

Results of the Commissioners Court Meeting of 8-25-20
 All agenda items approved as presented with the following exceptions:
 Harris County Commissioners Court
 Exceptions to August 25, 2020 Agenda

Page	Item	Department	Exception
1.	1.a	County Engineer	No Action
4	1.t	County Engineer	No Action
7	4.f.1	Budget Management	Add "With \$580,000 being given to each of the Precincts in addition to the \$580,000 being given to Precinct Two from the General Fund."
8	4.i	Budget Management	No Action
8	6.a	Commissioners Court's Analyst's Office	No Action
8	6.b	Commissioners Court's Analyst's Office	The Harris County Commissioners Court hereby refers the Harris County Analyst's Office's salvage yards licensing recommendations to the Harris County Engineering Department, Harris County Public Pollution Control Services Department, and Harris County Attorney's Office for implementation by amending the ordinance of Harris County, Texas regarding licensing of junk yards and automotive wrecking and salvage yards
10	12.c	Sheriff	No Action
11	14.c	County Attorney	No Action
23	22.c.1	Commissioner, Precinct 2	No Action
24	22.c.2	Commissioner, Precinct 2	<p>The Harris County Commissioners Court hereby implements the Homeless Task Force's recommendations numbers 2, 6, and 8.</p> <p>With regard to recommendation number 2, Harris County grants the sum of Five-Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), to be appropriated from the Public Contingency Fund and Public Improvement Contingency Fund, towards the collective County, City of Houston, and Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD, purchase of a facility to serve the respite, rehabilitation, and re-entry needs of those with serious behavioral health needs who are experiencing homelessness.</p> <p>With regard to recommendation number 6, Harris County shall convene a task force to study and make</p>

			<p>recommendations to Commissioners Court within 90 days to address non carceral and transformative programs to be housed at 1307 Baker Street, Houston, Texas 77002 (Little Baker).</p> <p>With regard to recommendation number 8, the Commissioners Court Analyst’s Office shall report to Commissioners Court on whether, and how, resources made available from any settlement of the opioid crisis - related litigation (including, but not limited to, <i>In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation</i>; No. MDL 2804; <i>In the Northern District of Ohio and County of Harris v. Purdue Pharma, L.P.</i>; No. 2017-82618; <i>In the 133rd District Court of Harris County, Texas</i>) might be used most effectively to address Harris County homeless issues and financial needs.</p>
24	22.c.3	Commissioner, Precinct 2	<p>Add “with \$580,000 being given to each of the Precincts in addition to the \$850,000 being given to Precinct Two from the General Fund.”</p>
25	23.b.2.a	COVID-19	<p>It is ordered that County Judge is hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of Harris County an Amendment to the Agreement between Harris County and BakerRipley for the purpose of adding additional funding to the Harris County COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program and increasing the allocation of rental assistance to qualifying tenants and clarifying the landlord requirements for the program, said Amendment being incorporated as though fully set forth herein word for word.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Motion by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner A. Garcia, Judge Hidalgo, Commissioner Ellis, and Commissioner A. Garcia voted Yes. Commissioner Radack and Commissioner Cagle voted No. 3/2 Vote.</p> <p>It is ordered that the Harris County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (the “Program”) is hereby amended to allow all residents of Harris County, including those residents that reside within the City of Houston in each of the Commissioners’ Precincts, to apply for the Program.</p>

			<p>*****</p> <p>Motion by Commissioner A. Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Ellis, Unanimous Vote 5/0.</p> <p>The County Judge is hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of Harris County, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office, an Amendment to the Agreement between Harris County and BakerRipley for the administration of the Harris County Emergency Rental Assistance Program for the purpose of making the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Increase the amount award limitation amount to \$1,900.00 per household. b. Extend landlord enrollment through August 28, 2020 and tenant enrollment through September 2, 2020 in order to allow more landlords and tenants to register due to the increased award limitation amount. c. Modify the requirements of the landlord agreement to include a tenant-aimed plan to align closer with the City of Houston’s program. d. Increase the program fund to a total of \$40,000,000.00 to ensure a similar amount of qualified applicants are selected. <p>The Budget Management Department is authorized to work with the County Attorney’s Office and BakerRipley to make the necessary modifications to the amendment.</p>
25	23.b.2.b	COVID-19	<p>County Judge Lina Hidalgo be, and she is hereby, authorized to execute for and on behalf of Harris County, Texas the Agreement with Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. The Agreement provides for the administration of the Harris County COVID-19 Emergency Direct Assistance Fund, which is authorized under Section 81.027 of the Texas Local Government Code, and 42 U.S.C. § 801, for the Harris County Budget Management Department. The total cost to the County under the Agreement is \$44,034,600.00, with \$40,000,000.00 of the total cost allocated to the Harris County COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Fund and \$4,034,600.00 of the total cost allocated to</p>

			<p>compensate Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. The Agreement is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes as though fully set forth word for word.</p> <p>Election officials and department heads are authorized to assign employees within their respective offices to work for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston to implement the COVID-19 Emergency Direct Assistance Fund (the “Program”) and any work performed by such employees for this Program 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 for the Program. The name of any county employee who has been authorized to work on the program shall be reported to Human Resources. Human Resources shall maintain a registry of all county employees who are earning pay by working in the Program. Elected officials and department heads whose employees participate in this Program shall pay each employee out of their respective budgets.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Motion by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner A. Garcia, Unanimous Vote 5/0.</p> <p>The amount of funds allocated for the Harris County Emergency Direct Assistance Program is hereby increased by \$15,000,000.00 to a total of \$40,000,000.00 to match the County’s proposed increased investment in the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. The funds shall be separated and distributed in equal amounts to each Harris County precinct.</p> <p>The Budget Management Department is authorized to work with the County Attorney’s Office and Catholic Charities to make the necessary modifications to the agreement based on this order.</p> <p>The County Judge is authorized to sign the modified agreement, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office.</p>
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26	23.h.2	COVID-19	Change to “extension through the fourteenth day following the expiration of Governor Greg Abbot’s Final declaration certifying that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster”
26	II.9	Supplemental	No Action
26	II.11	Supplemental	No Action
26	II.12	Supplemental	<p>The Harris County Commissioners Court hereby implements the Homeless Task Force’s recommendations numbers 2, 6, and 8.</p> <p>With regard to recommendation number 2, Harris County grants the sum of Five-Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), to be appropriated from the Public Contingency Fund and Public Improvement Contingency Fund, towards the collective County, City of Houston, and Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD, purchase of a facility to serve the respite, rehabilitation, and re-entry needs of those with serious behavioral health needs who are experiencing homelessness.</p> <p>With regard to recommendation number 6, Harris County shall convene a task force to study and make recommendations to Commissioners Court within 90 days to address non carceral and transformative programs to be housed at 1307 Baker Street, Houston, Texas 77002 (Little Baker).</p>

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26	IV.1	Executive Session	<p>The individual hired as Elections Administrator shall be offered an annual salary between \$150,000.00 and \$200,000.00, a car allowance between \$400.00 and \$500.00 per month, along with all other benefits due Harris County employees.</p>