## HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA May 26, 2020

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 May 26, 2020. A budget workshop will begin at 2:30 P.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Court will recess and reconvene at 3:30 P.M. for the regular meeting. Please see below for meeting location details.

Location: Howard County Courthouse

300 S. Main St

Big Spring, TX 79720

**Announcement:** Pursuant to the Suspension Order by Governor Abbott, the Howard County Commissioners Court Meeting will be closed to protect the public, staff and members from potential exposure to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The public may participate in the meeting through the following video conference link: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Howard-County-Info-Tech-110733893888746/">https://www.facebook.com/Howard-County-Info-Tech-110733893888746/</a>

## Call to Order

## **BUDGET WORKSHOP: 2:30 PM**

Location: Commissioners Courtroom (3rd Floor of County Courthouse)

- Budget Workshop with Possible Action (recess and reconvene at 3:30 pm. for regular session)
  - Sheriff Stan Parker
  - Brian Klinksiek, County Engineer

## **REGULAR SESSION - 3:30 PM:**

Location: Commissioners Courtroom (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of County Courthouse)

- Citizen input for those registered to make comments
- Judge Kathryn G. Wiseman
  - Discussion / Possible Action: Resolution for 2020 Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Cares Act Sub-Grant to Texas Counties
- Sharon Adams, County Treasurer
  - Discussion / Possible Action: Personnel Consideration EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION A closed meeting will be held pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code
  - Discussion / Possible Action: TAC HEBP Insurance Renewal for 2020-2021
- Jackie Olson, County Auditor
  - Discussion / Possible Action: Authorize Application for the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Grant
  - Discussion / Possible Action: Grant the Howard County Auditor's Office the legal authority to apply for grants, including FEMA, CARES, HAVA, or any other grants related to COVID-19, and authorizing the filing of the application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and authorizing the Auditor's Office to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.
  - Discussion / Possible Action: Bids for Lease of Airport Properties
  - Discussion / Possible Action: Approve Invoices
  - Discussion / Possible Action: Approve Purchase Requests
  - Discussion / Possible Action: Approve Budget Amendments
  - Discussion / Possible Action: Presentation of Monthly Financial Report
- Commissioner Jimmie Long, Precinct 3
  - Discussion / Possible Action: Possible County Sales Tax in Unincorporated Areas (Presentation by The Texas Comptroller's Office)
- Brian Klinksiek, Road Engineer
  - Discussion / Possible Action: Purchase MC 30 & Emulsion
  - Discussion / Possible Action: Roadway Maintenance Updates
- Commissioner Craig Bailey, Pct. 2
  - Discussion / Possible Action: Ban of Fireworks With Sticks or Fins
  - Discussion / Possible Action: Library \$25,000 grant application
  - Discussion / Possible Action: AT&T election evaluation
- Discussion of Law Enforcement Radio System and take any necessary action
- Opportunity for mention of any items to be on the future agendas

Attest:

Kathryn G. Wiseman Howard County Judge Phone. 432-264-2203

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Pursuant to the output granted under Government Code, Chap. 551, the Commissioners Court may convene 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 26th day of May, A.D. 2020 the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in Workshop session at 2:30 PM and Regular session @ 3:30 PM with **KATHYRN G. WISEMAN**, County Judge as the Presiding Officer. The following members were present: **CRAIG BAILEY**, Commissioner Precinct No. 2, **JIMMIE LONG**, Commissioner Precinct No. 3 and **JOHN H. CLINE**, Commissioner Precinct No. 4. **OSCAR GARCIA**, Commissioner Precinct No. 1 was absent.

The Budget Workshop was called to order @ 2:35 PM.

The Workshop was turned over to Jackie Olson, County Auditor, who gave Commissioners update concerning the budget as well as sharing information from the City of Big Spring concerning the Radio Tower and EMS Fund. In addition, the Court heard from Stan Parker, County Sheriff, and Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator, both of whom presented their Budget requests for the 2020-2021 budget year. Judge Wiseman also made known the need for a better video magistration. Commissioners said the Judges involved need to come up with what is needed and present to the Court.

The Court moved into Regular session @ 3:32 PM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Long to approve the Resolution for 2020 Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Cares Act Sub-Grant to Texas Counties as presented by Kathryn Wiseman, County Judge. 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 Personnel Considerations as presented by Sharon Adams, County Treasurer. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

No Executive / Closed session was needed on this date.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to approve the TAC HEBP Insurance Renewal for 2020-2021 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 Cline to give the County Auditor's Office legal authority to apply for grants including FEMA, CARES, HAVA and any other grants related to COVID-19 and authorizing the filing of the application, including all understandings and assurances contained therin, and directing and authorizing the Auditor's Office to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional

information as may be required 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 a 2 year lease with no option to renew @ \$3600 per month with Kothmann Enterprises, Inc. on the Old Airport Property. 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 Invoices with one additional for the South fence at the old Howard County Airport payable to Brandy Hubbard @ \$3679 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 Purchase Requests as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor with the exception of proposals from A & B Glass and Black Plumbing. The requests are as follows: Elections for equipment storage from Global Industrial @ \$1503.70; Library for Internet filter from Amazon @ \$1650; Jail for Copeland Scroll Compressor from United Refrigeration @ \$1741.07; Tax Assessor for sneeze guard from A &B Glass @ \$5160; maintenance for floor drain replacement from Black Plumbing @ \$3785; and Maintenance for refrigerant for the Library from Johnson Controls @ \$3609. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

The Court then moved into a session via Zoom and WebEx with the Texas State Comptroller's Office for a presentation of County Sales Tax in Unincorporated Areas. No action taken at this time.

There were no Budget Amendments on this date.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to accept the County Auditor's Monthly Report for April 2020 as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Jackie Olson, County Auditor, gave a reminder of the transfer of funds from the General Fund to Special Accounts. No action necessary.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Long gave permission to move forward with the purchase of MC 30 & Emulsion as requested by Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator, gave Roadway Updates citing that Snyder Field Road will be reopened to traffic by end of day on May 27, 2020. No action needed.

Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator, also reported plans of controlled burn training practice in the near future. No action needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Long to ban the sales and use of fireworks with sticks and fins for this July 4. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

There was discussion concerning the moving forward with a \$25000 grant application for the Library. No action needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Cline to approve the AT&T Election Evaluation as presented by Commissioner Bailey and Jodi Duck, Elections Administrator. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Court was adjourned @ 4:55 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 May 26, 2020.

Brent Zitterkopf, Howard County Clerk Clerk of the Commissioners Court

Howard County, Texas