

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 24th day of August, A.D. 2020 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 @ 3:33 PM.

The meeting was turned over to Jackie Olson, County Auditor for a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for 2020 – 2021 @ 3:35 PM. There were no comments from the Public.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Long to approve the 2020 – 2021 budget, carrying over \$147,000 from the Inverted Prime budget to the new fiscal year. A vote was taken and the members of the Court voted “AYES” with Commissioners Garcia and Bailey not voting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Long to set salaries, expenses and any other allowances of elected officials as reflected in the Budget. A vote was taken and the members of the Court voted “AYES” with Commissioners Garcia and Bailey not voting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Cline set the No New Revenue Tax Rate at .299562. A vote was taken and the members of the Court voted “AYES” with Commissioners Garcia and Bailey not voting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Cline to approve an Order Levying a Tax Rate for the County of Howard for the Tax Year 2020 @ .299562 (M and O .0283585/Debt Service .015977). A vote was taken and the members of the Court voted “AYES” with Commissioners Garcia and Bailey not voting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve Diamond Pharmacy Services bid for the 2020-2021 fiscal year for the Howard County Detention Center, Howard County Indigent/Welfare Health Care and Howard County Juvenile Probation Program as presented by JoAnn H. Valle of the Howard Indigent Healthcare/Welfare Program. 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 the Physician Agreements for the 2020-2021 fiscal year with Steve Ahmed, MD; Rudy Haddad, MD; Robert W. Garcia, MD/Les White, RN FNP; Permian Premier Health Services and

South Plains Rural Health as presented by JoAnn H. Valle of the Howard County Indigent/Welfare Program. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Cline to approve the Personnel Considerations as presented by Sharon Adams, County Treasurer. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to not pursue the Payroll Tax Deferral Memorandum as presented by Sharon Adams, County Treasurer. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Long to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for July 2020 as presented by Sharon Adams, 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 Bailey to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Payroll Report for August 2020 as presented by Sharon Adams, County Treasurer. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

The Court moved into Executive / Closed sessions at 4:10 PM. One session with Sharon Adams, County Treasurer considering personnel issues and one with Commissioner Craig Bailey in regards to a landowner agreement for 2nd radio tower location.

Court moved back into regular session @ 4:29 PM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to allow 15:15 from the sick pool to an unnamed employee as presented by Sharon Adams, County Treasurer. 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 Bailey to approve a Surface Site Use Agreement between Howard County and Lazy J LTD for a 2nd Radio Tower location as presented by Commissioner Bailey. 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 a Surface and Subsurface Use and Easement Agreement between Howard County and

Laredo Petroleum, Inc. as presented by Commissioner John Cline. 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 Invoices 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 the Purchase Requests as presented by Jackie Olson, County Treasurer. The requests are as follows: Non-Departmental for 150 cases of copy paper from Empire Paper Company @ \$5022; Library for Children’s Electronic books from Overdrive @ \$1506.48; Library for ebooks from Overdrive @ \$1365; Elections/Voter Registrar for additional license and service for PT clerk from Vista SG @ \$3600; Law Enforcement Center for carpet tile from Lowe’s @ \$2734; Law Enforcement Classroom for Projector and supplies from New Egg @ \$1912; and Jail for 12 taser batteries from Axon @ \$1200. 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 Bailey 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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to accept the County Auditor’s Monthly Report for July 2020 as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted “AYES”. Motion carried.

In addition, Jackie Olson, County Auditor, presented a recap of Various Funds – no action needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Bailey giving permission to go out on Fuel Bids as requested 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 table the Scanner Proposal for the Howard County Tax Office as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor, in the absence of Tiffany Sayles, Tax Assessor-Collector. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted “AYES”. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Cline to approve the Notice of Fees charged by the Sheriff and Constables of Howard County, Texas effective January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021 as presented by Stan Parker, County

Sheriff. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Long to Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning for an additional as presented by Commissioner Craig Olson in the absence of Mitchell Hooper, VFD Chief. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator, presented an executed copy of the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Agreement (CTIF). No action needed as this was approved in a previous meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to give permission to go out on bids for work on County Road 34 in Precinct 4 as requested by Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator, gave additional roadway maintenance updates that did not require any action.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Long to go out on bid for roadway base and LRA to be ready for work on October 1, 2020 as requested by Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Judge Wiseman publicly thanked Johnny Moore and Odis Franklin from the IT Department for fixing and replacing the sound system in the Commissioner Courtroom noting that it was a great improvement for hearing each other during the meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Cline to adjourn @ 4:56 PM. 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 August 24, 2020.

Brent Zitterkopf, Howard County Clerk
Clerk of the Commissioners Court
Howard County, Texas