

HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
AGENDA
MARCH 27, 2023

The following item(s) of business will be discussed, and possible action taken in a meeting of the Howard County Commissioners' Court to be held on **Monday MARCH 27, 2023. A workshop will begin at 2:00 P.M. in the 2nd Floor Judge's Conference Room. Court will recess and reconvene at 3:30 P.M. in the 3rd Floor County Court Room.** Please see below for meeting location details.

Location: Howard County Courthouse
300 S. Main St
Big Spring, TX 79720

Announcement: Please Silence All Cell Phones

WORKSHOP – 2:00 PM:

Location: Judges Conference Room (2nd Floor of County Courthouse)

1. Judge Johnson, Howard County Judge

- a. Discussion / Possible Action: Training on Howard County Platts/Sub-division Rules -By Walker Planning Group, LLC

2. Doug Wagner, Commissioner Pct. 4

- a. Discussion / Possible Action: Consider Easement for Private County Owned Land-Amber Flood

Call to Order: REGULAR SESSION – 3:30 PM: 3rd Floor County Court Room (3rd Floor of Howard County Courthouse)

Citizen input for those registered to make comments-

3. Judge Johnson, Howard County Judge

- a. Discussion / Possible Action: Establish a Subdivision Committee- Walker Planning Group, LLC-Contracted Engineer

4. Sharon Adams, County Treasurer

- a. Discussion / Possible Action: Personnel Considerations
- b. Presentation of Education Hours Certificate

5. Jackie Olson, County Auditor

- a. Presentation of Annual Audit by Becky Roberts, CPA
- b. Discussion / Possible Action: Approve Invoices
- c. Discussion / Possible Action: Approve Purchase Requests
- d. Discussion / Possible Action: Budget Amendment
- e. Discussion / Possible Action: Annual HVAC Service Agreement

6. Stan Parker, County Sheriff

- a. Discussion / Possible Action: E-grant Shields- Marc Thomas, Lt

7. Brian Klinksiek, Road Engineer

- a. Discussion / Possible Action: Roadway Maintenance Update
- b. Discussion / Possible Action: Update to TxDOT Grant List and Permission to Move Forward with Project(s)
- c. Discussion / Possible Action: Subdivision in Precinct 2

8. Discussion of Law Enforcement Radio System and take any necessary action.

9. Opportunity for mention of any items to be on the future agendas.

Attest:



Posted

FILED at 4:16 P. M O'clock 3-23-23
Brent Zitterkopf, County Clerk, Howard County, Texas
By Nancy Porter Deputy

Randy Johnson
Howard County Judge
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PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAP. 551, THE COMMISSIONERS COURT MAY CONVEY A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ANY OF THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEMS. IMMEDIATELY BEFORE ANY CLOSED SESSION, THE SPECIFIC SECTION OR SECTIONS OF GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAP. 551 THAT PROVIDES STATUTORY AUTHORITY WILL BE ANNOUNCED.

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 27th day of March, A.D. 2023 the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in Workshop Session @ 2:00 PM and Regular Session at 3:30 PM with **RANDY JOHNSON**, County Judge as the Presiding Officer. The following members were present: **EDDILISA RAY**, Commissioner Precinct No. 1, **CASH BERRY**, Commissioner Precinct No. 2, **JIMMIE LONG**, Commissioner Precinct No. 3 and **DOUG WAGNER**, Commissioner Precinct No. 4.

The Workshop was called order @ 2:02 PM.

The meeting was turned over to Commissioner Wagner who introduced Amber Flood of Big Spring Sands asking the County to consider a Private County owned easement for their business. There was a discussion and negotiations and finally agreed on terms for the easement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Judge Johnson to grant an easement to Big Spring Sands @ \$54,000 for 3 years with a maintenance agreement allowing a 72 Hour response time with termination clause and the Howard County Attorney preparing the Contract as agreed upon during the Workshop Session. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Next Cameron Walker was introduced for training on the Howard County Plats/Subdivision Rules. The Court and Mr. Walker discussed the different rules and requirements for Plats & Subdivisions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Ray to allow Cameron Walker, Walker Planning Group, to revise the Howard County Plat/Subdivision Rules. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

The meeting was recessed at 3:31 PM to move to the Commissioner Courtroom for Regular Session.

The meeting was reconvened in Regular Session @ 3:35 PM.

Judge Johnson gave a re-cap to those in attendance what was discussed and voted on in the Workshop session.

No action will be taken on the agenda item for establishing a Subdivision Committee due to the fact Mr. Walker was appointed for that job.

Jackie Olson, County Auditor, introduced Becky Roberts of Roberts & McGee CPA presented the outside Auditor's Report for Year Ended September 30, 2022, noting that Howard County Auditor and her staff had done an excellent job during the year and there was nothing that needed to be noted. She reviewed various sections of the report.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to accept the Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report for Year Ended September 20, 2022 as presented by Becky Roberts of Roberts & McGee CPA. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Berry and seconded by Commissioner Ray to approve the Personnel Considerations as presented by Sharon Adams, County Treasurer. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Sharon Adams, County Treasurer, presented her 2022 Certificate of Compliance for Continuing Education. No action necessary.

Jackie Olson, County Auditor, reported that the County had received an Opioid Settlement in the amount of \$28,042 and that she will be looking into how that money can be spent. No action was needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to approve the Ports to Plains Alliance in the amount of \$2,427 to be paid from the Reserve Contingency 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 Berry to approve the Invoices 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 Long and seconded by Commissioner Berry to approve the Purchase Requests as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. The requests are as follows: Tax Office for 5 Fujitsu scanners @ \$1,484.95; Sheriff for 3 air purifiers for radio towers from Sam's @ \$839.94; Jail for installation of external antenna system from CPR @ \$34,920; Jail for restraints for inmates from Mallory Safety & Supply @ \$1,340.30; Jail for 3 anatomically correct dolls from Credit Card @ \$1,605; Sheriff for 21 Ballistic Shields from Botch Tactical @ \$13,200 (to be paid from grant money). A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES" (with Commissioner Ray not voting due to stepping out of the room). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Berry to approve the Annual HVAC Service Agreement from SKC A/C LLC @ \$4,950 as presented by Baldomar Cortez, Maintenance. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES" (Commissioner Ray abstained because out of the room for most of the discussion). Motion carried.

There were no Budget Amendments on this date.

The item under Stan Parker, County Sheriff was handled during the Purchase Requests.

Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator, gave roadway updates in each Precinct.

A motion was made by Commissioner Berry and seconded by Commissioner Long to approve moving forward by adding projects on the Old Colorado City Highway and County Road 40 as requested by Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator, tabled any discussion and action on Subdivision in Precinct 2.

Judge Johnson stated that contracting on protecting investment in the Law Enforcement Radio System will be presented at a later date.

Court was adjourned @ 4:31 PM

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HOWARD

I, Brent Zitterkopf, Howard County Clerk, attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners Court authorized proceedings for March 27, 2023.





Brent Zitterkopf, Howard County Clerk
Clerk of the Commissioners Court
Howard County, Texas