

Results of the Commissioners Court Meeting of 4-07-20
 All agenda items approved as presented with the following exceptions:
 Harris County Commissioners Court
 Exceptions to April 07, 2020 Agenda

Page	Item	Department	Exception
8	4.f	Budget Management	Change to "Institute of Forensic Sciences
11	13.a	County Attorney	The Harris County Attorney's Office is authorized to file an amicus brief on behalf of the Texas Democratic Party in its lawsuit against the Secretary of State seeking to allow all eligible voters to vote by mail during the COVID-19 pandemic.
16	16.d.11.a	Purchasing	Change to "\$300,000"
18	17.a.4	County Judge	<p>Harris County is authorized to procure Guidehouse to perform project management services in connection with and during the response to COVID-19 and to enter into a contract with Guidehouse subject to review and approval by the County Attorney's Office.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>The Harris County Purchasing Department is authorized to advertise a request for proposal for project management services as usual and at conclusion of the current emergency.</p>
19	17.c.3	Commissioner, Precinct 2	The Community Services Department is directed to work with the Purchasing Agent to procure hand washing stations for individuals experiencing homelessness.
19	17.c.4	Commissioner, Precinct 2	<p>County Judge Lina Hidalgo be, and she is hereby, authorized to execute for and on behalf of Harris County, the Interlocal Agreement with Houston-Galveston Area Council, pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §§ 791.001 – 791.030 and Section 381.004 (c)(1) of the Texas Local Government Code, for the administration of the Harris County Small Business Loans for Economic Assistance Program for the Harris County Budget Management Department at a total cost to the County of \$1,000,000.00.</p> <p>Research shall be conducted regarding opportunities to include LMI and equity components to the program. There shall be a regular reporting requirement to the program.</p>

			<p>The Harris County Budget Management Department is hereby authorized to establish an account containing a total of \$11,000,000.00 of Harris County General Funds to be used to fund the Harris County Small Business Loans for Economic Assistance Program disbursements to qualifying small businesses and to compensate H-GAC in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.</p> <p>Pursuant to Section 381.004(b) and (h) of the Texas Local Government Code, the Budget Officer or his designee is hereby authorized to disburse funds from the Harris County Small Business Loans for Economic Assistance Program Account to qualifying small businesses.</p>
20	II.6	Supplemental Items	Add "and past due payments"
20	II.7	Supplemental Items	No Action
20	II.10	Supplemental Items	<p>The Commissioners Court's Analyst's Office is tasked with reviewing the administration of COVID-19 relief funds in other jurisdictions, including but not limited to the City of Austin's RISE fund. The review should consider the most common criteria for such funds, and if possible, any identifiable best practices from local jurisdictional associations or other authoritative sources. This report will contribute to the Court's effort to establish a dedicated Harris County COVID-19 community relief fund, funded by County general revenue up to \$15 million for purposes including, but not limited to, providing emergency rental, utility, and food access assistance to Harris County residents impacted by COVID-19, with a focus on those not otherwise eligible for existing County assistance programs. This report will be presented to the Harris County Commissioners Court at or before the next meeting.</p>
20	II.12	Supplemental Items	<p>The County Judge is authorized to execute for and on behalf of Harris County an Interlocal Agreement with Baylor College of Medicine, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, for the purchase of two negative pressure SmartPod units to be paid for from the budget of Commissioner Precinct 2.</p> <p>The County Judge is also authorized to execute, for and on behalf of Harris County, similar agreements, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, for other precinct members of</p>

			Commissioners Court to purchase negative pressure SmartPod units paid for from their respective budgets.
20	II.13	Supplemental Items	No Action
20	II.14	Supplemental Items	No Action
20	IV	Executive Session	No Action