

Results of the Commissioners Court Meeting of 09-19-24
All agenda items approved as presented with the following exceptions:
Harris County Commissioners Court
Exceptions to September 19, 2024 Agenda

Page	Item	Department	Exception
2	11	COVID-19	Change to “one position”
3	17	COVID-19	No Action
4	24	County Administration	That the final decision on the use of the assets reside within the Precinct Commissioner and sign off on it.
4	25	County Administration	To direct the Office of County Administration to work with all five Court Offices to move Commissioners Court days to Thursdays where feasible, in calendar year 2025 and return to Commissioners Court with the updated draft schedule for approval on October 8, 2024.
5	26	Management and Budget	To approve the two proposed policies from the approved Harris County 5-year Financial Plan: the Grants Indirect Cost Policy and the Department and Special Fund Indirect Cost Policy.
15	117	County Engineer	No Action
15	118	County Engineer	No Action
15	119	County Engineer	No Action
19	156	Flood Control District	No Action
20	169	Intergovernmental and Global Affairs	No Action
20	170	Economic Equity and Opportunity	No Action
21	177	Public Health Services	For approval of 18 positions effective September 21, 2024 in support of the Mobile Health Expansion Strategy to address health disparities in Precincts 1, 3, and 4 and to use the allocation of Precinct Three for increased Animal Control staff.
22	185	Housing and Community Development	No Action
22	186	Housing and Community Development	No Action
35	259	Auditor	For approval of all disbursements except Boston Consulting Group. ***** For approval of the Boston Consulting Group item.
35	263	Tax Assessor-Collector	No Action
35	264	Tax Assessor-Collector	No Action
37	281	Purchasing	Delete “for the Flood Bond Program”
37	282	Purchasing	Delete “for the Flood Bond Program”
41	310	Purchasing	Change to “\$569,224”
46	348	Commissioner, Precinct 2	No Action
46	349	Commissioner, Precinct 2	No Action
46	356	Commissioner, Precinct 3	No Action

48	372	Public Hearings	To approve the FY 2025 budget for the Harris County Hospital District, dba Harris Health System.
48	373	Public Hearings	<p>That the Mobility Funds transfer in FY 25 from the Harris County Toll Road Authority be equally split amongst the four Precincts and that number being \$60,500,000 each.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>To direct OMB and the County Auditor to work with the DA's Office to assist on budgeting priorities and process to ensure that there are no layoffs in the District Attorney's Office between October and the end of December 2024.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Motion died for a lack of a second, that all Constable positions filled over one year be incorporated into the adopted budget, not the adjusted budget.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Motion died for a lack of a second, to amend the proposed budget to add \$200,000 for additional security for the Children's Assessment Center.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>To approve the FY 2025 annual budgets for Harris County, Harris County Toll Road, Harris County Flood Control District, which includes a total appropriations budget of \$2,907M for the Harris County General Fund and total appropriations budget of \$274.1M for the Harris County Flood Control General Fund, as amended.</p>
48	374	Public Hearings	No Action
48	375	Public Hearings	No Action
48	376	Public Hearings	No Action
48	377	Tax Rates	For Harris County, that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.38529, which is effectively a 9.53 percent increase in the tax rate; this rate consists of 0.33454 for maintenance and operations and 0.05075 for debt service.
48	378	Tax Rates	For Harris County Hospital District dba Harris Health, that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.16348, which is effectively a 13.90 percent increase in the tax rate; this rate consists of 0.16212 for maintenance and operations and 0.00136 for debt service.

48	379	Tax Rates	For the Port of Houston Authority of Harris County, that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.00615, which is effectively a 6.03 percent increase in the tax rate; this rate is for debt service.
48-52	380-418	Transmittals	Accepted
52	419	Executive Session	To reappoint Lacy Wolf, a nominee from the County Judge, to the Harris County-Houston Sports Authority Board of Directors, Position 6, for a term ending August 31, 2026.
52	420	Executive Session	To reappoint Frances Castañeda Dyess, a nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 2, to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number 15 (East Downtown TIRZ 15) Board, Position 7, for a term ending July 6, 2025.
52	421	Executive Session	To reappoint David Contreras, a nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 2, to the Harris County Hispanic Cultural Heritage Commission, Position 2, for a term ending September 30, 2026.
52	422	Executive Session	No Action
52	423	Emergency/Supplemental Items	To appoint Brandon Dudley, a nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 1, to the Harris County-Houston Sports Authority, Position 8, for a term ending August 31, 2026.
53	425	Emergency/Supplemental Items	Motion died for a lack of a second , to amend the proposed 2025 Constable Service fees to reflect an 11 percent increase. ***** To approve to set and adopt the service fees.
54	440	Emergency/Supplemental Items	To authorize the sale of Diwali fireworks on an annual basis and track public safety data for the next year related to the 2024 Diwali season. 2.) Authorize 2024 Diwali fireworks sale from October 25, 2024 to midnight on November 1, 2024, in accordance with Texas Occupations Code Chapter 2154. 3.) Adopt the order language as presented by the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office (see page 15 of backup). 4.) Direct the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office to collaborate with the Harris County Engineering Department in Universal Services, to establish an additional sale period in E-Permits, create a permit for Diwali outline associated costs aligned with the adopted fees schedule and provide any necessary support. 5.) Direct the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office to inspect all sale and distribution locations in unincorporated Harris County for fire and life safety. 6.) Request the Fire Marshal's Office and vendors work collaboratively and engage other stake holders to ensure effective data sharing, education, messaging unawareness regarding safety protocols, and that any relevant safety considerations be presented to Commissioners Court at the next time we consider the potential next authorization.

56	458	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
56	459	Emergency/Supplemental Items	Direct Human Resources and Risk Management to revisit the current policy on reinstatement of retiree or dependent Health Insurance and come back with recommendations on November 12, 2024 Commissioners Court.