

**HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MEETING AGENDA
JULY 27, 2015**

The following item(s) of business will be discussed and possible action taken in a regular meeting of the Howard County Commissioners' Court to be held on **Monday, JULY 27, 2015** in the Howard County Courtroom on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse. The meeting will commence at **10:00 am**.

- **Kathryn G. Wiseman**
 - Approve 911 Budget
 - Discussion and Possible Action of Library Donation

 - **Jackie Olson**
 - CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2015; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PARAMETERS FOR THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION PRIOR TO MATURITY OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE OR COUNTY AUDITOR TO APPROVE THE AMOUNT, THE INTEREST RATE, PRICE, AND TERMS THEREOF AND CERTAIN OTHER PROCEDURES AND PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO; AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE PURPOSES OF THIS ORDER
 - Invoices
 - Purchase Requests
 - Budget Work Session

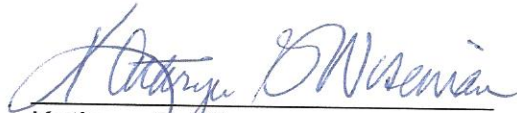
 - **Teresa Thomas**
 - Personnel Considerations
 - Discussion and Possible Action on Employee Health and Dental Rates
 - Health and Employee Benefits Pool Renewal for 2015-16
 - Approve Texas County and District Retirement System Assessment for Plan Year 2016

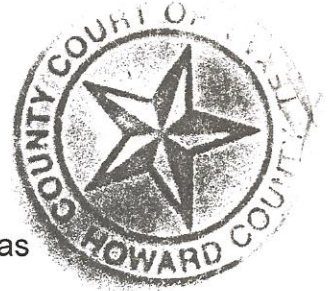
 - **Stan Parker**
 - Approval to purchase spare A/C compressor for Jail

 - **Sandra Bloom**
 - Appoint Election Judges
 - Discussion of Polling Locations
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- **Brian Klinksiek**
 - Pipeline Crossings / Road Maintenance
 - Update on upcoming TXDOT Road Closures along Hazardous Cargo Route
 - Permission and Approval to purchase Asphalt Emulsions

- Discussion of Joint Law Enforcement Center /or jail and take any necessary action
- Discussion and Possible Action of Road Grant
- Discussion and possible Action Re: Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP.
- Citizen input for those registered to make comments
- Opportunity for mention of any items to be on the future agendas


 Kathryn G. Wiseman
 County Judge, Howard County, Texas



The Commissioners' Court may convene in Executive Session pursuant to Gov. 551.001 et seq. on any of the above items.

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BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 27th day of July, 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, and **JOHN H. CLINE**, Commissioner Precinct No. 4. **JIMMIE LONG**, Commissioner Precinct No. 3 was absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve the 911 Budget for 2015/2016 as presented by Tommy Sullivan, Volunteer Fire Chief. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Tommy Sullivan, Volunteer Fire Chief reported that we were in a high wildfire danger due to the recent rains making lots of fuel for fires.. He encouraged citizens to keep their lawns mowed down and especially close to your home.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to accept the donation that Librarian, Hollis McCright received from the Nelda Callarman Estate. It is to be deposited into the General Fund of the County. Commissioner Cline said that the way the law was written this is the process that needs to be done. 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 Garcia to approve the order authorizing the issuance of Howard County Texas General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2015; authorizing certain parameters for the bonds; authorizing the redemption prior to maturity of certain outstanding obligations; authorizing the County Judge, Commissioner Bailey or County Auditor to approve the amount, the interest rate, price and terms thereof and certain other procedures and provisions related thereto; authorizing the refunding of certain outstanding obligations and enacting other provisions relating to the purposes of this order as presented by Vince Vialle, Specialized Public Finance Inc. 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 approve the bills as presented by Jackie Olson, 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 Bailey to approve the following purchase requests as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor: Sheriff/Jail – Backup compressor - Honest Air \$2403.90, Janitorial Supplies – Wagner Supply \$805.00 and Recalibrate scales for DPS – CMV Officers - Rusty s' Weight & Scale Service \$600.00 (this requires a budget amendment), Concrete slab for firing range – Ingram Concrete \$1412.00 to be paid out of Abandoned Property Fund;. District Attorney – Legislative update

books \$1144.00; Courthouse – Paper \$4141.50 and Adult Probation/CSCD – Cannon Copier \$131.60 month for 60 months. 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 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 Cline and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to approve the Blue Cross Blue Shield health and dental insurance for 2015/2016 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 Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Cline to approve keeping the Texas County & District Retirement the same for 2015/2016. 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 Garcia to appoint the Election Judges for the November 3, 2015 General Election as presented by Sandra Bloom, Elections Administrator. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted “AYES”. Motion carried.

Sandra Bloom, Election Administrator discussed with the Court about the Polling Place locations. Precinct 1 is currently held at Bauer School and she is looking into finding a new location before the Primary Election in March 2016, but for this Election she will have it at Bauer. Commissioner Garcia wanted her to see if we could hold this election at the Courthouse, Sandra will look into that option. She is bringing Sand Springs into the Coliseum this time since it is a small Election. The Sand Springs polling place will move to the Sand Springs Volunteer Fire Station in March. It has to be cleaned up and some work done before an election can be held there.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to approve the following right of ways as presented by Brian Klinksiek, County Engineer: 2 to CrownQuest Operating LLC both on Richie Rd and 1 to Navigator on N. Moss Lake Rd. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted “AYES”. Motion carried.

Brian Klinksiek, County Engineer gave an update on upcoming road closures and changes in the roads. Along the Hazardous Cargo Route, Wasson Road will be closed this week and in August they will be switching to the new Bridge and frontage road on Hwy 87 and the traffic will begin stopping at the County Road 33 intersection. Texas Department of Public Safety will install a stop sign at that location.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Cline gave Brian Klinksiek, County Engineer permission to purchase Asphalt Emulsion @ \$1.90 gallon for approximately 13,000 gallons on the high end. This Grant work. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Judge Wiseman called for Scott Emerson, Registered Citizen to speak. He wants the County to find ways to cut the budget even more in places they never thought about cutting before. He still wants the Commission's to take a pay cut. He also wants the Court to change the time of the meetings to the evening.

Court adjourned to move downstairs to the old courtroom for a Budget Workshop at 10:45 AM.

Court reconvened at 11:10 AM into a Budget Workshop.

Judge Wiseman reported that the Museum wanted and increase in their contribution from the County. She will put on the next agenda.

Judge Wiseman had something from the Vines Program. This will go on the next agenda.

Judge Wiseman has received a request from Teen Court to take over the ADR office on third floor when they leave August 31st. Jackie Olson, County Auditor said that the County does not pay for that phone. This will also need to go on the next Agenda.

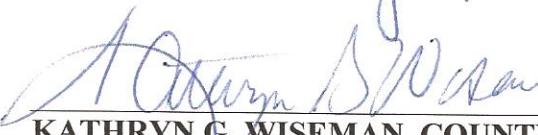
The next meeting date will be August 10, 2015.

We had no Tax Rate from Chief Appraiser, Ronnie Babcock so Commissioner Bailey called his office and he gave him these figures: 3153221261 which is .38 to .39. County Auditor reported that Diane Carter, Tax Assessor Collector had to have a proposed Tax Rate by August 7, 2015.

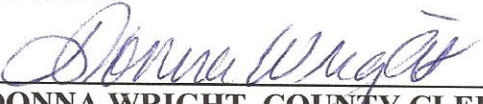
Jackie Olson, County Auditor presented the Budget with increased and decreases she had. She is going to post this Budget with the County Clerk as her proposed Budget.

Court adjourned at 11.30 AM.

Read and approved the 31st day of July, 2015.


KATHRYN G. WISEMAN, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:


DONNA WRIGHT, COUNTY CLERK
HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS