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HARRIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SUMMARY

Houston – Harris County Commissioners Court convened today with an opening prayer by Reverend Pat Clark of St. Stephen Presbyterian Church in Houston.

Today's business included:

- The appointment of Chief Deputy Phillip Camus to serve out the term of Precinct 5 Constable Glen Cheek who died last week. Camus is a 22-year veteran of the constable's office. He is the third former Houston Police Department sergeant to hold the office of Precinct 5 Constable. Commissioner Steve Radack and Constable Cheek were both sergeants in HPD before being elected Precinct 5 constable.
- The creation of a reinvestment zone and approval of a tax abatement agreement with Hewlett-Packard Company for construction of a data center project at 15555 Cutten Road in Precinct 4. This will create 140 new jobs in Harris County.
- The appointment of Graciela "Gracie" Saenz to Board of Commissioners of the Harris County Housing Authority. Saenz is a former City of Houston councilwoman and Mayor Pro-tem. She is a partner in Oppel, Goldberg & Saenz PLLC, concentrating on small business development and international transactions.

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- The appointment of Ronald A. Beeson, Nancy Edmondson, and Dr. Max Castillo to the Gulf Coast Freight Rail District. The District is tasked with sustaining regional and economic growth by guiding developments of the rail network in a way that limits its impact on quality of life.
- The approval of recommendations by the Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services report entitled *Veterinary Public Health: Demographics, Diseases, Disasters & Dangerous Dogs*. The Pit Bull Dog Task Force recommendations are included in the report. For more information, contact Rita Obey with HCPHES at 713-439-6293.
- The authorization of the Harris County Toll Road Authority to purchase a new hybrid vehicle. As discussed at Commissioners Court on Tuesday, April 3, 2007, County Judge Ed Emmett asked Management Services to study the possibility of increasing the county's fleet to include more hybrid vehicles (Judge Emmett drives a hybrid vehicle as his personal vehicle).
- The approval to reopen West Side juvenile facilities for 45 non-adjudicated youth to relieve crowding at the Harris County Detention Center.

Next Commissioners Court will be on May 15, 2007, at 10 AM in Commissioners Court Room, 1001 Preston, Houston, Texas 77002.

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