

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 25th day of September, A.D. 2017 the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in Regular session at 3:30 PM with **KATHYRN G. WISEMAN**, County Judge as the Presiding Officer. The following members were present: **OSCAR GARCIA**, Commissioner Precinct No. 1, **CRAIG BAILEY**, Commissioner Precinct No. 2, **JIMMIE LONG**, Commissioner Precinct No. 3 and **JOHN H. CLINE**, Commissioner Precinct No. 4.

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve the 2017-2018 Tax Rate of .44 per \$100 valuation as presented by Kathryn Wiseman, County Judge. 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 2018 Howard County Resolution Indigent Defense Grant 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 Bailey to approve paying TCEQ mandated education course for Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator, at a cost of \$400. The hours can also be used towards his Master Engineers License. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

There were no Purchase Requests on this date.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Garcia 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.

The Auditor's Monthly Report was presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. No action was needed.

Colleen Barton, District Clerk, presented a request from the Attorney General for the installation of equipment to establish a secure wireless internet connection. There were questions about the cost of allowing this. The request was tabled until more information can be obtained.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve personnel considerations as presented by Teresa Thomas, County Treasurer. A vote

was taken and the members of the Court voted "AYES" with Commissioner Long having an opposing vote. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Cline to approve five (5) road bores as presented by Junior Rodriguez, of the Road and Bridge Department in the absence of Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator. They are all approved and paid for. They include: 1 – Grenadier Energy Partners, LLC on County Road 45 in Precinct 1; 1 – SM Energy Company, c/o Gesch Contracting, Inc. on County Road 42 in Precinct 1; 1 – CC Solutions on Wilkinson Road in Precinct 1; 2 – NuStar Permian Transportation and Storage, LLC on County Road 32 in Precinct 4. 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 approve the County Clerk Monthly Report for August 2017, as presented by Nancy Sink, Chief Deputy County Clerk in the absence of Brent Zitterkopf, 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 on the update on property equipment and financing of the Howard County and City of Big Spring financing of the new radio system with Harris Corporation. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

There was a meeting on this date at the Sheriff's Office with the City and Harris Corporation in regards to the new radio system for law enforcement. There may be possible action at the next regular meeting on October 9, 2017 of the Commissioners Court.

Judge Kathryn Wiseman pointed out that HB 10 & 13 have grant funding available and that all is needed is to ask for help.

The meeting adjourned @ 4:00 p.m.

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 September 25, 2017.

Nancy Sink

Nancy Sink, Chief Deputy County Clerk

Clerk of the Commissioners Court

Howard County, Texas

