

Results of the Commissioners Court Meeting of 03-14-23
 All agenda items approved as presented with the following exceptions:
 Harris County Commissioners Court
 Exceptions to March 14, 2023 Agenda

Page	Item	Department	Exception
2	2	Resolutions	To approve a resolution that the Harris County Commissioners Court requests that the Biden Administration and the US Department of Transportation take action to ensure that the BIL equity provisions for MPOs are implemented. Beyond this provision, the BIL guidance on funding allocations should ensure that the highest need, most populous areas receive their fair share of infrastructure dollars to shore up critical transportation resources in these communities.
3	15	County Administration	No Action
3	16	County Administration	No Action
3	17	Management and Budget	No Action
3	18	Management and Budget	No Action
3	19	Management and Budget	<p>To direct Human Resources and Risk Management to work with the County Attorney's Office to develop a policy clarifying the parameters for the salary offered to an individual appointed to an interim role in leadership of a County department or agency, specifically that an individual serving in an interim capacity receive a salary increase that aligns with the salary received by the previous individual filling the role. The County Attorney's Office will bring this policy back to the Court for review and approval in the next Court.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>To increase county employee compensation, effective May 6, 2023, as proposed in Option #2, which allows \$500 per employee as part of a retention incentive program presented by the Office of Management and Budget, for civilian employees and detention officers who did not receive additional raises beyond countywide cost of living adjustments in Fiscal Year 22, Short Year Fiscal 22, or Fiscal Year 23.</p>
10	73	County Engineer	No Action
10	74	County Engineer	No Action

11	87	County Engineer	To authorize the County Engineer or his designee to approve the license applications for junkyards, automotive wrecking and salvage yards.
16	142	Intergovernmental and Global Affairs	<p>To direct Intergovernmental and Global Affairs to continue working with members of the Harris County Delegation to support potential state funding for the build out of the additional courts, and to direct IGA to work with the Legislative Offices to make effective date of October 1st, and to phase the courts in three courts at a time over the biennium.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>To approve a resolution supporting the passage of SB 957 designating a portion of Highway 59 in Harris County as the Deputy Sheriff Darren Almendarez Memorial Highway.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>To adopt a resolution of opposing Senate Bill 651 and House Bill 2401 of the 88th Texas Legislature, and any other piece of legislation that risks funding for our Hospital Districts.</p>
17	155	Community Services	<p>To approve the MOD and submit the final MOD document.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>To approve Appendix B as amended.</p>
18	166	Constables	No Action
20	178	County Attorney	That department presentations not be included in the 10 minute limit and that they be capped to 10 minutes.
21	189	District Courts	To reappoint the members of Commissioners Court that are serving in the Purchasing Agent Board, Commissioner Adrian Garcia and Commissioner Rodney Ellis.
21	190	District Courts	No Action
34	274	Purchasing	Change to "Bernadine Subdivision"
40	321	Commissioner, Precinct 1	No Action
41	326	Commissioner, Precinct 2	To direct both the Harris County Engineering Department and the Harris County Toll Road Authority to update the Harris County Truck Route Study to determine the future freight needs of the county and identify investment opportunities that will ensure the safe and efficient movement of goods/services in the region while improving the quality of life for Harris County residents. The study should also determine possible alignments with the Texas Delivers 2050 Freight Plan.

41	327	Commissioner, Precinct 2	That the Public Health Department return at the second meeting in May with a presentation on their nuisance abatement dashboard as well as efficiencies and efficiency improvements that they are implementing alongside the other relevant departments to speed up the project.
42	333	Commissioner, Precinct 4	To direct the Office of Management and Budget to return to court on April 4th for approval of a job description, budget, and plan for hiring and onboarding a Philanthropy Liaison.
42	334	Commissioner, Precinct 4	To direct Harris County Public Health, the Office of Management and Budget, the Sheriff's Office and other relevant stakeholders to return with a plan by April 25th to fully fund the Holistic Assistance Response Team program to maintain current operations and expand to provide services into the HCSO District IV and possibly other districts beginning in Fiscal Year 2024. The plan should include a budget that incorporates staffing, equipment, outreach and other operations; a timeline for implementation; and expected metrics.
42	335	Commissioner, Precinct 4	To direct the Office of Justice and Safety and the Office of County Administration to work with relevant departments and agencies to create a proposal to provide resources to criminal court judges who implement best practices in their courtrooms that could result in more efficient case processing, fewer active cases, fewer in-custody cases, pretrial conditions that align with public safety needs, a lower overall backlog of cases, and cost savings for the county. This proposal shall include standards for how courts can access additional resources, including which innovative processes should be adopted to be eligible for resources and what data courts must collect and report to Commissioners Court.
42	336	Commissioner, Precinct 4	To direct the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to create a committee on indigent defense and return with a plan by July 1st to fund the expansion of indigent defense representation by public defender offices to at least 50% of indigent appointment cases by the end of Fiscal Year 2024. The committee shall identify possible funding sources and create a strategic plan for ensuring that best practices are met including caseload standards, provision of holistic services, recruitment and training, and the structuring of the Public Defender Office.
42-43	341-343	Transmittals	Accepted
43	344	Transmittals	Add "by the Office of Management and Budget" Accepted
43-45	345-365	Transmittals	Accepted
45	366	Transmittals	No Action
45-47	367-388	Transmittals	Accepted

47	389	Executive Session	To allow the Office of County Engineer to negotiate a sale price and development cost related to a real estate transaction in Southeast Harris County, and to allow negotiations for a sublease agreement with the Harris Health System.
48	393	Emergency/Supplemental Items	To reappoint Tanya Debose, a nominee from the County Judge's Office to the Harris County African American Cultural Heritage Commission for a term ending March 14, 2025.
48	394	Emergency/Supplemental Items	To appoint Francisco Castillo, a nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 2 to the Harris County Housing Finance Corporation for a term ending March 14, 2025.
48	395	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
48	396	Emergency/Supplemental Items	To appoint Lawrence "Larry" Lipton, a nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 3 to the Harris County Housing Finance Corporation for a term ending March 13, 2025.
48	399	Emergency/Supplemental Items	<p>To refer the 24-month Detention Officer Retention Incentive Program to the ARPA SteerCo to return to Commissioners Court for approval.</p> <p>To approve an amendment to the County's body worn camera contract for the HCSO detention staff.</p> <p>To direct Human Resources & Risk Management and the Office of Management and Budget to create a new Detention Captain classification and fund two positions at an estimated cost of \$265,000 annually; five jail population specialists (administrative coordinator classification) at an estimated cost of \$550,000 annually; a Director of Healthcare Quality Assurance, and a FMLA Coordinator at a competitive salary to-be-determined by HRRM working with the Harris County Sheriff's Office.</p> <p>And to direct the Purchasing Agent to work with the Harris County Sheriff's Office to retain a Third-Party expert to review the office's HR practices regarding recruiting for detention staff and implement recommendations for improvement.</p>
50	418	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
51	420	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action