

HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

AGENDA APRIL 24, 2023

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 APRIL 24, 2023. The workshop will begin at 2:00 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: Please Silence All Cellphones

WORKSHOP – 2:00 PM:

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

1. **Judge Johnson, Howard County Judge**
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Economic Development Incentive Project; Battery Storage
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action: Tour District Court

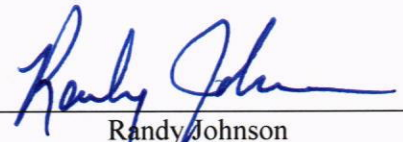
Call to Order: REGULAR SESSION – 3:30 PM: 3rd Floor County Court Room (3rd Floor of Howard County Courthouse)

Citizen input for those registered to make comments-

2. **Judge Johnson, Howard County Judge**
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Economic Development Incentive Project; Battery Storage
3. **Sharon Adams, County Treasurer**
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Treasurer's Quarterly Report (1st Qtr. 2023)
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action: Treasurer's Monthly Report (March)
 - c. Discussion / Possible Action: Personnel Considerations
4. **Jackie Olson, County Auditor**
 - a. Presentation of Monthly Financial Report (Mar.)
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action: Change Order for Library A/C
 - c. Discussion / Possible Action: Landscaping Bids
 - d. Discussion / Possible Action: Approve Invoices
 - e. Discussion / Possible Action: Approve Purchase Requests
 - f. Discussion / Possible Action: Budget Amendments
5. **Doug Wagner, Commissioner Pct. 4**
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Tree Removal, & Recovering Awnings at the Tax Office
6. **Brian Klinksiek, Road Engineer**
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Roadway Maintenance Update
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action: Donate Unit 2216 to the City of Big Spring for use at the Landfill
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:



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Howard County Judge
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BRENT ZITTERKOPF, County Clerk, Howard County, Texas
By Angie Martin Deputy

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 24th day of April, A.D. 2023 the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in Workshop @ 2:00 PM and Regular Session at 3:30 PM with **RANDY JOHNSON**, County Judge as the Presiding Officer. The following members were present: **CASH BERRY**, Commissioner Precinct No. 2, **JIMMIE LONG**, Commissioner Precinct No. 3 and **DOUG WAGNER**, Commissioner Precinct No. 4. **EDDILISA RAY**, Commissioner Precinct No. 1 was absent.

The Workshop was called to order @ 2:02 PM.

Judge Johnson turned the meeting over to Mark Willis who discussed and Economic Incentive Project: Battery Storage. He said it would be a 381 Incentive Program in which the terms would have to be agreed upon between the County and the Company. He stressed that he really feels it would be a great asset for Howard County. Action will be taken during the Regular meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to extend the bid time for landscaping bids until 3:15 PM on this date due to a miscommunication error between Commissioners and the bidding companies. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

The Commissioners then moved to the District Court building to tour the facility and visit with the different departments about the condition of the building and needs of the individual departments. No action taken on this date.

The Court reconvened in Regular session @ 3:46 PM.

For the first order of business, Judge Johnson re-capped for those in attendance what was discussed during the Workshop.

A motion was made by Commissioner Berry and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to allow Mr. Willis of the Economic Development Board to move forward in negotiations with the Battery Storage Company with the offer made by the Commissioners during the Workshop. 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 Berry to accept the Treasurer's Quarterly Report for the first quarter of 2023 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 Berry and seconded by Commissioner Long to accept the Treasurer's Monthly Report for March 2023 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 Berry 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 Berry and seconded by Commissioner Long to accept the County Auditor's Monthly Report for March 2023 as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

No action was needed concerning the Change Order for the Library air conditioning.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Wagner 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 Berry and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to approve the Purchase Requests as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. The requests are as follows: Jail for annual maintenance from Mentalix @ \$3810; Sheriff for ammo from Target Sports USA @ \$1664.75; Jail for 2 pallets of water softener salt from Culligan @ \$1100; IT for 6 monitors from unnamed source @ \$1320; Jail for gloves from Unisage @ \$1577.80; Detention Center to service generator from Cummins Sales & Service @ \$2377.27; IT for outdoor security cameras from GDT @ \$8972. Also added requests from Indigent Health for license continuing education and license renewal for part-time nurse for a total of \$106; and work performed in the old jail by Rosalinda Gonzales @ \$7150 (no paperwork provided to the Clerk) 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 Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Long to approve Budget Amendments for the ARPA Funds as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

The Court opened the landscaping bids from Alldredge Gardens @ \$137,349.68 and Johansen Landscape @ \$195,000.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Berry to approve the low bid from Alldredge Gardens @ \$137,349.68 which is to be paid from ARPA

Funds. 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 Wagner to the removal of four pine trees in the Pocket Park next to the County Annex Building @ \$10,000 once it is confirmed that the removal company is appropriately insured (no paperwork presented to the Clerk) as presented by Commissioner Wagner. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Long to table any action on the replacing the Annex awnings until more information can be obtained as presented by Commissioner Wagner. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator, gave roadway maintenance update on County Road 12 in Precinct 3. No action needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to donate Unit 2216 (retired brush truck) to the City of Big Spring for use at the landfill as presented by Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

As a point of information, the Contract to appoint Craig Bailey as the point of contact on the Radio Towers has been sent to Mr. Bailey and waiting for his signature.

The Court decided they would start Budget Workshop on May 8, 15, and 22. No action needed.

Court was adjourned @ 4:41 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 April 24, 2023.



Brent Zitterkopf

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