

HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

AGENDA

AUGUST 26, 2024

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 26, 2024. The workshop will begin at 9:00 A.M. in the 2nd Floor Judge's Conference Room. Court will recess and reconvene at 10:00 A.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 the County Judge. Please Silence All Cellphones

WORKSHOP - 9:00 AM:

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

1. Judge Johnson, Howard County Judge

- a. Discussion / Possible Action: Road Policies Mr. Cameron Walker, consultant
- b. Discussion / Possible Action: Budget

Call to Order: REGULAR SESSION - 10:00 AM:

Location: 3rd Floor County Court Room (3rd Floor of County Courthouse)

Citizen input for those registered to make comments-

2. Judge Johnson, Howard County Judge

- a. Discussion / Possible Action: West Texas Center Contracts-Rodney Jones
- b. Discussion / Possible Action: Separate Approval of Interlocal Agreement Between Howard, Martin, and Sterling Counties for the Reimbursement of the DPS Secretary Salary
- c. Discussion / Possible Action: Nomination for Board of Directors of Howard Central Appraisal District Open seat
- d. Discussion / Possible Action: Update on Alamo Letter Plaque Ceremony

3. Sharon Adams, County Treasurer

- a. Discussion / Possible Action: Treasurer's Monthly Report (July)
- b. Discussion / Possible Action: Personnel Considerations

4. Jackie Olson, County Auditor

- a. Discussion / Possible Action: Monthly Report
- b. Discussion / Possible Action: Consider Invoices
- c. Discussion / Possible Action: Consider Purchase Requests
- d. Discussion / Possible Action: Budget Amendments
- e. Discussion / Possible Action: Public Hearing on the 2025 Budget
- f. Discussion / Possible Action: Consider making changes to the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Budget that Commissioners Court considers warranted by law and required by the interest of the Taxpayers.
- g. Discussion / Possible Action: Consider Adopting the 2025 Budget
- h. Discussion / Possible Action: Consider setting salaries, allowances & expenses of Elected Officials as Reflected in the 2025 Budget
- i. Discussion / Possible Action: Public Hearing on Tax Increase
- j. Discussion / Possible Action: Consider ratifying the Property Tax Increase as Reflected in the 2025 Budget
- k. Discussion / Possible Action: Consider approving order setting the Debt Tax Rate for 2024
- l. Discussion / Possible Action: Consider approving the order setting the M&O Tax Rate for 2024
- m. Discussion / Possible Action: Adopt the Order Levying a Tax Rate
- n. Discussion / Possible Action: Consider Bid for Outfitting 6x Chevy Tahoe's
- o. Discussion Possible Action: Go out for Bulk Fuel Bids

5. JoAnn Valle, County Indigent Health Care/Welfare

- a. Discussion / Possible Action: Received Bids for Pharmaceutical Services for:
 - i. Howard County Detention Center
 - ii. Howard County Indigent Health Care/Welfare
 - iii. Juvenile Probation Program
- b. Discussion / Possible Action: Consider Physician Agreements for the upcoming fiscal year

6. Brian Klinksiek, Road Engineer

- a. Discussion / Possible Action: Roadway Maintenance Update

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:

Randy Johnson
Howard County Judge
Phone. 432-264-2203
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FILED at 8:40a M O'clock 8-23-24
Brent Zippert, County Clerk, Howard County, TX
By Nancy Porter

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 26th day of August, A.D. 2024 the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in Workshop Session @ 9:00 AM and Regular Session at 10:00 AM with **RANDY JOHNSON**, County Judge as the Presiding Officer. The following members were present: **EDDILISA RAY**, Commissioner Precinct No. 1, **CASH BERRY**, Commissioner Precinct No. 2, **JIMMIE LONG**, Commissioner Precinct No. 3 and **DOUG WAGNER**, Commissioner Precinct No. 4.

The Workshop was called to order @ 9:04 AM.

Cameron Walker, Consultant, was present to discuss a Policy for Howard County Infrastructure Assistance. The Court made suggestions on needed changes. Mr. Walker will make the changes and send to the Commissioners. They are planning to have a Public Hearing concerning this matter during the Regular Session scheduled for September 23, 2024. No action taken on this date.

Jackie Olson, County Auditor, and Heather DelValle, Assistant County Auditor, discussed the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 that will be voted on in Regular Session on this date.

Court recessed @ 10:08 AM.

Court reconvened in Regular Session @ 10:24 AM.

The Court moved down to the Budget items for the first items of business for this meeting.

Court entered into a Public Hearing @ 10:23 AM. No discussion, questions or comments were made by the Public. Public Hearing closed @ 10:24 AM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Berry to consider making changes to the to the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget that Commissioners Court considers warranted by law and required by the interest of the Taxpayers. 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 consider Adopting the 2024-2025 Budget. Commissioner Long noted that it includes a Million Dollar increase in the Road & Bridge budget. 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 Berry to approve setting salaries, allowances & expenses of Elected Officials as reflected in the 2024-2025 Budget. This includes a 5% salary increase for all Howard County employees. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Court entered into a Public Hearing a Tax Increase @ 10:30 AM. The tax rate is .221030. Last years rate was .208716. The Public made no comments or asked any questions. Public Hearing closed @ 10:34 AM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Berry to move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.221030, which is effectively a 8.46 percent increase in the tax rate. This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 8.92 percent and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$13.72. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Judge Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Long to approve Order Setting the Debt Tax Rate for 2024 @ .005829. 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 the Order Setting the Maintenance & Operations Tax Rate for 2024 @ .215201. 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 Wagner to adopt the Order Levying a Tax Rate @ .221030. This consists of: Maintenance and Operations made up of the following: General Fund @ .168626, Road & Bridge Fund @ .029915, Special Road & Bridge Fund @ .016660 for a total Maintenance & Operations @ .215201; Debt Service consisting of Interest & Sinking @ .005829 for a total of .221030. 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 table the Statement of Agreement between West Texas Centers and Howard County Commissioner's Court until a Financial Statement is received from West Texas Centers as presented by Rodney Jones, CEO of WTC.. 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 Wagner to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between West Texas Centers and Howard County Detention Center and the Agreement for Services between West Texas Centers and Howard County as presented by Rodney Jones, CEO of WTC. 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 the Separate Written Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Martin County and Sterling County for the Reimbursement of the DPS Secretary Salary as presented by Lindsay Wilkerson, County Attorney. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Nomination for Board of Directors for Howard Central Appraisal District open seat died from lack of a motion.

A committee of a variety of people from various agencies has set a target date of October 16, 2024 @ 10:00 AM for a ceremony on the North side of the Courthouse East of the entrance for the Alamo Plaque Ceremony as presented by Judge Johnson. No action needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Berry to accept the Treasurer's Monthly Report for July 2024 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 Ray 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 Wagner to accept the Auditor's Monthly Report for July 2024 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 Berry 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 Long and seconded by Commissioner Ray to approve the Purchase Requests, not including the Library Requests that were received late, as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. The requests are as follows: Sheriff for Dell Computer @ \$2778.74; Sheriff for 51 boxes of carpet for Law Enforcement Center from Lowe's @ \$8109; Sheriff IT for printer and supplies from us.store.bambulab.com @ \$1529; Jail for tile and carpet from Lowe's @ \$5737; Jail for open PO from Keefe @ \$5000. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

There were no Budget Amendments on this date.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to approve a bid for outfitting 6 Tahoes from Pro Fit Outfitters @ \$135,792 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 Ray giving permission to go out on Bulk Fuel Bids 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 Wagner approving the Pharmacy Bid for Howard County Detention Center to IHS Pharmacy as presented by Esther Hilario, Indigent Health Care. 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 a Physician Services Agreement between Howard County and Howard County Community Health Center as presented by Esther Hilario, Indigent Health Care. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator, gave roadway maintenance updates. No action needed.

Judge Johnson reported that they will be discussing the Kenny Burns Architecture survey for Dispatch on a future agenda. He also reported that there will be a 911 Memorial on September 11, 2024 @ 5:00 PM to be held at Spring Creek Fellowship.

The meeting was adjourned at @ 11:55 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 August 26, 2024.



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