

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 28th day of July, A.D. 2014 the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in regular session at 10:00 AM with **MARK J. BARR**, County Judge as the Presiding Officer. The following members were present: **OSCAR GARCIA**, Commissioner Precinct No. 1, **DONNIE BAKER**, Commissioner Precinct No. 2, **JIMMIE LONG**, Commissioner Precinct No. 3 and **JOHN H. CLINE**, Commissioner Precinct No. 4.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve the Department Head recommendations as presented by Teresa Thomas, County Treasurer. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Baker to approve the following 14 Right of Ways as presented by Brian Klinksiek, County Engineer: : 1 to Cobra Oil & Gas on County Rd 9; 2 to Outrigger Energy LLC on County Rd 21; 1 to Cobra Oil & Gas on County Rd 42; 3 to Athlon Energy 2 on Moore School Rd and 1 on County Rd 34; Element Petroleum on County Road 40; 4 to CrownQuest Gathering on W County Rd 8, 1 on County Rd 3, 1 on S County Rd 3, & 1 on County Rd 10; 1 to Millennium Resources on Stallings Rd and 1 to Plains Pipeline on County Road 26. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Long to approve the Contract to Parks fuel for Rental of temporary fuel tanks for Brian Klinksiek, County Engineer. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Cline to allow Brian Klinksiek, County Engineer to move forward on the new Road and Bridge building since he got the letter from TECQ last week. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve the 911 Budget for 2014/2015 as presented by Tommy Sullivan, 911 Director. The only increase was they gave him an 8% raise. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Long to approve the Big Spring Howard County Mutual Aid Law Enforcement Agreement between Howard County and the City of Big Spring for the use of Task force activities between the

entities No money in involved. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve the easement for West Texas Gas Pipeline (WTG) off Highway 87. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A public hearing was held on the Tax Abatement Agreement at 10:10 AM. No one came forward.

A motion was made by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Cline to accept the Invenergy Tax abatement application. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Long to approve the Tax Abatement to Invenergy for 10 years and the Resolution and Order as presented. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve the purchase request from the Library for 10 Dell computers @ \$9320.00 to be paid for by funds from Friends of the Library. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to pay the bills as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Court recessed at 10:15 to move to the old Commissioners Court room for a Budget workshop.

Court reconvened at 10:29 AM into an open session.

A Budget workshop was held on this date.

Jackie Olson, County Auditor reported that she still had no figures from the Tax Appraiser and he was on vacation.

Jackie Olson, County Auditor gave the Court a recap of the 3 major funds and an estimated beginning balance. Court went over the list of all the Departments wish list.

Court took a short recess to grab some crackers and take a break and come right back.

Court reconvened at 1:20 into open session.

Donna Wright, County Clerk presented the Court with a project for her Records preservation fund for restoring her Probate records. The probate files are beginning to crumble

with all of the copying that is being done so this will be a way to get them scanned and loaded on to the system and they won't have to be taken apart any more to be copied. We can copy from our computers. These funds can only be used for these purposes and the Proposal is from Kofile @ \$234,281.25 she currently has \$194,720.00. She is projected to collect 93,270.00 next year in this fund. This will be paid out in 2 years. Court agreed that this was a much needed project.

Jimmy Long, Commissioner Precinct 3 presented his employee incentive plan for everyone to think about.

Tax Appraisal Office hand delivered Jackie Olson, County Auditor some figures.

Court recessed at 2:25 PM until 9:00 AM tomorrow.

Court reconvened, July 29, 2014 at 9:00 AM.

Larry McLellan, Mayor; Todd Darden, City Manager and City Attorney met with the Court on the Landfill issue. Court will pay \$500,000 this year on the opening of the new one and the other regular fees. Then the County will pay in 2015/2016 another \$500,000 and 2016/2017 another \$500,000 but no other fees. At that point the landfill should be self-sustaining. The surplus that is in the account now should be rolled over into the new landfill.

Discussion was held on a raise and the employee incentive. Court agreed to raise the employee longevity to \$20 for every year here after the 3 year start period plus give everyone a 4% raise this year. This EXCLUDES Commissioners.

Judge Barr will meet with the Juvenile Board on Wednesday and the Court will need to meet again Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM.

The next regular meeting will be August 11, 2014.

Read and approved the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

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**MARK J. BARR, COUNTY JUDGE**

**ATTEST:**

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**DONNA WRIGHT, COUNTY CLERK  
HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS**