

Results of the Commissioners Court Meeting of 04-04-23
 All agenda items approved as presented with the following exceptions:
 Harris County Commissioners Court
 Exceptions to April 4, 2023 Agenda

Page	Item	Department	Exception
5	33	Management and Budget	To create a Philanthropy Liaison position in OMB, effective April 22, 2023.
6	34	Management and Budget	To allocate the Fiscal Year 23 Metro Transfers so that they are equally divided between the four Precincts.
6	35	Management and Budget	No Action
17	154	Intergovernmental and Global Affairs	No Action
18	165	Community Services	<p>Change to “CDBG-MIT”</p> <p>To merge the partnership projects and the other flood mitigation funds into one allocation termed “Precinct-led Projects & Partnerships Funds,” so that the new allocation is \$502.5 million for Harris County Flood Bond projects, \$97.5 million for administration, and \$150 million for the new “Precinct-led Projects & Partnerships Funds.” The Precinct-led Project & Partnership Funds will be split evenly between the four precincts.</p> <p>To direct the Engineering Review Board, which was created on the March 14, 2023 Court, to assist in the administration of this “Precinct-led Projects & Partnership” Fund. The Harris County Engineering Department will provide a monthly report to Commissioners Court offices on all projects within this fund. Where no partner is involved in a Precinct project, the Precinct will follow General Land Office rules and the CDBG-MIT Method of Distribution rules to prioritize projects. For projects involving partners, Precincts will follow the Partnership Framework previously voted on by Commissioners Court on March 14, 2023. The Harris County Engineering Department in coordination with the Community Services Department will be responsible for issuing and implementing a centralized Call for Projects, and the projects will then be shared with precinct staff. Precincts will then create both an initial list and a backup project list and will submit to the Engineering Review Board by June 14, 2023. These Precinct-led projects could include: partnership projects, subdivision drainage program projects, other precinct drainage projects, roadway projects with a significant drainage component, and/or first responder evacuation route improvements, that are advanced in design and right-of-way that can be completed by the relevant GLO deadlines.</p>

			<p>That any Precinct-led project that does not hit its performance indicators and does not cure this problem during the probation period set by the Harris County Engineering Department project management team, can be paused by the project managers in consultation with the Precinct. If a project is paused, those unspent funds can be reallocated for use on the next highest-scoring Precinct-led projects within that Precinct.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>To instruct the Flood Control District to formalize a final list of projects within the 2018 Bond package of Commissioners Court for approval before submission to the GLO for CDBG-MIT and CDBG-DR award by June 2023. A list may be refined prior to submitting applications and should exceed our documented LMI target with an aspirational goal of 70% of all project funds in LMI areas. The project list should note if Low-Moderate Income Population criteria are met and identify R/ECAP (racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty), Flood Bond ID, and the relevant watershed.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>To provide flexibility to the Harris County Flood Control Director to use up to 47% of the 2017 CDBG-MIT for urgent needs that will allow a more equal distribution of the funds.</p>
30	240	Purchasing	No Action
30	247	Purchasing	No Action
36	293	Commissioner, Precinct 2	To direct the Office of County Administration to lead the conversations with Management and Budget, Tax Assessor-Collector, Community Services Department, and any other relevant County Departments to prepare a Countywide policy consistent with a balanced budget; and that the County Attorney's Office provide any further recommendations towards adopting certain tax exemptions for qualifying entities to construct and preserve affordable rental housing in Harris County.
36	296	Commissioner, Precinct 3	Motion died for a lack of a second , that the previously approved Table 1 and Table 3 of Item 37 on 2/21/23 Court be modified to reflect the removal of the following projects from those Tables and that they be fully funded as originally planned: Table 1 remove Hearthstone and Fairway West, Table 3 remove Dowdell Woods, Cypress Creek Estates, K500-01-00, Timberlake Estates, Dula Lane & Related, Kolbe Road & Related, and Wortham Estates.

