

HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
AGENDA
OCTOBER 26, 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, OCTOBER 26, 2015** in the Howard County Courtroom on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse. The meeting will commence at **4:00 pm**.

- **Kathryn G. Wiseman**
 - Budget Workshop at 4:00 pm (2nd Floor Conference Room – recess and reconvene 3rd Floor at 5:30 PM for Commissioners Court)
 - Approve 2016 County Holidays
 - Discussion & Possible Approval to Apply for (FVA) 2016-2017 Veterans Treatment Court Grant.
 - Request for Approval for next Unconventional Warfare-Special Ops exercise March 10th and June 5th, 2016.

- **Brian Klinksiek**
 - Pipeline Crossings / Road Maintenance
 - Discussion & Possible Action (D&PA) Release of CR 43 north of CR 46 to land owner (precinct 4)
 - D&PA Updating Commercial Driveway Specs to include TxDOT Style widenings.

- **Teresa Thomas**
 - Personnel Considerations

- **Jackie Olson**
 - Invoices
 - Purchase Requests
 - Budget Amendments
 - Consider bids for paving / patching materials
 - Consider for road widening

- Discussion of Joint Law Enforcement Center /or jail and take any necessary action
- Discussion and Possible Action of 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 26th day of October, A.D. 2015 the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in regular session at 4:00 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**, and Commissioner Precinct No. 3. **JOHN H. CLINE**, Commissioner Precinct No. 4 couldn't make 4:00 but was there for the 5:30 meeting.

Court held a brief budget meeting at 4:00 PM to review the ending year financial balances. No action was taken.

Court recessed at 4:10 until 5:30 for the regular meeting.

All Commissioners were present at this meeting.

Judge Wiseman called for any registered citizen to come forward. Sammy Buchanan was concerned about the new business not making driveways adequate to make the turns on to our County Roads and it is breaking down the edge of the roadways. He also thinks we might need to consider making Moss Lake Road and Midway Roads one way since they are so narrow.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve the 2016 Holidays as presented to Kathryn Wiseman, County Judge. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Judge Wiseman has met with a gentleman on the application for FVA 2016-2017 Veterans Treatment Court Grant. She needs direction as she has no training in Grant writing. Commissioner Long said since County Attorney and District Attorney sat in on the meeting let them advise as to whether to move forward or not. No action taken.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to approve the request for the next Unconventional Warfare-Special Ops exercise to be March 10-June 5, 2016. 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 following 10 Right of Ways as presented by Brian Klinksiek, County Engineer: 1 to Plains Marketing LP on Howard Field Rd; 2 to OXY USA Inc. both on Nichols Rd; 1 to Three Global on Moore School Rd and 6 to Medallion Pipeline Company LLC on CR 28A, CR 25, WCR 18, Moore School Rd, NCR 23A, and CR 21. 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 abandonment of CR 43 north of CR 46 to the land owner in Precinct 4. Court received a request from the landowner. 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 table the issue of updating the driveway specs for new business's until Brian can modify the plan that was presented. 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 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 Long and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve the Bills except the one to Tyler Technologies as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. Commissioner Bailey is to meet with them on Wednesday about it. 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 approve the purchase request for the Sheriff to Miller Uniform Patrol for 3 vests @ \$850 each to be paid out the Vest donation fund and 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 Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Long to award the bid for paving and patching materials to Vulcan Materials at \$80,037.50 as was the only bid as presented by Brian Klinksiek, County Engineer. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

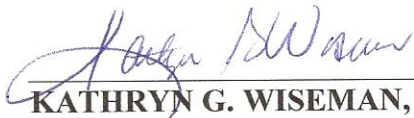
A motion was made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to award bid on the road widening contract labor and equipment to Blackjack Energy Services LLC at \$271,369.35 as was low bid as presented by Brian Klinksiek, County Engineer. This is part of the Road Grant. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Judge Wiseman read a Thank You card from the Fair Association and an invitation to the 2016 Howard County Junior Livestock Show and Ag Appreciation Luncheon and Awards on January 13, 2016.

Judge Wiseman ask the Commissioners for their closing statements. Commissioner Garcia had no comments. Commissioner Bailey wanted to thank everyone for attending. He once again wanted to remind everyone that we needed to begin working on our representatives to begin recovering the unfunded mandates that are the majority of our budget and start working on next year's budget. Commissioner Long wanted to report to everyone that the financial report that was presented in the Budget workshop earlier reflected that the County is great shape. It is recommended that we have 6 months of operating expenses and we do. Commissioner Cline had no comments. Judge Wiseman wanted to apologize to Court that we are going to have a Special Meeting, Thursday October 29, 2015 at 1:00 PM because she failed to get the appointment of a board member for the Tax Appraisal Board on the agenda for today.

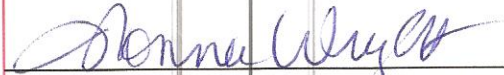
Court adjourned at 6:13 PM.

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



KATHRYN G. WISEMAN, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:



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