting seminar	10/29-31	Austin	\$686	General

	Dept.	# Emp.	Purpose	Date(s)	Location	Cost	Fund
55.	JP 7.2	3	Online continuing education for supervisors (9 classes)	Various	Houston	\$836	General
56.	Co. Cts.	1	Court administration automated registry project meeting	10/10	Austin	\$200	General
57.	Prob. Ct. 1	1	Texas Guardianship Association Conference	11/17-19	Waco	\$796	General
58.	Auditor	1	Gulf Coast Chapter Rev. Cycle Conf. (\$95 appvd. 8/19)	8/22	Houston	\$25	General
59.	Auditor	10	Thompson Interactive Audio Conference	11/6	Houston	\$299	General
60.	Auditor	10	Thompson Interactive Audio Conference	11/13	Houston	\$299	General
61.	Auditor	5	Public Funds Investment Act training	11/20-21	Houston	\$800	General
62.	Auditor	2	Advanced financial reporting for governments seminar	12/16-18	San Antonio	\$2,373	General
63.	Tax A-C	2	Public Information Officer Network training	10/22	Rosenberg	\$125	General
64.	Tax A-C	6	Tax Assessor-Collectors continuing education seminar*	11/17-19	College Station	\$3,000	General
65.	Tax A-C	1	Secretary of State election law seminar	12/8-10	Austin	\$750	General
66.	OHSEM	3	Texas Preparedness Scheduling Workshop*	10/28-30	San Antonio	\$1,800	General
67.	Com. 3	1	Wastewater treatment operator's license course	10/14-16	Humble	\$346	General
68.	Com. 3	1	Tx. Environmental Education Advisory Committee mtg.	12/11	Austin	\$200	General
	Subtotal	203	In Texas average cost \$406 per employee			\$82,352	
	Total	264				\$168,943	

*Travel by county vehicle

General	Grant	Other	Total
\$75,172	\$34,596	\$59,175	\$168,943

Cumulative	Out of Texas	In Texas	Total
FY 2008-09	\$1,170,355	\$1,873,822	\$3,044,177

20. Grants

- a. Request by the **PID Flood Control District** for authorization to begin the process of purchasing homes pending receipt of award documents from the Division of Emergency Management of the Office of the Governor for the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.
- b. Request by **Public Health & Environmental Services** for authorization to:
 1. Accept grant funds in the amount of \$1,331,392 from the Texas Department of State Health Services for the Refugee Medical Assistance Program.
 2. Submit an application to the University of Texas Prevention Research Center for grant funds in the amount of \$17,742 for the Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research Centers Program.
- c. Request by **Community Services** for authorization to accept amendments to agreements with:
 1. Reliant Energy Retail Services, LLC, for additional grant funds in the amount of \$10,194 for the Reliant Energy CARE Program.
 2. The United Way of Texas Gulf Coast for additional grant funds in the amount of \$65,559 for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program to provide emergency utility assistance for eligible residents.

- d. Request by **Juvenile Probation** for authorization to accept:
 - 1. An agreement with the Houston Independent School District for grant funds in the amount of \$15,000 for the HISD Safe and Drug Free Schools Program.
 - 2. Grant funds in the amount of \$24,518 from the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for a juvenile sex offender intensive supervision program.

- e. Request by **Protective Services for Children & Adults** for authorization to:
 - 1. Accept grant funds in the amount of \$74,745 from the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for the Community Youth Services Truancy Intervention Program.
 - 2. Renew an annual agreement with the City of Houston for grant funds in the amount of \$130,450 to fund support services for eligible students attending Kashmere High School in connection with the School-Based Wrap Around Project.

- f. Request by the **Sheriff** for authorization to accept:
 - 1. Grant funds in the amount of \$50,000 from Sam Houston State University for the Regional Firearms Identification Laboratory Backlog Reduction Program.
 - 2. An amendment to an interlocal agreement with the City of Houston to extend the Justice Assistance Grant Program through October 31, 2008.
 - 3. Grant funds in the amount of \$2,124,077 from the U.S. Department of Justice for the Digital Asset Management Program.
 - 4. An amendment to an agreement with the Division of Emergency Management of the Office of the Governor to extend the Chemical Sector Buffer Zone Protection Program through March 31, 2009.
 - 5. Grant funds in the amount of \$100,000 from the Texas Department of State Health Services for the Early Medical Intervention Program to provide HIV/AIDS services to individuals in custody.

- g. Request by the **Fire Marshal** for authorization to accept an amendment to an agreement with the Division of Emergency Management of the Office of the Governor to extend the Chemical Sector Buffer Zone Protection Program through March 31, 2009.

- h. Request by the **Medical Examiner** for authorization to accept grant funds in the amount of \$5,120 from the U.S. Department of Justice for the Anthropology Division Metric Research in Forensic Cutmark Interpretation Project.

- i. Request by the **District Attorney** for authorization to accept grant funds in the amount of \$60,000 from the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Environmental Circuit Rider Project to assist with enforcement and prosecution of illegal dumping and other environmental crimes.

- j. Request by the **County Judge** for authorization to submit applications to:
 - 1. The U.S. Department of the Interior for grant funds in the amount of \$3,302,941 for the Coastal Impact Assistance Program.

2. Various foundations and corporations for grant funds to support the operations of the RIDES Program.

21. **Fiscal Services & Purchasing**

a. **Auditor**

1. Request for approval of final payments to:
 - a. Batterson, Inc., for renewal of an annual contract for striping various roads in the Crosby Camp area in Precinct 4.
 - b. Hays Construction for Fairmont Parkway regional detention basin excavation on Fairmont Parkway at Armand Bayou for the Flood Control District.
 - c. J.T. Vaughn Construction Company, Inc., for the Hardy Service Center and related civil site improvements at 11801 W. Hardy in Precinct 1.
 - d. Peltier Bros. Construction for Crosby MUD utility relocations for the Flood Control District.
 - e. Sprint Sand & Clay, LP, for the Brays Bayou federal flood control project Eldridge detention basin for the Flood Control District.
2. Request for approval of a summary of billing expenses to be sent to counties of the First and 14th appellate districts with statements of their proportionate shares of annual expenses.
3. Transmittal of certification of supplemental estimates of revenue received for various funds and grants.
4. Transmittal of unaudited and unadjusted monthly financial reports for July and August 2008.
5. Transmittal of audited claims.

b. **Tax Assessor-Collector**

1. Request for approval of a resolution honoring Nannette Kyle on the occasion of her retirement.
2. Request for approval of tax refund payments.

c. **Purchasing**

1. Request for approval of projects scheduled for advertisement:
 - a. Periodical subscriptions for the County Library.
 - b. Lead based paint hazard control contract services for Public Health & Environmental Services.
 - c. Intelligent Transportation System support services for the Toll Road Authority.
 - d. Solid phase extractor workstation for the Medical Examiner.

