

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 13th day of September, A.D. 2021 the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in 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 meeting was called to order @ 3:31 PM.

Scott Emerson of the Howard County Tax Appraisal Board registered to speak to the Court. He spoke about the things going on with the Tax Appraisal District and that he expects this year's taxes to bring in more revenue. He also stated that the employees will be getting a 2.5% increase in pay, announced that the District now has a new Chief Appraiser as well as discussing the new software to be implemented in the future.

Kathryn Wiseman, County Judge, introduced James Reid with the Howard County Water Control Board. Mr. Reid presented a petition to dissolve the Water Board and turn everything over to the City of Coahoma. Warren Wallace, Coahoma Mayor, was present and stated that the City Council is in 100% support of doing this. The petition was turn over to Jodi Duck, Elections Administrator, to verify the signatures. Once signatures are verified it will come back to the Commissioner's Court to set an Election to approve dissolving the Water Board. No action needed at this time.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Ray to extend the Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning for an additional 90 days as requested by Mitchell Hooper, VFD Chief, and 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 Ray and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to approve the Personnel Considerations as presented by Judge Wiseman in the absence of 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 Ray to table any action on Grant Works working with the Auditor on how to use funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in order to obtain for information 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 Ray and seconded by Commissioner Long to approve the Second Contract Renewal of the Participating Entity Services Agreement for the