

# HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

## AGENDA

APRIL 14, 2025

The following items of business will be discussed, and possible action taken in a meeting of the Howard County Commissioners' Court to be held on **Monday APRIL 14, 2025. A workshop will begin at 9:00 A.M. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Judge's Conference Room. The court will recess and reconvene at 10:00 A.M. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor County Court Room for the Regular Meeting. The second workshop will begin at 1:00 P.M. and take place at the Howard County Law Enforcement Center before Meeting at the Howard County Library.** 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.

### WORKSHOP – 9:00 AM:

**Location:** Judges Conference Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of County Courthouse)

1. **Jackie Olson, County Auditor**
  - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Ratify Wage Rate Schedule

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

**Location:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor County Court Room (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of County Courthouse)

#### Citizen input for those registered to make comments-9

2. **Judge Johnson, Howard County Judge**
  - a. **Consent Agenda-**
    - i. County Officials Monthly Reports
      1. JP's Reports
      2. Ag Extension Office Report
      3. Commissioner Court Minutes
      4. County Clerk's Report
    - b. Discussion / Possible Action: Invenergy- Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy, LLC 2025 Property Tax Abatement Annual Certification
    - c. Discussion / Possible Action: Commissioner Precinct Lines
    - d. Discussion / Possible Action: Clear Window Cleaning Contract
3. **Sandra Verdin, County Library Director**
  - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Permission to Seek Grants
4. **Sharon Adams, County Treasurer**
  - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Bank Depository Bid received
  - b. Discussion / Possible Action: Personnel Considerations with permission to use vacation help line items for County Atty SB22 error
  - c. Discussion / Possible Action: Treasurer's Monthly Report (Feb)
  - d. Discussion / Possible Action: Monthly Payroll Report (Mar)
  - e. Presentation on PWCP Annual Wellness Member of the Year Award & Acceptance of \$1000 check
  - f. Presentation and Acceptance of PWCP Spring Wellness Stipend of \$637.50
5. **Jackie Olson, County Auditor**
  - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Monthly Financial Reports
  - b. Discussion / Possible Action: 2025 Procurement Proposal-David Quin, Public Power Pool
  - c. Discussion / Possible Action: Ratifying Davis Bacon Salary Schedule
  - d. Discussion / Possible Action: Bids for VR Law Enforcement Training System
  - e. Discussion / Possible Action: Permission to Auction Surplus Property
  - f. Discussion / Possible Action: Signing of Disbursement Agreements
  - g. Discussion / Possible Action: Approve Invoices
  - h. Discussion / Possible Action: Approve Purchase Requests
  - i. Discussion / Possible Action: Budget Amendment
6. **Natalie Oliver, Howard County Jail Chief**
  - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Amendment to Food Services Agreement
  - b. Discussion / Possible Action: Guardian RFID System Agreement Addendum
7. **Brian Klinksiek, Road Engineer**
  - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Roadway Maintenance Update
  - b. Discussion / Possible Action: Fleet Management
  - c. Discussion / Possible Action: Permission to Add Change Order # 1 to RFB 2025001 2025 Sealcoat
8. Discussion / Possible Action: Dispatch Center
9. Opportunity for mentioning any items to be on future agendas.

### WORKSHOP – 1:00 PM:

**Location:** Law Enforcement Center

10. **Jimmie Long, Commissioner Pct. 3**

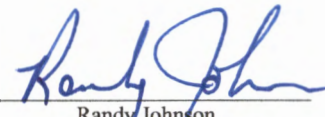
- a. Discussion / Possible Action: Attest: Pre-Bid Walk through at Law Enforcement Center

**Location Change:** Library

11. **Sandra Verdin, County Library Director**

- a. Discussion / Possible Action: Library Renovation Project





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Howard County Judge  
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PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAP. 551, THE COMMISSIONERS COURT MAY CONVENE 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 at 9:00 AM O'clock April 11, 2025  
JURY PADRON, County Clerk, Howard County, Texas  
By [Signature] Deputy

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025 the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in Workshop at 9:00 AM, in Regular Session at 10:00 AM and in Workshop at 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 Workshop was called to order at 9:03 AM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to Ratify Wage Rate Schedule as presented by Jacke Olson, County Auditor. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

The Meeting was Recessed at 9:53 AM to move to Regular Session.

Court Reconvened in Regular Session at 10:02 AM

Without any opposition from the other members of the Court, Randy Johnson, County Judge, moved agenda item 4a. to the beginning of the meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Ray to Approve Bank Depository Bid from Prosperity Bank 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 Consent Agenda as presented by Randy Johnson, County Judge. The Consent Agenda consisted of: Monthly Reports from Angela Griffin, JP 1-1; Monthly Reports from Mike Averette, JP 1-2; Monthly Reports from Kandi Campbell, JP 2-1; Monthly Reports from Chad Coburn, CEA-ANR; Commissioner Court Minutes from March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and the County Clerk Monthly Report for March. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Without any opposition from the other members of the Court, Randy Johnson, County Judge, moved agenda item 5b. up to be discussed next. David Quin, Program Manager with Public Power Pool presented the court with a Procurement Proposal for Electric Power Supply Beginning January 1, 2026, and a Notice of Intent to Begin a Competitive Procurement Process. No Action Taken at This Time.

Randy Johnson, County Judge, presented a letter received from Invenergy regarding Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy, LLC 2025 Property Tax Abatement Annual Certification. No Action Needed.

Jodi Duck, County Elections Administrator, gave an update regarding compliance with possibly moving precinct lines. No Action Needed.

A motion was made by Judge Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Long to Approve the Updated Semiannual Exterior Window Cleaning Contract with Clearview. 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 Ray to allow Sandra Verdin, County Librarian, to Seek and Apply for Grants with the condition that she will have some sort of control over what kind of performers are invited to perform at the library. A vote was taken and 4 members of the Court voted “AYES” while Jimmy Long voted “NAY”. Motion passed 4-1.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Berry to Approve Personnel Considerations minus the Vacation Help Line Items for County Attorney SB22 Error, 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 February 2025 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 Treasurer’s Monthly Payroll Report for March 2025 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 Public Workers’ Compensation Program 2024 -2025 Wellness Member of the Year Award Check in the Amount of \$1,000.00, 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 Wagner to Accept the Public Workers’ Compensation Program 2025 Spring Wellness Stipend Check in the Amount of \$637.50, 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 Accept the Monthly Financial Reports for March 2025 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 Ray to Allow the Sheriff’s Office to go out for Bids for a VR Law Enforcement Training System. 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 giving Jackie Olson, County Auditor, permission to Auction Surplus Property. 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 Signing of Disbursement Agreements for Howard County Council on Aging, Victim Services & Emergency Services Chaplain Corps. 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 Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Berry to Approve Purchase Requests as Presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. The Requests are as follows; Library for Financial Ratings Series Online Database Subscription from Weiss Ratings & Grey House Publishing @ \$1,795.00; IT for Dell 7020 Tower for District Clerk from Dell @ \$1,420.19; Jail for Control Board Repair from SKC A/C @ \$3,688.00; Jail for Cleaning Supplies from West Texas Fire @ \$5,000.00; Jail for Commissary Restock from Keefe @ \$10,000.00; Sheriff's Office for Drone and Accessories from Lone Star Drone @ \$17,110.00; District Clerk for Petit Jury Summon Cards from Scott-Merriman @ \$1,310.00. 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 Approve Budget Amendments 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 Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Long Approving and giving Randy Johnson, County Judge permission to sign the Guardian RFID System Agreement Addendum D Amendment as presented by Natalie Oliver, Jail Chief. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted “AYES”. Motion carried.

Without any opposition from the other members of the Court, Randy Johnson, County Judge, moved to the next item on the agenda 7a. with the understanding that item 6a. would be addressed later in the meeting.

Brian Klinksiek, County Road Engineer, gave Roadway and Fleet Management Updates. No Action Needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Berry and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to Approve Change Order No. 1 to RFB2025001, as Presented by Brian Klinksiek, County Road Engineer. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted “AYES”. Motion carried.

Lindsay Wilkerson, County Attorney provided and update on agenda item 6a. A motion was made by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Wagner Allowing Natalie Oliver, Jail Chief, to go out for bids for a Food Service Agreement for the Howard County Jail. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items:

- Budget Meetings
- Hosting Texas Midwest Rural Transportation Council Meeting
- Meeting with Scenic Mountain Medical Center
- Meeting with Economic Development Corporation
- Construction Updates

Regular Session Recessed at 11:58 AM

Court: Reconvened in Workshop at the Law Enforcement Center at 1:05PM

The Members of the Court had a Pre-Bid walk-through at the Law Enforcement Center and discussed the bid process for Subcontractors Regarding the Howard County Dispatch and Sheriff's Office Expansion Project. No Action Taken.

The Workshop Recessed at 1:55 PM

Court: Reconvened in Workshop at the Howard County Library at 2:02 PM


The Members of the Court discussed the Library Renovation Project. No Action Taken.

Court: Adjourned at 3:05 PM

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HOWARD

I, Jury Padron, Howard County Clerk, attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners Court authorized proceedings for April 14, 2025.



  
Jury Padron, Howard County Clerk  
Clerk of the Commissioners Court  
Howard County, Texas