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Texas Conference of Urban Counties Membership Luncheon

Travis County Building | 700 Lavaca, Austin, TX 78701

May 10, 2017, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

AGENDA

12:00 PM Convene

1. Secretary's Report, Judge Loyd Neal. [pg. 2]
2. Treasurer's Report, Commissioner Kevin Burns. [pg. 5]
3. Chairman's Report, Judge Veronica Escobar.
 - a. Special Guest Speaker, Chairman Todd Hunter, Chairman of the House Calendars Committee.
 - b. Special Guest Speaker, Chairman Garnet Coleman, Chairman of the House County Affairs Committee.
4. Report on the activities of Public Power Pool, Mr. David Quin. [pg. 11]
5. Report on the TechShare Program, Mr. Charles Gray. [pg. 13]
6. Report on the Intergovernmental Relations Program.
 - a. Discuss funding for jail diversion projects, Mr. Donald Lee.
 - b. Report on taxation and revenue issues, Mr. Fred Hill.
 - c. Report on state budget issues, Mr. Angelo Zottarelli.
 - d. Discuss changes made to the Policy Platform by the Policy Committee since the last luncheon, Mr. Donald Lee. [pg. 15]
7. New Business.

Next Urban Counties Membership Luncheon: **June 8, 2017**

Texas Conference of Urban Counties Membership Luncheon

Travis County | 700 Lavaca, Austin, TX 78701

April 5, 2017, 11:45 AM – 2:00 PM

MINUTES

The meeting convened at 11:45 AM

Guest Speaker, Senator Kel Seliger, addressed the group.

Mr. Donald Lee reported an updated on the House Committee on State Affairs, HJR 73.

Judge Neal presented the Secretary's Report. On a motion by Judge Neal and a second by Judge Whitley, the report was approved as presented.

Mr. Mike Reed presented the Treasurer's Report. On a motion by Commissioner Burns and a second by Commissioner McCay, the report was approved as presented.

Mr. David Quin presented a report on the activities of Public Power Pool.

Mr. Charles Gray presented a report on the TechShare Program.

Mr. Angelo Zottarelli presented a report on state budget issues.

Mr. Fred Hill presented a report on taxation and revenue issues.

Mr. Donald Lee reported changes made to the Policy Platform by the Policy Committee.

RESOLVED by the Texas Conference of Urban Counties Policy Committee that the Taxation section of the Policy Platform is amended as follows:

Support allowing the increase in interests in oil or gas to be counted as new property.

RESOLVED by the Texas Conference of Urban Counties Policy Committee that the Taxation Section of the Policy Platform is amended as follows:

Oppose changing the method for appraising retail inventory to calculating one twelfth of annual sales similar to that used for auto sales retailers.

RESOLVED by the Texas Conference of Urban Counties Policy Committee that the Taxation Section of the Policy Platform is amended as follows:

Oppose increasing the cap on attorney fees for tax exemption appeals.

RESOLVED by the Texas Conference of Urban Counties Policy Committee that the Taxation Section of the Policy Platform is amended as follows:

Oppose reducing the interest rate used for delinquent taxes under the Property Tax Code.

RESOLVED by the Texas Conference of Urban Counties Policy Committee that the Revenue, Budget, & Miscellaneous section of the Policy Platform is amended as follows:

Support increases in the monetary jurisdictional limits of justice courts.

RESOLVED by the Texas Conference of Urban Counties Policy Committee that the Juvenile and Criminal Justice Section of the Policy Platform is amended as follows:

Oppose requirements to provide information regarding the manner in which electronic data is stored and other requirements reasonably believed to be detrimental to data security.

RESOLVED by the Texas Conference of Urban Counties Policy Committee that the Transportation section of the Policy Platform is amended as follows:

Support current weight requirements for vehicles operating on county roads, except for localized proposals supported by the local commissioners court.

RESOLVED by the Texas Conference of Urban Counties Policy Committee that the Revenue, Budget and Miscellaneous section of the Policy Platform is amended as follows:

Support the finding of the Texas Supreme Court that the attorney-client privilege is of such importance that it satisfies the "compelling reason" provision of the Public Information Act.

RESOLVED by the Texas Conference of Urban Counties Policy Committee that the Revenue, Budget and Miscellaneous section of the Policy Platform is amended as follows:

Support a cap on retainage in a public works contract no lower than 5% of the total contract price if there is no requirement to release retainage before completion of the project except as agreed by the parties to the contract.

RESOLVED by the Texas Conference of Urban Counties Policy Committee that the Revenue, Budget, and Miscellaneous Section of the Policy Platform is amended as follows:

Oppose advertisements of land for residential lots in the unincorporated areas of border counties before the land is platted.

RESOLVED by the Texas Conference of Urban Counties Policy Committee that the Revenue, Budget, and Miscellaneous Section of the Policy Platform is amended as follows:

Oppose allowing a cure period for a violation of county subdivision regulations.

RESOLVED by the Texas Conference of Urban Counties Policy Committee that the Revenue, Budget, and Miscellaneous Section of the Policy Platform is amended as follows:

Oppose the use of earnest money contracts for lots in border counties before a plat is filed.

RESOLVED by the Texas Conference of Urban Counties Policy Committee that the Budget, Miscellaneous, and Revenue section of the Policy Platform is amended as follows:

Oppose requirement that commissioners court meetings be broadcast simultaneously in Spanish.

RESOLVED by the Texas Conference of Urban Counties Policy Committee that the Budget, Miscellaneous, and Revenue section of the Policy Platform is amended as follows:

Oppose mandates on counties regarding the operations of veteran services offices.

The meeting adjourned at 1:37 PM

Judge Loyd Neal
Vice-Chair Administration

Date



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To: Urban Counties Members
From: Kevin Burns, Vice Chair of Finance
Re: **Consider Urban Counties Financial Statements**

Background:

The financial statements for the current fiscal year through March 31, 2017 are attached.

Budget numbers presented in the Budget versus Actual comparison are compiled from the CUC member approved budget and the TechShare project budgets, as set in their respective ILAs and approved by the counties participating in the development of those projects.

For the fiscal year to date as of March 31, 2017, the Association had a net income.

These statements are unaudited and incomplete.

Texas Conference of Urban Counties
Statement of Position
 As of March 31, 2017

	Mar 31, 17
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	7,047,008.07
Accounts Receivable	1,233,206.99
Other Current Assets	184,339.60
Total Current Assets	8,464,554.66
Fixed Assets	98,489.74
TOTAL ASSETS	8,563,044.40
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	164,118.47
Credit Cards	16,278.72
Other Current Liabilities	
22000 · Deferred Revenue	
22101 · Membership Dues	300,318.52
22102 · Registration Fees	2,550.00
22103 · Sponsorship	13,500.00
22200 · Fees for Service - FFS	5,310,744.08
Total 22000 · Deferred Revenue	5,627,112.60
23000 · Accrued Comp & Benefits	126,607.60
23200 · Accrued Taxes	3,879.33
24000 · Agency Liability	
24100 · TechShare.AL Internal Audit	90,951.98
24200 · TechShare.Court	897,567.85
24300 · TechShare.Indigent Defense	135,169.10
24400 · TechShare.Juvenile	70,605.75
24600 · TechShare.Prosecutor	54,191.61
24900 · IGR	5,000.00
Total 24000 · Agency Liability	1,253,486.29
Total Other Current Liabilities	7,011,085.82
Total Current Liabilities	7,191,483.01
Total Liabilities	7,191,483.01
Equity	
30000 · Opening Bal Equity	271,113.20
31000 · Net Assets - Activity	752,811.23
Net Income	347,636.96
Total Equity	1,371,561.39
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	8,563,044.40

Texas Conference of Urban Counties
Statement of Activity Budget vs. Actual
October 2016 through March 2017

	Policy		TIHCA		General		Total TechShare		TOTAL	
	Oct '16 - Mar 17	Budget	Oct '16 - Mar 17	Budget	Oct '16 - Mar 17	Budget	Oct '16 - Mar 17	Budget	Oct '16 - Mar 17	Budget
Income										
41000 · Association Services Fees (rev)	216,187.31	219,036.98	0.00		0.00		0.00		216,187.31	219,036.98
42000 · Dues	300,318.48	300,318.48	15,200.00	7,500.00	0.00		0.00		315,518.48	307,818.48
43000 · Event Revenue	91,605.00	115,000.00	33,580.00	30,000.00	0.00		0.00		125,185.00	145,000.00
44000 · Fees -TechShare Indirect Costs	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
45000 · Fees for Services	0.00		0.00		0.00		6,077,942.03	5,699,526.96	6,077,942.03	5,699,526.96
46000 · Interest Income	0.00		54.63	42.00	1,374.78	1,250.02	163.10	0.00	1,592.51	1,292.02
47000 · Other Revenues	18,152.80	18,000.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,152.80	18,000.00
Total Income	626,263.59	652,355.46	48,834.63	37,542.00	1,374.78	1,250.02	6,078,105.13	5,699,526.96	6,754,578.13	6,390,674.44
Gross Profit	626,263.59	652,355.46	48,834.63	37,542.00	1,374.78	1,250.02	6,078,105.13	5,699,526.96	6,754,578.13	6,390,674.44
Expense										
51000 · Direct Program Expenses										
51010 · Assn. Services Fee	0.00		0.00		0.00		216,187.31	219,037.02	216,187.31	219,037.02
51030 · Depreciation	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
51100 · Staffing	280,937.30	336,665.48	3,075.85	3,420.00	0.00		3,479,360.97	3,396,462.00	3,763,374.12	3,736,547.48
51200 · Other Expenses	10,524.65	15,099.98	0.00		0.00		1,288.62	47,002.02	11,813.27	62,102.00
51300 · Meetings	106,333.49	124,750.00	41,938.55	34,450.00	0.00		11,979.63	22,849.98	160,251.67	182,049.98
51400 · Travel	27.54	2,874.98	143.41		0.00		36,634.76	34,352.88	36,805.71	37,227.86
51500 · IT Systems	0.00		0.00		0.00		523,893.22	437,300.04	523,893.22	437,300.04
51600 · UBIT Tax	0.00	600.00	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	600.00
Total 51000 · Direct Program Expenses	397,822.98	479,990.44	45,157.81	37,870.00	0.00		4,269,344.51	4,157,003.94	4,712,325.30	4,674,864.38
52000 · Indirect Expenses										
52010 · Association Services Fees	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
52020 · Accounting Fees	0.00		0.00		25,650.00	11,499.98	0.00		25,650.00	11,499.98
52030 · Depreciation	0.00		0.00		2,300.06	3,000.00	33,035.71	35,000.04	35,335.77	38,000.04
52100 · Staffing	0.00		0.00		468,279.27	587,244.54	636,599.11	542,127.00	1,104,878.38	1,129,371.54
52200 · Other Expenses	0.00		0.00		87,559.42	120,537.52	357,055.39	344,377.50	444,614.81	464,915.02
52300 · Meetings	0.00		0.00		13,114.41	13,750.04	31,495.63	32,387.52	44,610.04	46,137.56
52400 · Travel	0.00		0.00		1,173.42	1,749.98	26,053.40	16,797.96	27,226.82	18,547.94
52500 · IT Systems	0.00		0.00		30,066.86	24,999.98	8,706.82	15,750.00	38,773.68	40,749.98
52600 · Taxes	0.00		0.00		4,067.03	2,499.98	0.00		4,067.03	2,499.98
52700 · Fees & Insurance	0.00		0.00		13,208.62	11,550.00	0.00	12,499.98	13,208.62	24,049.98
Total 52000 · Indirect Expenses	0.00		0.00		645,419.09	776,832.02	1,092,946.06	998,940.00	1,738,365.15	1,775,772.02
60001 · General Class Assessment	161,944.86	195,019.98	5,800.77	6,985.50	-644,044.31	-775,582.02	432,549.40	520,892.04	-43,749.28	-52,684.50
60002 · TS Indirect Assessment	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	0.48	0.00	0.48
66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
Total Expense	559,767.84	675,010.42	50,958.58	44,855.50	1,374.78	1,250.00	5,794,839.97	5,676,836.46	6,406,941.17	6,397,952.38
Net Income	66,495.75	-22,654.96	-2,123.95	-7,313.50	0.00	0.02	283,265.16	22,690.50	347,636.96	-7,277.94

Texas Conference of Urban Counties
Statement of Activity Budget vs. Actual
October 2016 through March 2017

Unaudited

	Total Juvenile		Total Court		Total Prosecutor		Total Indigent Defense		TechShare Indirect		Total TechShare	
	(TechShare)		(TechShare)		(TechShare)		(TechShare)		(TechShare)			
	Oct '16 - Mar 17	Budget	Oct '16 - Mar 17	Budget	Oct '16 - Mar 17	Budget	Oct '16 - Mar 17	Budget	Oct '16 - Mar 17	Budget	Oct '16 - Mar 17	Budget
Income												
41000 · Association Services Fees (rev)	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
42000 · Dues	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
43000 · Event Revenue	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
44000 · Fees -TechShare Indirect Costs	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
45000 · Fees for Services	1,545,480.24	1,509,709.98	2,974,547.10	2,951,763.48	1,304,605.23	1,014,445.98	253,309.46	223,607.52	0.00		6,077,942.03	5,699,526.96
46000 · Interest Income	163.10	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		163.10	0.00
47000 · Other Revenues	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	1,545,643.34	1,509,709.98	2,974,547.10	2,951,763.48	1,304,605.23	1,014,445.98	253,309.46	223,607.52	0.00	0.00	6,078,105.13	5,699,526.96
Gross Profit	1,545,643.34	1,509,709.98	2,974,547.10	2,951,763.48	1,304,605.23	1,014,445.98	253,309.46	223,607.52	0.00	0.00	6,078,105.13	5,699,526.96
Expense												
51000 · Direct Program Expenses												
51010 · Assn. Services Fee	61,819.20	60,388.50	115,709.15	118,070.52	38,658.96	40,578.00	0.00		0.00		216,187.31	219,037.02
51030 · Depreciation	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
51100 · Staffing	690,289.87	796,753.02	1,960,900.61	1,991,613.48	607,588.82	449,072.58	220,581.67	159,022.92	0.00		3,479,360.97	3,396,462.00
51200 · Other Expenses	1,108.26	3,600.00	-32.59	3,400.02	212.95	35,501.94	0.00	4,500.06	0.00		1,288.62	47,002.02
51300 · Meetings	1,472.64	5,100.00	7,366.77	10,999.98	2,769.71	5,250.00	370.51	1,500.00	0.00		11,979.63	22,849.98
51400 · Travel	12,193.68	4,946.94	14,651.05	23,241.00	9,733.33	6,164.94	56.70		0.00		36,634.76	34,352.88
51500 · IT Systems	278,405.67	274,050.00	51,511.32	12,000.00	179,571.19	128,000.04	14,405.04	23,250.00	0.00		523,893.22	437,300.04
51600 · UBIT Tax	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Total 51000 · Direct Program Expenses	1,045,289.32	1,144,838.46	2,150,106.31	2,159,325.00	838,534.96	664,567.50	235,413.92	188,272.98	0.00		4,269,344.51	4,157,003.94
52000 · Indirect Expenses												
52010 · Association Services Fees	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
52020 · Accounting Fees	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
52030 · Depreciation	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		33,035.71	35,000.04	33,035.71	35,000.04
52100 · Staffing	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		636,599.11	542,127.00	636,599.11	542,127.00
52200 · Other Expenses	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		357,055.39	344,377.50	357,055.39	344,377.50
52300 · Meetings	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		31,495.63	32,387.52	31,495.63	32,387.52
52400 · Travel	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		26,053.40	16,797.96	26,053.40	16,797.96
52500 · IT Systems	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		8,706.82	15,750.00	8,706.82	15,750.00
52600 · Taxes	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
52700 · Fees & Insurance	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	12,499.98	0.00	12,499.98
Total 52000 · Indirect Expenses	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		1,092,946.06	998,940.00	1,092,946.06	998,940.00
60001 · General Class Assessment	97,100.47	115,936.98	233,117.11	278,339.52	96,671.23	115,424.52	5,660.59	11,191.02	0.00		432,549.40	520,892.04
60002 · TS Indirect Assessment	265,027.93	237,024.48	566,826.64	506,935.02	261,091.49	233,503.98	0.00	21,477.00	-1,092,946.06	-998,940.00	0.00	0.48
66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Total Expense	1,407,417.72	1,497,799.92	2,950,050.06	2,944,599.54	1,196,297.68	1,013,496.00	241,074.51	220,941.00	0.00	0.00	5,794,839.97	5,676,836.46
Net Income	138,225.62	11,910.06	24,497.04	7,163.94	108,307.55	949.98	12,234.95	2,666.52	0.00	0.00	283,265.16	22,690.50

Texas Conference of Urban Counties
Statement of Cash Flows
October 2016 through March 2017

Oct '16 - Mar 17

OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net Income	347,636.96
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to net cash provided by operations:	
12100 · Receivable:12101 · Accounts Receivable	3,255,818.17
13000 · Current Assets:13003 · Suspense Account:130031 · Billing Discrepancies	32.83
14000 · Prepaid Expenses	148,401.50
21000 · Payable:21001 · Accounts Payable	-218,728.07
10009 · Chase - Credit Card - 51180	9,203.54
22000 · Deferred Revenues	2,086,780.27
23000 · Accrued Comp & Benefits	1,069.31
23000 · Accrued Comp & Benefits:23002 · FSA liability	781.55
23000 · Accrued Comp & Benefits:23003 · Insurance Benefit Liability	-7,868.68
23000 · Accrued Comp & Benefits:23003 · Insurance Benefit Liability:23003.1 · Dental	103.07
23000 · Accrued Comp & Benefits:23005 · Med Self Insurance Liability	-19,747.40
23000 · Accrued Comp & Benefits:23006 · SEP liability	14,719.70
23000 · Accrued Comp & Benefits:23007 · COBRA liability	695.03
24000 · Agency Liability	-532,784.72
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	5,086,113.06
INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
16000 · Fixed Assets:16001 · Computer/Technology	-11,519.28
16000 · Fixed Assets:16001 · Computer/Technology:16002 · Accumulated Depreciation - C/T	29,450.75
16000 · Fixed Assets:16003 · Furniture & Fixtures:16004 · Accumulated Depreciation - F&F	6,911.22
Net cash provided by Investing Activities	<u>24,842.69</u>
Net cash increase for period	5,110,955.75
Cash at beginning of period	1,936,052.32
Cash at end of period	<u><u>7,047,008.07</u></u>

Texas Conference of Urban Counties
A/R Aging Detail
As of May 3, 2017

	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Terms</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Aging</u>	<u>Open Balance</u>
Current										
Total Current										
1 - 30										
	Invoice	05/01/2017	9016	Kendall County: TechShare:Prosecutor:TS.Prosecutor	PRO R IMP : 2017 : Kendall TechShare.Prosecutor Implementation		05/01/2017	TechShare:Prosecutor: PRO IMP	30	12,350.00
	Invoice	05/01/2017	9017	Kendall County: TechShare:Prosecutor:TS.Prosecutor	PRO M&O : 2017 : Kendall TechShare.Prosecutor M&O SaaS Fee		05/01/2017	TechShare:Prosecutor: PRO M&O	30	7,092.22
Total 1 - 30										19,442.22
31 - 60										
Total 31 - 60										
61 - 90										
Total 61 - 90										
> 90										
	Invoice	11/17/2016	8875	McLennan County:Policy:Precinct 3 - Will Jones	Policy :Registration for Education and Policy Conference 2017- Will Jones	30 days	12/17/2016	Policy	195	410.00
	Invoice	12/12/2016	8911	Dallas County:Policy	Policy: Registration for Education and Policy Conference 2017: Shirley Gardner	30 days	01/11/2017	Policy	170	410.00
	Invoice	01/04/2017	8950	Dallas County:Policy	Policy: Registration for Education and Policy Conference 2016 - Darryl Martin	30 days	02/03/2017	Policy	147	460.00
	Invoice	02/23/2016	8495	El Paso County:TechShare:JIS M&O	TechShare.JIS: JIS M&O: 02.2016 : Services provided by Marcelo Silva for Maintaining JIS Softwar...	30 days	03/24/2016	TechShare:Juvenile: JCMS DEV	463	165.00
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May 10th, 2017

P3's 2017 Procurement Update – Good Initial Response to P3's RFP

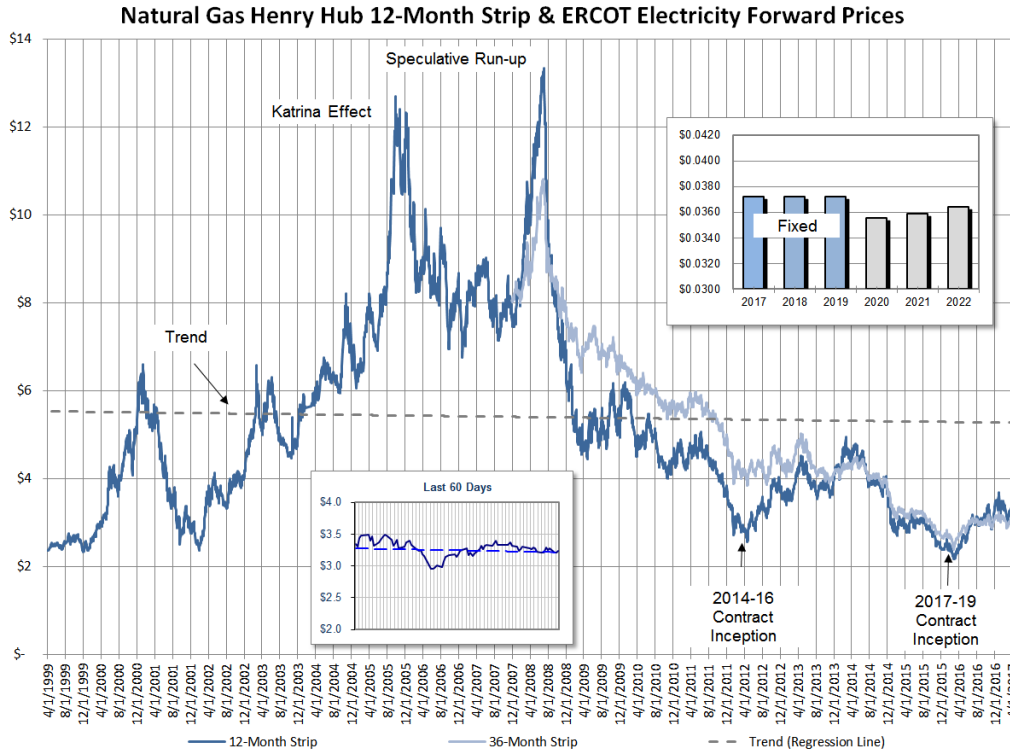
- On Tuesday May 2nd, P3 announced our RFP to every registered Retail Electric Provider in Texas. The PUC web-site lists 421 electronic contacts at 107 companies (including dba's); an invitation was sent to each contact.
- 37 responded and were sent our RFP and, on signing a NDA, given access to members' utility data.
- Our deadline for responding to the RFP is next Wednesday May 17th.
- To date, several large REPs have indicated their intention of competing for the group's load. To do that, they must comply with our contract template (any proposed changes could be taken into consideration when final bids are solicited), pass credit muster, and demonstrate their ability to service a load of this size.

P3 Membership Continues to Grow: Wharton County Joins the Group

- After hearing presentations from groups of brokers and then from P3, the Commissioners Court of Wharton County voted unanimously to join P3 in April. Court concluded that, based on current market rates, procuring through the P3 group rather than going it alone through a broker is likely to reduce the County's total energy expenditures by upwards of \$43,000 per year.
- Harris County MUD 278 also voted to join P3 so they can procure their future energy needs as part of our 2017 Procurement.
- Three other Harris County and Fort Bend County MUDs and one central Texas County are considering approving membership in Public Power Pool in time for our 2017 Procurement.

Market Report for May 2017:

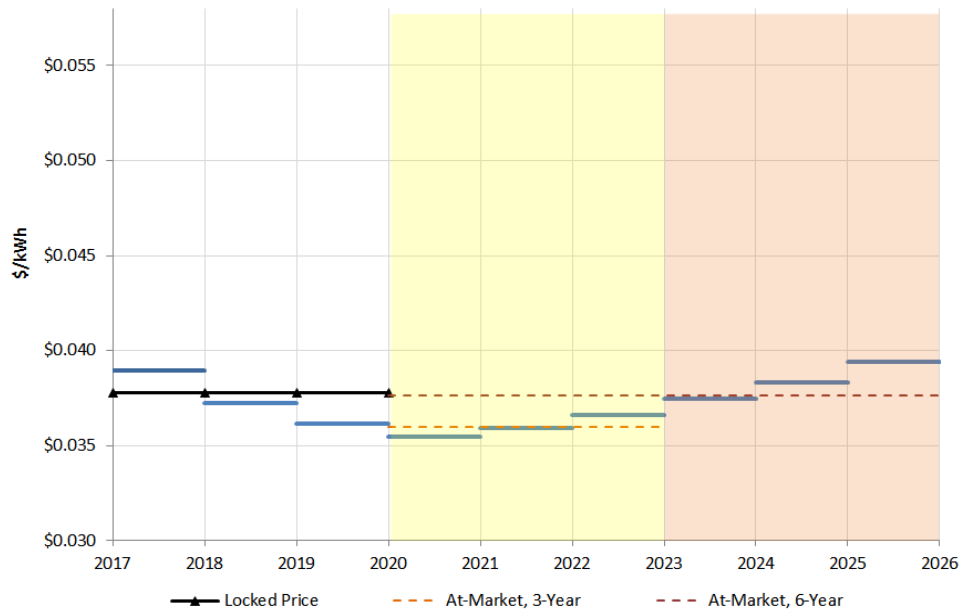
- Over the past two weeks natural gas for delivery post-2020 has staged a modest rally, gaining 10 cents in the process but failing to establish momentum. Last Thursday, the EIA report shows that gas in storage increased by a higher than expected 67 bcf and now stands 303 bcf above the five-year average.
- ERCOT's latest Seasonal Assessment of Resource Adequacy reports that no shortfalls are expected for the balance of the year. The Capacity, Demand and Reserves Report projects healthy reserve margins in excess of 18% this year.
- Over 700 MWs of wind power were installed in Texas in the first quarter of the year, bringing the total to over 18,500 MWs.
- The City of Houston is taking delivery on energy from a recently completed solar farm to provide 10% of its needs on a twenty-year contract.



As we look forward to the next contract, future pricing is slightly below current contracted rates but shows a bit of an uptick on the prices reported to you last month:

- The 3-year extension (2020-2022) is showing a discount of \$0.00155/kWh or 4.1%
- The 6-year (2020-2026) shows a slight discount of \$0.00007/kWh or 0.2%

Forward Retail Electric Rates, ERCOT Blend



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Our Record To Date: P³ Members Have Saved \$105.7m Against Market Since 2002



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May 10, 2017

To: All Urban Counties

From: Charles Gray, TechShare Program Director

Re: **Update on the TechShare Program**

Background:

Active initiatives of the TechShare program include the following:

TechShare.Juvenile: The Juvenile Case Management System (JCMS) project resulted in the development of a new system that will provide for the common data collection, reporting and management needs of Texas juvenile probation departments as well as the flexibility to accommodate individualized requirements.

- **Participants:** Dallas, Tarrant, Denton and Collin Counties continue to lead this initiative with their combined resources, with the Texas Juvenile Justice Department as a full partner in development efforts. A report reflecting the Juvenile Probation Departments that are now using the new system can be found on the Urban Counties website. Two hundred and fifty (250) counties are now using the system.
- **Savings:** Individually, the JCMS project would cost each funding county and the State of Texas at least \$5 million. Collectively, the funding counties and State of Texas are saving at least \$9.6 million through the JCMS collaboration.
- **News:** Johnson County Commissioners Court has approved and provided funding for participation in TechShare.Juvenile, and the Implementation Project officially kicked off as of April 18, 2017.

TechShare.Prosecutor: TechShare.Prosecutor provides District and County Attorneys with a case management system that includes portals for the Defense Attorneys and Law Enforcement Agencies.

- **Participants:** Dallas, Midland, Potter, Tarrant and Travis Counties are participating in the implementation phase of the project. Kendall County recently approved participating as a “subscriber” in sharing TechShare.Prosecutor. Kendall County should be “live” on the system by the end of May.
- **Savings:** The work group counties could save as much as \$20.8 million in development costs through a collaborative TechShare project.

- **News:** Dallas County continues to roll out TechShare. Prosecutor to local law enforcement agencies and has brought several defense attorneys on line. Dawson County's 106th District Attorney will be "live" on the system later in May. Dawson County will be the first hosted "subscriber" using the Microsoft Azure Government Cloud that is certified as compliant the federal security requirements for justice systems. Kendal County will be the first to use the interface with Taser's Evidence.com to help ease the burden on Law Enforcement Agencies regarding the submission of video and other digital evidence. Similar discussions are underway with Panasonic, WatchGuard and L3.

TechShare.Court: TechShare.Court module is under development and is based on the AiCMS software acquired from the AMCAD company.

- **Participants:** Dallas and Tarrant Counties are participating in the development project, and Potter County is participating as a partner in implementation.
- **Savings:** The work group counties could save as much as \$14 million in development costs through this collaborative TechShare project.
- **News:** Development was completed on TechShare.Court application as scheduled. TechShare.Court is live and operational in the JP Courts in Potter County. The new Judicial Portal is installed and operational in Dallas and Potter Counties. Implementation projects are underway for the Criminal and Justice of the Peace Courts in Dallas County as well as the Criminal Courts in Tarrant County.

Indigent Defense: The Indigent Defense Commission awarded a grant to Tarrant County to support three activities: implementation of the Bell County System (BCS) in seven counties (Tarrant, Victoria, Brown, Mills, Medina, Uvalde and Real); migration of the system to the TechShare standard technology; and maintenance/operation of the system through Fiscal Year 2016. Additional grants have been awarded to Bell County for enhancements to the system and implementation of the new TechShare.Indigent Defense application.

- **Participants:** Implementation of the new TechShare.Indigent Defense software is complete in all eleven (11) participating counties.
- **Savings:** The Indigent Defense Commission is providing about \$2.8 million to fund the project through Fiscal Year 2017, a direct savings for the participants.
- **News:** Five (5) counties are applying for grants to implement TechShare.Indigent Defense in FY 2018. If the grants are approved by the Texas Indigent Defense Commission, implementation projects will be initiated in October.

Principles

1. Urban Counties value responsive and accountable government.
2. Urban Counties believe that local government is more responsive and accountable to the citizens and communities and should be utilized for service delivery whenever practical.
3. Urban county citizens hold commissioners court responsible for all county business even though commissioners courts lack authority over many aspects and segments of county business. There is a disconnect between responsibility and authority. This weakens accountability.
4. Urban Counties need greater authority and tools to deal with the problems of contemporary urban society.
5. Urban Counties believe that permissive authority is always good. Restrictions, proscriptions, and mandates are almost always harmful.
6. Urban counties believe that State funds for specific programs should be allocated to counties, regions, or other local areas based upon population, number of clients, or some other appropriate measure of the need for that program or service.
7. Urban Counties believes that funds collected for a purpose should be used for that purpose and supports ending the reliance and utilization of dedicated revenues to balance the State budget.

Priority Issues

Items in this list are the legislative priorities of the Urban Counties.

① Taxation Policy

1. Support the significant reduction of property tax rates by measures to reduce the cost of government and by replacing property tax revenue with revenue from other sources.
2. Require sales price disclosure on transfer of real property.
3. Oppose any expansion of the pollution control property tax exemption that would include property used to produce goods or services.
4. Oppose expansion of tax exemptions for property owned by a taxpayer to include leased property other than property leased to a charter school for one or more grades from kindergarten through grade 12.
5. Oppose arbitrary limits on local government that are more restrictive than limits on state government, so long as:
 - a. Commissioners Courts remain limited in their ability to manage county business and control county budgets; and
 - b. There is no constitutional protection against unfunded mandates.
6. Clarify the scope of the tax exemption for nonprofit community business organizations to prevent expansion of the exemption to other entities.
7. Support allowing local taxing units to set a residence homestead exemption as a percentage, a flat-dollar level, or a percentage with a minimum or maximum individual value.

8. Support reforms to process for equity appeals of appraisals.
9. Repeal the loophole allowing leased heavy equipment to be valued for property taxes as 1/12th of annual leased revenue rather than market value.
10. Oppose the repeal of the penalty when land that was previously appraised as agricultural property is converted to another use.
11. Oppose all new property tax exemptions, expansion of existing exemptions, or any other narrowing of tax base unless approved by the Urban Counties.
12. Oppose expansion to all taxpayers the right to pay property taxes in installments over the year.
13. Oppose reducing or eliminating agriculture and open-space rollback taxes, but support adjustment of the current 7% annual interest used to calculate rollback taxes.
14. Oppose extending deferment of property taxes beyond the elderly and disabled and support establishing a reasonable indexed rate on deferral.
15. Support, consistent with current court cases, prohibiting the use of the “dark store theory” in the appraisal of business real property.
16. Support a significant increase in the school homestead exemption and ensure adjustments are made in state funding to schools to account for the exemption.
17. Support increasing the taxable value of income-producing tangible personal property to qualify for an exemption.
18. Support allowing the increase in interests in oil or gas to be counted as new property.
19. Oppose changing the method for appraising retail inventory to calculating one twelfth of annual sales similar to that used for auto sales retailers.
20. Oppose increasing the cap on attorney fees for tax exemption appeals.
21. Oppose reducing the interest rate used for delinquent taxes under the Property Tax Code.

② Juvenile & Criminal Justice

1. Support full state funding for all mandatory JJAEP placements in an amount adequate for year round programs.
2. Support an increase in state funding for indigent defense purposes.
3. Authorize county jails to take necessary actions that result in the suspension of SSI & Medicaid benefits and their re-instatement on release, rather than termination of those benefits.
4. Support additional state funding for juvenile probation departments if the age of criminal responsibility is raised to 18.
5. Support grandfather provisions for all jails that were not designed for face-to-face visitation but for video visitation in full compliance with existing State law and jail standards.
6. Support sufficient State funding for local juvenile probation departments to pay for the full costs of keeping in local programs, or in regional detention facilities, all children diverted from State facilities through a restructuring of the State Juvenile Justice Department.
7. Support state payment to counties for costs of detaining in county jails technical parole violators and new-offense violators held solely for parole revocation purposes.

8. Oppose changes in court costs in criminal cases that are expected to have a negative fiscal impact to counties.
9. Support changes to pre-trial release to require the use of locally verified evaluation tools to determine a criminal defendant's risk of flight or danger to the community. Promote: (1) establishing pretrial risk assessments; (2) the elimination of bond schedules; (3) greater discretion for magistrates regarding pre-trial release; and (4) rebuttable presumptions in favor of personal bond.
10. Support additional funding for DPS crime labs provided it does not negatively impact existing local crime labs.
11. Oppose efforts to permit a defendant placed on deferred adjudication probation to obtain an expunction without payment of court costs unless the defendant is indigent.
12. Require that the creation of new probate investigator positions in a county must be authorized by the county commissioners court.
13. Oppose requirements to provide information regarding the manner in which electronic data is stored and other requirements reasonably believed to be detrimental to data security.

3 Transportation

1. Oppose eliminating tolling options unless state funding for highways is increased sufficiently to replace lost toll revenue.
2. Support enhanced funding for freight transportation infrastructure projects to address economic growth and an ever increasing population.
3. Support changes to the administrative fees retained by counties to register vehicles only if the new fees are reasonably expected to recoup county costs for providing those services.
4. Oppose the establishment of uniform limits on the fees charged by authorized private deputies for title services.
5. Request and support including counties in any proposed statutory changes for TxDOT intended to mitigate increased and unnecessary road building costs due to delays in utility relocation.
6. Support current weight requirements for vehicles operating on county roads, except for localized proposals supported by the local commissioners court.

4 Health and Human Services

1. Support increased funding for mental health and substance abuse services state-wide.
2. Expand capacity of both forensic and civil beds in the state hospital system.
3. Support the continuation of the 1115 Medicaid Transformation Waiver.
4. Support state action related to state participation in the funding of indigent health care to maximize access to available federal funds.
5. Not oppose the repeal of the Drivers Responsibility Program. If repealed, seek replacement funding for trauma care.

6. Support a dual approach of state funding for jailer mental health training, increase inpatient capacity, and support diversion at the earliest possible point utilizing the Expanded Sequential Intercept Model.
7. Support continued federal funding to local communities for refugee healthcare.
8. Support expansion to additional counties of the Harris County mental health jail diversion pilot program model to reduce recidivism, arrest, and incarceration of individuals with mental illness.
9. Support the following priorities of the Select Committee on Mental Health:
 - Early intervention and prevention measures for school-aged children to prevent more severe mental health issues;
 - Strengthening and expanding jail diversion programs;
 - Addressing the mental health workforce shortages; and
 - Encouraging approaches to health care that integrate both physical and mental care.

⑤ Clean Air Act

1. Support full funding for the next biennium for the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan, LIRAP, and LIP programs and maintain the integrity of the TERP, LIRAP, and LIP programs.
2. Support local administration of the LIRAP and LIP programs to ensure funds collected in the county are used in the county.
3. Use the TERP funds only for programs that will assist nonattainment and near nonattainment areas in meeting EPA Ozone standards.

⑥ Water

⑦ Revenue, Budget, and Miscellaneous

1. Confirm commissioners court authority over the county budget and contracting.
2. No unfunded mandates.
3. Oppose collective bargaining for peace officers unless supported by the commissioners court of the counties affected by the legislation.
4. Support local control over compensation and benefits paid by the county.
5. Establish that any increase in the fees to be paid to attorneys appointed to represent indigent criminal defendants may not take effect until the adoption of the next county budget and require at least 90 day notice of the proposed increase to be provided to the commissioners court.
6. Protect county authority to restrict or ban the sale and use of fireworks during drought conditions and when included in a local disaster declaration.
7. Support the creation of an online voter registration system.
8. Support full state funding for representation of indigent parties in child welfare cases.

9. Support legislation that permits counties to post public notices electronically in lieu of print publication.
10. Oppose financial penalties imposed on local governments by the state for failure to comply with state mandates to enforce or to not enforce federal laws.
11. Support the longstanding constitutional principle that governmental entities must justify substantial burdens on the exercise of religious rights by showing the furtherance of a compelling governmental interest by the least restrictive means.
12. Oppose requirements to include on bond propositions information other than the total amount of bonds to be issued if approved and the proposed uses of the bonds.
13. Support giving all counties the option to adopt a fire code and rules necessary to administer and enforce the fire code.
14. Oppose creation of a new fireworks season unless commissioners courts are granted discretion over the sale of fireworks in that county for the new season.
15. Support the current role of local emergency management authorities and the county judge in responding to potential and actual emergencies and disasters.
16. Oppose prohibiting the use of eminent domain for recreation purposes.
17. Support allowing any county to regulate game rooms.
18. Retain the current option to hold bond elections in May.
19. Require telephone/telegraph facilities to follow the same procedures as other utilities in locating their facilities in the county Right-of-Way.
20. Oppose restrictions on the ability of local governments to effectively and efficiently communicate with the legislature and other state and federal entities.
21. Support financial transparency requirements that permit the use of existing reports and other documents and that minimize the need to express the same information in different manners or formats.
22. Oppose mandates to produce financial reports that are duplicative of reports already required of counties.
23. Support proposals to permit public access to public information on the personal devices of public officers and employees that include reasonable provisions to guard against frivolous and abusive lawsuits against public officers and employees.
24. In the absence of market value transparency, oppose efforts to require local governments to pay an opposing party's attorney fees and court costs in eminent domain proceedings.
25. Support efforts to maintain the long-established prohibition of guns in any portion of a building used by court participants.
26. Establish that the earliest effective date for any increase in salary budgets outside the control of commissioners court shall be the first day of the next county fiscal year following 90 days notice of the proposed increase to be provided to the commissioners court.
27. Oppose changes to the criteria governments must meet to show "actual progress" on projects to prevent real property acquired through eminent domain to be subject to repurchase if the changes would require significant expenditures for development labor and materials to show actual progress.

28. Support continued federal funding for local communities to help cover operational costs for holding undocumented criminal aliens in the criminal justice system and the costs to house them.
29. Support changes to the mandated disclosure of interested parties by vendors to:
 - exempt small contracts and contracts awarded to low bidders, through cooperative purchasing programs, or through interlocal agreements;
 - clarify the mandate applies only to written contracts for goods and services;
 - clarify that contracts remain valid if a vendor fails to accurately make a mandated disclosure; and
 - clarify that a “controlling interest” is an ownership or participating interest in an entity that exceeds 50%.
30. Oppose new mandated reporting of receipt and use of Federal funds by counties.
31. Support commissioners court optional authority to allow blanket approval to a county appraisal district board the authority to lease or convey property.
32. Support removing the limitations on the number of counties that may choose, with Secretary of State authorization, to transition into the Countywide Polling Places program.
33. Oppose injecting commissioners courts as decision makers in condemnation actions not involving their respective counties.
34. Support the current permissive authority of governmental entities to sell property for less than fair market value.
35. Oppose granting whistleblower status to employees unless they report in writing illegal conduct to a person designated by the employing governmental entity to receive such reports, the attorney general, or an appropriate law enforcement authority.
36. Oppose shortening the early voting period.
37. Oppose new requirements that political subdivisions provide advance notice to the Governor before conveying land to the federal government, such conveyance being subject to disapproval by the Governor.
38. Support retaining the ability of governmental bodies to consider economic development information in closed meetings.
39. Support local control of the records of county and district clerks.
40. Oppose any proposal that would require voter approval for the expenditure of general fund revenue and certificates of obligation by any county.
41. Oppose mandated budget reports by counties that do not properly account for independent elected county officials, statutory and constitutional mandates for county funding, or would require significant expenditures to create the report.
42. Support a Constitutional Amendment prohibiting unfunded mandates on counties.
43. Oppose new unfunded mandates on DRE election equipment.
44. Support creating an option for commissioners court to have ESDs within their county transition from appointed to elected boards.

