

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 14th day of October, 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, **JIMMIE LONG**, Commissioner Precinct No. 3 and **JOHN H. CLINE**, Commissioner Precinct No. 4.

A motion was made by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Garcia 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 Long and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve the payroll report as 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 Cline 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 Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Cline to approve the following 3 Right of Ways: 1 to M & M Water Well on County Road 36; 1 to CrownQuest on WCR 34 & 1 to Gresch Contracting on Centerpoint Rd. as presented by Brian Klinksiek, County Engineer. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Brian Klinksiek, County Engineer reported that the contractors had started the new building the slab has been poured.

Stan Parker, Sheriff reported to the Court that he has begun looking at options for the jail over population. We had 96 today. He met with the jail commission on how he could add 12 beds to our facility on a temporary basis by asking for variances by December 5th. If this is asked for the Court has to have a plan to be adding on to the existing jail. The variance has to be requested every 6 mo. Sheriff asked the Court to think about this and let him know by the 27th meeting what they want him to do.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve the Holidays for 2015 as presented by Mark Barr, County Judge. 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 Cline to approve the Agreement to reimburse the salary of DPS Secretary between Howard County and

Glasscock County. Their portion of the DPS Secretary salary is \$9524.11. 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 2014/2015 Contract with Midland College for the Standard Breath Alcohol Testing Program @ \$12,540.00. 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 2014/2015 Collection Contracts for all the Taxing Entities as presented by Mark Barr, County Judge. 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 Agreement with the Volunteer Fire Department to finance equipment not to exceed \$362,000.00 as presented by Tommy Sullivan, Volunteer Fire Chief. 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 District Attorney request to hire part time employee to work until January 1st when Isabel will begin since she is filling in for Judge Barr's secretary. They are going to hire Buster McCartney for 4 days per week, 8 hrs. Per day @ \$22 per hour. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Stan Parker, Sheriff reported that Jail Standards were here in September and did a walk through and they passed with flying colors.

Chuck Rosenbaum, registered citizen addressed the Court about the property around his home that was overgrown and invested with rodents. It is ¼ acre at the corner of Dogwood & Wasson Rd the area is covered with old cars, buses and weeds. They have an open septic tank. He is having a real issue with mice. Court informed him they really had no jurisdiction and referred to the City and he had already spoken with them. Court said he could get a petition and Mr. Rosenbaum said he owned all the property around this area besides this owner. Court then advised him to talk to Joshua Hamby, County Attorney.

Judge Barr welcomed Drew Lopez as the new County Auditor as of October 1, 2014.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Long to approve the fuel bid as was the only one from Parks Fuels as presented by Drew Lopez, County Auditor. 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 Order for Early Pay for the year beginning October 2014 as presented by Drew Lopez, County Auditor. 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 Budget Amendment in the County Agent to pay for Grill Guard, Running board & Bed Mat @ \$ 1778.00. Budget amendment will come from Co Agent equipment repair line item. 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 Long to approve the following purchase request as presented by Drew Lopez, County Auditor: District Clerk – 1000 Red case binders \$1140 & 2 rubber stamps from Filex Systems; Library – Magazine Sub from Ebsco @ \$ 1146.09; Co. Clerk – Shredder from Clark Bus. System @ \$1500; District Attorney – Crosscut Shredder from Shredder Warehouse @ \$1487; Sheriff – 1/3 Server – City of Big Spring \$2480.00 & 3-2015 Tahoe's from Caldwell Country @ \$109,530.00 for Patrol. 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 Long to approve the Bills, EXCEPT the one on the Volunteer Fire Department Tower as presented by Drew Lopez, County Auditor.

Court adjourned at 11:00 AM

Read and approved the _____ day of _____, 2014.

MARK J. BARR, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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