

**HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
AGENDA
AUGUST 8, 2022**

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 8, 2022. A workshop will begin at 1:00 P.M. in the 2nd Floor Judge's Conference Room. Court will recess and reconvene at 3:30 P.M. in the 3rd Floor County Court Room.** 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/>

WORKSHOP – 1:00 PM: Location: Judges Conference Room (2nd Floor of County Courthouse)

Call to Order: REGULAR SESSION – 3:30 PM: 3rd Floor County Court Room (3rd Floor of Howard County Courthouse)

Citizen input for those registered to make comments-

1. **Judge Wiseman, Howard County Judge**
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Consideration of the Amended 381 Economic Development Incentive Agreement with Recover Howard, LLC-Mark Willis
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action: Tax Deeds Parcel's 4754, 10037 & 860 for Trust Properties in the City of Big Spring
 - c. Discussion / Possible Action: Contract Negotiation-EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION – A closed meeting will be held pursuant to Section 551.072
- a. Presentation & Acceptance of County Officials Monthly Reports
2. **Sharon Adams, County Treasurer**
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Personnel Considerations
3. **Jackie Olson, County Auditor**
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Approve Invoices
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action: Approve Purchase Requests
 - c. Discussion / Possible Action: Budget Amendments
 - d. Discussion / Possible Action: Bids for Jail Control Lock System
 - e. Discussion / Possible Action: Vote on Proposed Tax Rate
 - f. Discussion / Possible Action: Schedule Public Hearing on Tax Increase
 - g. Discussion / Possible Action: Schedule Public Hearing on 2023 Budget
4. **Jimmie Long, County Commissioner Pct. 3**
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Enter into Architectural Agreement
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action: Personnel Matters-EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION – A closed meeting will be held pursuant to Section 551.074
5. **Brian Klinksiek, Road Engineer**
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Roadway Maintenance Update
6. **Brent Zitterkopf, County Clerk**
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Monthly Report
7. Discussion of Law Enforcement Radio System and take any necessary action.
8. Opportunity for mention of any items to be on the future agendas.

Attest:

FILED at 10:13a M O'clock 8/5/22
BRENT ZITTERKOPF, County Clerk, Howard County, Texas
By Danille Owen Deputy


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PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAP. 551, THE COMMISSIONERS COURT MAY CONVEY 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.

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 8th day of August, A.D. 2022 the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in Budget Workshop 1:00 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 @ 1:00 PM with Commissioner Bailey arriving @ 1:05 PM.

The meeting immediately moved into Closed / Executive Session to consider Personnel Matters per Section 551.074 of the Government Code @ 1:01 PM.

The meeting reconvened @ 1:34 PM

The meeting then moved into Closed / Executive Session to consider Contract Negotiations per Section 551.072 of the Government Code @ 1:35 PM.

The meeting reconvened @ 1:44 PM.

The Workshop was then turned over to Jackie Olson, County Auditor, who shared the Notice that will be going into the paper on August 11, 2022 concerning the Proposed Tax Rate and Budget. The Court also discussed various other budgetary items.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Long to remove the payroll supplement and benefits from the District Attorney for a total amount of \$32011.84. 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 approve Burns Architecture, LLC to perform conceptual planning for the proposed jail expansion at a cost of \$35,000 as presented by Commissioner Long. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

The Court recessed at 2:01 PM until the Regular Session @ 3:30 PM.

During the recess, the Court honored Jackie Olson, County Auditor, for her 50 years serving Howard County and serving as the Auditor since 1979.

The Court reconvened into Regular Session @ 3:32 PM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Cline to approve the Amended Chapter 381 Economic Development Incentive Agreement as presented by Mark Willis of the Economic Development Board. Mr. Willis will obtain the signatures from

all parties and return an original to the County. 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 Tax Deeds on Parcels 4754, 10037 and 860 for Trust Properties in the City of Big Spring as presented by Judge Wiseman. 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 Ray to approve the Civil and Criminal July 2022 Monthly Reports for both JP Griffin and JP Seales as presented by Judge Wiseman. 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 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 Long and seconded by Commissioner Bailey 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 Ray to approve the Purchase Requests as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. The requests are as follows: Elections for Express Vote Carts from ES&S @ \$3780; IT for 15 fax line conversion to Cat 5 from ATS @ \$1500; IT for 2 Laser Jet printers and Media tray from CDWG @ \$1708.58; Library for 2 battery chargers and rechargeable batteries from Amazon @ \$110.14; Library for 12 Playaway Audio Books from Findaway @ \$731.13. 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 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 Bailey to approve the accepting the Proposal from Sustainable Security Solutions for Jail Control Lock System @ \$199260 to be paid for with ARPA funds 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 Bailey to set the Proposed Tax Rate @ \$.238916, the Voter-Approval Rate 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 Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Long to schedule a Public Hearing for August 22, 2022 for the Tax Rate and the 2022- 2023 Fiscal Year Budget at the Regular 3:30 PM meeting as presented by Jackie Olson, County Treasurer. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator, reported that the Grant Work is 75% complete and should be 90% to 100% complete within the next 2 months.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Ray to approve the County Clerk Monthly Report for July 2022 as presented by Brent Zitterkopf, County Clerk. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Jackie Olson thanked the Court for the reception in her honor for her 50 years of service to Howard County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Long to adjourn. 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 8, 2022.





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