

Results of the Commissioners Court Meeting of 3-24-20
 All agenda items approved as presented with the following exceptions:
 Harris County Commissioners Court
 Exceptions to March 24, 2020 Agenda

Page	Item	Department	Exception
2	1.f.7	County Engineer	No Action
6	2.a.14	Flood Control District	Change to "G103-00-00-Y007"
10	8.i	Community Services	No Action
13	19.a.1-12	Travel & Training- Out of Texas	Approve subject to review by the Continuity of Government Task Force
13	19.b.1-31	Travel & Training- In Texas	Approve subject to review by the Continuity of Government Task Force
20	22.a.2	County Judge	<p>A City- County Program (the Program) is established to serve vulnerable individuals who lack the means or ability to engage in social isolation or quarantine in response to COVID-19.</p> <p>One Million Dollars is appropriated for said Program form the Harris County Public Improvement (PIC) Fund, or such funds most appropriate to be reimbursed by the Federal Government.</p> <p>The Program shall be administered by the Harris County Community Services Department.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>County Judge Lina Hidalgo be, and she is hereby, authorized to execute for and on behalf of Harris County, an Agreement with The Houston Food Bank, to be paid out of Harris County Commissioner Precinct One's budget, to provide food to residents of Harris County. The Agreement is incorporated hereby by reference for all purposes as though fully set forth word for word.</p> <p>County Judge Lina Hidalgo is also hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of Harris County, similar agreements with the Houston Food Bank and other nonprofit entities that have been approved by the individual members of Commissioners Court's remaining Precincts, with each said Member being able to budget up to \$280,000, subject to review by the Harris County Attorney's Office, and providing for employees to participate in a similar work program during the COVID-19 Public Health Disaster</p>

		<p>("Work Program"). Elected officials and department heads whose employees participate in this or any other Work Program shall pay each employee out of their respective budgets.</p> <p>Elected officials and department heads are authorized to assign employees within their respective offices to work at The Houston Food Bank or other Work Program and any work performed by such employees under any Work Programs shall be considered county work time. County employees shall not be permitted to accrue comp time or otherwise be paid overtime as a result of work performed under any Work Program. The name of any county employee who has been authorized to work on any Work Program shall be reported to Human Resources. Human Resources shall maintain a registry of all county employees who are earning pay by working in any Work Program.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>The restriction on the Harris County Imprest Checking Account funded for the purpose of acquiring real properties at auctions shall be, and is hereby, removed and the funds shall be re-designated for the purpose of purchasing medical supplies to enable Harris County to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 during the current Public Health Disaster.</p> <p>The Harris County Auditor is hereby authorized to develop controls and procedures to accomplish the purpose of this Order, including but not limited to permitting electronic payments to be made from the fund.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>The Harris County Judge is authorized to sign an amendment to the Agreement between Harris County and Bloomberg Finance, L.P. to allow for the provision of additional services.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Toll road tolls shall be suspended for the duration of the County Judge's Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency.</p> <p>*****</p>
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21	II.1	Supplemental Items	Change to "personal services contract"
21.	II.2	Supplemental Items	Harris County shall fund three inmate phone calls per week through Securus for the duration of the County Judge's Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency
21	II.3	Supplemental Items	No Action
21	II.4	Supplemental Items	<p>No Action on the request by the Commissioner of Precinct Two for approval of an agreement with the Lift Fund to provide an economic development program allowed under Texas Local Government Code Sec. 381.004(h), with an amount of \$10,000,000 to provide non-interest four-year loans for the purpose of providing small business loans to businesses affected by the pandemic crisis and to administer the program.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Harris County is authorized to negotiate and develop an agreement with the Houston Galveston Area Council for a forgivable business interruption loan program with ten million dollars of appropriate funding and bring a recommendation back to Commissioners Court.</p>
21	II.5	Supplemental Items	No Action