

Howard County Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget Cover Page

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$1,037,216, which is a 6.69 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$33,918.78.

The members of the governing body voted on the budget as follows:

FOR:

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

Property Tax Rate Comparison

	2019-2020	2018-2019
Property Tax Rate:	\$0.303165/100	\$0.328024/100
Effective Tax Rate:	\$0.283438/100	\$0.308024/100
Effective Maintenance & Operations Tax Rate:	\$0.260255/100	\$0.290258/100
Rollback Tax Rate:	\$0.303165/100	\$0.340316/100
Debt Rate:	\$0.022091/100	\$0.026839/100

Total debt obligation for Howard County secured by property taxes: \$1,405,250



September 18, 2019. The 2019-20 budget was approved by the Commissioners' Court with the following changes:

Page 52...State Agencies. Salary and Benefits for the DPS Secretary will be reduced from full-time to part-time (29 hours per week) effective January 1, 2020.

Page 54...Extension Office. Supplemental Salary and Benefits for the CEA-FCH will be eliminated effective January 1, 2020.

Page 55...Animal Trapper. State trapper will be eliminated effective January 1, 2020.

Page 42...Commissioners' Court. The 3% salary increase calculated on the salaries of the court will be eliminated.

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Howard County, Texas

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Howard County is traditionally frugal with property tax monies, which are our only source of revenue because we do not collect sales tax. The half-cent sales tax the County is allowed to collect under Texas law was designated for economic development in the 1970's after the loss of Webb Air Force Base.

This year's 86th Texas Legislative Session imposed restrictions on county government that will have long reaching effects, making it more challenging for county government to maintain the integrity of our services, infrastructure and workforce.

The Howard County Budget will be severely impacted next year because of these restrictions. Discretionary programs may suffer because of lack of funding.

In response to these restrictions which will affect the 2020/2021 county budget, Howard County Commissioners' Court finds it necessary to increase our 2019/2020 County Budget to the rollback rate, which is still almost 2 cents less than last year's tax rate. This will allow us to add an Investigator to the Sheriff's Department, another maintenance position for the courthouse complex of six buildings and give our employees a 3 percent raise.

Howard County Commissioners' Court will continue to be responsive to our citizens, and do our level best to serve our Community.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn G. Wiseman".

Kathryn G. Wiseman
Howard County Judge