



*PARK, GOLF AND AQUATICS*

Date: February 18, 2010

To: Delia Briones, County Clerk

From: Rosemary Neill

Re: Commissioners Court Agenda

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Please place the following item on the Commissioners Court agenda for February 22, 2010.

Approve and authorize the use of our County Master Service Interlocal Contract between Harris County Department of Education and El Paso County allowing for a cooperative purchasing program for goods and services for the construction of a new restroom at the Sportspark. Funds are available.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rosemary V. Neill".

Rosemary V. Neill  
Interim Director

# Memorandum

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**To:** County Judge Anthony Cobos, Commissioner Anna Perez,  
Commissioner Veronica Escobar, Commissioner Willie Gandara, and  
Commissioner Daniel Haggerty

**From:** Rosemary Neill

**Date:** 5/26/2009

**Re:** Approve and Authorize the Use of State Purchasing Cooperative  
Agreement for a New Sportspark Restroom

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## **Action Item**

Approve and authorize the use of our County Master Service Interlocal Contract between Harris County Department of Education and El Paso County allowing for a cooperative purchasing program for goods and services for the construction of a new restroom at the Sportspark. Funds are available.

## **Fiscal Impact**

Funds are available in CP Capital 07.

## **Background Information**

On June 1, 2009 Commissioners Court approved a County Master Service Interlocal Contract between the County and Harris County Department of Education. This agreement authorizes a cooperative purchasing agreement that allows governmental entities to use the Job Order Contracting (JOC) method of construction procurement.

The military established the Job Order Contracting or JOC method as a way to overcome problems with traditional design/bid/build procurement. This process can be time consuming. School districts have used this method of procurement and have found it a good fit for many of their efforts.

The Court authorized this method of procurement because it is eager to move its capital construction projects forward. The Court authorized using JOC

contracting on several capital projects at Ascarate Park. This method has proven successful in moving projects forward.

One of the critical improvements required for the Sportspark is the addition of a restroom facility. Presently, the County rents portable units to meet this need for six of its ball fields. This is a costly undertaking. Despite all efforts, the vendor is not able to keep the units sanitary during heavy usage.

The addition of restrooms to serve the upper level fields is one of the most requested additions to the Sportspark. The ability to use job order contracting enables the County to move this project forward quickly.

Staff is considering various types of prefabricated models. This approach and the use of job order contracting may speed the addition of this important improvement.

Approval of this item allows staff to move forward on this project.