- e. Purchase of a vehicle frame correction rack and computerized measuring system equipment for the Sheriff's Department.
 - f. Off-site storage of magnetic media and retrieval services for Information Technology.
 - g. A fleet fuel monitoring and dispensing system for the county.
 - h. Examination/safety gloves for the Sheriff's Department.
 - i. Uniforms and related items for the Constable of Precinct 4.
 - j. Letterhead and matching envelopes for the county and the Flood Control District.
 - k. Non-emergency transportation program providers for the county.
 - l. A supplemental community youth development project for the Pasadena area for Protective Services for Children & Adults.
 - m. A Ryan White Program Part A grant consumer training program for Public Health & Environmental Services.
2. Transmittal of a list of computer-related items obtained through the State of Texas vendor program for Information Technology, Juvenile Probation, the Toll Road Authority, and the Auditor.
 3. Recommendation that awards be made to:
 - a. Gulfstream Graphics, low bid in the amount of \$101,473 for printed EZ Tag kit materials for the Toll Road Authority for the period beginning November 1, 2008.
 - b. OD's Printing Co., overall low, complete bid in the amount of \$47,612 for various printed forms for the Sheriff's Department for the period beginning November 1, 2008.
 - c. Nalco Company, highest evaluated proposal in the amount of \$146,699 for water treatment chemicals and services for the county for the period beginning November 1, 2008.
 - d. Arms, low bid in the amount of \$73,120 for janitorial services at various locations for the Flood Control District for the period beginning December 1, 2008, with approval of bonds and authorization for the County Judge to execute the agreement.
 - e. Safeware, Inc., sole bid in the amount of \$32,232 to calibrate and maintain portable gas detection units for the county.
 - f. Vulcan, Inc., dba Vulcan Signs in the amount of \$47,114 and \$3,454; Allied Tube & Conduit Corporation, \$83,938; Rocal, Inc., \$70,985; Osburn Associates, Inc., \$179,741; Nippon Carbide Industries (USA), Inc., \$179,251; and Roadrunner Traffic Supply, Inc., \$113,750, low bids for sign material and related items for the county for the period beginning November 1, 2008.
 - g. Artel, Inc., only bid in the amount of \$45,000 for a calibration system for the Biomek 3000 for the Medical Examiner's Office.

- b. Cypress Lawn & Turf Equipment Co., for small gas engine repair parts for the county for the period of January 1-December 31, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$33,350.
 - c. Southwest Business Machine, T.M. Office Systems, Inc., Century Business Equipment, Inc., and Brother Business Equipment for facsimile machine maintenance for the county for the period of November 20, 2008-November 19, 2009 at an estimated total cost of \$65,000.
 - d. Koch Financial Corporation for Alcatel equipment and software for the Flood Control District for the period of November 20, 2008-November 19, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$179,221.
 - e. Dell Marketing, LLP, for the third year of a three-year lease for PowerEdge 6950 front end server and dual core Xeon processors for Information Technology for the period of December 15, 2008-December 14, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$34,531.
 - f. Dell Marketing, LLP, for the third year of a three-year lease/purchase of 450 Dell Optiplexes for Community Supervision & Corrections for the period of December 1, 2008-November 30, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$172,258.
 - g. SBC Global Services on behalf of Southwestern Bell for dedicated internet access services for the County Library for the period of January 4, 2009-January 3, 2010 at an estimated cost of \$47,880.
 - h. JMJ Organics, Ltd., dba The Mulch Connection, as primary vendor, and Bownds Wholesale Nursery, as secondary vendor, for supply of various trees for the county for the period of December 1, 2008-November 30, 2009 at an estimated total cost of \$200,000.
 - i. Heitman Truck Repair for repair service for chassis, front-end, brake, clutch, and suspension work for the county for the period of February 1, 2009-January 31, 2010 at an estimated cost of \$22,000.
 - j. The Data Center to provide for mail alarm permits, alarm permit renewal notifications, and false alarm invoices for the Sheriff's Department for the period of February 1, 2009-January 31, 2010 at an estimated cost of \$20,000.
 - k. Landscape Professionals of Texas for lawn care services for buy-out property throughout the county for the Flood Control District for the period of November 1, 2008-October 31, 2009 at an annual renewal cost of \$213,496, with approval of bonds.
 - l. John L. Wortham & Son, LLP, for commercial crime coverage for the Tax Assessor-Collector for the period of November 1, 2008-October 31, 2009 at a cost of \$65,709.
7. Request for approval of month-to-month extensions, not to exceed 90 days with Roy Jorgensen Associates for roadway maintenance and TD Industries for facility maintenance for the Toll Road Authority for the period beginning December 1, 2008.

8. Request for approval of orders authorizing the County Judge to execute agreements/amendments with:
 - a. Dean's Professional Services dba Smith & Dean, Inc., for psychiatric registered nurses for the Sheriff's Department for the period of December 18, 2008-December 17, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$400,000.
 - b. SBC Global Services on behalf of Southwestern Bell Telephone, LP, for AT&T Ilec Opt-e-man and customized switched metro ethernet confirmation of service order for the Toll Road Authority for the period of October 21, 2008-October 20, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$31,426.
 - c. Burciaga Enterprises, Inc., to provide developmental assessment services for Protective Services for Children & Adults for the period of March 1, 2008-February 28, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$36,000.
 - d. Glen McClure, Ph.D., for pre-employment evaluation and/or testing for Juvenile Probation for the period of December 1, 2008-November 30, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$60,000.
 - e. Idea Integration Corp., in the amount of \$315,486 for web/intranet/application development and hosting services for the Flood Control District.
 - f. Baylor College of Medicine in the corrected amount of \$112,000 for a community youth development project for the Pasadena area for Protective Services for Children & Adults for the period ending August 31, 2009.
9. Request for approval of payment bonds from Omni Pinnacle, LLC, and DRC Emergency Services, LLC, for debris removal and disposal services for the county for the period beginning June 1, 2008.
10. Recommendation to terminate agreements with:
 - a. David K. Umansky, DDS, for dental services for Juvenile Probation effective October 21, 2008.
 - b. Maximus for consulting services related to federal reimbursement opportunities for the county effective December 31, 2009.
11. Request for approval of sole source and professional services exemptions from the competitive bid process and approval of orders authorizing the County Judge to execute agreements with:
 - a. Mercury Associates, Inc., to provide application service provider services for Chevin Fleetwave software for the Flood Control District for the period of October 21, 2008-March 1, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$89,004.
 - b. International Business Machines Corporation to provide IBM hardware maintenance, software subscription, and support line services for IBM AS400s for Information Technology for the period of October 1, 2008-September 30, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$101,692.
 - c. IBM Corporation for an IBM monthly license charge on System 390 software products for Information Technology for the period of November 1, 2008-October 31, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$1,423,788.

- d. Phonoscope Communications to provide ethernet circuit lines between 406 Caroline and 3300 Old Spanish Trail for Community Supervision & Corrections and Public Health & Environmental Services for the period of November 1, 2008-October 31, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$4,800 each.
 - e. Cummins-Allison Corp., for preventative maintenance inspection services for Cummins JetScan currency scanners and JetSort coin sorters/counters for the Toll Road Authority for the period of July 2, 2008-July 1, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$31,596.
 - f. IBM Corporation to integrate the CIMS lab mainframe into IBM Tivoli decision support for z/OS for Information Technology for the period of October 1, 2008-September 30, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$14,400.
 - g. Texas Children's Hospital to provide medical services for the Children's Assessment Center for the period ending April 30, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$400,000.
 - h. Baylor College of Medicine to provide medical services for the Children's Assessment Center for the period ending August 31, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$645,000.
12. 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.
 13. Transmittal of notice of receipt of funds in the total amount of \$32,314 from sale of surplus and confiscated property through the county's internet public auction and Houston Auto Auction for the period of September 1-30, 2008.
 14. Request for authorization to delete certain property from inventories of the County Clerk and the Commissioner of Precinct 1.
 15. Transmittal of bids and proposals for advertised jobs that were opened October 13 and 20, 2008 by the Office of the Purchasing Agent, and request for approval of recommendations for disposition.

22. **Commissioners Court**

a. **County Judge**

1. Request for approval of resolutions designating/recognizing:
 - a. October 31 as Jack R. McCown Day on the occasion of his retirement as the Harris County Purchasing Agent.
 - b. November 4-6 as Harris County Employees Fall Blood Drive Days and November 6 as Dress Down Day allowing county employees to wear jeans for donating blood.

- c. November as Leukemia & Lymphoma Awareness Month and as Home Care and Hospice Month.
 2. Request for approval of a resolution supporting legislative action to create programs and provide funding for enhancement of public transportation including relocation of freight rail lines.
 3. Request for discussion and possible action on ethics reform recommendations outlined in a letter from the County Attorney.
- b. **Commissioner, Precinct 1**
- Request for approval of a resolution recognizing Linda Chandler on the occasion of her retirement.
- c. **Commissioner, Precinct 2**
- d. **Commissioner, Precinct 3**
1. Request for authorization to accept donations of:
 - a. A check in the amount of \$245 from Crime Stoppers of Houston for purchase of a live oak tree to be planted in George Bush Park.
 - b. A check in the amount of \$732 from J. Scott Arnold for purchase of a bench to be placed in Terry Hershey Park.
 - c. Four pheasants from Dorothy Fogle for the Bear Creek Pioneers Park Zoo.
 2. Request for authorization to accept a check in the amount of \$2,500 from Wal*Mart for driveway improvements as part of a project for Cypress Rosehill from US-290 to Cypress Needle.
 3. Request for approval to re-assign a county cellular phone to multi-user status.
 4. 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 Dulaney Road from Cherry Tree Grove to Saums Road in connection with the Adopt a County Road Program for the period of October 15, 2008-October 14, 2009.
- e. **Commissioner, Precinct 4**
1. Request for approval of an order terminating an agreement between the county, Stephen F. Austin State University, and the Mercer Society for gardening classes at Mercer Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, and authorizing the precinct to notify the university and society of the termination.
 2. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute agreements with:
 - a. Spring Area Radio Kontrol Society, Inc., for use of and improvements to a portion of Dyess Park.

- b. Air Brush Magic for cleanup along the roadsides of Old Humble Road from Greens Road to Beltway 8 in connection with the Adopt a County Road Program for the period of September 1, 2008-August 31, 2009.

23. Miscellaneous

- a. Request by the Harris County Sports & Convention Corporation for approval of an order for the Harris County Houston Sports Authority to transfer to HCSCC pledged revenues over debt service available for operating expense and accumulated interest earnings on parking revenue as outlined in the Series 2001 bond issuance documents in connection with Reliant Stadium.
- b. Request for approval of a resolution of the Harris County Industrial Development Corporation concerning the issuance of Industrial Development Bonds for Northwest Pipe Company to purchase real estate and equipment for construction of a facility to house equipment for manufacturing steel casing pipe for the energy industry.

II. Emergency/supplemental items

III. Public Hearings

Request by the Commissioner of Precinct 1 for a public hearing on the proposal of Lawrence House to establish a residential treatment facility for women in the Fifth Ward community at 4409 Rawley Street, and adoption of a resolution determining whether operation of the facility at the proposed location is in the best interest of the county.

IV. Tax Rates

The following proposed 2008 tax rates were discussed by the court on September 23 and hearings were held on October 7 and 14. Orders for adoption of the rates are recommended for approval as part of the court's October 21 agenda. The rates are for Harris County, Harris County Flood Control District, Port of Houston Authority of Harris County, and the Harris County Hospital District.

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

V. Executive Session

1. Request by the County Judge for an executive session for consideration and possible approval of the appointment of Robert de Berardinis to the Harris County Historical Commission for the 2008-09 term.
2. Request by the Commissioner of Precinct 3 for an executive session for the appointment of Belinda Price to the Joint City/County Commission on Children, Position 13, to fill the unexpired term of Bob Kendrick for the period ending December 31, 2010.

VI. Appearances before court

1. 3 minutes

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

2. 1 minute

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

Adjournment.

Commissioners Court

County Judge

Commissioners (4)

Services

- Public Infrastructure
- Management Services
- Information Technology
- Public Health & Environmental Services
- Community Services
- Library Services
- Youth & Family Services

Fiscal Services & Purchasing

- Auditor
- Treasurer
- Tax Assessor-Collector
- Purchasing

Administration of Justice

- Constables (8)
- Sheriff
- Sheriff's Civil Service
- Fire & Emergency Services
- Medical Examiner
- County Clerk
- District Clerk
- County Attorney
- District Attorney
- Community Supervision & Corrections
- Pretrial Services
- Justices of the Peace (16)
- County Courts (19)
- Probate Courts (4)
- District Courts (59)
- Courts of Appeals (2)

Elected

Appointed

Calendar 2008

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Calendar 2009

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