

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

March 13, 2020

Notice is hereby given that the County Judge has called a special meeting of Commissioners Court. The meeting will be held on March 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., in the Courtroom of the Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, on the ninth floor of the Harris County Administration Building, 1001 Preston Street, Houston, Texas.

The special meeting is for the following purpose:

To approve the extension of the Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency, declared by County Judge Lina Hidalgo and signed on March 11, 2020, to be extended until April 29, 2020, and to approve items necessary to continue to conduct the County's business until the next regularly scheduled Commissioners Court.

Additional items include:

- 1) Request for discussion and an update from Budget Management in connection with county finances, with no action to be taken at this time.
- 2) Request by the Sheriff's Office for approval of additional services and supplies for jail facilities in response to COVID-19.
- 3) Request by Universal Services to work with Budget Management to fund emergency technology needs due to COVID-19, with necessary budget appropriation transfers.
- 4) Recommendation by the County Engineer for discussion and possible action regarding items related to the Continuity of Government in response to the COVID-19 emergency including:
 - a. Consideration of cancelling the April 7, 2020 Tax Sale;
 - b. Approval of Harris County Guidelines for Cleaning, Disinfecting and Sanitizing County Buildings;
 - c. Harris County building closure procedures;
 - d. Transmittal and approval of the interim Continuity of Government Action Plan.
 - e. Authorization to respond to COVID-19 as deemed necessary and based on timely and appropriate judgment, including, but not limited to, the authority to promote alternative non-cash toll payment methods, modify billing methods, waive administrative or other associated fees, and modify requirements to the EZ TAG Agreement.
- 5) Request by the County Judge's Office that Universal Services use the Blackboard or other emergency response system(s) to place telephone calls (robo calls) to communicate with County employees without having the employee opt into a response system.
- 6) Request by the County Auditor for approval of audited claims from March 10-March 17, 2020.



Diane Trautman, County Clerk
and Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners Court
of Harris County, Texas



James E. Hastings Jr., Director
Commissioners Court Records

