

HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
AGENDA
OCTOBER 13, 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 **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015** in the Howard County Courtroom on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse. The meeting will commence at **5:30 pm**.

- **Kathryn G. Wiseman**

- Discussion and Possible Action of nominees for 2016 Howard County Appraisal District Board of Directors
- Interlocal Agreement between Lubbock County and Howard County
- Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution abandoning and vacating a portion of the map of the Town of Morita

- **Brian Klinkšiek**

- Pipeline Crossings / Road Maintenance
- Discussion and Possible Action clarification of Speed Limit on Old C City SH 530 to FM 820
- Submit Grant Bill
- Discussion and Possible Action TCEQ use of R&B Yard for air quality monitor
- Discussion and Possible Action Release of CR 43 north of CR 46 to land owner (precinct 4)

- **Teresa Thomas**

- Personnel Considerations
- Payroll Report
- Treasurer's Report

- **Donna Wright**

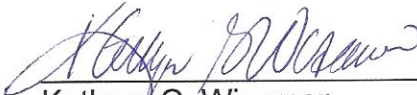
- Present Monthly Report

- **Jackie Olson**

- Invoices
- Purchase Requests
- Budget Amendments
- Financial Report *none*
- Consider Fuel Bids
- Consider 2016 Formula Grant Resolution
- Approve Order for Early Pay
- Discuss return of funds from Fund 710 (Road and Bridge New Building) to Road and Bridge Fund

- 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




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.

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COUNTY CLERK HOWARD COUNTY
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BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 13th day of October, A.D. 2015 the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in regular session at 5:30 PM with **KATHYRN G. WISEMAN**, County Judge as the Presiding Officer. The following members were present: **OSCAR GARCIA**, Commissioner Precinct No. 1, **CRAIG BAILEY**, Commissioner Precinct No. 2, **JIMMIE LONG**, Commissioner Precinct No. 3 and **JOHN H. CLINE**, Commissioner Precinct No. 4.

Judge Wiseman reported that Kathy Sayles has resigned from the Board of Director's for the Appraisal Board. The County needs to appoint someone to replace her as our representative. Commissioner Bailey reported he had a couple of folks but he needed to see if they were willing to serve. Kathryn Wiseman put out Scott Emerson's name as a person to consider. Commissioner Long had someone in mind but they declined. Court will act on this at a later date.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between Lubbock County and Howard County in Regard to the Regional Public Defender Program on capital murder cases. Cost to County is \$6096.32. 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 Cline to give permission to put the notice in the paper 3 weeks in advance to abandon the portion south of I20 in the Town of Morita. The resolution will be presented at the November 23, 2015 meeting. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Garcia 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 Cline and seconded by Commissioner Long to approve the Payroll Report 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 Garcia to approve the County Treasurer's monthly report 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 Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Cline to approve the following 30 Right of Ways as presented by Brian Klinksiek, County Engineer: All to Navigator BSG Field Services LLC on CR 7, 9, 3 on NCR 11, 4 on CR 15, 4 on CR 17, 2 on CR 19, 2 on CR 36, 2 on CR 38, 3 on CR 40, CR 46, 3 on CR 48, 3 on CR 50. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Brian Klinksiek, County Engineer brought to the Court's attention that the speed limit signs on the Old Colorado City Highway are quiet confusing and he feels that they need to add a few more in certain areas to make it clearer. Court asks Brian to develop a plan and bring back to the Court at a later date.

Brian Klinksiek, County Engineer reported that he has the second reimbursement invoice to send in on the Grant in the amount of \$65,000.00 for materials.

Brian Klinksiek, County Engineer has had a request to release a road off CR 43 north of CR 46 to the landowner since the County has not maintained in for years. He owns all the land East, West and North of it. Commissioner Long reported to Mr. Klinksiek that we had to have a written request from the land owner to present to the Court, before action could be taken.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Long to approve the request from TECQ to use the back corner of the Road and Bridge yard to place a air quality air monitor to be renew every year. 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 County Clerk Monthly report as presented by Donna Wright, County Clerk. 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 approve the bills excluding the one to Nalley Pickle Funeral Home 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 Long to approve the following purchase requests as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor: Jail – Cleaning supplies from Walmart @ \$4000: Paint & Safety store for cleaning/paper supplies @ \$2,000.00: Harris Lumber (\$3500) & Higginbotham (\$4000) for repairs & jail repair maintenance; Maintenance Dept. – Wagner Supply for trash liners, etc. @ \$1465.00; Sheriff – Caldwell County for 5 Chev. Tahoe's @ \$205,150.00 and District Court Building – from Trojan Elevator – elevator repairs @ \$9245.00. Plus two late bills from Road & Bridge - for

new set of tires approx. \$8000.00 and District Court Building repair of AC in the basement @ \$2789.27 to Hester's as was low bid. 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 Budget Amendments as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. This should close out last year and all were line item transfers. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

There was no financial report on this date.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to award the Fuel Bids to Parks Fuel @ \$.08 as was low bid 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 Long to adopt the 2016 Howard County Resolution Indigent Defense Grant Program as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. Cost is \$20,000.00. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to approve the Order for Early Pay 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 Garcia to approve moving the balance of funds from the New Road & Bridge project to the Road & Bridge Budget. Total amount moved was \$144,193.10. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Judge Wiseman called for the registered citizens to speak at this time.

Kimberly York had a concern with the 500,000.00 that was sent to the City for the closing of the Dump and she didn't see it in their budget. She had a problem with the City Animal Shelter not answering calls in the County.

Terry Halfner wanted to clarify that he didn't request the whole town site of Morita was to be abandoned, just the part south of I20. Judge Wiseman made that clarification for the minutes.

Scott Emerson reported that he would be honored to serve on Appraisal Board if it came to his name.

Closing Statements:

Commissioner Garcia thanked everyone that showed up. Commissioner Bailey said Ditto to that comment and thanked the staff for their willingness to change. He also said that most of our Budgets are made from unfunded mandates and that we need to work as a group to work on this problem by putting pressure on our representatives. Commissioner Long thanked all for coming out also and agreed with Commissioner Bailey and Commissioner Cline said that a few weeks ago we had no news media when the County disapproved the Appraisal District Budget due to the raises for their employees. Judge Wiseman invited all to the State of City/County Address on the 20th at noon. We need to stay on our legislators to send as much funding as possible our way.

Court adjourned at 5:45

Read and approved the 04th day of November, 2015.



KATHRYN G. WISEMAN, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:



**DONNA WRIGHT, COUNTY CLERK
HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS**