

**HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
AGENDA  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021**

The following item(s) of business will be discussed, and possible action taken in a special meeting of the Howard County Commissioners' Court to be held on **MONDAY JUNE 7, 2021. A Budget Workshop will begin at 1:00 P.M. on the 2<sup>ND</sup> Floor Judge's Conference Room.** Please see below for meeting details.

**Location:** Howard County Courthouse  
300 S. Main St  
Big Spring, TX 79720

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**Call to Order**

**SPECIAL MEETING-BUDGET WORKSHOP -1:00 PM:**

Location: Judge's Conference Room (2nd Floor of County Courthouse)

**1. Jackie Olson, County Auditor**

- a. Discussion / Possible Action: Review & Approve Rainy Day Fund Policy

**2. Judge Kathryn G. Wiseman**

- a. Discussion / Possible Action: Appoint Emergency Management Coordinator

**3. Commissioner Jimmie Long, Pct. 3**

- a. Discussion / Possible Action: Contract Negotiations- EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION – A closed meeting will be held pursuant to Section 551.0725

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

Attest:



Kathryn G. Wiseman  
Howard County Judge  
Phone. 432-264-2203  
Fax. 432-264-2238



Pursuant to the authority granted under Government Code, Chap. 551, the Commissioners Court may convene a closed session to discuss any of the above agenda items. Immediately before any closed session, the specific section or sections of Government Code, Chap. 551 that provides statutory authority will be announced

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BE IT REMEMBERED that on 7th the day of June, A.D. 2021 the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in Special Meeting – Budget Workshop @ 1:00 PM with **KATHYRN G. WISEMAN**, County Judge as the Presiding Officer. The following members were present: **EDDILISA RAY**, Commissioner Precinct No. 1, **JIMMIE LONG**, Commissioner Precinct No. 3 and **JOHN H. CLINE**, Commissioner Precinct No. 4. The following member was not present: **CRAIG BAILEY**, Commissioner Precinct No. 2

The Special Meeting – Budget Workshop was called to order @ 1:01 PM.

The meeting was turned over to Jackie Olson, County Auditor. She handed out documentation on the Rainy Day Fund, looking to approve it as is and leave it the same as it was before. The Tobacco Fund will be considered the Rainy Day Fund.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Ray to approve the Rainy Day Fund as presented. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted “AYES”. Motion carried.

Jackie Olson, County Auditor presented a new senate bill, SB 253 – Prohibition on Investments in Companies with Scrutinized Business Operations in Sudan, Iran or with Foreign Terrorist Organizations. No action necessary, just for informational purposes.

Kathryn Wiseman, County Judge brought forth a discussion to appoint an Emergency Management Coordinator, following termination of previous employee.

Commissioner Ray requested a closed session to discuss said termination, and appointment considerations.

Closed Session started @ 1:03 PM

Reconvened @ 1:13 PM

Kathryn Wiseman nominates Itzel Gomez for the position of Emergency Management Coordinator.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Cline to appoint Itzel Gomez as Emergency Management Coordinator with Kathryn Wiseman, County Judge presenting certificates on behalf of Itzel Gomez. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted “AYES”. Motion carried.

Commissioner Long started discussions for Contract Negotiations by having the session closed by previous request.

Closed Session started @ 1:14 PM

Reconvened @ 1:27 PM

No action taken at this time for Contract Negotiations.

Jackie Olson, County Auditor and Kent Minchew, Adult Probation Director discussed budget. Kent Minchew showed the full time substance abuse counselor and PR bonds are working well and will remain the same. He also stated purchasing body armor vest, 4 vests for \$3200, might be necessary for his officers to perform duties; and a new Tahoe to replace the existing Ford Escape claiming the need for a bigger car. In the approximant amount of \$41,000, costs of which would be split between Howard, Martin and Glasscock counties. No actions needed at this time.

Kent Minchew showed to the Commissioners the amount of court costs collected on behalf of District and County Clerks, in the amount of \$94,254.00 for the last fiscal year and the amount of \$177,000 so far this year. He brought up the Jails being full and courts being backed up, and is looking for and working on a solution with the Jail to get back to normal operations. No actions needed at this time.

Jackie Olson, County Auditor discussed the COVID relief money, in specific dates in regards to a timeline on using that money, stating December 31, 2026 is the cutoff day. Commissioner Long stated everyone needs to research this and coordinate accordingly to best assist the County and its citizens. No actions needed at this time.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Ray to adjourn @ 2:01 PM. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

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COUNTY OF HOWARD

I, Trent Powell, Howard County Deputy Clerk, attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners Court authorized proceedings for June 7th 2021.



Trent Powell, Howard County Deputy Clerk  
Clerk of the Commissioners Court  
Howard County, Texas

