

HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA
September 19, 2018

The following item(s) of business will be discussed and possible action taken in a regular meeting of the Howard County Commissioners' Court to be held on **WEDNESDAY, September 19, 2018** in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. The meeting will commence at **3:30 P.M.**

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

Call to Order

▪ **Judge Kathryn G. Wiseman**

- Discussion / Possible Action on Renewal of County Burn Ban: VFD Chief Mitchell Hooper
- Consideration / Approval of Terms & Conditions for Website Domain Name Registration Contract.
- Consideration / Approval to Set The Tax Rate for Howard County for the 2018 Tax Year
- Consideration / Approval of 2019 Vine Service Agreement
- Presentation by NRG for Elbow Creek Windfarm

▪ **Jackie Olson**

- Discussion / Possible Action for Electric Provider: Presentation by David Quin w/P3
- Consideration / Approval of County Policies (Travel, Purchasing, Capital Assets)
- Consideration / Approval of Purchase of Additional Umbrella Insurance
- Invoices
- Purchase Requests
- Budget Amendments
- Monthly Financial Report

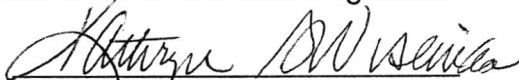
▪ **Sharon Adams**

- Discussion / Action to Approve Payroll
- Personnel Considerations
- Presentation of Treasurer's Monthly Payroll Report
- Presentation of Treasurer's Monthly Report

▪ **Brent Zitterkopf**

- Discussion / Possible Action on District Clerk Technology Fund and County Clerk Technology Fund (w/Colleen Barton)
- Presentation of Clerk's Monthly Report

- 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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2018 SEP 14 PM 1:24
COUNTY CLERK
ANGIE MARTIN

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 19th day of September, A.D. 2018 the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in Regular session at 3:30 PM with **KATHYRN G. WISEMAN**, County Judge as the Presiding Officer. The following members were present: **OSCAR GARCIA**, Commissioner Precinct No. 1, and **JOHN H. CLINE**, Commissioner Precinct No. 4. **JIMMIE LONG**, Commissioner Precinct No. 3 arrived at 3:43 PM.

Court was called to order @ 3:32 PM.

Mitchell Hooper, Volunteer Fire Department Chief, recommended that the burn ban be allowed to expire due to recent rains and more rain being predicted. This would allow citizens to burn off brush, etc. before the Winter weather arrives. Commissioners were in agreement and the burn ban will expire on this date.

A motion was made by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Cline approved the Website Domain Name Contract terms and conditions as presented by Reagan Rainey, Information and Technology Director. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve the amendments made to the 2019 Vine Service Agreement. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Nick Benjamin, accompanied by Tye Shelton, with NRG gave a presentation about the proposed Elbow Creek Windfarm Repowering Project. He discussed how the \$88 million project would be beneficial to the taxing entities that would be involved. The project consists of repowering 53 turbines.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to set the Howard County 2018-2019 tax rate at \$0.328024. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve joining P3 Public Power Pool as presented by David Quin, Program Manager for P3. This will allow P3 to negotiate for better electricity rates for Howard County with a bulk rate advantage. The total cost for the County is an estimated \$130,593, as well as a one-time \$730 fee to join the group. 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 Cline to approve changes to the following policies: Payment of Claims; Capital Assets; Rainy Day Fund; Purchasing Procedures; Travel Policy; and Jury Pay 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 Cline and seconded by Commissioner Long to approve the purchase of additional Umbrella Insurance of \$1,000,000 at a cost of \$6817 as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. This will cover over the auto liability, general liability, the public officials liability and law enforcement liability. 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 Garcia 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 Cline and seconded by Commissioner Garcia 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 Cline and seconded by Commissioner Long to approve the Auditor's Monthly Financial Report as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

There are no Purchase Requests on this date.

Jackie Olson, County Auditor, stated that Fuel bids will be rebid due to a glitch in the original bidding.

Jackie Olson, County Auditor, reported that she has received two more rent checks from Kothmann Enterprises for rent at the Old Airport. Commissioners advised her to hold on to the checks until the County actually takes possession of the property.

An insurance check was received in the amount of \$27,185 for damages on a fire truck according to Jackie Olson, County Auditor. The check will be turned over to the Volunteer Fire Department as it was for damages on a truck that the VFD purchased.

A motion was made by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Cline to approve payroll as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor, in the absence of 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 Garcia to approve Personnel Considerations as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor, in the absence of 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 Cline to approve the Monthly Payroll Report as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor, in the absence of 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 Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Cline to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor, in the absence of 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 Garcia to approve the Annual Archive Plans for the District and County Clerks as presented by Brent Zitterkopf, County Clerk, and further explained by Colleen Barton, District Clerk. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Long to approve the County Clerk's Monthly Report for August 2019 as presented by Brent Zitterkopf, County Clerk. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

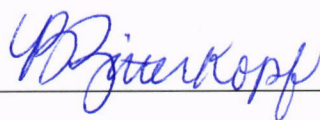
A motion was made by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Long to adjourn. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Court was adjourned @ 4:46 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 September 19, 2018.



Brent Zitterkopf, Howard County Clerk

Clerk of the Commissioners Court

Howard County, Texas

