

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 9th day of June, 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, and **JIMMIE LONG**, Commissioner Precinct No. 3. **JOHN H. CLINE**, Commissioner Precinct No. 4 was absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Baker 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 Garcia 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.

Teresa Thomas, County Treasurer presented each Commissioner with a draft of the County Handbook that Sheila Gladstone went over with suggested changes that they might consider making. This will be placed on a future meeting for formal action.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Baker 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 Long and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve the following 14 right of ways: 4 to WTG Gas Processing LP on Co Road 31, Old Colorado City Hwy, Salem Rd & Midway Rd; 1 to Element Petroleum on County Rd 50; 2 to ConocoPhillips Co on County Rd 41; 2 to Gesch Contracting/Athlon Energy on Nichols Rd & County Rd 37; 1 to Charlie Thomas on Stallings Rd; 1 to Gesch Contracting /Three Rivers on County Rd 8; 1 to Sharyland Utilities on County Rd 48 and 2 to Gesch Contracting Inc. /Tall City Operating on County Rd 48 & County Rd 50. The one on Stallings road will be a cut in the Road instead of a bore but it is within our specifications. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Brian Klinksiek, County Engineer reported to the Court that the 2 underground tanks were removed and the hole was clean. When the results of the test values come back they can cover the hole and will be ready to proceed with the sale of the property.

No Executive session was needed.

A motion was made by Judge Barr and seconded by Commissioner Baker to adopt the Resolution and Order Electing to become eligible to participate in property Tax Abatements and adopting Guidelines and Criteria for granting property tax abatements as presented by Terry Wegman, Big Spring Economic Development. This is basically updating our Guidelines and Criteria that we currently have. 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 adopt a Resolution authorizing the approval to auction Howard County Trustee Properties to the highest bidder for cash, without reservation as presented by Mouton & Mouton, Delinquent Tax Attorney. The sale is to be June 28, 2014. 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 of the County Agent for a 2015 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD 4WD Crew Cab 167.7 pickup @ \$46,974.51 from the Buy Board. This includes the delivery fee of \$400.00. If he orders is now it probably won't be here until October. 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 Baker approve the purchase request from the Sheriff's Department for the repair of Unit 1012 to Crossroads @ \$1269.38 to be paid out of Abandoned property funds. . 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 repair bill of Yellow House to repair the Distributor that was taken in for an upgrade kit, while in there they found a crack and fixed it without permission and total was \$7461.51 as presented by Brian Klinksiek, County Engineer. This is within his budget. 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 Baker 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 also reported to the Court that after the above Budget Amendments there were no more funds in the reserve contingency fund. Everyone would have to stay within their budgets.

Jackie Olson, County Auditor presented the Court with the monthly financial report.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to table the bids on the Road and Bridge Department Building so they have more time to review it. 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 bills as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Court adjourned at 10:35AM.

Read and approved the _____ day of _____, 2014.

MARK J. BARR, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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