

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY AUGUST 6, 2020 AT 10 AM FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING AND TAKING ACTION ON MATTERS BROUGHT BEFORE THE COURT.** The public may access the meeting through the following link: <https://agenda.harriscountytexas.gov>. The meeting will be held virtually, to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

**The public will only be able to attend the meeting virtually**, as a result of Governor Greg Abbott's June 26, 2020, Executive Order GA-28. The Executive Order, as amended by the Governor's July 2, 2020 Proclamation directs that all persons not otherwise excepted by the order shall not be in groups larger than ten and shall maintain six feet of social distancing from those not in their group. Therefore, the public will only be able to attend the meeting virtually.

On March 16, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott granted a request by the Texas Attorney General to waive certain requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act to reduce face-to-face contact relating to government meetings while maintaining government transparency during government meetings in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code. Governor Abbott suspended various statutory provisions requiring government officials and members of the public to be physically present at a specified meeting location. Members of the public are still entitled to participate and address governmental bodies during any telephonic or video conference meeting. In accordance with the Governor's order, the public may make comments by signing up to speak by no later than **Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 8 a.m.** at: <https://appearancerequest.harriscountytexas.gov/>. You will be placed in a queue and will receive a phone call when it is your time to speak.



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# HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT 1001 Preston St., Suite 934 ♦ Houston, Texas 77002 ♦ (713) 274-1111

Lina Hidalgo  
County Judge

Rodney Ellis  
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Adrian Garcia  
Commissioner, Precinct 2

Steve Radack  
Commissioner, Precinct 3

R. Jack Cagle  
Commissioner, Precinct 4

## SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

August 6, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Opening prayer by Pastor Keenan Smith of Crosby Church in Crosby.

### I. Departments

1. Request by **Budget Management** for discussion and determination if the Court would like (1) to proceed with initial consideration of proposed property tax rates based on the July 24th Harris County Appraisal District (HCAD) estimate or (2) to take no action and wait to propose rates based on the Certified Appraisal Roll expected from HCAD in late August.
2. Request by the **County Attorney** for authorization to file on behalf of the County friend of the court briefs and join in existing/future litigation that challenges federal efforts to exclude non-citizens in population counts when legislative boundaries are redrawn and to further authorize the County Attorney to engage Special Counsel at no cost to the County.
3. Request by the **Justice Administration Department** for authorization to report on the status of the Commissioner of Precinct One's request for criminal justice data access from the July 28, 2020 Commissioners Court meeting.
4. Request by the **County Treasurer** for authorization to establish a bank account for credit card reconciliation for the Commissioner of Precinct 2.
5. Request by the **Purchasing Agent** for approval of the purchase of automobile ignition interlocking devices which are immediately needed until the procurement process is completed for Harris County in the estimated amount of \$300,000 in connection with the Consent Decree Section in Rule 9-9.12.8.
6. Request by the **Commissioner of Precinct 3** for discussion and possible action concerning the crime rate in Houston and Harris County.

## **II. COVID-19**

1. Request by **Budget Management** for approval of an order to allow departments to compensate certain Harris County employees hazard pay related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Request by the **County Judge** for discussion of the COVID-19 pandemic, the county's responses to the pandemic, and possible action regarding the same.

## **III. Appearances before court**

*The Clerk of the Court or another person designated by the presiding member of the court shall keep the time for speakers. Those persons who do not conduct themselves in an orderly and appropriate manner will be ordered to leave the meeting and recognition to speak may be refused at subsequent meetings of the court. Refusal to abide by the court's order may result in a Contempt of Court Citation.*

### **1. 3 minutes**

*A speaker whose subject matter as submitted relates to an identifiable item of business on this agenda will be requested to come to the podium where they will be limited to three minutes. A speaker whose subject matter as submitted does not relate to an identifiable item of business on this agenda will be limited to three minutes if they have not appeared at any of the three preceding court meetings on the same issue.*

### **2. 1 minute**

*A speaker whose subject matter as submitted does not relate to an identifiable item of business on this agenda and who has appeared at any of the three preceding court meetings on the same issue will be limited to one minute.*

## **Adjournment.**