

**HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**AGENDA**  
**FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

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 FEBRUARY 22, 2021. A budget workshop will begin at 1:30 P.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Court will recess and reconvene at 3:30 P.M. for the regular meeting.** Please see below for meeting location details.

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

**Announcement:** Anyone intending to address the Commissioners Court shall complete and turn in the designated form to County Judge. Please silence all cell phones. We continue to invite the public to participate in the meeting through the following video conference link: Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/Howard-County-Info-Tech110733893888746/>

**BUDGET WORKSHOP – 1:30 PM:**

Location: Commissioners Courtroom (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of County Courthouse)

**Call to Order**

**REGULAR SESSION – 3:30 PM:**

Location: 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor County Court Room (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of Howard County Courthouse)

**Citizen input for those registered to make comments-**

- **Judge Kathryn G. Wiseman**
  - Discussion / Possible Action: Designating Howard County as a Purple Heart County
  - Presentation of West Texas Centers Audit Report
- **Sharon Adams, County Treasurer**
  - Discussion / Possible Action: Personnel Considerations
  - Discussion / Possible Action: Treasurers Monthly Report
- **Jackie Olson, County Auditor**
  - Discussion / Possible Action: Approve Invoices
  - Discussion / Possible Action: Approve Purchase Requests
  - Discussion / Possible Action: Approve Budget Amendments
  - Discussion / Possible Action: Update Notice to Bidder's Form
  - Discussion / Possible Action: Disbursement Agreements
- **Stan Parker, County Sheriff**
  - Discussion / Possible Action: MOU between Howard County and Midland Police Department for the use of the Howard County Airport-Driving track
- **Commissioner Eddilisa Ray Pct. 1**
  - Discussion / Possible Action: Preparation for Winter Conditions
- **Brian Klinksiek, Road Engineer**
  - Discussion / Possible Action: Update of Auction
  - Discussion / Possible Action: Accelerating letting schedule for the remainder of FY 2021
  - Discussion / Possible Action: Roadway Maintenance Update
- Discussion of Law Enforcement Radio System and take any necessary action.
- Opportunity for mention of any items to be on the future agendas.

Attest:



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kathryn G. Wiseman", is written over a horizontal line.

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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 22nd day of February, A.D. 2021 the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in Workshop session at 1:30 PM and Regular session at 3:30 PM with **KATHYRN G. WISEMAN**, County Judge as the Presiding Officer. The following members were present: **EDDILISA RAY**, Commissioner Precinct No. 1, **CRAIG BAILEY**, Commissioner Precinct No. 2 (present for Regular session), **JIMMIE LONG**, Commissioner Precinct No. 3 and **JOHN H. CLINE**, Commissioner Precinct No. 4 was absent.

The Workshop was called to order @ 1:38 PM.

Judge Wiseman let the Court know that she had done a Disaster Declaration for the County due to the extreme weather conditions for the prior week.

Judge Wiseman also informed the Court that an ad had been put in the local newspaper and the County website announcing that applications for the JP 1-2 job opening would be taken until March 1, 2021. Commissioners then made the decision they could do job interviews during that week and would plan on making a decision at the March 8, 2021 meeting.

Jackie Olson, County Auditor went over several different financial reports concerning several funds with the Court.

No action was taken during the Workshop.

The Court recessed at 2:44 PM.

The Court reconvened @ 3:33 PM.

Judge Wiseman introduced Jim Bracken, Chief Commander of Chapter 1919 of the Purple Heart Veterans who made a presentation what it would mean if Howard County became a Purple Heart County. Mr. Bracken also recognized other Purple Heart recipients that were in attendance at the meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Ray to designate Howard County as a Purple Heart County as presented by Jim Bracken, Purple Heart Chief Commander, Chapter 1919. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Judge Wiseman presented the West Texas Centers Annual Financial and Compliance Report for the Year Ended August 31, 2020. No action necessary.

Judge Wiseman informed the Court that she had done a Disaster Declaration for County of Howard due the widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of property resulting from an unprecedented winter weather event. The State of Disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of the declaration, February 22, 2021. She stated that the Court would be able to extend the time period if necessary due to the fact that there could be