HOWARD COUNTY SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA February 15, 2019

The following item(s) of business will be discussed and possible action taken in a special meeting of the Howard County Commissioners' Court to be held on **Friday**, **February 15**, **2019** in the Conference Room on the **second floor** of the Howard County Courthouse for the Public Hearing on the Texas Countywide Polling Place Program. The meeting will commence at **1:30 P.M.**

PUBLIC HEARING

- Jodi Duck, Elections Administrator
 - Public Hearing on Implementing the Texas Countywide Polling Place Program "Vote Centers"
 - Discussion / Possible Action: Adoption of the Texas Countywide Polling Place Program "Vote Centers"
 - Discussion / Possible Action: Resolution supporting inclusion in the Texas Countywide Polling Place Program

- Discussion of Law Enforcement Radio System and take any necessary action
- 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 15th day of February, A.D. 2019 the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in Special session at 1:30 PM with **KATHYRN G. WISEMAN**, County Judge as the Presiding Officer. The following members were present: **OSCAR GARCIA**, Commissioner Precinct No. 1 and **JIMMIE LONG**, Commissioner Precinct No. 3. Commissioners Craig Bailey and John Cline were absent.

The meeting was called to order @ 1:40 PM.

This meeting was a Special meeting for the Public Hearing on The Texas Countywide Polling Place Program.

Jodi Duck, Howard County Elections Administrator, gave a presentation on the Countywide "Vote Centers" giving information on the way the vote centers work and how it could benefit Howard County voters.

A motion was made by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Long to move into a Public Hearing. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

The following people were registered to speak at the hearing: Ed Moughon spoke in favor of the vote centers; Ben Ziechick stated that the Democratic Club in Howard County was strongly in favor of the centers; Judith Ayers, a long time Election Judge, stated that she was in full support; and Robert Fitzgibbons, JP1-2 spoke saying he believed it would be a very big help for voters as they could vote closer to where they live or work.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to adjourn the Public Hearing. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Court recessed @ 2:01 PM

Court reconvened @ 2:08 PM

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve A Resolution Supporting Inclusion in the Texas Countywide Polling Place Program. 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 adjourn. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

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 February 15, 2019.

Brent Zitterkopf, Howard County Clerk

Clerk of the Commissioners Court

Howard County, Texas