

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 11th day of May, A.D. 2015 the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in regular session at 10:00 AM with **KATHYRN G. WISEMAN**, County Judge as the Presiding Officer. The following members were present: **OSCAR GARCIA**, Commissioner Precinct No. 1, **CRAIG BAILEY**, Commissioner Precinct No. 2, **JIMMIE LONG**, Commissioner Precinct No. 3 and **JOHN H. CLINE**, Commissioner Precinct No. 4.

Janie Harrison with the Historical Commission gave the Court an update on what they were working on in the County and told the Court how grateful they were for their support. She then made a presentation of a framed certificate of appreciation to the Court.

Commissioner Bailey led the presentation of the outstanding Male and Female Senior student from Coahoma, Forsan and Big Spring High School. The outstanding seniors from BSHS were Juliana Rodriguez & Tobin Tannehill; Coahoma – Kelly Schaedel & Brandon Coker and Forsan – Aaron Bagnall & Trevor Williams. Each student was recognized by their principals and presented a plaque by Commissioner Bailey.

Judge Wiseman told Commissioner Bailey job well done on implementing the Outstanding Student recognition.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Cline to approve the present partnership agreement with Health and Human Services Commission by going on line. This will allow her additional services at no cost to the County. 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 Bailey to update the Howard County Burial Policy as presented by Irene Dominguez, Indigent Health Director. 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 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 Garcia to approve the payroll report 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 Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Cline to reset measurement period for Affordable Care Act (ACA) for 12 months 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 Bailey to approve the County Clerk monthly report as presented by Donna Wright, County Clerk. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

There was no Pipeline Right of Way on this date.

Brian Klinksiek, County Engineer reported that he completed the emergency work on Snyder Field Rd and stabilization work on County Road 40.

Brian Klinksiek, County Engineer also presented the 2015 Sealcoat contract between Howard County and Lipham Asphalt & Paving Co. LLC dated April 2, 2015 that was approved in December.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve the bills as presented by Drew Lopez, County Auditor. 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 following purchase requests: County-wide – Rocket – UniVerse licenses from Ableterm going from 61 to 30 @ \$2439.00; County Clerk – Bear Graphics birth certificate paper \$1754.50; Sheriff's Office – Tyler Technologies interface between Tyler & Odyssey @ \$7500 & David Cowan Equipment – Revolution Lift RTP10 & installation @ \$3300.00. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

There were no Budget Amendments on this date.

Judge Wiseman reported that JP Collections were down again this month.

Commissioner Garcia said that Tax Evaluations are up and that residents should file their protest with the Appraisal District. The Comptroller is responsible for the evaluations not the Court. He also did this in Spanish.

Commissioner Bailey had no comment today.

Judge Wiseman wanted to remember the Newton County Judge that was killed by tree falling on him.

Judge Wiseman also was thankful for the rain and reported that Lake Thomas was 70% full.

Judge Wiseman also wanted to explain that the Commissioners Court only sets the Tax Rate with the information from the Appraisal District. They have nothing to do with the Tax Appraisal Office and what they do. The Appraisal District is totally separate from the County

and the County only gets a very small portion of the tax money, most of it goes to the other taxing entities.

Commissioner Long had no comment on this date.

Commissioner Cline congratulated the kids recognized today on their leadership.

Court recessed at 10:50 to move downstairs.

Court reconvened at 11:10 in open session.

Commissioner Bailey reported that TECQ came and reported on the fire at the trailer park on Midway Road. They found no violations. Commissioner Bailey would like the Court to come up with something even though they are under no obligation and Commissioner Long would like for him to draft something up.

Need to have special called meeting on May 14, 2015 for County Engineer to redo the bids on the road widening material bid.

Then set the next Commissioners meeting May 28, 2015 to open the bids for these materials.

Jackie Olson went over the cash investments for the last 3 years. This is the last year to budget for landfill closing.

Court recessed at 12:00 for lunch to reconvene at 1:15.

Reconvened at 1:15 in open session with Department Heads.

Court met with the following Department Heads on their requests: JP Green; DPS; JP Fitzgibbons; JP Shaw; District Attorney, District Clerk, County Attorney, County Clerk, County Judge; Elections Administrator; Indigent Health and County Treasurer.

Judge Wiseman has Interlocal Agreement with Big Spring State Park for 2014 and it has now ended

Court recessed at 4:30 PM until 9:00 am tomorrow morning.

Court reconvened at 9:02 AM May 12, 2015.

Court met with the following Department Heads on their requests: Maintenance; Library, Sheriff/Jail; DPS; Juvenile Probation; Adult Probation; County Agent; Volunteer Fire Department; Tax Assessor Collector; IT Department; District Judge & District Court & County Engineer.

Jackie Olson said she would get all of this recapped for he them for them.


Next meeting is Thursday at 1:00 PM.

Court adjourned at 1:25 PM.

Read and approved the 01st day of July, 2015.


KATHRYN G. WISEMAN, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:


DONNA WRIGHT, COUNTY CLERK
HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS