HOWARD COUNTY SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA February 13, 2019

The following item(s) of business will be discussed and possible action taken in a special meeting of the Howard County Commissioners' Court to be held on **WEDNESDAY**, **February 13, 2019** in the Courtroom on the **third floor** of the Howard County Courthouse. The meeting will commence at **10:00 A.M.**

- Commissioner Jimmie Long
 - Discussion / Possible Action: Law Enforcement Radio System

- Discussion of Law Enforcement Radio System and take any necessary action
- Citizen input for those registered to make comments
- Opportunity for mention of any items to be on the future agendas

Kathryn G. Wiseman County Judge, Howard County, Texas

The Commissioners' Court may convene in Executive Session pursuant to Gov. 551.001 et seq. on any of the above items.



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BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 13th day of February, A.D. 2019 the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in Special session at 10:00 AM with **KATHYRN G. WISEMAN**, County Judge as the Presiding Officer. The following members were present: **OSCAR GARCIA**, Commissioner Precinct No. 1, **CRAIG BAILEY**, Commissioner Precinct No. 2, and **JIMMIE LONG**, Commissioner Precinct No. 3. **JOHN H. CLINE**, Commissioner Precinct No. 4 was not in attendance.

Meeting was called to order 10:00 AM.

This Special meeting was called for discussion and possible action concerning the Law Enforcement Radio System. Present was Mr. Wiley Baxter, Lead Program Manager for Harris Corporation, as well as Big Spring Police Chief Chad Williams and Sheriff Stan Parker. Also in attendance were Dean Restelli and Jimmy Mayes from the Sheriff's Department and Jackie Olson, County Auditor.

Commissioner Long asked Mr. Baxter to update Commissioners on the status and of the Radio System and all associated with the process of getting installed.

Mr. Baxter discussed how a structural analysis is conducted on each tower before any equipment is installed on the tower. In addition, he discussed changes being made from the original plan. The system is now going to be a ring (or loop) design rather than the original spur design. The spur design is limits communication in the event one of the towers is down. In the ring design, coverage may be somewhat limited, but the system would not go completely down making it the most dependable system in the event of a crisis.

In addition, Mr. Baxter discussed the specifics of each individual tower and the shelters that house the for that tower as well as the associated costs with changing system design, costs for preparing the towers and shelters, as well as installation costs. The amount of costs the County will be responsible for is undetermined at this time.

Additionally the mobile radios going into Law Enforcement and Emergency vehicles will not fit properly in all vehicles making it necessary to alter the way they are mounted in those vehicles. Harris Corporation will take care of the installation costs, however, the cost of additional equipment is undetermined at this time.

Warranty and maintenance agreements were discussed on the different types of equipment. Mr. Baxter is going to get more specifics and details on these and report his findings to the Commissioners.

No action was needed on today's discussions.

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 February 13, 2019.

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

