

**HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
AGENDA
AUGUST 10, 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, AUGUST 10, 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**
 - Discussion of Citizens Request for Time Change of Commissioners Court Meetings
 - Discussion and Possible Action regarding Imposition of Optional Fees (Road & Bridge Fee and Child Safety Fee)
 - Approval to cease collection of ADR Fee from Civil Cases Filed in Howard County
 - Discussion and Possible Action for Teen Court to use ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution) office on 3rd Floor
 - Discussion and Possible Action of Appriss R-12 Service Agreement Renewal Notice
 - Consideration and Possible Approval of Extra Cost for Hotel Rate for TAC-Legislative Conference
 - Discussion and Possible Action of the Designation of Rabies Control Authority for Howard County

- **Jackie Olson**
 - Invoices
 - Purchase Requests
 - Budget Amendments
 - Financial Report
 - Permission to transfer funds from Road Grant Fund to General Fund
 - Discussion and Possible Action of Fiber Cost to connect Courthouse to Jail
 - Permission to seek Fuel Bids
 - Award Pharmacy Bids
 - Annex Bldg. Air Conditioning Bids
 - Approve Archival Imaging for County Clerk
 - Discuss Tax Rate and Vote on Proposed Rate
 - Budget Work Session

- **Teresa Thomas**
 - Personnel Considerations
 - Payroll Report
 - Treasurer's Report

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- **Donna Wright**
 - Present Monthly Report
 - Approve Probate Project

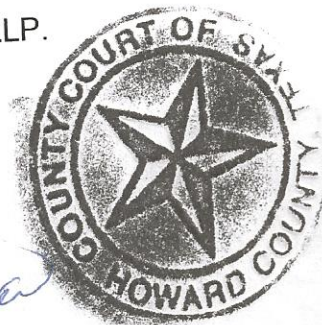
- **Irene Dominguez**
 - Approve Physician's & Hospital Contract
 - Adopt Interim Rates for Hospital and Payment Standards for Physician Services - FY 2015-2016

- **Brian Klinksiek**
 - Pipeline Crossings / Road Maintenance
 - Discussion and Permission to place speed limit signs on NCR 33 as per existing speed set by state law as needed county wide
 - Discussion and Possible Action of Surveying & Pipeline Easement over Old Howard County Airport
 - Purchase Request for Software

- Discussion of Joint Law Enforcement Center /or jail and take any necessary action
- Discussion and possible Action Re: Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP.
- Discussion and Possible Action of Road Grant
- 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.

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 10th day of August, 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.

Judge Wiseman called for the Citizen's registered to speak to come forward. Adelinda Eli requested that the Court consider changing the time of Court. Henry Haro wanted to request the same thing.

Court held a discussion on the times for Commissioner Court meetings. Commissioner Bailey thought lunch would be good since we have so many vendors that make presentations. Commissioner Garcia wanted 5:30 with the stipulation if no public attendance we would go back to 10:00 AM. Judge Wiseman thought maybe the 4th Monday could be a 5:30 and keep the other one at 10:00. She also stated that overtime had to be considered.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to table changing the time of the Commissioners Court meetings until it could be studied a little further. A vote was taken and the following members of the Court voted "AYES": Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Bailey and Commissioner Cline. Commissioner Long was opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Long to leave the Road and Bridge, Child Safety Fund the same adding no new fees. 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 approve ceasing the collection of the ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution) fee from the civil cases filed in Howard County effective July 31, 2015. 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 allow Teen Court to use the ADR office on 3rd floor. They meet once a month. Judge informed them that the County does not pay for the phone. 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 Long to approve renewing the Appriss R-12 Service Agreement (Vines) as presented by Kathryn Wiseman, County Judge. This is a grant and 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 Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Cline to approve the extra cost for the Hotel the upcoming TAC Legislative Conference with the exception for the Commissioners and County Judge. The cost of the hotel is \$179 per night; our maximum is \$150 per night. This is a onetime exception. 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 designate the County Trapper as the Rabies Control Authority at no additional cost to the County. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Court went into Executive Session at 10:32 AM.

Court reconvened into Open Session at 10:45 AM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Cline to withdraw the rental agreement with Bruce Curtis, Heavy Equipment Mechanic at the Road and Bridge for the use of his truck and just pay him \$25.00 per hour. 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 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 Long 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 Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to approve the new monthly report from 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 approve the bills + 1 late bill for On-site Sewage Facility to Brian Klinksiek for July as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. Court said not to pay the bill to the City of Big Spring for \$5.40 for landfill charges. 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 pay the Historical Society an additional \$300.00. 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 following purchase request as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor: Sheriff

– 3 Grill Guards from Workhorse @ \$1437.00 and a repeater system in Coahoma from Basin 2Way @ \$4575.00; Jail – Compressor, Freon for walk-in refrigerator from Honest Air @ \$2261.00 and Library – Renewal of software maintenance from Bibleonix @ \$2900.00. 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 Budget Amendments as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted “AYES”. Motion carried.

Jackie Olson, County Auditor presented the Financial Report.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to allow Jackie Olson, County Auditor to transfer funds from the Road Grant Fund to the General Fund. 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 request from Johnny Moore, IT Director for the fiber optics at \$7024.14 up front then \$750.62 thereafter. This includes the annual maintenance fee. Johnny is to bring the Agreement to the Court for approval when he gets it. 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 allow Jackie Olson, County Auditor to advertise for fuel bids. 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 AC repair in the Appraisal Office in the Annex in the amount of \$9007.14 to Hester’s Mechanical plus 6 fan motors at \$2465.83. This includes parts and labor. Jessie Bravo contacted Honest Air and Carrier and got no response. 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 the Probate Archival Imaging plan as presented by County Clerk, Donna Wright. This was agreed upon on July 28, 2014 but no motion was made. 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 award the Pharmacy Bids for Indigent Healthcare, Welfare & Juvenile Probation to Leonard’s Pharmacy as was low bid of \$6643.62 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 Long and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve the Pharmacy Bids for the Detention Center to HIS Pharmacy @ \$5888.06 as was low bid as long as they can find a local pharmacy to do weekend scripts. If not revert to Diamond and see if they can meet the above requirement and if not go to Leonard's Pharmacy 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 Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve the Physician's & Hospital Contracts as presented by Irene Dominguez, Indigent Health Director. This motion also allows her permission to accept any future contracts for the year. 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 adopt the Inpatient and Outpatient Ratio of cost to charges for Inpatient and Outpatient Hospital Services; and payment rates for Physician's Services as set forth by the Texas Department of State Healthcare Services for the Howard County Indigent Healthcare Program, Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Interim Rates for Out-of-County Facilities will refer to the attached chart. 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 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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to approve the following Right of Ways as presented by Brian Klinksiek, County Engineer: 2 to Navigator BSG Transportation on Salem Rd and Reid Rd and 1 to Big Star Oil & Gas on W. Leatherwood Rd. 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 approve the Surveying & Pipeline Easement over the Old Howard County Airport as presented by 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 Cline and seconded by Commissioner Long to allow Brian Klinksiek, County Engineer update the software. This is to be paid out of his Office Supplies. 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 allow Brian Klinksiek, County Engineer to put up a Speed Limit Sign on NCR 33 of 45 MPH

and to allow him to put up speed limit signs on any county roads as per our policy. 45 MPH on any unpaved roads and 60 MPH on any paved roads. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Court recessed at 11:40 for Budget Workshop.

Court reconvened into open session at 11:55.

A Budget workshop was held on this date.

Jackie Olson, County Auditor reported that Diane Carter, Tax Assessor Collector gave her a Tax Rate of .371885. The roll back amount will be .393869.

Jackie Olson, County Auditor went over the Budget figures. Commissioner Long reminded her to add the change in the Mechanic Salary to her changes.

Museum requested an increase from \$7500.00 to \$10,000.00. Historical Commission requested and additional \$1000.00. Court agreed to both of these requests.

Hollis McCright, Librarian request \$350.00 to purchase Gift Cards for the Volunteers in the Summer Reading Program. Jackie Olson, County Auditor didn't think that the County could do this. Court agreed that they could not do this. She could use her Friends of the Library money for that.

The increase in the Ambulance fee to the City of Big Spring is going to be \$7400.00 the cost now is \$453,867. We can now eliminate the land fill closing monies.

Jackie gave the Court a Budget Summary.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to set the Proposed Tax Rate at .371885. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried

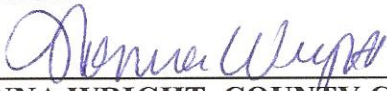
Next meeting is August 24, 2015.

Court adjourned at 12:30PM.

Read and approved the 17th day of August, 2015.


KATHRYN G. WISEMAN, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:


DONNA WRIGHT, COUNTY CLERK
HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS