

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 22nd day of June, A.D. 2020 the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in Budget workshop session at 10:00 AM and Regular session at 3:30 PM with **KATHYRN G. WISEMAN**, County Judge as the Presiding Officer. The following members were present: **JIMMIE LONG**, Commissioner Precinct No. 3 and **JOHN H. CLINE**, Commissioner Precinct No. 4. **OSCAR GARCIA**, Commissioner Precinct No. 1 and **CRAIG BAILEY**, Commissioner Precinct No. 2 were absent during the Budget Workshop and present for the Regular Session.

Court was called to order @ 10:10 AM.

Jackie Olson, County Auditor, handed out information to the Commissioners for use during the meeting with all of the requests and figures she had available and the Court began going over these line by line. During the meeting Mavour Braswell, Librarian, spoke about needs at the library for self checkout stations. In addition, Jodi Duck, Elections Administrator, met with the Commissioners concerning election equipment costs.

The Court recessed for lunch @ 12:40 PM and reconvened @ 1:04 PM at which time they met with Rob Pridemore with USI Insurance concerning the County's insurance costs.

Court recessed @ 1:36 PM and reconvened @ 3:30 PM in Regular session with the addition of Commissioners Garcia and Bailey.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve allowing the 911 Center to be built on the Northeast corner of the property where the Law Enforcement Center is located, with the agreement that the property and building would revert back to the County if ever abandoned by 911 as presented by Cherrie Burcham, 911 District Director. 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 accept a 5 year/6% rate guarantee on Public Workers' Compensation Program, Howard County addendum to the Interlocal Agreement as presented by Rob Pridemore of USI Insurance. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Mr. Pridemore also gave the County a \$15062.92 excess contribution refund check for Workers' Compensation from USI.

The Court heard from Amber Pedigo from the US Census Bureau for a 2020 Census update. She reported that the overall Howard County response rate is @ 47.4% with the state response rate standing @ 56.3%. Both rates are very low at this time. Ms. Pedigo urged

Commissioners to work with constituents to get the Census completed as this is the way many federal programs get funded. She also stressed that personal data is very secure and private.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Bailey approved going out on bids for pharmaceutical supplies and medications for the Howard County Detention Center, Howard County Indigent/Welfare Health Care and County Juvenile Probation Program as presented by Esther Hilario, Administrative Assistant in the Howard County Indigent/Welfare Office. 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 approve Personnel Considerations as presented by Sharon Adams, County Treasurer. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

The Court went into Executive/Closed session for Personnel Considerations pursuant to 551.074 of the Texas Government Code @ 3:53 PM.

Court reconvened @ 4:01 PM

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to appoint Kelly Seales as JP2 to fill the unexpired term Connie Shaw who is retiring on June 30, 2020. 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 transfer \$175000 from the Tobacco Fund to the Radio Tower Fund to cover unexpected construction costs and equipment 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 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 Cline and seconded by Commissioner Long to accept the bid from Crossroads Electric in the amount of \$4897.66 for lights to be installed at the Library 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 Auditor. The requests are as follows: Jail for repairing a shower in a cell from Everlast Epoxy @ \$1554.77 and the

Detention Center for cleaning supplies from National Hotel Supply @ \$2500. 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 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 Cline and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to accept the Auditor's Monthly Report for May 2020 as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator, gave roadway maintenance updates. No action required.

Judge Kathryn Wiseman reported that the COVID-19 positive cases have been rising and encouraged everyone to be very careful and to wear face masks.

Court adjourned @ 4:14 PM

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 June 22, 2020.



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

