Results of the Commissioners Court Meeting of 10-15-26
All agenda items approved as presented with the following exceptions:
Harris County Commissioners Court
Exceptions to October 15, 2026 Agenda

Page	Item	Department	Exception
2	2	Management and Budget	To divide the Metro transfers evenly among the Commissioner Precincts.
4	26	County Engineer	No Action
10	93	Flood Control District	No Action
13	113	Intergovernmental and Global Affairs	No Action
14	120	Universal Services	No Action
14	126	Public Health Services	Change to "Request for approval of a lease agreement with B. H. 211 FM 1960, LLC for the continued use and occupancy of the department's Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Clinic located at 221 F.M. 1960 West, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77090 (Precinct 1) for the extended period through March 31, 2031."
15	133	Housing and Community Development	Change to "Request for approval of the Harris County Public Facility Corporation (HCPFC) right of first refusal authority, requiring all proposed housing related Public Facility Corporation transactions that occur within unincorporated Harris County, except for those from the HCPFC, to first obtain approval by the HCPFC prior to consideration by Harris County Commissioners Court."
20	177	Travel & Training	To approve all requests except for 2, 3, 5, 9, 14, 23, 24, and 25. ********** To approve the requests for 2, 3, 5, 9, 14, 23, 24, and 25.
27	215	Auditor	To approve all disbursements except PFM Group Consulting, LLC for $23,175. ********** To approve the disbursement for PFM Group Consulting, LLC.
27	219	Treasurer	No Action
32	253	Purchasing	Change to "Request for approval of a renewal option with Outreach Strategists, LLC for community income surveys and evaluation for mitigation projects for the Housing and Community Development Department and Flood Control District for the period of January 9, 2027 - January 8, 2028, at a cost of $977,450 (230318), Justification for 0% MWBE Participation Goal: 0% - Specialized, Technical, or Unique in Nature."
38	302	Purchasing	Change to "Request for approval of a Professional Services Exemption from the competitive bid requirements and that the County Judge execute an agreement with Merrill Hines dba Final Advocate Forensics, PLLC in the amount of $370,000 for medical examiner services for the Institute of Forensic Sciences through September 30, 2027 with four (4) one-year renewal options, Justification for 0% MWBE Participation Goal: 0% - Non-Divisible."

39	309	Purchasing	Change to “Request for approval of a discretionary exemption from the competitive bid requirements and that the County Judge execute an agreement with Hannah Campbell in the amount of $9,500 for Radack Community Center and Bear Creek Pioneer Park Mural(s) for Precinct 4 for the period of October 15, 2026 - October 14, 2027.”
40	313	County Judge	To approve the creation of a public-facing Mental Health & IDD Dashboard to help inform future policy and legislative efforts designed to support individuals at the intersection of mental health, homelessness, and public safety, and especially those with severe and persistent mental illness who would benefit from residential intermediate-level care; and To direct the Health Goal Area Committee to work with the Office of County Administration, the Harris Center, the Sheriff’s Office, Housing & Community Development, Coalition for the Homeless, Public Health Services, District Attorney’s Office, Public Defender’s Office, and other relevant stakeholders to develop a plan for the development and implementation of the dashboard and return to Court no later than December 17, 2026, with recommendations and resource needs. This should include consideration of: • Existing data projects that touch on the intersection of mental health, homelessness, and public safety that could inform the dashboard; • Which entities collect or could collect the data that will feed into the dashboard; and • Logistics such as data-sharing agreements and privacy considerations.
40	314	County Judge	That Commissioners Court directs OCA to convene a workgroup with the County Attorney’s Office, Sheriff’s Office as Chair, Constable Offices, and other County law enforcement agencies using ALPR data; The Commissioners Court Offices, Purchasing, the Auditor’s Office, and relevant technical personnel should participate as needed. The workgroup would develop: A proposed amendment to the County’s ALPR agreement, including provisions concerning data retention and sharing, informed by legal review, operational needs, and vendor capabilities; A model ALPR data-use policy for County law enforcement agencies, addressing the five policy areas identified above and outlining considerations for departmental adoption and implementation. The workgroup would then submit the proposed amendments and model ALPR data-use policy no later than February 2027 for Commissioners Court consideration. This working group will not conflict with the Sheriff’s existing working group.
40	315	County Judge	To request that the $400,000 in unallocated funds from Fiscal Year 26-27 budget process be allocated to the General Fund balance and used to address ongoing short falls.
41	328	Commissioner, Precinct 2	No Action

