

HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA
AUGUST 14, 2023

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 14, 2023. A workshop will begin at 2:30 P.M. in the 2nd Floor Judge's Conference Room. Court will recess and reconvene at 3:30 P.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: Please Silence All Cellphones

WORKSHOP – 2:30 PM: Location: Judges Conference Room (2nd Floor of County Courthouse)

1. **Judge Johnson, Howard County Judge**
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Tax Rate/ Budget Review

Call to Order: REGULAR SESSION – 3:30 PM: 3rd Floor County Court Room (**3rd Floor** of Howard County Courthouse)


Citizen input for those registered to make comments-

2. **Judge Johnson, Howard County Judge**
 - a. Presentation & Acceptance of County Officials Monthly Reports
3. **Sharon Adams, County Treasurer**
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Personnel Considerations
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action: Monthly Payroll Report (July)
 - c. Discussion / Possible Action: Treasurer's Monthly Report (July)
4. **Jackie Olson, County Auditor**
 - a. Presentation of Monthly Report
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action: Vote on Proposed Tax Rate
 - c. Discussion / Possible Action: Schedule Public Hearing on 2024 Budget
 - d. Discussion / Possible Action: Approve Invoices
 - e. Discussion / Possible Action: Approve Purchase Requests
 - f. Discussion / Possible Action: Budget Amendment
5. **Commissioner Cash Berry Pct. 2**
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Burn Ban-Eric Barber, Fire Chief
6. **Commissioner Jimmy Long Pct. 3**
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Approval of Bid for Annex Restroom Plumbing
7. **Joanna Gonzales, District Clerk**
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Jury Duty Pay Rate Change
8. **Brian Klinksiek, Road Engineer**
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Roadway Maintenance Update
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action: Permission to get a Load of Emulsion
 - c. Discussion / Possible Action: Permission to Scrap 427A, a 1977 Hobbs Water Trailer
 - d. Presentation of Proposed Work for New Shooting Range
9. **Brent Zitterkopf, County Clerk**
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Monthly Report
10. Discussion of Law Enforcement Radio System and take any necessary action.
11. Opportunity for mention of any items to be on the future agendas.



Attest:

Posted
FILED at 10:20 A.M. O'clock 8-11-23
BRENT ZITTERKOPF, County Clerk, Howard County, Texas
By Nancy Porter Deputy



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BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 14th day of August, A.D. 2023 the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in Workshop @ 2:30 PM and Regular Session at 3:30 PM 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 @ 2:30 PM.

Jackie Olson, County Auditor, presented the Recalculation of Tax Rates as figured by Tiffany Sayles, Tax Assessor-Collector to the Court.

The Court discussed several issues concerning the 2023-2024 Budget. It was decided that the new positions that start on October 1, 2023 will only receive the proposed pay without the 3% proposed pay increase.

Commissioners decided to have a Special Meeting on Friday, August 18, 2023 to take possible action on a Letter of Financial Support for 911 Board of Directors.

Workshop recessed @ 3:35 PM.

Reconvened in Regular Session @ 3:42 PM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Berry to accept the Monthly Reports for July 2023 from Angela Griffin, JP1-1; Mike Averette, JP1-2; Kandi Campbell, JP2-1 and Chad Coburn, County Extension Agent as presented by Judge Johnson. 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 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 Berry to accept the Treasurer's Monthly Payroll Report for July 2023 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 Berry to accept the Treasurer's Monthly Report for July 2023 as presented by Sharon Adams, County Treasurer. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

The Auditor's Monthly Report was not presented on this date.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to set the Proposed 2023-2024 Tax Rate at the No New Revenue Rate of \$0.208719 as calculated by Tiffany Sayles Tax Assessor-Collector. 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 schedule a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2023-2024 Budget on August 28, 2023 during the Regular Meeting. 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 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 Wagner to approve the Purchase Requests as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. The requests are as follows: County Attorney for red files from unnamed vendor @ \$849; Sheriff for 5-2023 Tahoes from Caldwell Country @ \$346,355; Sheriff for 2-2024 Silverados from Caldwell Country @ \$137,902; Volunteer Fire Department for reporting software from ESO @ \$8150; IT for 2 computers (DA & Library) from Dell @ \$3709.24; District Attorney for furniture from National Business Furniture @ \$5476; Library for Scholastic Teachables from Scholastic @ \$1234; Sheriff for training ammo from Precision Delta @ \$1116.72; Sheriff for training ammo from Targetsports USA @ \$5675.48; Sheriff for 2 computers @ \$6207.28; Detention Center for Inmate supplies from WalMart @ \$3000; Detention Center for cleaning supplies, etc. from Walmart @ \$3000; Detention Center for paper goods, cleaning supplies, etc. from Paint & Safety @ \$1500; Detention Center for indigent supplies for inmates from ICS @ \$2993; South Mountain Tower for repair of lights from TWR Lighting Technologies @ \$2326; Towers for mobilization and misc. labor from Western Towers @ \$2503; TAC County Information Resources Agency @ \$3550. 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 Berry and seconded by Commissioner Long to extend the Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning (Burn Ban) an additional 90 days as presented by Commissioner Berry and Eric Barber, VFD Chief. 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 Berry to accept a bid from James Lane Mechanical in the amount of \$83,371.05 (to be paid with ARPA Funds) for the Annex restroom plumbing as presented by Commissioner Long. 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 Berry to accept a bid from Custom Acoustics in the amount of \$47,860 (to be paid with ARPA Funds) Annex restroom restoration as presented by Commissioner Long. 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 Long to set the Jury Duty pay rate changes at \$20 for appearing and \$58 for serving as opposed to the \$60 for serving requested by JoAnna Gonzales, District Clerk. 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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Berry to approve the purchases of emulsion @ approximately \$18,000 to \$20,000 as requested by Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator. No paperwork presented. 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 Wagner to scrap a 1977 Hobbs water trailer as presented by Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator. 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 the Proposed Plans for a new Howard County Sheriff's Office New Shooting Range as presented by Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator. A vote was taken and the members of the Court and 4 voted "AYES" with Commissioner Long voting "NAY". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Ray to accept the County Clerk's Monthly Report for July 2023 as presented by Brent Zitterkopf, County Clerk. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

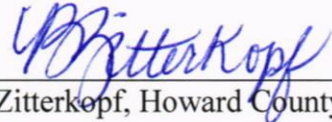
It was announced that there will be a Special Meeting on August 28, 2023 @ 10:00 AM to consider taking action on a Letter of Financial Support for 911 Directors.

Commissioner Ray requested a Workshop before the Regular Meeting on September 11, 2023 @ 2:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 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 14, 2023.



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

