

HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

AGENDA

MARCH 11, 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 MARCH 11, 2024**. The regular meeting will begin 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: Anyone intending to address the Commissioners' Court shall complete and turn in the designated form to the County Judge. Please Silence All Cellphones

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

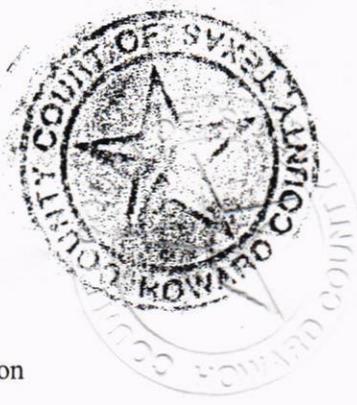
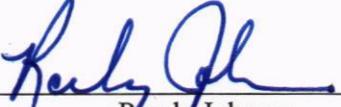
Location: 3rd Floor County Court Room (3rd Floor of County Courthouse)

Citizen input for those registered to make comments-

1. **Judge Johnson, Howard County Judge**
 - a. Presentation & Acceptance of County Officials Monthly Reports
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action: TAC HR Representative
 - c. Discussion / Possible Action: Burn Ban
 - d. Discussion / Possible Action: Court Procedures: Minutes
 - e. Discussion / Possible Action: Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria
 - f. Discussion / Possible Action: Paint and Door Bid
 - g. Discussion / Possible Action: Interlocal Agreement with the City of Big Spring related to EMS
2. **Sharon Adams, County Treasurer**
 - a. Presentation of Treasurer's Education Hours Certificates
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action: Personnel Considerations
 - c. Discussion / Possible Action: Monthly Payroll Report
3. **Jackie Olson, County Auditor**
 - a. Presentation of Annual Audit by Roberts and McGee
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action: Review Building Insurance
 - c. Discussion / Possible Action: Approve Invoices
 - d. Discussion / Possible Action: Approve Purchase Requests
 - e. Discussion / Possible Action: Budget Amendment
4. **Odis Franklin, Information Technologies**
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Cyber Physical Protection
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action: Cybersecurity Assessment Evaluation and Mitigation
5. **Brian Klinksiek, Road Engineer**
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Roadway Maintenance Update
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action: Traffic Count & Law Enforcement Rating Electronic Maps for Pct. 1
 - c. Discussion / Possible Action: Traffic Count Plan Precinct 4
 - d. Discussion / Possible Action: Change Speed Limit on CR 9 Form Dawson C/L to FM 846
6. **Brent Zitterkopf, County Clerk**
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Monthly Report
7. Discussion of Law Enforcement Radio System and take any necessary action.
8. Opportunity for mention of any items to be on the future agendas.

Attest:

Posted
FILED at 9:00 A.M. O'clock 3-8-24
By BRENT ZITTERKOPF, County Clerk, Howard County, Texas
By Angie Martin Deputy



Randy Johnson
Howard County Judge
Phone. 432-264-2203
Fax. 432-264-2238

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.

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The following report is submitted to the Board of Regents of the University of California for their information and guidance.

Respectfully,
[Signature]

Dean of the Faculty

University of California

Los Angeles, California

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Approved: [Signature]
President of the University of California

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 11th day of March, A.D. 2024 the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in 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, **JIMMIE LONG**, Commissioner Precinct No. 3 and **DOUG WAGNER**, Commissioner Precinct No. 4. **CASH BERRY**, Commissioner Precinct No. 2 was absent.

The meeting was called to order @ 10:02 AM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to accept the County Officials Monthly Reports as presented by Judge Johnson. Those reports are as follows: Angela Griffin, JP1-1 for February 2024; Mike Averette, JP1-2 for February 2024; Kandi Campbell, JP2-1 for February 2024; Casey McPherson, County Extension Agent for February 2024; Chad Coburn, County Extension Agent for February 2024 and the Howard County Communications District for February 8th, 2024. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Cheraun Blankenship, Texas Association of Counties Human Resources Representative, discussed what assistance is available through TAC. No action needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Long to accept the Annual Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report for Year Ended September 30, 2023 as presented by Becky Roberts of Roberts & McGee CPA. 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 table any action on a Burn Ban until the next meeting as presented by Eric Barber, VFD Chief. 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 start approving the Commissioner Court minutes as part of the County Officials Monthly Reports 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 Ray to renew for 2 years the current Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria with no changes as presented by Mark Willis of the Economic Development Board. 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 approve going out on bid for paint and door openings/closings as part of renovation for the

moving of offices on the second floor 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 Ray and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to approve an Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Big Spring and the County of Howard for Emergency Ambulance Services and send to the City for approval as presented by Judge Johnson. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Sharon Adams, County Treasurer, presented her 2023 Certificate of Compliance for Continuing Education and 2023 Certificate of Compliance for Public Funds Investment Act. No action needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to approve the Personnel Considerations 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 Treasurer's Monthly Payroll Report for February 2024 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 Long to approve the 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 Long and seconded by Commissioner Ray to approve the Purchase Requests, putting purchases from the Paint and Safety Store on hold, as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. The requests are as follows: Sheriff for pants and shirts from Mallory @ \$13,948.94; Sheriff for Cartridges & Backpack from Axon @ \$16,634.14; Library ebooks & audiobooks & maintenance from Overdrive @ \$6000; Sheriff for supplies from West Tx Fire @ \$2026.31; Jail for water softener salt from Culligan @ \$1100; Jail for Annual maintenance from Mentalix @ \$3810. 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 Budget Amendments as presented by Jackie Olson, 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 Ray to add four buildings @ the Old Airport to the current insurance policy 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 Wagner to give permission for IT to apply for the Cyber Physical Protection Grant and Cybersecurity Assessment Evaluation and Mitigation Grant as requested by Odis Franklin, IT Department. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator, reported that the two new dump trucks are in.

Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator, reported that the Traffic Count & Law Enforcement Rating Electronic Maps for Pct. 1 and the Traffic County Plan for Pct. 4 can be viewed online if the Commissioners would like to see them. No paperwork turned into the Clerk for recording in the minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to change the speed limit to 65 mph on County Road 9 from the Dawson County Line to FM 846 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 Ray and seconded by Commissioner Long to accept the County Clerk's Monthly Report for February 2024 as presented by Brent Zitterkopf, County Clerk. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES".
Motion carried.

The following items were mentioned:

- Town Hall meeting for Library renovations on March 19, 2024
- Emergency Services District Training with the City on March 21, 2024
- There will be a Session for interviewing potential architects for Library renovations with a short Workshop prior to that meeting on March 25, 2024

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 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 March 11, 2024.



Brent Zitterkopf

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