42	335	Commissioner, Precinct 3	To direct the Office of Management and Budget to distribute the Mobility Road Certificates of Obligation to the Precincts using the three-factor formula unanimously approved on April 21, 2025.
42	336	Commissioner, Precinct 3	No Action
42	341	Commissioner, Precinct 3	That Commissioners Court directs the Office of County Administration, in coordination with appropriate County departments and in consultation with willing criminal justice agencies and elected offices, to: 1. Develop a centralized Harris County Crime Victim Navigation and Information Initiative using existing County resources where practical; 2. For OCA to return to Commissioners Court on January 14, 2027, with the following: • An inventory of existing victim-service programs, resources, staffing and funding information where available, and referral processes; • Identification of significant gaps in victim handoffs between agencies; • Implementation of recommendations for the creation of the following: a centralized victim-navigation web page; a plain-language criminal justice process roadmap; a "Who Do I Contact?" guide; practical instructional guides and short videos; a printable QR-code victim resource; and • Recommendations and estimated costs for future improvements, including a one navigator or case-manager model, improved agency handoffs, victim escalation procedures, peer-support partnerships, technology options, and available grant funding. The Office of County Administration shall return to Commissioners Court within 90 days with an implementation progress, findings, and recommendations. No new positions would be necessary at this point.
43	343	Commissioner, Precinct 4	To request for approval to direct the Office of the County Engineer, Flood Control, and the Fire Marshal's Office to notify Commissioners Court Offices when a major data center submits a Traffic Impact Analysis, permit application, or fire code plan review; to request that the County Attorney's Office, working with the relevant departments, to report on the County's existing authority and oversight over data center development; and to request for approval to direct the Office of Intergovernmental and Global Affairs to identify and advocate for statutory changes that would strengthen County oversight of data centers in unincorporated areas ahead of the 90th Legislative Session.
43	346	Commissioner, Precinct 4	Change to "Request for approval to utilize County space to place collection boxes at various Precinct 4 facilities for the Toys 4 Joy Drive and Distribution benefiting local children."
45-47	365-397	Transmittals	Accepted
47	398	Transmittals	Change to "Transmittal by the Office of the Purchasing Agent of a project scheduled for advertisement for pilot program for installation of Aerating Fountains at Hill at Sims Park, Tom Bass Park, and Willow Waterhole Park for the Flood Control District (260318)." Accepted

47-49	399-410	Transmittals	Accepted
49	413	Executive Session	No Action
49	414	Executive Session	To appoint the following nominees to the Consultation Team as Management Representatives: Gary Marsh, a nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 1; Jose Jimenez, a nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 2; Jennifer Almonte, a nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 3; Ruth Mendez, a nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 4; and Juliet Wingenbach, a nominee from the County Judge, for terms effective upon the designation of the Consultation Agent; and To recognize the County Administrator, Flood Control District Director, Toll Road Authority Director, and Chief People Officer-Human Resources & Talent, or their designee, as Management Representatives, for terms effective upon the designation of the Consultation Agent.
49	415	Executive Session	No Action
50	416	Executive Session	No Action
50	419	Resolutions	Change to "Request by the County Judge and Commissioners of Precinct 1 and Precinct 4 for approval of a joint resolution honoring the life and legacy of the Honorable Garnet Coleman."
51	428	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
51	429	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
51	430	Emergency/Supplemental Items	Accepted
54	455	Emergency/Supplemental Items	Accepted
54	456	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
55	464	Emergency/Supplemental Items	To direct OCA and the County Attorney's Office to convene a working group, including representatives from each Court Office to begin preparing for the 2030 Census. The workgroup will identify ways for Harris County to fully participate in the Census and to assess the potential budget impacts for Harris to put together a strategic plan to address the 2030 Census. ********** For approval to submit comments to the U.S. Census Bureau opposing proposed rulemaking by the Census Bureau that will significantly impact the administration, process, and outcome of the 2030 census by systematically undermining and undercounting vulnerable populations.
55	465	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action

56	471	Emergency/Supplemental Items	Change to "Request by the Office of the Purchasing Agent for approval to extend a Sole Source Exemption contract with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. for software licensing, maintenance and online services master enterprise agreement for products manufactured by Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. for Harris County for the extended period of October 28, 2026 - November 10, 2026 or upon execution of a new agreement between parties, whichever comes first, with no increase in pricing, Justification for 0% MWBE Participation Goal: Exempt - Sole Source."
58	485	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
58	487	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
58	488	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
59	490	Emergency/Supplemental Items	Change to "Request by the Commissioner of Precinct 1 for approval to participate in a nonpartisan civic engagement event with BLD PWR on October 28, 2026, at no expense to the County."
59	491	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
59	494	Emergency/Supplemental ARPA	Change to "Request by Housing and Community Development, in coordination with the Office of the County Engineer, for approval to declare as surplus property and authorize the marketing and sale of an ARPA-funded improved residential property located at 6807 Madrid St., Houston, Texas, legally described as Lot Two (2), Block Twenty-four (24), of Grand Park, an addition in Harris County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 572, Page 259, of the Deed Records of Harris County, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §263.008."