

Results of the Commissioners Court Meeting of 08-06-24  
 All agenda items approved as presented with the following exceptions:  
 Harris County Commissioners Court  
 Exceptions to August 6, 2024 Agenda

Page	Item	Department	Exception
4	19	County Administration	No Action
4	20	County Administration	To direct the Office of County Administration to work with Harris County Public Health, the Purchasing Agent, and the County Engineer to initiate the transition of core HART infrastructure to an in-house model, as outlined in the facility procurement and renovation, and infrastructure development and implementation sections of the First Responder Organization In-House Plan.
4	21	County Administration	To direct the Office of County Administration to work with the Tax-Assessor Collector, County Attorney's Office, and any other relevant office to implement the text to register program, develop an unregistered voters' map, and initiate the voter registration pilot and come back to the Court on 8/27 with updates.
4	22	County Administration	To commence the process for a 9.2% cost of living adjustment for elected officials.  To establish a Salary Grievance Committee composed of the County Judge and Nine Public Members and, in the event the Grievance Committee Chair receives a valid request for a public hearing under Local Government Code Section 152.016, to direct the County Clerk to prepare and provide to the Court a computer-generated, randomized list of the names of all people who have served on a grand jury in Harris County during the preceding calendar year.  Directing OMB and the relevant departments to create a policy for future elected COLAs to be considered concurrently with non-elected employee COLAs.
4	27	Management and Budget	For approval of the FY24 3rd Quarter budget projections.
4	28	Management and Budget	<b>Motion died for a lack of a second</b> , for the tax rate for a 50 year cycle.  *****  To set a public hearing on August 15, 2024, at 10:00 AM to consider for the Harris County Flood Control District the proposed 2024 tax rates per \$100 of taxable value of \$0.037740 for maintenance and operations and \$0.01123 for debt service, for a total tax rate of \$0.04897, which is greater than the voter approval rate; and to direct the Office of Management & Budget, the Tax Assessor-Collector, and other relevant departments to execute and publish all related notices as required by applicable law. And commit to the voters, in 2030, to present the impact of this investment. The Flood Control District commits to using the funding, in part, for a fast action team.

			<p>*****</p> <p>To set a public hearing on August 15, 2024 at 10:00 AM or at the next earliest possible date to consider for the Harris County General fund the proposed 2024 tax rates per \$100 of taxable value of \$.33455 for maintenance and operations and \$.05075 for debt service, for a total tax rate of \$.3853, which is greater than the voter approval rate; and to direct the Office of Management &amp; Budget, the Tax Assessor-Collector, and other relevant departments to execute and publish all related notices as required by applicable law.</p>
4	29	Management and Budget	No Action
4	30	Management and Budget	For approval of the Budget Policy for Countywide Computer (laptop, desktop, and tablet) purchases.
4	31	Management and Budget	To distribute the METRO Transfers equally amongst the four Precincts.
5	32	Management and Budget	For approval of the proposed supplemental budget appropriations and additional positions across multiple departments for the creation of three new district criminal courts.
5	33	Management and Budget	For approval of the proposed supplemental budget appropriations across multiple departments.
5	40	Human Resources and Risk Management	<p>No Action taken on recognizing Election Day as a paid County holiday.</p> <p>*****</p> <p><b>Motion died for a lack of a second,</b> to recognize Veterans Day as a paid County holiday.</p>
6	43	Human Resources and Risk Management	To approve implementation of the KelseyCare ACO as a plan offering to employees, modifying the premium structure with a self plus child/children tier, and Option 1 for premium rates charged to employees and retirees effective January 1, 2025.
15	135	Flood Control District	No Action
17	147	Intergovernmental and Global Affairs	No Action
24	188	Grants	No Action
27	209	Auditor	<p>For approval of all the audited claims except for DEMA.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>To approve the payment to DEMA.</p>
35	277	Purchasing	No Action
41	323	Commissioner, Precinct 3	Change to “Request for approval to rename Hickory Shadows Park to Jeffrey Limmer Park.”
41	324	Commissioner, Precinct 4	To direct Justice Innovation to track the implementation and evaluation of court system resources initiatives.
42-45	331-366	Transmittals	Accepted

45	367	Executive Session	To reappoint Shelley P. Davis, a nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 1, to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number 11 (Greenspoint TIRZ 11) Board, Position 7, for a term beginning September 1, 2024, and ending August 31, 2026.
45	368	Executive Session	To appoint Gloria Zenteno, a nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 2, to the Friends of County Pets Board for a term ending August 6, 2027.
45	369	Executive Session	To reappoint Estella Mireles Walters, a nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 2, to the Harris County Resources for Children and Adults Board for a term ending August 6, 2027.
45	370	Executive Session	No Action
45	371	Executive Session	For approval of a resolution, on behalf of the Harris County Flood Control District, relating to the selection of a nominee for the Conservation and Reclamation Districts to be named on the final ballot for appointment to the Harris Central Appraisal District Board of Directors.
46	372	Executive Session	To direct Universal Services to standardize the endpoint security and implement required security operations center integration to strengthen endpoint security of laptop and other end use devices.
46	373	Emergency/Supplemental Items	To appoint Dr. Peterson to the Gulf Coast Protection District Board of Directors for a standard term.
46	374	Emergency/Supplemental Items	<p>To proceed with the recommendations in the Gartner Presentation of the composition of the IT Governance Board, Investment Council and Review Council with the following activities to continue to advance the design and implementation of the Harris County IT Governance process.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Stand up the IT Governance Board (Chair: County Administrator)</li> </ol> <p>Convene the ITGB members to:</p> <p>Confirm roles, responsibilities, and objectives and ratify the ITGB charter.</p> <p>Obtain their recommendations and feedback on the overall countywide IT governance process.</p> <p>Develop countywide IT vision statement, guiding principles, and objectives to anchor the governance process and establish the foundation for strategic planning.</p> <p>Provide an update to Commissioners Court on completion of this milestone.</p> <p>Target Completion: September 2024</p>

			<p>2. Stand up the IT Investment Council (Chair: Executive Director, Office of Management and Budget)</p> <p>Convene the representatives identified by Office of Management and Budget, Office of County Administration, Purchasing, Audit, County Attorney, and Human Resources to:</p> <p>Confirm roles, responsibilities, and objectives and ratify the ITIC charter.</p> <p>Obtain their recommendations and feedback on the overall countywide IT governance process.</p> <p>Establish working sessions to identify activities and timeline to incorporate the countywide IT governance process into the upcoming budget cycle.</p> <p>Identify and implement quick wins to accelerate cost savings (e.g., recommendations from BCG report).</p> <p>Define more specific scenarios and examples of the IT Requests that will go through the full countywide IT governance process.</p> <p>Provide update to Commissioner Court on successful completion of this milestone.</p> <p>Target Completion: October 2024</p> <p>3. Continue / establish working sessions with representatives from Special Purpose Governance Structures to define rules of engagement and forums for collaboration and continue to solicit their recommendations on the countywide process.</p> <p>Target Completion: December 2024</p> <p>4. Stand Up the IT Review Committee structure and processes by adapting work already underway by HCUS to improve intake, project evaluation and review, standards development, etc. to support countywide IT governance process.</p> <p>Target Completion: January 2025</p>
47	380	Emergency/Supplemental Items	Accepted
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47	386	Emergency/Supplemental Items	To name the County Building at 1111 Fannin in honor of Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee and direct the County Engineering Department to come up with appropriate signage and other honors in honor of the Congresswoman.
47	387	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
47	388	Emergency/Supplemental Items	To direct OMB to amend the PIC policy to reimburse Commissioner Precincts using the PIC fund for FEMA reimbursable expenses during declared states of emergency. Vendor contracts and pricing must meet all FEMA requirements, and the amount of reimbursement will not exceed the prices of other countywide contracts for the same service if a contract exists. Vendor contracts and pricing will include a cap. There must also be a process for expenditures to return to the Commissioners Court immediately following the approval.
47	389	Emergency/Supplemental Items	To direct the Office of County Administration to study the partnership with Empty Shelters, Inc., a non-profit, as well as other similar non-profits, on ways to have them do public health pet related functions, to talk to the City of Houston about possible consolidation and coordination opportunities, and then to bring the study back by the last court meeting in October.
48	392	Emergency/Supplemental COVID-19 Items	To send the item to the ARPA Steering Committee and for Public Health to put the item back on the agenda for the August 15th meeting for Commissioners Court assuming it comes out of Steer Co.