45. Oppose provisions that permit the salary of a district judge to exceed the statutory salary cap by the amount of compensation paid for extrajudicial services so unless such provisions are permissive at the discretion of commissioners courts.
46. Support retaining the current authority of local governments to bring actions to recover penalties from violators of environmental laws and regulations.
47. Oppose unified primary elections.
48. Support increases in the monetary jurisdictional limits of justice courts.
49. Support the finding of the Texas Supreme Court that the attorney-client privilege is of such importance that it satisfies the “compelling reason” provision of the Public Information Act.
50. Support a cap on retainage in a public works contract no lower than 5% of the total contract price if there is no requirement to release retainage before completion of the project except as agreed by the parties to the contract.
51. Oppose advertisements of land for residential lots in the unincorporated areas of border counties before the land is platted.
52. Oppose allowing a cure period for a violation of county subdivision regulations.
53. Oppose the use of earnest money contracts for lots in border counties before a plat is filed.
54. Oppose requirement that commissioners court meetings be broadcast simultaneously in Spanish.
55. Oppose mandates on counties regarding the operations of veteran services offices.

Positions on other proposals before the 85th Legislature

Items in this list are legislative positions regarding initiatives of member counties or other groups or organizations.

1. **Tax Rate Notice.** Clarify that a county or municipality that opts to use the simplified public notice for proposed tax rates is not also required to comply with additional notice requirements for those tax rates. *Travis County*
2. **Texas Highway Beautification Act.** Support Scenic Texas and other entities asking for a rehearing on the Texas Highway Beautification Act. *Scenic Texas*
3. **Jail Standards Exam.** Support creation of a comprehensive exam for jail commanders on the current rules and standards established by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. *Mr. Craig Pardue*
4. **EDAP Water Funding.** Support increased funding for the Texas Water Development Board’s Economically Distressed Areas Program. *El Paso County*.
5. **Dishonored Checks.** Support an option to allow a county to contract with an outside collections firm to collect dishonored checks and credit card invoices. *Dallas County*
6. **Jury Summons.** Support allowing counties to include a link to a jury summons questionnaire with the jury summons in lieu of a hardcopy. *Dallas County*
7. **Electronic Monitoring.** Support allowing individuals placed on probation to participate in a County run electronic monitoring program in lieu of jail time. *Dallas County*
8. **Leasing Property.** Support consideration of authorizing counties to utilize a broker for leasing county owned space. *Dallas County*

9. **Drones.** Support prohibiting the operation of a drone over secure penal or correctional facilities. *Travis County*
10. **Venue Taxes for Parks.** Support allowing counties to use venue taxes to fund projects in the parks and recreation system. *Travis County*
11. **County Welfare.** Support removing the limit on the amount of petty cash a commissioners court may provide to a county welfare department in a county with a population greater than 1.3 million. *Harris County*
12. **Supplemental Civil Service Commissions.** Support optional authority of a commissioners court to appoint, and designate the responsibilities of, a supplemental civil service commission to assist the county civil service commission. *Dallas County.*
13. **Firework Authority.** Support allowing a county to prohibit the use of fireworks during hours determined by commissioners court.
14. **Law Library.** Support allowing a county law library to be established anywhere in the county rather than only the county seat and allowing the county law library fund to be used to establish and maintain a self-help center to provide free legal resources to residents.
15. **Bexar County Optional Vehicle Registration Fee.** Support allowing Bexar County to impose, if approved by a majority of qualified voters, an additional \$10 vehicle registration fee for transportation projects chosen by their local RMA. *Bexar County*
16. **Overseas Military E-Mail Ballot Program.** Support the repeal of the expiration date of the Overseas E-Mail Ballot Pilot Program and allow any county to participate in the program. *Bexar County.*
17. **Tax Abatement Removal within a TIRZ.** Support removing the requirement for approval on tax abatements within TIRZ by entities not participating in the zone. *Bexar County*
18. **Super Utilizer Pilot Project.** Support State funding for a Super Utilizer Pilot Project in Bexar County. *Bexar County*
19. **Pretrial Program Fee.** Support allowing county pretrial supervision programs, run outside CSCDs, to collect supervision fees. *Bexar County*
20. **County Building Standards.** Support allowing urban counties to adopt building regulations upon petition from residents and passage of a proposition to authorize said regulations. *Bexar County*
21. **Solid Waste Collection in Unincorporated Areas.** Support authorizing Counties to require the provision of solid waste collection by landlords of two or more leased dwellings located in an unincorporated area. *Bexar County*
22. **Expedited Public Information.** Support creation of expedited processes for responding to public information requests as an option for governmental bodies.
23. **Fireworks Regulation.** Support allowing a county to regulate the sale or use of fireworks.
24. **Tipping Fees.** Support an increase in municipal solid waste fees and an increased allocation to local projects.
25. **Behavioral Health Transfers.** Support allowing a peace officer to transfer a mental health detainee to another person on the mental health transport list.

26. **Open Meetings Act.** Support amending applicability of the Open Meetings Act to district judges performing management or administrative functions and does not involve adjudication of an individual case. *Webb County.*
27. **Conformity of Auditor Salaries.** Support requiring the salaries, set by district judges, for the County Auditor and the Auditor's assistants to be consistent with locally adopted pay plans adopted by commissioners court. *Webb County.*