

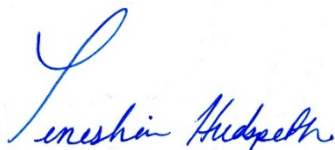
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

December 4, 2020

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, will be held on **Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.** virtually, to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), for the purpose of considering and taking action on matters brought before the Court as shown on the posted agenda.

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.

On October 7, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order GA-32, which 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.** The public may access the meeting through the following link: <https://agenda.harriscountytexas.gov>. 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 **Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 8:00 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. Agendas may be obtained in advance of the court meeting via the internet at <https://agenda.harriscountytexas.gov>.



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SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

December 8, 2020

2:00 p.m.

Opening prayer by Richard Hill of The Mission of Yahweh in Houston.

I. Department(s)

1. Request by the **County Judge** for discussion and approval for the County Judge to submit a letter and written comments on behalf of Harris County and for authorization for Harris County Toll Road Authority, Harris County Flood Control District, and other county departments to submit letters and written comments to the Texas Department of Transportation regarding the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed North Houston Highway Improvement Project.
2. Request by the **Commissioner of Precinct 2** for discussion and possible action on a long-term broadband strategy and action plan and the creation of a Harris County Broadband Office with appropriate staffing.

II. 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.