

Results of the Commissioners Court Meeting of 06-04-24
All agenda items approved as presented with the following exceptions:
Harris County Commissioners Court
Exceptions to June 4, 2024 Agenda

Page	Item	Department	Exception
4	24	County Administration	No Action
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4	26	County Administration	To approve the recommendations by the Jail and Community Safety Infrastructure Governance Advisory Committee for maintenance upgrades to the County's jail facilities.
4	29	Management and Budget	To direct the Office of Management and Budget to transmit a quarterly report to Commissioners Court on the implementation status of the Five-Year Financial Plan. ***** For approval of recommendations from the recently completed 5-year financial plan.
6	37	Management and Budget	No Action
7	47	County Engineer	To approve the H T & J, LLC. professional services contract for the Stone Ridge Subdivision Drainage Improvements - 2018, UPIN 19103MF12X01, Precinct 3, in connection with an item previously approved by Commissioners Court on February 21, 2023.
7	49	County Engineer	No Action
25	215	Intergovernmental and Global Affairs	No Action
25	216	Universal Services	No Action
27	229	Public Health Services	To approve and adopt the bylaws for the Veterinary Public Health Advisory Committee.
34	272	Grants	Change to "in the amount of \$16,900,000"
34	273	Grants	Change to "in the amount of \$18,000,000"
34	274	Grants	Change to "in the amount of \$10,000,000"
35	275	Grants	Change to "in the amount of \$12,000,000"
37	303	Auditor	To approve all audited claims pertaining to DEMA. ***** To approve the rest of the audited claims not including DEMA.

50	397	Commissioner, Precinct 1	<p>To ensure that Harris County’s Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise program is implemented with fidelity to address racial disparities and achieve the aspirational goals, the County should implement an M/WBE scorecard. There is a need to evaluate the outcomes and current practices in Harris County related to the M/WBE program in a transparent way to inform support and improvement for all County Departments. Therefore, the Office of County Administrator (OCA) in collaboration with Universal Services data management team, Department of Economic Equity and Opportunity, Purchasing and the Harris County Auditor shall develop an M/WBE scorecard that includes the following actions: Review M/WBE utilization and all other relevant data pertaining to the implementation of Harris County’s M/WBE policies at the department level. Develop a comprehensive M/WBE scorecard design and template. Present grading criteria options for Commissioner Court review and approval to assign A, B, C, D, or F grades based on Harris County Department outcomes. Provide a recommendation on a regular release and update cadence for the M/WBE scorecard. Ensure that the M/WBE scorecard is easily accessible to the public. OCA shall present a draft format for the overall M/WBE scorecard and the projected timeline for delivery to the Harris County Commissioner's Court for review and consideration within 120 days, and include recommendations for improvement for any department receiving a C, D, or F grade.</p>
50	398	Commissioner, Precinct 1	<p>To provide consistency among workers delivering services and executing projects on behalf of Harris County, improve the quality of Harris County services and projects, and advance economic equity and mobility, the Office of County Administrator should develop a set of policies that: 1. Sets a minimum wage for all Harris County employees (including temporary and grant-funded employees); 2. Develops a policy to be included in the County’s procurement process that sets a wage floor for workers on contracts awarded by Harris County for general services performed on County property or on County projects; 3. Establishes an approach and standard for wage increases to ensure Harris County pays living wage rates in future fiscal years for all workers-whether permanent, temporary, or on contracted jobs-by adhering to at least the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Living Wage Calculation; 4. Ensures that Harris County receives documentation from contractors for the minimum hourly rate of all workers on contracted projects; 5. Addresses when the County should use temporary workers, part-time workers, and contracted workers, and ensures that staffing agencies cannot limit temporary workers’ ability to accept permanent employment at Harris County; 6. Applies Harris County’s Fair Chance Hiring policy to temporary and contracted workers to the extent feasible; and 7. Recommends an enforcement mechanism to ensure compliance with Harris County’s provisions related to wages and worker protections. OCA is directed to work with the Purchasing Department, Department of Economic Equity and Opportunity, Human Resources and Risk Management, County Attorney’s Office, Housing and Community Development, the Essential Worker’s Board, and any other departments or offices that the OCA deems necessary to develop this set of policies.</p>

50	399	Commissioner, Precinct 1	To direct the Office of County Administration to undertake the following actions, with the aim of fostering dialogue and collaboration among stakeholders to implement effective strategies for enhancing data access and research within the criminal justice system: 1. Conduct a comprehensive review of best practices in data sharing and data accessibility for criminal justice research, encompassing an analysis of policies and practices implemented in comparable jurisdictions; 2. Evaluate the effectiveness of existing Harris County policies and practices related to criminal justice data access for research purposes and provide recommendations for criminal justice data access for the research within Harris County; 3. Include within the report model policy language designed to guide Harris County’s criminal justice data access for research process, drawing upon successful approaches observed in other jurisdictions and tailored to meet the unique needs of Harris County; 4. The OCA shall present the findings and recommendations outlined in the report to Harris County Commissioners Court for review and consideration within 120 days.
53	423	Commissioner, Precinct 4	No Action
54-56	430-460	Transmittals	Accepted
56	461	Executive Session	To appoint Elizabeth Viera-Bland, a nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 1, to the Harris County Hospital District Board of Trustees, dba Harris Health System Board, for a two-year term and effective upon the date of resignation of Marcia Johnson.
57	462	Executive Session	To appoint Daniella Martinez Norman, a nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 2, to the Harris County Public Defender Board, for a term ending June 4, 2028.
57	463	Executive Session	Change to “a term beginning July 1, 2024 and ending July 1, 2030.” To appoint Dr. Laura Murillo, a nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 2, to the Harris County Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation for a term beginning July 1, 2024 and ending July 1, 2030.
57	464	Executive Session	To reappoint Natalia Hurtado, a nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 2, to the Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD Board of Trustees, for a term ending June 13, 2026.
57	465	Executive Session	To appoint Randal Kissling, a nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 2, to the Harris County Veterinary Public Health Advisory Committee, Position 2, for a term ending June 4, 2028.
57	466	Executive Session	To appoint Rebecca Bridges, a nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 3, to the Harris County Veterinary Public Health Advisory Committee, Position 3, for a term ending June 4, 2028.

57	467	Executive Session	To appoint Charmaine A. LeBlanc, a nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 4, to the Harris County Veterinary Public Health Advisory Committee, Position 4, for a term ending June 4, 2028.
57	468	Executive Session	To appoint Fran Watson to the position of Judge of Harris County Probate Court No. 5 and for Harris County to self-insure in an amount up to \$500,000 against losses arising out of that position pursuant to the Texas Government Code 25.00231(c).
57	469	Executive Session	No Action
57	470	Executive Session	To appoint Dr. Kimiko-Holland Dixon, Lauren Davis, and Kerry L. Mckeel, nominees recommended by Veterinary Public Health, as provided by the approved committee bylaws, to the Harris County Veterinary Public Health Advisory Committee for terms ending June 4, 2028.
58	475	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
58	476	Emergency/Supplemental Items	For approval of a settlement in Liz Gomez, et al. v. Harris County, Texas, Case No. 4:21-CV-01698, In the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division and authorization to execute the related Settlement Agreement and Release.
59	485	Emergency/Supplemental Items	Accepted
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60	490	Emergency/Supplemental Items	To: Contract Amendment - Direct the Purchasing Department, Harris County Public Health, and the County Attorney's Office to return to Commissioners Court on June 25th with a contract amendment that includes (1) the expanded scope of work exhibit previously submitted and (2) enhanced invoicing and reporting requirements. RFP - Direct Harris County Public Health to advertise a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a service provider to operate the Holistic Assistance Response Team (HART) program by no later than July 15, 2024. The RFP should require that any selected HART service provider include a staff of behavioral health and medical responders; that teams are qualified to address calls related to but not limited to homelessness, behavioral health, substance use, nonemergency medical and social welfare concerns; and that the program responders remain distinct from law enforcement, consistent with other national models. In-House Plan - Direct the Office of County Administration (OCA), in coordination with the Harris County Public Health (HCPH) and other departments deemed relevant by the OCA, to develop a proposal to operate the HART program within a Harris County department or agency, to be submitted by July 15, 2024. The proposal shall include a detailed budget, action steps, and a timeline. Enhance Reporting from Public Health - Harris County Public Health shall provide monthly updates to the staff of all members of Commissioners Court, including but not limited to: when responder teams are operating; plan for expansion of shifts and geography as approved on May 16, 2023; progress toward fulfilling all expectations of the expansion plan; and data reporting showing call types and volume and linkages to service. RAD Report - Direct the Office of County Administration to produce a report

			analyzing 911 call-for-service data to make recommendations for (1) prioritizing expansion into new Sheriff's Office Districts and (2) expanding the call codes that are HART-eligible. Technical Assistance - Direct Harris County Public Health (HCPH) and the Office of County Administration (OCA) to work with technical assistance providers and experts in developing and/or scaling health-based holistic response programs to implement the continuity of operations plan. Harris County shall apply to participate in the Harvard Kennedy School's Government Performance Lab (GPL) 2024-25 Alternative 911 Emergency Response Implementation Cohort. Project Management – Direct the Office of County Administration to coordinate the delivery and implementation of all work outlined in these motions.
60	495	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
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60	497	Emergency/Supplemental Items	For Harris County Engineering to work with CenterPoint Energy to evaluate and improve the resiliency of their utility distribution system.
61	498	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
61	499	Emergency/Supplemental Items	For the Office of County Administration to evaluate setting up a separate Veterinarian Public Health Division and report what they find in terms of peers, and to work with Public Health and the Veterinary Advisory Committee on that project and recommendation.