

Results of the Commissioners Court Meeting of 08-27-19
 All agenda items approved as presented with the following exceptions:
 Harris County Commissioners Court
 Exceptions to August 27, 2019 Agenda

Page	Item	Department	Exception
9	2.g	Flood Control District	That the Harris County Commissioners Court approves the proposed Prioritization Framework for the Harris County Flood Control District 2018 Bond Projects.
11	7.d	Public Health Services	Withdrawn
11	8.d.1-8	Community Services	<p>The Purchasing Agent, County Engineer and County Attorney's Office shall establish evaluation criteria for consideration of contractor safety record and health insurance coverage for all construction projects and develop a policy recommendation for each.</p> <p>The Community Services Department, being compliant with Section 3 numerical goals, shall (i) work toward a robust reporting system to track work hours performed by Section 3 Residents and inform Commissioners Court of progress and future policy recommendations, (ii) commit to providing workforce training and apprenticeship opportunities as part of the public services allocation, incorporating same with Section 3 program goals and (iii) establish policies that will require all prime and subcontractors to provide OSHA 10 training for all workers and OSHA 30 training for supervisors working on CDBG-EN and CDBG-DR funded projects.</p> <p>All building projects shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the County's policy on LEED buildings and/or the Harris County Low Impact Development & Green Infrastructure Design Criteria for Storm Water Management.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>The Purchasing Agent, County Engineer, County Attorney's Office and the Harris County Flood Control District shall establish evaluation criteria for consideration of contractor safety record and health insurance coverage for all construction</p>

			<p>projects and develop a policy recommendation for each.</p> <p>A \$15 minimum prevailing wage rate is established for all building and multi-family contracts to be implemented by the Purchasing Agent.</p> <p>The Purchasing Agent shall adopt a second chance hiring policy for all construction projects and encourage the applicability to all Harris County vendors.</p> <p>A working group comprised of representatives of each member of Commissioners Court, the Purchasing Agent and the County Attorney's Office shall meet with department heads and report back to the Court in sixty (60) days with recommendations to include, but not be limited to, the following provisions in all county contracts: requiring all workers to be compensated at a rate not less than the highest of a \$15 hour living wage, the Texas prevailing wage, or the federal prevailing wage, creating OSHA safety training requirements; creating opportunities for workforce training and hiring goal from the Department of Labor registered apprenticeship programs and bilingual craft training programs; suggesting a second chance hiring policy; and requirements for considering the safety record and health insurance of bidders when awarding contracts.</p>
14	15.b	County Clerk	<p>That the Harris County Commissioners Court authorizes the County Clerk to create a work group to confer with the Sheriff to evaluate the possibility of establishing a polling location within the confines of the Harris County Jail for the upcoming election and report findings back to Commissioners Court.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Transmittal of notice of the November 05, 2019 joint general and special elections, and request that the court adopt the early voting schedule and election day list, including locations, dates, and times, and that required notices be published, and request for approval of the</p>

			appointments of a central count station manager, tabulation supervisor, and presiding judge and alternate judge.
14	17.a	County Attorney	Withdraw Scherz v. Harris County only. All others approved
15	20.a.14	Travel & Training-Out of Texas	Change funding to "General"
23	22.d.10.f	Purchasing	Expand to other eleven vendors
27	23.c.2	Commissioner, Precinct 2	<p>Harris County Commissioners Court accepts the recommendations of the Veterans Services Study Group Report. The Veterans Services Department, with the assistance from other relevant departments as needed, shall begin work on the implementation of the recommendations in the Veterans Services Study Group Report. The Report is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if set out in full word for word.</p> <p>Harris County Human Resources shall (i) begin a national search for a permanent director of the Harris County Veterans Services Department, (ii) report back to Commissioners Court within 91 days with a recommended appointment or status update, and (iii) create a hiring committee comprised of one representative from each precinct and the County Judge's Office and one representative from the Budget Management Department and one representative from a local veteran's organization.</p> <p>The Veteran's Services Department shall report back to Commissioners Court as steps are needed for approval.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Harris County Commissioners Court hereby establishes the Veterans Services Department as a standalone department in Harris County and the Director of the Veterans Services Department shall report directly to Commissioners Court. The current Director, Vincent Morrison, shall continue to serve as Director while a national search for a new director is being conducted.</p>
27	23.c.3	Commissioner, Precinct 2	The Rules and Regulations for County Parks in Harris County, Texas ("Park Rules") are amended

			<p>solely as to Precinct Two as follows: Section 4, entitled "Definitions," is hereby amended to define a "Camp Stove" as "a portable type gas camp stove, which is a table top style stove that is directly connected to the fuel container where the fuel supply for the Camp Stove is limited to one cylinder of not more than 75 cubic inches. Camp Stoves have a rating of 12,000 Btu per hour or less per burner for use with propane, butane and liquefied petroleum gases and mixtures thereof, and intended for outdoor use only." All other terms and provisions of the Park Rules remain in full force and effect as original written. The amendment shall become effective August 27, 2019.</p> <p>No new printing of signs or rule books shall occur until the Park Directors for all Precincts meet and confer regarding updating the Park Rules.</p>
29	II.2	Supplemental	That Ender Reed be appointed as Acting Director of the Legislative Relations Office with a commensurate salary as a regular employee which will protect his benefits whether or not he is ultimately selected as director.
29	II.3	Supplemental	Withdrawn