

**HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
AGENDA
AUGUST 24, 2015**

The following item(s) of business will be discussed and possible action taken in a regular meeting of the Howard County Commissioners' Court to be held on **Monday, AUGUST 24, 2015** in the Howard County Courtroom on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse. The meeting will commence at **10:00 am**.

- **Kathryn G. Wiseman**
 - Review and Approve Contingency Agreement between Big Spring State Hospital and Howard County

- **Jackie Olson**
 - Invoices
 - Purchase Requests
 - Budget Amendments
 - Discussion and Possible Action on Leadership Big Spring 2015-16
 - Review Rainey Day Fund Policy
 - 10:00 am Public Hearing on the proposed 2015-16 Budget
 - Set the Salaries, Expenses, and Allowances of Elected Officials
 - Consider Action on the proposed 2015-16 Budget
 - Budget Work Session

- **Teresa Thomas**
 - Personnel Considerations

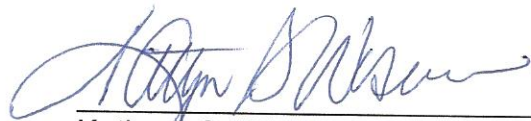
- **Hollis McCright**
 - Discuss Repairs needed on Library Heating System

- **Stan Parker**
 - Civil Fees for Fiscal Year

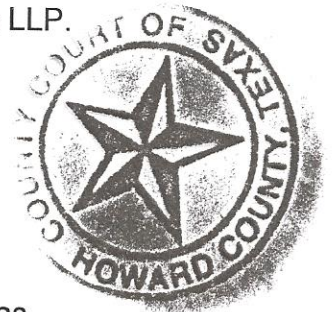
- **Brian Klinksiek**
 - Pipeline Crossings / Road Maintenance
 - Permission to go out for Bids on Grant work

- Discussion of Joint Law Enforcement Center /or jail and take any necessary action
- Discussion and Possible Action on Road Grant
- Discussion and possible Action Re: Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP.
- Citizen input for those registered to make comments
- Opportunity for mention of any items to be on the future agendas

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Kathryn G. Wiseman
County Judge, Howard County, Texas



The Commissioners' Court may convene in Executive Session pursuant to Gov. 551.001 et seq. on any of the above items.

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 24th day of August, A.D. 2015 the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in regular session at 10:00 AM with **JIMMIE LONG**, Commissioner Precinct No. 3 as the Presiding Officer. The following members were present: **OSCAR GARCIA**, Commissioner Precinct No. 1, **CRAIG BAILEY**, Commissioner Precinct No. 2, and **JOHN H. CLINE**, Commissioner Precinct No. 4. **KATHYRN G. WISEMAN**, County Judge was absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Garcia approve the following 4 Right of Ways as presented by Brian Klinksiek, County Engineer: 2 to WTG Gas Processing LP on Old Colorado City Hwy & NCR 25 and 2 to Navigator Field Services LLC on NCR 9 and CR 41. 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 allow Brian Klinksiek, County Engineer permission to advertise for Bids on the Grant work to be done by the plans he turned in. He will begin work on Midway Road first. 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 Garcia to adopt the new Sheriff & Constable Fees for January 1, 2016 thru December 31, 2016 as presented by Stan Parker, Sheriff. He had 2 changes. 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 Garcia to approve the Contingency Agreement between Big Spring State Hospital, Forsan Independent School District (ISD) and Forsan/Howard County. This outlines the emergency transportation for the State Hospital in the case of an evacuation. 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 approve the Department Head recommendations as presented by Teresa Thomas, 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 Long to approve the bills as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A Public Hearing was held at 10:15AM on the 2015/2015 Budget. Commissioner Long opened the floor up to discussion. No one from the public came forward.

A motion was made by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Cline to approve the following purchase request as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor: Sheriff – Dell Sonic Firewall for Vehicle computers from Tiger Direct @ \$1148.00 and Polo Shirts for Dispatch from 4imprints @ \$635.00; IT – 4 license to the security recorder from B&H Video @ \$280.00 and Cat 6 wiring for Security Cameras from ATS @ \$600.00, plus the bill for Library to replace 3 way valves with actuators on the boiler system form Hester’s Mechanical @ \$5117.15. The Sheriff’s shirts will require a line item transfer of \$636.00. 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 Amendment to transfer \$1225.00 from shop supplies to shop maintenance for County Engineer and the Sheriff for polo shirts from 100-311-20001 to 100-311-43600. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted “AYES”. Motion carried.

Court recessed at 10:20 AM to move downstairs for a Budget Workshop.

Court reconvened at 10:45 AM into open session.

Budget Workshop was held on this date.

Commissioner Long discussed the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Big Spring on the State Park is currently a 3 year lease. Court agreed to give to Joshua Hamby, County Attorney to redo changing the term on the lease from a 3 year lease to a year by year lease.

Jackie Olson, County Auditor gave the Court a copy of the certificate of coverage for the Big Spring Landfill Agreement.

Jackie Olson, County Auditor presented the Bill from Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home for the fees that were set up in the new budget beginning October 1st. There are no funds set up in this year’s budget to pay this. Commissioner Bailey said he would visit with them about this bill and get back to Jackie.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve the District Attorney having someone to help with the cases and increase his budget by \$12320.00 being a total of \$24,320.00 for this position. The man he had in mind came up with health issues. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted “AYES”. Motion carried.

Judge Wiseman wanted to send her secretary to Leadership Big Spring and wanted the Court to pay the registration fee. Court agreed that this would have to be paid from an Elected

Officials Travel Budget and since Kathryn's was already depleted for this year, it would have to wait until next year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to advance no funds for Leadership Big Spring this year to the County Judge. 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 leave the part time pay for the County Treasurer's Office at \$10.87. 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 Rainy Day Fund policies 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 Garcia to set the Salary and Expenses & Allowances of the Elected Officials for 2015/2016 with no changes except for the County Judge with an additional \$10,000.00 from the State and longevity increases. This motion also included the approval of the 2015/2016 Budget. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

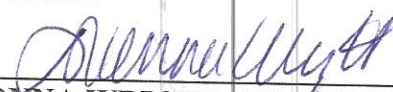
Jackie Olson, County Auditor reported that the proposed tax rate would be published on August 30, 2015 and that at the next meeting on September 14, 2015 that they would adopt the tax rate .371885. This needs to go on the next Agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Cline to adjourn at 10:17 AM. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Read and approved the 31st day of August, 2015.


KATHRYN G. WISEMAN, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:


DONNA WRIGHT, COUNTY CLERK
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