

HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
AGENDA
AUGUST 23, 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 August 23, 2021. A budget workshop will begin at 2:00 PM. in the 2nd Floor County Judge's Conference Room. Court will recess and reconvene at 3:30 P.M. for the regular meeting in the 3rd Floor Courtroom.** 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 –2:00 P.M.

Location: 2nd Floor Judges Conference Room (2nd Floor of Howard County Courthouse)

Call to Order

REGULAR SESSION –3:30 PM:

Location: 3rd Floor Commissioner's Court Room (3rd Floor of Howard County Courthouse)

Citizen input for those registered to make comments-

1. Judge Kathryn G. Wiseman

- a. Discussion / Possible Action: FY 2022 (9/1/21-8/31/22) Howard County Contracts- West Texas Centers for MHMR
- b. Discussion / Possible Action: Invitation to Serve on the I-27 Advisory Committee-Texas Dept. of Trans.
- c. Discussion / Possible Action: Public Hearing on Tax Rate Increase
- d. Discussion / Possible Action: Public Hearing on Proposed Budget
- e. Discussion / Possible Action: Consider Adopting 2021-22 Budget
- f. Discussion / Possible Action: Take Separate Vote of the Court to Ratify the Property Tax Increase Reflected in the Budget
- g. Discussion / Possible Action: Set Salaries/Expenses/Allowances of Elected Officials
- h. Discussion / Possible Action: Set Tax Rate

2. Sharon Adams, County Treasurer

- a. Discussion / Possible Action: Personnel Considerations
- b. Discussion / Possible Action: Monthly Treasurer's Report (June/July)
- c. Discussion / Possible Action: Monthly Payroll Report (August)
- d. Discussion / Possible Action: Emergency Responder Paid Quarantine Policy/HB 2073

3. Jackie Olson, County Auditor

- a. Discussion / Possible Action: Fence Bids
- b. Discussion / Possible Action: Review Interim Report of ARPA Funds
- c. Discussion / Possible Action: Monthly Financial Report
- d. Discussion / Possible Action: Approve Invoices
- e. Discussion / Possible Action: Approve Purchase Requests
- f. Discussion / Possible Action: Approve Budget Amendments

4. Jimmie Long, Commissioner Pct. 3

- a. Discussion / Possible Action: Four Sevens Operating Co.-Executive Session Contract

5. Stan Parker, County Sheriff

- a. Discussion / Possible Action: Texas Commission on Jail Standards

6. Jodi Duck, County Elections Administrator

- a. Discussion / Possible Action: Appoint Election Judges and Alternate Judges for the General Constitutional Amendment Election
- b. Discussion / Possible Action: Set Special Meeting to Canvas the November 2 Election (2 Commissioner's Needed)

7. JoAnn Valle, County Indigent/Welfare

- a. Discussion / Possible Action: Bids for Pharmaceutical Services for Howard County Detention Center & Howard County Care/Indigent Welfare, & Juvenile Probation Program
- b. Discussion / Possible Action: Consider Accepting Physician Contracts for the Upcoming FY 2021/2022 and any Agreement throughout the year

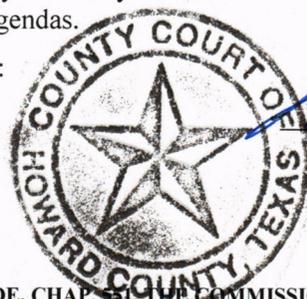
8. Brian Klinksiek, Road Engineer

- a. Discussion / Possible Action: Contract negotiation with Delek/Tokai-Transportation ROW
- b. Discussion / Possible Action: Return the Speed Limit to 65MPH on Centerpoint Rd with the Completion of Construction
- c. Discussion / Possible Action: Roadway Maintenance Update

9. Discussion of Law Enforcement Radio System and take any necessary action.

10. Opportunity for mention of any items to be on the future agendas.

Attest:



Kathryn G. Wiseman
Kathryn G. Wiseman
Howard County Judge
Phone. 432-264-2203
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COUNTY CLERK HOWARD COUNTY
BY DEPUTY *Tina F. [unclear]*

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BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 23rd day of August, A.D. 2021 the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in Budget Workshop @ 2:00 PM and Regular session at 3:30 PM with **KATHRYN 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, **JIMMIE LONG**, Commissioner Precinct No. 3 and **JOHN H. CLINE**, Commissioner Precinct No. 4.

The Budget Workshop was called to order @ 2:00 PM.

Tiffany Sayles, Tax Assessor-Collector presented DMV forms concerning fees and asking the Court if they wanted to make any changes. The Court decided to make no changes and no action was needed.

Jackie Olson, County Auditor, presented the Proposed Budget and mentioned a possible 17% increase for insurance due to CyberSecurity.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Ray to approve moving \$561,000 from the current budget to next years budget in order to complete construction projects that have not yet been completed as presented by Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator. 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 increase the budget by \$35000 for additional insurance as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Moved into Executive / Closed session concerning contract negotiations @ 2:52 PM

Reconvened into Budget Workshop @ 3:07 PM with no action taken.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Long to recess until Regular Session @ 3:30 PM. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Court was called into Regular Session @ 3:31 PM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Long to approve the Statement of Agreement between West Texas Center and Howard County Commissioner's Court which assures the accessibility of mental health and intellectual and developmental disability services when needed by any resident of Howard County as presented by Shelley Smith of West Texas Centers. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Long to approve the West Texas Centers Agreement for Services in which the County in conjunction with the Center will provide Mental Health Deputy Services in which the Center will reimburse the County for the salary and benefits of the officers as presented by Shelley Smith of West Texas Centers. 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 Non-Standard Contract which provides psychological evaluation for new Howard County Peace Officers as presented by Shelley Smith of West Texas Centers. Ms. Smith also praised Sheriff Parker and the Deputies on the outstanding work they have been doing. 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 a Memorandum of Understanding with West Texas Services to provide services and support on individuals detained in the Howard County Detention Center who are experiencing mental illness and in need of coordination of care/transition support services in accordance with House Bill 13 grant program as presented by Shelley Smith of West Texas Centers. 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 re-appoint Kathryn Wiseman, County Judge, to continue serving on the I-20 Advisory Committee-Texas Department of Transportation. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A Public Hearing was held on the Tax Rate Increase with Judge Wiseman entertaining going to the No New Revenue rate of .327545/per \$100 valuation.

A Public Hearing was held on the Proposed Budget for 2021-2022 Fiscal Year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Ray to accept budget as presented on the No New Revenue Rate of 0.327545/per \$100 valuation. 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 Ray to Ratify the No New Revenue Tax Increase of 0.327545/per \$100 valuation. 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 Ray to set an Order Levying a Tax Rate for the County of Howard for the Tax Year 2021. 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 set the Salaries/Expenses/Allowances of Elected Officials 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 Ray to set the No New Revenue Tax rate of 0.327545/per \$100 valuation. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ray 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 Long and seconded by Commissioner Cline to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for June 2021 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 Ray and seconded by Commissioner Cline to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for July 2021 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 Long and seconded by Commissioner Cline to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for August 2021 as presented by Sharon Adams, County Treasurer. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Commissioner Long asked how the September overtime pay for the Sheriff's Department since there doesn't appear to be enough left in the budget to cover it. Sheriff Parker suggested that it be paid from other line items for unfilled positions where the funds budgeted have not been used.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Cline to approve the Emergency Responder Paid Quarantine Policy as per a new law requiring the County to provide paid quarantine leave for law enforcement and other first responders per House Bill 2073 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 Long to table all fence bids on along the road to the new landfill to find a way to build a less expensive

fence as presented by Commissioner Long. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

There is nothing to review on the Interim Report of ARPA Funds at this time according to Jackie Olson, County Auditor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Long to accept the County Auditor's Monthly Report for both June 2021 and July 2021 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 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 approve the Purchase Requests as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. The requests are as follows: Jail for Gateway Security Suite Software from Sonic Wall Credit Card @ \$2531.10; County Clerk for Birth Certificate paper from Veritrace @ \$1178.75; Elections for installation of window and door from HBC @ \$475; tabled door installation in Judge Griffin's office; IT for Security Awareness Training Subscription from KnowBe4 @ \$2558.14; Library for assorted e-books and e-audiobooks from Overdrive @ \$1183; Elections for 1 Optiplex 7490 from Dell @ \$1539 (will be reimbursed from Chapter 19 funds); Sheriff for 1 Radar from Stalker @ \$2445.05; IT for 100 .gov Office365 email hosting from GDT @ \$5940. 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 Budget Amendments as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Judge Wiseman asked Sheriff Parker to give a little more information about the meeting with the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. He stated that they had received a variance to add 12 more beds good for one year. No action needed at this time.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Ray to approve the Order of Appointment for Election Judges and Alternates for the election to be held on November 2, 2021 as presented by Jodi Duck, Elections Administrator. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Commissioners set a Special Meeting to Canvas the November 2, 2021 Election for November 10, 2021 @ 10:00 AM. No vote taken at this time.

JoAnn Valle, County Indigent/Welfare Director, made a presentation for the renewal of different contracts for medical services that need to be renewed and presented the Court with a Bid-Recap of the Howard County Detention Center program, the County Indigent Health Care, County Welfare and Juvenile Probation program, as well as the Physicians and Clinic Agreements.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Long to approve the IHS Pharmacy Bid for the Detention Center as recommended by Ms. Valle and Sheriff Parker. 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 continuing the Indigent Health Care Contract with Howard County Community Clinic due to the credit balance the County has with them as presented with JoAnn Valle, County Indigent/Welfare Director. 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 approved the Physicians Service and Hospital Health Care Agreements with Steve Ahmed, MD, Rudy Haddad, MD, Robert W. Garcia, MD/Les White, RN FNP, Permian Premiere Health Services, Steward Texas Holding, LLC, and South Plains Rural Health as presented by JoAnn Valle, County Indigent/Welfare. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

The Court also signed the Payment Standards for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Inpatient, Outpatient, Physician Services for Howard County Indigent Healthcare. Signed as a result of the previously passed agreements.

Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator, indicated there is no need for discussion of contract negotiations with Delek/Tokai-Transportation ROW at this time.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Cline to keep the current speed limit of 50 on Centerpoint Rd. for the time being rather than changing it back to 65 as suggested by Commissioner Long. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

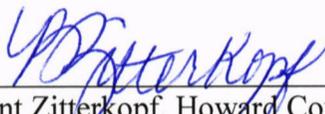
In Roadway Maintenance updates, Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator, reported that they are planning to "beef up" the crossover on Hwy 87 at Co-op Gin Road. This is for information purposes only and no action needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Cline to adjourn @ 4:34 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 23, 2021.





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