



Harris County, Texas

Commissioners Court

Agenda

1001 Preston St., Suite 934
Houston, Texas 77002

Lina Hidalgo, County Judge

Rodney Ellis, Commissioner, Precinct 1

Adrian Garcia, Commissioner, Precinct 2

Tom S. Ramsey, P.E., Commissioner, Precinct 3

Lesley Briones, Commissioner, Precinct 4

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

10:00 AM

1001 Preston, Suite 934

TEST - Practice Agenda (Tiff Williams)

Public Notice

March 21, 2024 - NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

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Opening Prayer

Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick of Asbury United Methodist Church in Pasadena introduced by the Commissioner of Precinct 2.

Pledges of Allegiance

Appearances before court

Members of the public may attend, participate and/or address Commissioners Court in-person or may view the meeting through the following link: <https://www.harriscountytexas.gov/Government/Court-Agenda/Court-Videos>. Members of the public who attend the meeting in-person may make comments by signing up to speak by completing an appearance request form, and submitting it one hour before the commencement of the meeting, the form can be found at <https://appearancerequest.harriscountytexas.gov>. Speakers may address the Commissioners Court for up to one (1) minute in total, notwithstanding how many agenda items the speaker signs up to comment on. Members of the public who sign up to speak about a topic that does not address a specific agenda item will also be limited to one (1) minute and will address the Court after all agenda related comments have been made. Members of the public are also invited to email their written comments to Commissioners Court at CommissionersCourt@hctx.net.

It is the intention of the Harris County Commissioners Court to provide open access to all members of the public of Harris County to express themselves on issues addressed by County government. However, members of the public are reminded that the Harris County Commissioners Court is a constitutional court, created by the State with judicial, administrative and legislative powers. As such, the Harris County Commissioners Court possesses the authority to issue Contempt of Court citations. Accordingly, persons shall conduct themselves with proper respect and decorum in addressing the Court, in participating in public discussions before the Court, and in all actions in the presence of the Court consistent with the rules and procedures of Harris County Commissioners Court. Profane, insulting or threatening language, and racial, ethnic or gender slurs or epithets will not be tolerated. Those persons who do not conduct themselves in an orderly and appropriate manner will be ordered to leave the meeting and recognition to speak may be refused at subsequent meetings of the Court. Refusal to abide by the Court's Order may result in a Contempt of Court Citation.

Please refer to Public Notice for specific meeting as instructions are subject to change.

COVID-19

1. Request by the Office of the County Engineer for approval of a certain project, decreeing the project to be a public necessity and convenience, directing the Harris County Real Property Division to acquire, for one (1) fee simple tract for the public project known as Sanitary Sewer System Construction - Westfield Estates - 2023, for the purpose of construction of Westfield Estates wastewater system, UPIN 23208MF2XZ01, Precinct 2. **24-2064**
2. Request by the Department of Economic Equity and Opportunity for approval of two positions effective February 10, 2024 and American Rescue Plan Act Local Fiscal Recovery funds in the amount of \$818,100 for internal resources in support of implementation and administration of ARPA programs in the Jobs & Education portfolio. **24-2065**

County Administration

3. Request for discussion and possible action regarding Harris County jail population, staffing, conditions, and other issues. **24-2063**

Toll Road Authority

4. Request for approval to execute an agreement with Omega Engineers, Inc. for construction engineering and inspection services for projects related to the Barrier-Free Program in the amount of \$2,230,000 (Countywide). MWDBE Contracted Goal: 18%. **24-2070**
5. Request for approval for advertisement of professional services for projects related to the Barrier-Free Program for feasibility studies and final design including preliminary engineering investigations and PS&E package development for pedestrian/bike safety improvements and improvements of the Harris County High Injury Network along the toll road system (Countywide). MWDBE Contracted Goal: 19%. **24-2071**

Universal Services

6. Request for approval of changes to attributes of certain vehicle control numbers for various departments. **24-2061**
7. Request for approval to establish the Harris County Information Technology Acceptable Use Policy. **24-2072**

Travel & Training

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Grants

8. Request by the Public Defender for approval to submit an application to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission for grant funds in the amount of \$293,333.81, with no required match, for the Future Indigent Defense Leaders (Cohort 5) Program. **24-2066**
9. Request by the Sheriff's Office for approval to submit an application to the Texas Department of Transportation for grant funds in the amount of \$110,019, with a cash match of \$27,530, for the FY 2025 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Program. **24-2067**

Purchasing

10. Request for approval of a personal services exemption from the competitive bid requirements and that the County Judge execute an agreement with Lead & Thrive LLC in the amount of \$150,000 for operations immersion and spiral training program for Public Health Services for the period of January 30, 2024 - July 29, 2025, Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: N/A - Personal Services Agreement. **24-2068**
11. Request for approval for the County Judge to execute an agreement with Unbiased Consulting, LLC for case management solution consulting services for the County Attorney's Office through April 25, 2024 at a cost of \$97,200 (210405), Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: 0% - Non-Divisible. **24-2069**

County Judge**Commissioner, Precinct 1****Commissioner, Precinct 2****Commissioner, Precinct 3****Commissioner, Precinct 4****Transmittals**

12. Transmittal by the Tax Assessor-Collector of an annual continuing education certificate of completion for the period of January 1-December 31, 2023. **24-2062**

Executive Session

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.

Emergency/Supplemental items

Notice is hereby given that, prior to the adjournment of the regular meeting of Commissioners Court, the Court may consider the following emergency or urgent public necessity and/or supplemental agenda items:

Supplemental items may be published up to 72 hours before a meeting of Harris County Commissioners Court.

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Emergency/Supplemental COVID-19 items

Adjournment.