36	297	Commissioner, Precinct 3	Motion died for a lack of a second , that the previously approved allocation of the 2022 Road and Park Bonds be modified to include the population with social vulnerability index of .5 or greater, which accounts for a vulnerable population in excess of one million people in Harris County, that a minimum of 25 percent of the 2022 Road and Park Bonds be spent in areas with an SVI of .5 or greater, and that each precinct is obligated to spend a percentage of their Bond allocation equivalent to their SVI percentage.
36	298	Commissioner, Precinct 3	For OCA to come up with a compensation study and development of an incentive program within 60 days for the Animal Control employees and to lead the search for the Harris County Pets Director in collaboration with Harris County Public Health and with Director Robinson making the final selection; that already planned community meetings hosted by Harris County Public Health on this topic take place across precincts alongside members of Court; that PFM present on their relevant recommendation at the next court; and that OCA, after that, report back on their recommendation after speaking to the Director and incorporating PFM's input.
38-40	311-340	Transmittals	Accepted
40	341	Executive Session	To appoint Dr. Michelle Tovar, a nominee from the County Judge to the Harris County Hispanic Cultural Heritage Commission for a term ending April 04, 2025.
40	342	Executive Session	To reappoint Carl Davis, a nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 1 to the African American Cultural Heritage Commission for a term ending February 25, 2025.
41	343	Executive Session	To reappoint Mary Ramos, a nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 1 to the Harris County Hispanic Cultural Heritage Commission for a term ending September 30, 2024.
41	344	Executive Session	To reappoint Dr. Max A. Miller, Jr., a nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 3 to the Board of Trustees of the Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD for a term ending April 12, 2025.
41	345	Executive Session	To appoint Mark Lanier, a nominee from the Commissioner of Precinct 3 to the Harris County Sports & Convention Corporation for a term ending January 26, 2026.
41	346	Executive Session	To appoint Estefania Ayala, a nominee recommended by the current board members to the Harris County Essential Workers Board (HCEWB), as proposed by the approved board bylaws, for a term ending April 04, 2024.

41	347	Executive Session	To direct the County Attorney's Office to terminate the County's contract with Linebarger in a time line consistent with having no penalties due to a third party law firm under the Tax Code for accounts delinquent on their 2022 taxes; to negotiate a transition agreement with Linebarger to achieve the orderly transfer of operations of delinquent tax collections to the County Attorney's Office; and that the Office of County Administration, in partnership with the Tax Assessor-Collector, come back in three weeks with proposed recommendations to remove barriers to property owners making timely payment.
41	348	Executive Session	To authorize the OMB and OCE to move forward with negotiations to possibly acquire facilities, including the parking garage within Downtown Houston.
41	349	Emergency/Supplemental Items	To appoint Chad Khan, a nominee from the County Judge, to the Harris County Housing Finance Corporation for a term ending April 04, 2025.
41	350	Emergency/Supplemental Items	To reappoint Shaukat Zakaria, a nominee from the County Judge, to the Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD Board of Trustees for a term ending February 01, 2025.
42	357	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
43	362	Emergency/Supplemental Items	To adopt the recommendation of the County Attorney's Office based on the Comptroller's recision of his determination that the County defunded Constable Precinct Five and his admission of the correct method for applying SB 23 to the County's Fiscal Year 23 Budget; and that the County non-suit it's lawsuit against the Comptroller and the Governor's Office of Criminal Justice.
44	372	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
44	373	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
44	377	Emergency/Supplemental Items	Change to "approval of a creation document"
44	378	Emergency/Supplemental Items	To direct Human Resources and Risk Management to develop a proposal to submit to the appropriate ARPA Focus Area Team to address standardization of employee position classification and compensation. HRRM should also develop a plan with milestones to analyze and identify any pay disparities based on race, ethnicity, and gender, and to remedy any disparities that are found, and return to Commissioners Court to present the plan by June 27, 2023.
44	381	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action
45	382	Emergency/Supplemental Items	No Action

45	383	Emergency/Supplemental Items	Motion died for a lack of a second, for reconsideration of the procedures and program eligibility criteria adopted to allocate the 2022 road and park bond.
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