

HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
AGENDA
JUNE 10, 2024

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 JUNE 10, 2024. The Regular Meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. in the 3rd Floor County Court Room. Budget Work Sessions will commence immediately following Regular Commissioners Court Meeting. Court will recess and reconvene at 8:00 A.M. in the 2nd Floor Judge's Conference Room the following day Tuesday June 11, 2024.** Please see below for meeting location details.

Location: Howard County Courthouse
300 S. Main St
Big Spring, TX 79720

Announcement: Anyone intending to address the Commissioners' Court shall complete and turn in the designated form to the County Judge. Please silence all cellphones.

Call to Order: REGULAR SESSION – 10:00 AM:

Location: 3rd Floor County Court Room (3rd Floor of County Courthouse)

Citizen input for those registered to make comments-

1. Judge Johnson, Howard County Judge

- a. Consent Agenda-
 - i. Commissioner Court Minutes (May)
 - ii. County Officials Monthly Reports
 - 1. County Clerk's Report (May)
 - 2. County Auditor's Report (April)
 - 3. JP's Report
 - 4. Ag Extension Office Report
 - 5. Treasurer's Monthly Payroll Report (May)
- b. Discussion / Possible Action: Tax Deeds Parcel's 284151 for Trust Properties in the City of Big Spring
- c. **Public Hearing**-Designating Reinvestment Zone related to a Samsung Battery Storage Facility
- d. Consider Resolution and Reinvestment Zone Related to a Samsung Battery Storage Facility-Howard Central Appraisal District Budget

2. Sharon Adams, County Treasurer

- a. Discussion / Possible Action: Personnel Considerations
- b. Discussion / Possible Action: Employee Insurance Rates for FY 2024-25
- c. Discussion / Possible Action: TAC Unemployment Reserves Refund Check
- d. Discussion / Possible Action: PWCP Workers Comp Excess Contribution Refund Check

3. Jackie Olson, County Auditor

- a. Discussion / Possible Action: Approve Invoices
- b. Discussion / Possible Action: Approve Purchase Requests
- c. Discussion / Possible Action: Budget Amendment

4. Odis Franklin, Information Technology

- a. Discussion / Possible Action: Cyber Security Grant

5. Jimmie Long, Commissioner Pct. 3

- a. Discussion / Possible Action: Burn Ban/ and Elimination of Fireworks with Sticks and Fins

6. Brian Klinksiek, Road Engineer

- a. Discussion / Possible Action: Roadway Maintenance Update
- b. Discussion / Possible Action: CO #1 to add 1 mile of OCC to RFB2024002 Inverted Prime
- c. Discussion / Possible Action: Purchase Replacement for County Agents Truck

7. Discussion of Law Enforcement Radio System and take any necessary action.

8. Opportunity for mention of any items to be on the future agendas.



Commissioners will recess at the end of the Regular Agenda Meeting and reconvene in a budget workshop at 1pm to be held in the 2nd floor conference room. **The Workshop is expected to recess on June 10th at about 5 pm and reconvene on June 11 at 8 am in the 2nd floor conference room.**

BUDGET WORK SESSIONS-

Location: Judges Conference Room (2nd Floor of County Courthouse)

Attest:

Randy Johnson
Howard County Judge
Phone. 432-264-2203
Fax. 432-264-2238

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY 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.

Posted
FILED at 8:50 A.M. clock 6-7-2024
BRENT ZITTEKOPF, County Clerk, Howard County, Texas
By Angie Martin Deputy

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 10th day of June, A.D. 2024 the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in Regular Session at 10:00 AM and Workshop @ 1:00 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 meeting was called to order @ 10:02 AM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Ray to approve Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning for 90 days as requested by Eric Barber, VFD Fire Chief. 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 accept items in the Consent Agenda. Those items are: Commissioner Court Minutes from May 13, 2024 and May 28, 2024; Monthly Reports for May 2024 from Angela Griffin, JP1-1; Monthly Reports for May 2024 from Mike Averette, JP1-2; Monthly Reports for May 2024 from Kandi Campbell, JP2-1; Monthly Report for May 2024 from Chad Coburn, County Extension Agent; Monthly Report for May 2024 from Casey McPherson, County Extension Agent; County Clerk Monthly Report for May 2024; Treasurer's Monthly Payroll Report for May 2024; County Auditor's Monthly Report for April 2024. 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 Ray to approve the sale of property for Tax Deed Parcel 284151 for Trust Properties in the City of Big Spring as presented by Judge Johnson. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

The Court moved into a Public Hearing for Designated Reinvestment Zone related to a Samsung Battery Storage Facility. No Public Comments were made. The Court moved back into Regular Session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Long to approve the Resolution and Order Designating the Howard County Arijji Bess Reinvestment Zone as presented. 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 approved 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 approve the 2024-2025 Insurance Renewal Rates with TAC. 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 accept the TAC Unemployment Reserves refund check in the amount of \$2284.25 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 Ray and seconded by Commissioner Berry to accept the PWCP Workers' Compensation Excess Contribution refund check in the amount of \$7923 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 Wagner to approve the Invoices as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. A vote was taken and the members of the Court "AYES" with Commissioner Ray voting "NAY". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Berry to approve the Purchase Requests tabling a request from Maintenance for Fusion Equipment as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. The approved requests are as follows: Sheriff for nicotine from Smart Vending @ \$5000; Maintenance for LED lighting at the Library from BNB Electric @ \$19,400. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

There were no Budget Amendments on this date.

Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator, reported that sealcoats have been started and should be completed by next week. In addition, he stated they should be getting some free materials from the State left over from the Highway 350 Project. No action needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Ray to approve Change Order No. 1 with Herring Services making the new total \$260,156.32 as requested 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 Long and seconded by Commissioner Berry to approve the purchase of 2024 GMC for the Road & Bridge Administrator from Gunn Auto Group

@ \$80,949.50 as presented by Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Judge Johnson made note that the Howard County Central Appraisal District will Proposed Budget will be on a future agenda.

Court recessed @ 11:14 AM.

Court reconvened in Budget Workshop @ 1:03 PM.

Commissioners spoke with the following departments concerning budget needs and requests for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

- Jackie Olson / Heather DelValle – ARPA funds review
- Lindsay Wilkerson – County Attorney
- Jodi Duck – Elections
- Brenda Tubb – Juvenile Probation
- Kandi Campbell & Mike Averette – Justice of the Peaces
- Odis Franklin – IT

Court recessed @ 4:13 PM and will reconvene in Budget Workshop @ 8:30 AM on June 11, 2024.

Court reconvened on June 11, 2024 @ 8:33 AM.

The Court heard from the following departments:

- Jackie Olson - Opioid money review
- JoAnn Valle – Indigent Healthcare
- Jackie Olson – Contributions to other agencies
- Kent Minchew – Adult Probation

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Ray to approve moving Inverted Prime money to Edge Repairs in the amount of \$230,000 as requested by Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Court then continued hearing from the following departments:

- Sharon Adams – Treasurer
- Brent Zitterkopf – County Clerk
- Randy Johnson – County Judge
- Sandra Verdin – Library
- Stan Parker & Staff – Sheriff
- Commissioner Court budget needs

- Jackie Olson – Auditor
- Shane Seaton – District Judge / District Court
- JoAnna Gonzales – District Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to move forward with the purchase of buying 2 new 2023 Tahoes from Caldwell Country Chevrolet @ \$96,800 as decided by the Court. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted “AYES”. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned @ 2:54 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 June 10 and 11, 2024.



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