



HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT

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Steve Radack
Commissioner, Precinct 3

Jerry Eversole
Commissioner, Precinct 4

March 6, 2009

To: County Judge Emmett and
Commissioners Lee, Garcia,
Radack and Eversole

Re: **FY 2009-10 Budgets**

Enclosed are schedules and materials for the FY 2009-10 budgets which will be effective for the period of March 1, 2009 through February 28, 2010.

The county's general fund expenditures for the year ending February 28, 2009 are projected to be \$1,373,365,033, an increase of 10.17%, and \$11,000,829 transfers out, for a total of \$1,384,365,862 compared to the previous year's expenditures of \$1,246,496,533 and transfers out of \$8,626,956 for a total of \$1,255,123,489.

The available cash balance in the general fund at February 28, 2009 is projected at \$255.7 million with \$56.1 million encumbered and \$199.6 million of expenditures, or 14.53%, unreserved. The Auditor's Office will provide final adjustments at a later date for cash and modified accrual fund balances.

As shown in the table on the next page, the estimate by the Auditor of available resources for FY 2009-10, including the above balance, is \$1,605,686,875, which is \$37,065,922, or 2.3%, less than estimated actual resources for FY 2008-09 of \$1,642,752,797.

The following table shows the general fund resources by category based on the Auditor's revenue estimates.

<u>General Fund</u> ((\$millions))	FY 2008-09 Adjusted Estimate	FY 2008-09 Estimated Actual	FY 2009-10 Final Estimate
Beginning Cash	\$ 258.9	\$ 277.8	\$ 255.7
Taxes	889.6	919.0	919.7
Intergovernmental	37.1	40.3	36.8
Service Charges	200.3	198.8	204.6
Fines/Forfeitures	20.9	20.6	21.1
Reimbursements	32.2	30.9	29.6
Rentals/Concessions	4.1	4.5	4.1
Miscellaneous	10.8	17.5	8.3
Interest	9.8	9.0	4.8
Transfers/Property Sales	120.3	124.4	1.0
Revenues & Transfers	\$ 1,325.1	\$ 1,365.0	\$ 1,230.0
Total General Fund Resources	\$ 1,584.0	\$ 1,642.8	\$ 1,485.7
Mobility Fund	0.0	0.0	120.0
Total Available resources	\$ 1,584.0	\$ 1,642.8	\$ 1,605.7

Flood Control

The revenue estimate for the Flood Control operations and maintenance fund for FY 2009-10 is \$171.6 million, an increase of \$13.0 million compared to last year's estimated actual.

Debt Service

Funds will be available for bond debt service expenditures for the fiscal year in the amount of \$162.8 million for the county, \$198.0 million for the Toll Road Authority, \$41.4 million for Flood Control, and \$48.1 million for the Port of Houston.

Departments and Policy Issues

The tables that follow show budget amounts for departments. Adjustments have been made as necessary to accommodate decisions of the court and to balance against the Auditor's revenue estimate. A list of policy issues follows the budget materials.

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