

Results of the Commissioners Court Meeting of 05-07-24
 All agenda items approved as presented with the following exceptions:
 Harris County Commissioners Court
 Exceptions to May 7, 2024 Agenda

Page	Item	Department	Exception
4	26	County Administration	For approval of a line-item budget estimate in support of the Community Safety and Justice Innovation Jail Infrastructure Planning and Governance Framework proposed for funding from one-time, internal OCA savings.
4	27	County Administration	No Action
4	28	Management and Budget	To approve the \$92.69 million for the implementation of projects on List 1 and \$7.31 million in contingency.
6	37	County Engineer	To direct the Office of County Engineering to return to the July 15th meeting of Commissioners Court with an interim Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan (MTFP), accounting for all unincorporated areas and aligning with existing municipal MTFPs, to be considered by Commissioners Court for further direction as required by statute. To direct the Office of County Engineering to bring to the July 15th meeting of Commissioners Court an update regarding the County Transportation Plan, including the scope of work and a schedule for completion. And that the Item be approved subject to these amendments.
12	102	Flood Control District	No Action
15	122	Intergovernmental and Global Affairs	No Action
17-18	142	Travel & Training	For approval of Item 5. ***** For approval of all other Items.
20	145	Grants	No Action
21	160	Auditor	For approval of all the payments of audited claims except for Boston Consulting Group. ***** For approval of the payment of audited claims to Boston Consulting Group.

22	164	Tax Assessor-Collector	<p>To amend this item to increase the homestead tax exemption for the 2024 tax year for seniors and disabled homeowners for Harris County, the Harris County Flood Control District, and the Harris County Hospital District to \$320,000, the appraised value of a median house in Harris County.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>That the item be approved as amended.</p>
30	223	Commissioner, Precinct 2	<p>To direct the Harris County Flood Control District to lead the coordination of the Harris County Sheriff’s Office, Housing and Community Development Department, Public Health Services, Fire Marshal’s Office, County Attorney’s Office, working in conjunction with the other relevant departments, to create a countywide policy recommending best practices on how to improve efficiency and coordination with all agencies including the City of Houston, Coalition for the Homeless, Texas Department of Transportation, and others, regarding clean up and maintenance of the County’s floodways owned by the Harris County Flood Control District, especially as it pertains to unhoused individuals. This recommendation will return to Commissioners Court at the August 6th Commissioners Court meeting.</p> <p>To direct the Housing and Community Development Director of Homelessness Strategy & Response to coordinate the effort to draft and socialize any policy with all of the listed stakeholders, and to direct that any policy developed should be aligned with and built upon the 2021 City of Houston/Harris County Homeless Encampment Response Strategy published by the Coalition for the Homeless.</p>
30	224	Commissioner, Precinct 2	<p>To direct the Office of County Administration to lead in coordinating the Housing and Community Development Department, Office of Management and Budget, Tax Assessor-Collector, and any other relevant County department (1) to evaluate and present on how the current tax exemptions for nonprofit and Community Housing Development Organizations have helped the preservation of affordable rental housing in Harris County at the current 50% rate, (2) to prepare a recommendation for an updated Countywide policy increasing the exemption rate to 100%, with the request to the County Attorney’s Office to provide any further recommendations, and (3) to bring the item back to Commissioners Court for final approval on August 6, 2024.</p>

30	225	Commissioner, Precinct 2	To request the County Attorney's Office to house an independent, third-party audit of agreements between Harris County and DEMA Management & Consulting LLC, and DEMA Management & Consulting Texas LLC, with focus on how billing has been conducted.
32-34	244-265	Transmittals	Accepted
34	266	Executive Session	To appoint Brian Freedman, a nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 2, to the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District, Position 12, for a term ending January 31, 2025.
34	267	Executive Session	To appoint Ileana Treviño, a nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 2, as a Beneficiary Director of the Board of Directors of the Children's Assessment Center Foundation for a term ending May 7, 2027.
34	268	Executive Session	To reappoint Dionne Davis to the Harris County Essential Workers Board, Position 12, for a term ending May 7, 2027, as recommended by the board.
34	269	Executive Session	No Action
34	270	Executive Session	To direct Harris County Universal Services, the Office of County Administrator, the Office of Management Budget, the Purchasing Agent, and the County Attorney to bring back recommended governance structure that addresses technology prioritization, procurement and budgeting for Harris County Departments including departments serviced by Universal Services, those departments not serviced by Universal Services, and those adjacent to Harris County, as well as Harris County technology and software vendors, by July 15, 2024.
35	271	Emergency/Supplemental Items	To appoint Adrian Ozuna, a nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 4, to the Harris County Housing Finance Corporation Board for a term ending May 7, 2026.
35	274	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
37	285	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
37	286	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action

37	287	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
37	288	Emergency/Supplemental Items	<p>To amend the Position Management Policy to exclude items for court approval where the salary range maximum will be less than \$50 per hour or if the salary range maximum is decreasing except for any reclassifications that may result in a Senate Bill 23 budget impact. Any reclassifications not requiring Commissioners Court approval will continue to be submitted as a transmittal on the agenda.</p> <p>To change the Position Management Policy to remove the need for approval of reclassifications with the same salary range.</p>
37	289	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
37	290	Emergency/Supplemental Items	To amend the Harris County Court approved M/WBE Policy to expand the M/WBE certification types accepted to include those from non-governmental entities that may require a fee for certification to increase the pool of certified M/WBEs for Harris County procurement, and to request that DEEO bring recommendations on additional certifications to accept to the June 25, 2024 court and begin accepting these certifications by Monday, August 26, 2024.
37	291	Emergency/Supplemental Items	To authorize Commissioners Court to access the Public Improvement Contingency fund as needed to fund emergency requests directly related to the May 2, 2024 disaster declaration of a local county emergency.
37	292	Emergency/Supplemental Items	To approve activation of the debris hauler contract with a value not to exceed \$5 million, and to approve activation of the debris monitor contract with a value not to exceed \$3 million.
38	295	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action