

HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 9, 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 SEPTEMBER 9, 2024. The workshop will begin at 9:00 A.M. in the 2nd Floor Judge's Conference Room. Court will recess and reconvene at 10:00 A.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 – 9:00 AM:

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

1. **Judge Johnson, Howard County Judge**
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Economic Development Proposal- Mark Willis
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action: West Texas Centers' Contract

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

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

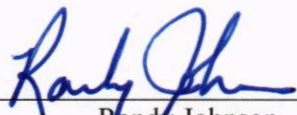
Citizen input for those registered to make comments-

2. **Judge Johnson, Howard County Judge**
 - a. **Consent Agenda-**
 - i. County Officials Monthly Reports
 1. JP's Reports
 2. Ag Extension Office Report
 3. Treasurer's Monthly Payroll Report (August)
 4. County Clerk's Report
 5. Commissioner Court Minutes
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action: Maintenance Update
 - c. Discussion / Possible Action: 2025 County Calendar, Commissioner's Court & Holiday Schedule
3. **JoAnn Valle, Indigent Health Care/Welfare**
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Inmate Medical Services Contract
4. **Sharon Adams, County Treasurer**
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Personnel Considerations
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action: TAC HEBP Employee Health Insurance 2023 Surplus Distribution Check
5. **Jackie Olson, County Auditor**
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Approve Invoices
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action: Approve Purchase Requests
 - c. Discussion / Possible Action: Budget Amendment
6. **Eddilisa Ray Commissioner Pct. 1**
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Alamo Letter Plaque Dedication and Budget Update
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action: Appoint Brian Klinksiek as County Vehicle Manager
7. **Brian Klinksiek, Road Engineer**
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Roadway Maintenance Update
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action: Resolution to accept agreement w/TxDOT for RR-Xing on McGregor RD
 - c. Discussion / Possible Action: Budget adjustment R&B/Equipment Operating
8. Discussion of Law Enforcement Radio System and take any necessary action.
9. Opportunity for mention of any items to be on the future agendas.



Posted
FILED at 8:48 A.M. clock 9-6-2024
BRENT ZITTERKOPF, County Clerk, Howard County, Texas
By Angie Mathis Deputy

Attest:



Randy Johnson
Howard County Judge
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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.

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 9th day of September, A.D. 2024 the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in Workshop @ 9:00 AM & Regular Session at 10:00 AM 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 @ 9:02 AM.

Mark Willis of the Economic Development was unable to attend due to illness. Judge Johnson shared what little he learned about the project with a sand mining company from Mr. Willis. Mr. Willis is not encouraging the project as it does not go along with the goals and requirements of the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Ray to not accept the Proposal as it does not fit the County's criteria, as presented by Judge Johnson. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Rodney Jones and Jessie Campbell of West Texas Centers reported that WTC is a governmental agency that started in Howard County in 1996/1997. They discussed what WTC does, how it is funded and how their operations work.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Berry to approve the Statement of Agreement Between West Texas Centers and Howard County Commissioners Court as presented. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Court recessed @ 9:48 AM.

Reconvened in Regular Session @ 10:07 AM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Berry and seconded by Commissioner Ray to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented by Judge Johnson. Those items include: Angela Griffin, JP 1-1 August 2024 Monthly Reports; Mike Averette, JP 1-2 August 2024 Monthly Reports; Kandi Campbell, JP 2-1 August 2024 Monthly Reports; Casey McPherson, County Extension Agent August 2024 Monthly Report; Chad A. Coburn, County Extension Agent August 2024 Monthly Report; Treasurer's Monthly Report for August 2024; County Clerk's Monthly Report for August 2024; Commissioner Court Minutes for August 2024. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Judge Johnson gave an update on Courthouse Maintenance Update in the absence of Baldomar Cortez, Maintenance Director, who was working on some maintenance issues at the moment. Those updates are as follows:

- Reported several leaks in various buildings during the recent heavy rains.
- Air conditioning problems at the Elections Building have been resolved as well as the humidity problems in the large room.
- Painting on the second floor is in process.
- The elevator is out of order this morning.
- Air conditioner was not working this morning and Baldomar is working on it. Seems to be better.
- There are air conditioning leaks that are currently being worked on.

No action necessary on Maintenance updates.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to approve the 2025 County Calendar, Commissioner's Court, the 2024-2025 Commissioner's Court Regular Meetings Schedule and the Howard County Approved Holidays for 2025 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 Long and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to approve the Inmate Medical Services Agreement between the County of Howard and Melencio F. Juan, M.D. and Ryan Williams, P.A. as presented by JoAnn Valle, Indigent Health Care and Welfare Director. 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 Long to approve the Personnel Considerations as presented by Sharon Adams, County Treasurer. A vote was taken and the members of the Court voted 4 "AYES" with Commissioner Ray voting "NAY". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Long to accept the TAC HEBP Employee Health Insurance 2023 Surplus Distribution Check in the amount of \$10,802.56 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 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 Ray and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to approve the Purchase Requests as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. Those requests are as follows: DVD's for DA Discovery from Winn Sales @ \$1122.16; Elections for 4 poll book system flip stand & tablets from ESS @ \$4090.00 + software application and service/maintenance agreements @ \$1200. 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 Ray and seconded by Commissioner Long to approve a \$2000 budget to cover dedication and supplies expenses for the Alamo Letter Plaque Dedication as presented by Commissioner Ray. 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 appoint Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator, as County Vehicle Manager and add to the County Handbook Policy within six months as presented by Commissioner Ray. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator, gave the following roadway maintenance updates:

- Flooding was very bad in some parts of the County, especially in Precinct 4
- One really bad place on Midway Road just East of Salem Road
- Several places washed out will be closed for quite a while until issues can be resolved
- Centerpoint Road West of Highway 350 will need channel work done to help repair the issues

No action needed on these updates.

A motion was made by Commissioner Berry and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to approve the Resolution Authorizing advance Funding Agreement for Local Government Maintenance of Railroad Crossing Approaches (off-system) 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 Long and seconded by Commissioner Berry to approve a Budget Amendment for R&B/Equipment Operating as presented by Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned @ 11:47 AM.

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 September 9, 2024.



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

