

Results of the Commissioners Court Meeting of 02-21-23  
 All agenda items approved as presented with the following exceptions:  
 Harris County Commissioners Court  
 Exceptions to February 21, 2023 Agenda

Page	Item	Department	Exception
2	6	Resolutions	No Action
3	15	COVID-19	To approve the guidelines with removal of Section 1.6 on page 5 of the Multi-Family Acquisition Program.
5	26	Management and Budget	Delete "and Co-Disclosure Counsel"
6	37	Management and Budget	To adopt recommendations 1, 2 ,and 4 as presented and to add the following: Pause the projects identified on Table 3 of Item 37, pending additional partner participation or precinct funding.  *****  To allocate the additional mobility transfer proposed by recommendation 4 on Item 37 to the precincts according to the distribution percentages used for the 2022 road and parks bond and to change the language of recommendation 4 so that it reads: subdivision program or other street drainage needs.
6	40	Human Resources and Risk Management	No Action
8	50	County Engineer	No Action
10	72	County Engineer	No Action
19	166	Intergovernmental and Global Affairs	No Action
19	169	Economic Equity and Opportunity	No Action
20	170	Economic Equity and Opportunity	No Action
22	190	County Library	To eliminate late fees.
25	220	Probate Courts	No Action
26	222	District Courts	No Action
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32	257	Auditor	For the PFM items within Item 257.  *****  For all the other items under Item 257.
33	267	Purchasing	To approve Option 2 presented by the Purchasing Department and for the County to cover the costs for an additional two free calls per inmate at the rate included under Option 2.
42	337	Purchasing	No Action

50	398	County Judge	<p>That Harris County Commissioners Court amends the Court’s rules of procedure Section 6A to eliminate the virtual speaker option with the exception that each member of Commissioners Court may allow verbal comments from up to 3 members of the public not present in the Courtroom with notice of at least 1 hour prior. This does not apply to Harris County employees, who are welcome to call in virtually.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>That Harris County Commissioners Court amends the Court’s rules of procedure to add from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Section 4DG, a noticed lunch break.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>That Harris County Commissioners Court amends the Court’s rules of procedure to add in Section 4DE the words “and signing of Resolutions.”</p> <p>*****</p> <p>That Harris County Commissioners Court amends 6B(2) of the Court’s rules of procedure to require speaker request forms be completed and submitted prior to 1 hour before the commencement of the meeting.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>That Harris County Commissioners Court amends the Court’s rules of procedure to add a 10-minute time limit on discussion of each item which can be extended 2 times in 10-minute increments upon a majority vote. A super majority (4 of 5) is required for additional extensions of 10 minutes at a time.</p>
51	406	Commissioner, Precinct 2	No Action
52	417	Public Hearings	No Action
52-56	418-474	Transmittals	Accepted
57	475	Executive Session	To appoint County Judge's Office nominees to the Gulf Coast Rail District Board for terms ending February 21, 2025: Dr. Carol A. Lewis as Chair, Ronald Beeson as Director, and Robert Maldonado as Director.
57	476	Executive Session	To appoint Arthur Smiley, nominee from the County Judge's Office, to the Industrial Development Corporation Board for a term ending February 21, 2025.
57	477	Executive Session	To reappoint Samantha Kealoha, nominee from the County Judge’s Office to the Harris County Redevelopment Authority Board for a term ending February 21, 2025.

57	478	Executive Session	No Action
57	479	Executive Session	To appoint Samantha Kealoha as the County Judge Representative to Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone 24 (TIRZ-24) for a term ending February 26, 2025.
57	480	Executive Session	No Action
57	481	Executive Session	To reappoint Sophie Elsner, nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 1 to the Harris County Redevelopment Authority Board for a term ending February 21, 2025.
58	482	Executive Session	To reappoint Marcia Johnson, nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 1 to the Harris Health System board, for a term ending November 1, 2025.
58	483	Executive Session	To appoint Sasha Legette, nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 1 to the Buffalo Bayou Partnership Standards Committee, for a term ending February 21, 2026.
58	484	Executive Session	<b>Motion died for a lack of a second</b> , to appoint J.K. Washington as Commissioner Precinct Three's appointment to the Harris County Housing Authority for a term ending December 3, 2024.
58	485	Executive Session	To reappoint Conrad Joe, nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 3 to the Harris County Redevelopment Authority Board for a term ending February 21, 2025.
59	489	Emergency/Supplemental Items	Request by Community Services for approval of a resolution to submit the Harris County \$750,000,000 Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation Method of Distribution.  Approve request as presented.  *****  To direct the County Community Services Department to work with Court Offices and relevant county departments to formalize project selection criteria for CDBG-MIT funded projects.
59	493	Emergency/Supplemental Items	Accepted
60	500	Emergency/Supplemental Items	To direct the Office of County Administration, County Attorney's Office, and Budget Management to finalize a plan to transition the collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes to the County Attorney's Office to be presented at the April, 2023 meeting of Commissioners Court.
61	508	Emergency/Supplemental Items	To direct the Office of Management and Budget to allocate and create an additional three County Attorney positions for the County Attorney's Office funded by proceeds received from the County settlement with Juul Labs for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year to expand litigation efforts.

			<p>*****</p> <p>Request by the County Attorney for approval of a settlement with Juul Labs, Inc. in connection with Harris County, Texas v. JUUL Labs, Inc., et al., Case No. 21STCV12418 and all JCCP Actions Juul Labs Products Cases, JCCP No. 5052; and In Re Juul Labs, Inc., Marketing, Sales, Practices, and Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2913, Case No. 3:19-md-02913-WHO, In the United States District Court for the Northern District of California - San Francisco Division.</p> <p>Approve request as presented.</p>
61	513	Emergency/Supplemental Items	Accepted
62	514	Emergency/Supplemental Items	<p>To direct the Office of Justice and Safety to work with the Sheriff's Office, Judiciary, Office of Court Administration, and any other stakeholders to analyze court data, trial decisions, and jail data and prepare a report on why the jail population is continuing to increase while the court backlog is declining, and develop recommendations for reducing the county's jail population while protecting public safety.</p> <p>To direct the Office of County Administration to work with Harris Health to prepare a report on jail medical staffing at the County Jail and its impact on public safety, if any. This proposal should be brought to the March 14, 2023 Commissioners Court meeting.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>That the Sheriff's Office work with the Office of County Administration on current initiatives and their progress, the current investments and their progress, as well as projected investments and their costs and timeline of completion so that we can get an accurate picture of the investments, their costs, and the results. This includes getting a date on when AECOM would be done with their study.</p>
62	516	Emergency/Supplemental Items	To direct the Office of Management and Budget to provide options to increase pay for County employees who have not received additional raises beyond countywide cost of living adjustments in Fiscal Year 22, Short Fiscal Year 22, or Fiscal Year 23, in order to better align actual pay with increased cost of living. The Office should include a proposal that includes all aforementioned employees, as well as one that includes only the aforementioned employees earning under \$75,000 annually.

62	518	Emergency/Supplemental Items	<p>To direct the Flood Control District Executive Director and her designee to work with the General Land Office in collaboration with the Precincts to identify a comprehensive list of Harvey Flood Bond Projects that could be considered shovel-ready with an anticipated date for completion or substantial completion in 2026.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>To reaffirm the Flood Control District's commitment to the common goal of completing the 2018 Bond Disaster Recovery Projects.</p>
62	520	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
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