

AGENDA

AUGUST 25, 2014

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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 25, 2014** in the Howard County Courtroom on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse. The meeting will commence at **10:00 am**.

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COUNTY CLERK HOWARD COUNTY

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- **Mark J. Barr**

- **Jackie Olson**
 - Invoices
 - Purchase Requests
 - Budget Work Session
 - Budget Amendments
 - Consider Requests for Proposals for Insurance
 - 10:30 a.m. Public Hearing on Tax Increase

- **Teresa Thomas**
 - Personnel Considerations

- **Brian Klinksiek**
 - Pipeline Crossings / Road Maintenance

- **Donna Wright**
 - Present Annual Archive Plan
 - Records of Technology Fund Approval

- **Colleen Barton**
 - Present Annual Archive Plan
 - Records of Technology Fund Approval
 - Records Management Contract

- **Sandra Bloom**
 - Appoint Election Judges
 - Approve Polling Locations

- **Irene Dominguez**
 - Approve Physician's Contract
 - Approval of Hospital and Pharmaceutical Agreements

- Discussion of Joint Law Enforcement Center /or jail and take any necessary action
- 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



Mark J. Barr
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 25th day of August, A.D. 2014 the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in regular session at 10:00 AM with **JIMMIE LONG, Commissioner Precinct 3** as the Presiding Officer. The following members were present: **EMMA PUGA BROWN**, Commissioner Precinct No. 1, **DONNIE BAKER**, Commissioner Precinct No. 2, **JIMMIE LONG**, Commissioner Precinct No. 3 and **JOHN H. CLINE**, Commissioner Precinct No. 4. Judge Barr was absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Cline 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 Baker and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve the following 4 right of ways all to WTG Gas Processing on County Rd 29, 30, Longshore Rd and Midway Rd 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 Baker to approve the Polling Place changes for Precinct 1 to be in the cafeteria at Bauer Elementary and Precinct 408-409 to move temporarily to Coahoma Community Center and also the Election Judges for the November 4th General Election. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Donna Wright, County Clerk presented the Annual Archive Plans to the Court for her office and Colleen Barton, District Clerk.

A motion was made by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Baker to sign the order adopting the Records Archive Plan for Donna Wright, County Clerk and Colleen Barton, District Clerk. 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 Physician's Contract and the Hospital and Pharmaceutical Agreements for 2014/2015 as presented by Irene Dominguez, Indigent Health Director. This motion is also to include the contract with Les White Nurse Practitioner when it comes in. 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 approve the Contract for housing inmates with Midland County as presented by Stan Parker, Sheriff. This item is being consider under line item "Discussion of Joint Law Enforcement

Center/or jail and take any necessary action". 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 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 Long and seconded by Commissioner Baker to approve the following purchase requests as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor: Volunteer Fire Dept. – 12 drums of Class A foam from Texas Forrest Service @ \$3000.00; County Attorney – 1000 red folders from Scott Merriman @ \$1046.50.; and County Engineer to purchase some left over aggregate from the seal coating contractors that was left over. They were asking \$6550 and he offered them \$3275 and they accepted the offer. All these items are budgeted. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

The public hearing that was set for today on the Tax Increase will have to be postponed until September 8, 2014.

Court recessed at 10:20 AM to move downstairs to take care of the Insurance proposals and hold a Budget workshop.

Court reconvened back into open session at 10:32 AM.

Commissioner Long reported to the Court on the Property & Casualty Insurance proposals from Texas Association of Counties (TAC) and USI. The bids were opened on Friday.

Rob with USI reported to the Court on his proposal and Darin Jackson & Michael Shannon with TAC also reported to the Court on their proposal.

A motion was made by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Cline to award the Insurance on Property and Casualty to USI as they were the overall low bidder at \$212,365. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Jackie Olson, County Auditor reported to the Court that there was a computer glitch in calculating the Effective Tax Rate and that she had to refigure everything. The new Effective Tax rate is .295307 and the new Rollback amount is .321782. Commissioner Long reported that the Court would have to rescind the prior motion on the proposed tax rate and make a new one and then start over on the public hearings.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to rescind the prior motion in setting the Effective Tax rate at .316026. 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 propose a Tax rate of .321782, which is the rollback rate as calculated by the Tax Assessor. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

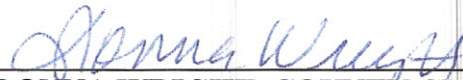
The next public hearing on the new Tax Rate will be September 8th the next regular court date and second public hearing will be Wednesday, September 17th. Then they will vote on the tax rate on the September 22nd court date.

Court adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Read and approved the 29 day of August, 2014.


JIMMIE LONG, COMMISSIONER PRECINT 3,
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


DONNA WRIGHT, COUNTY CLERK
HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS