

Results of the Commissioners Court Meeting of 09-08-26
All agenda items approved as presented with the following exceptions:
Harris County Commissioners Court
Exceptions to September 8, 2026 Agenda

Page	Item	Department	Exception
2	1	County Administration	To direct the Office of County Engineer's Real Property Division to proceed with the due diligence to declare as surplus and sell the following properties: 1225 Elder St., Houston, TX 77007; 6710 E. Orem, Houston, TX 77048; and 12721 Foxton Rd., Houston, TX, 77048. ***** To direct the Office of County Engineer's Real Property Division to proceed with the due diligence to declare as surplus and sell the following property: 10555 Northwest Fwy., Houston, TX 77092.
2	2	County Administration	No Action
2	4	County Administration	To approve the transfer of the two general fund Early Childhood positions, including associated budget and equipment, to OCA with the understanding that the positions shall remain principally dedicated to early childhood initiatives and related activities, and with the directive that OCA provide Commissioners Court with an annual update following the transfer describing the progress related to these early childhoods.
2	5	Management and Budget	To set a public hearing on September 17, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. to consider for the Port of Houston Authority the proposed 2026 tax rate of \$0.00603 per \$100 of taxable value for debt service, and to direct the Office of Management and Budget, the Tax Assessor-Collector, and other relevant departments to execute and publish all related notices as required by applicable law. ***** To set a public hearing on September 17, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. to consider for Harris County Flood Control District the proposed 2026 tax rates per \$100 of taxable value of up to \$0.04023 for maintenance and operations and \$0.01243 for debt service, for a total tax rate of up to \$0.05266; and to direct the Office of Management and Budget, the Tax Assessor-Collector, and other relevant departments to execute and publish all related notices as required by applicable law. *****

2	5	Management and Budget	To set a public hearing on September 17, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. to consider for the Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health the proposed 2026 tax rates per \$100 of taxable value of up to \$0.18086 for maintenance and operations and \$0.01442 for debt service, for a total tax rate of \$0.19528; and to direct the Office of Management and Budget, the Tax Assessor-Collector, and other relevant departments to execute and publish all related notices as required by applicable law. ***** Motion died for a lack of a second, to set a public hearing on September 17, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. to consider for Harris County the proposed 2026 tax rates of up to \$0.36171 for maintenance and operations and \$0.05354 for debt service, for a total tax rate of \$0.41525, and to direct the Office of Management and Budget, the Tax Assessor-Collector, and other relevant departments to execute and publish all related notices as required by applicable law. ***** Motion died for a lack of a second, to set a public hearing on September 17, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. to consider for Harris County the proposed 2026 rates per \$100 of taxable value of up to \$0.32742 for maintenance and operations and \$0.05354 for debt service, for a total rate of up to \$0.38096, and to direct the Office of Management and Budget, and the Tax Assessor-Collector, and other relevant departments to execute and publish all related notices as required by applicable law. ***** To set a public hearing on September 17, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. to consider for Harris County the proposed 2026 tax rate of \$100 of taxable value of up to \$0.36396 for maintenance and operations and \$0.05354 for debt service, for a total tax rate of up to \$0.41750, and to direct the Office of Management and Budget, Tax Assessor-Collector, and other relevant departments to execute and publish all related notices as required by applicable law. *****
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2	5	Management and Budget	To direct HRT to develop a plan for Fiscal Year 2028 to change health care plans for new employees to align premiums and deductibles with Harris County peer entities, including the City of Houston and the State of Texas, for Court consideration on a Court date in January 2027. ***** To set a public hearing on September 17, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. to consider for Harris County Flood Control District the proposed FY2027 budget as amended and to direct the Office of Management and Budget, OCA, and all relevant departments to execute and publish all related notices and direct the Office of Management and Budget to file the Harris County Flood Control District proposed FY2027 budget as amended with the County Clerk and County Auditor. ***** To amend Harris County’s proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget for Pollution Control to authorize a service enhancement of \$235,437.00 for Cut Restoration. ***** To amend Harris County’s proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget for Pollution Control to authorize a service enhancement of \$252,000.00 for Chief Science Officer. ***** To amend Harris County’s proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget for Public Health to authorize a service enhancement of \$1,452,830.00 for HART. ***** To amend Harris County’s proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget for Public Health to authorize a service enhancement of \$439,103.00 for RISE. ***** To amend Harris County’s proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget for Public Health to authorize a service enhancement of \$1,000,000.00 for Domestic Violence. *****
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2	5	Management and Budget	Motion died for a lack of a second, to amend Harris County’s proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget to authorize a service enhancement of \$720,000.00 for children that have survived domestic violence. ***** To amend Harris County’s proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget for Public Health to authorize a service enhancement of \$500,000.00 for Wastewater Testing. ***** To amend Harris County’s proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget for Public Library to authorize a service enhancement of \$1,400,000.00 for TSLAC Accreditation. ***** To amend Harris County’s proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget for Housing and Community Development to authorize a service enhancement of \$2,660,068.31 for Eviction Defense & Rental Assistance. ***** To amend Harris County’s proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget for Harris Center to authorize a service enhancement of \$1,400,000.00 for Living Wage. ***** To amend Harris County’s proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget for Elections to authorize a service enhancement of \$190,000.00 for Election Trainers. ***** To amend Harris County’s proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget for Pretrial Services to authorize a service enhancement of \$2,495,922.00 for Night Shift Differential/24 hour coverage. ***** To amend Harris County’s proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget for Purchasing to authorize a service enhancement of \$350,000.00 for Vendor Management. *****
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2	5	Management and Budget	To amend Harris County’s proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget for County Courts to authorize a service enhancement of \$1,000,000.00 for Hearing Officer Comp. ***** Failed motion to amend Harris County’s proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget for Public Health to authorize a service enhancement of \$1,030,000.00 for low-cost spay/neuter, vaccinations, microchipping, and pet licensing. ***** To amend Harris County’s proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget for Community Safety to authorize a service enhancement of \$593,880.00 for Centralized Function. ***** Motion died for a lack of a second, to amend Harris County’s proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget to authorize a service enhancement of \$2,400,000.00 for the after-school programs. ***** To amend Harris County’s proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget for JP Courts 2-2 to authorize a service enhancement of \$102,087.76 for Eviction Diversion Coordinators. ***** To amend Harris County’s proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget for JP Courts 7-2 to authorize a service enhancement of \$76,565.82 for Eviction Diversion Coordinators. ***** To amend Harris County’s proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget for District Attorney’s Office to authorize a service enhancement for Intake Modernization. ***** To amend Harris County’s proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget for Children’s Assessment Center to authorize a service enhancement of \$164,000.00 for Reduce Backlog and Safety. *****
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2	5	Management and Budget	To amend Harris County’s proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget for Resources for Children and Adults to authorize a service enhancement of \$92,000.00 for Teaching Position for Goose Creek. ***** To include in the FY28 CLS an additional \$1,700,000 for HART, \$908,000 for RISE, and \$444,000 for Centralized function for community safety. ***** To set a public hearing on September 17, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. to consider the Harris County proposed FY2027 budget as amended and to direct the Office of Management and Budget, OCA, and all relevant departments to execute and publish all related notices and direct Office of Management and Budget to file the Harris County proposed FY2027 budget as amended with the County Clerk and County Auditor. ***** To amend Harris County’s proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget for Veterans Services to authorize a service enhancement of \$107,000.00 for Veterans Suicide Prevention Program.
2	6	Management and Budget	To direct the Universal Services to work with all 8 Harris County Constable offices, all 16 Justices of the Peace, the Office of Court Management, the County Clerk where applicable, and other relevant stakeholders to assess the current processes and systems for tracking Writs of Possession from issuance through service and completion. ***** For Commissioners Court to adopt the 2027 Constable Service fees. ***** That Universal Services return to Commissioners Court on October 15th with a preliminary roadmap and recommendation for centralized electronic status tracking of Writs of Possession. The roadmap should include recommended technology and integration needs, operational considerations and a proposed pilot approach, and any other required resources and estimated costs.

4	22	Commissioner, Precinct 3	To request the County Attorney's Office to work with IGA to draft an Interlocal agreement with the City of Houston for emergency and public safety services provided on the Harris County Toll Road system from a period of April 1, 2025, to December 31, 2026 utilizing a cost-recovery reimbursement framework totaling an amount not to exceed \$1,568,500.35; further to authorize the phased disbursement of funds across the three scheduled tranches (Tranche 1: April 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025 costs; Tranche 2: July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; Tranche 3: prior to the next legislative session) based on a verified County-calculated formula, itemized invoices; and direct the Office of the County Attorney, County Auditor, and Toll Road Authority to establish ongoing operational and audit procedures for continued periodic reimbursements going forward.
4	23	Commissioner, Precinct 3	No Action
5	27-28	Transmittals	Accepted
5	29	Executive Session	No Action
5	30	Executive Session	No Action