

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Monday, January 12, 2026, the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in Workshop Session at 9:00 AM and Regular Session at 10:00 AM, with RANDY JOHNSON, County Judge, as the Presiding Officer. The following members were present: Commissioner Pct. 2 Cash Berry, Commissioner Pct.4 Doug Wagner and County Judge Randy Johnson. Commissioner Pct. 1 Eddilisa Ray and Commissioner Pct. 3 Jimmie Long, were not present.

The Workshop was Called to Order at 9:02 AM

Mr. Gary Walker presented the 2025 Annual Weather Modification Operations Report for the Rolling Plains Water Improvement Program. Following the report, he discussed and answered questions and provided the Court with a detailed overview of current cloud-seeding methodologies and project outcomes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 2 Berry and seconded by Commissioner Pct.4 Wagner to Approve an Agreement with Gary Walker and allow Howard County to become a part of the Rolling Plains Water Improvement Program as presented by Randy Johnson, County Judge. A vote was taken and 3 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

The Court Recessed at 9:49 AM to move to Regular Session
The Regular Session was called to order at 10:03 AM

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 2 Berry and seconded by Commissioner Pct.4 Wagner to Approve the Hotel Occupancy Tax Exemption Resolution as presented by Randy Johnson, County Judge. A vote was taken and 3 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 2 Berry and seconded by Commissioner Pct.4 Wagner to Accept the Consent Agenda as presented by Randy Johnson, County Judge. Items on the agenda were as follows: Criminal and Civil Reports from Angela Griffin, JP 1-1; Criminal and Civil Reports from Mike Averette JP 1-2; Criminal and Civil Reports from Kandi Campbell JP 2; Monthly Report from Ag Extension Office; Commissioner Court Minutes from December 2025; County Clerk's Monthly Report; Treasurer's Monthly Report; Treasurer's Monthly Payroll Report and the Treasurer's Sick Leave Report. A vote was taken and 3 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct.4 Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Pct. 2 Berry to Accept the 118th Judicial District Exemption for Racial Profiling Report as presented by Randy Johnson, County Judge. A vote was taken and 3 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

Howard County Judge Randy Johnson addressed the current ambulance service agreement between Howard County and the City of Big Spring. City Manager Todd Darden then approached the court to express his support for the agreement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 2 Berry and seconded by Commissioner Pct.4 Wagner to Approve Using the Existing Ambulance Agreement with the City of Big Spring as a part of the Ambulance Grant Application with the State of Texas as presented by Randy Johnson, County Judge. A vote was taken and 3 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

Howard County Judge Randy Johnson provided updates on the current damage and insurance claims resulting from the June 2025 hailstorm, as well as the ongoing construction projects at the Law Enforcement Center and the Howard County Library. No Action Taken.

The Court discussed potential dates for a meeting regarding an Economic Development Project. A tentative date has been set for Friday, January 23, 2026. No Action Taken.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 2 Berry and seconded by Commissioner Pct.4 Wagner to Approve the Engagement Agreement with Olson & Olson LLP, for Legal Services Related to Economic Development Project's, as presented by Randy Johnson, County Judge. A vote was taken and 3 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 2 Berry and seconded by Commissioner Pct.4 Wagner to Accept the Personnel Report as presented by Abigail Lopez, County Treasurer. A vote was taken and 3 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 2 Berry and seconded by Commissioner Pct.4 Wagner to Approve Invoices as presented by Randy Johnson, County Judge on Behalf of the County Auditor's Office. A vote was taken and 3 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 2 Berry and seconded by Commissioner Pct.4 Wagner to Approve Budget Amendments as presented by Randy Johnson, County Judge on Behalf of the County Auditor's Office, excluding those amendments indicated in green. A vote was taken and 3 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct.4 Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Pct. 2 Berry to Approve Purchase Request as presented by Randy Johnson, County Judge on Behalf of the County Auditor's Office. The Requests were as follows: Maintenance for Cell Phone Hot Spot from Verizon at \$158.56; District Judge for Copier Maintenance from Total Office Solution at \$49.22; Sheriff's Office for Forsan Resource Officer Polo Shirts from Texas Graphics at \$266.00; Sheriff's Office for Coahoma Resource Officer Polo Shirts from Texas Graphics at \$252.00; County Judge for Dispatch Expansion Payment for Butler Cohen for \$265,621.03; County Judge for Annual Membership from PBRPC at \$6,972.00; Jail for 7/15/2025 Water Softener Salt from Culligan Water at \$612.50; Jail for 12/15/2025 Water Softener Salt from Culligan Water at \$612.50; Jail for Inspection from Cummins Sales and Service at \$575.18; Jail for Nicotine Pouches from Smart Vending Services at \$1,432.07; Elections Office for Mass Mailing VR Postage from AMG Printing & Mailing at \$6,297.06; Maintenance for 2026 Lawn Treatment from Johansen Landscape at \$4,001.40; Jail for Conference Registration from National Council for Mental Wellbeing at \$1,250.00; Sheriff's Office for Peace Officer Courses from Permian Basin Law Enforcement Academy at \$1,652.00; Auditor's Office for Wave Control Panel Battery, Push Button Replacement Battery & Extended Warranty from SecureTech at \$2,278.50 and Maintenance for Outside Lights for the Library from BNB Electric at \$2,035.00; A vote was taken and 3 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct.4 Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Pct. 2 Berry to Approve SOGC Orders as presented by Randy Johnson, County Judge on Behalf of the County Auditor's Office. A vote was taken and 3 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct.4 Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Pct. 2 Berry to Accept Auditor's November 2025 Monthly Report as presented by Randy Johnson, County Judge on Behalf of the County Auditor's Office. A vote was taken and 3 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

Howard County Judge Randy Johnson provided an update on the Opioid Fund Balance. No Action Taken.

Trent Powell, from the County Road and Bridge Department, provided the Court with Roadway Maintenance Updates and Requested to purchase 2 Radar Kits.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 2 Berry and seconded by Commissioner Pct.4 Wagner to Approve the Purchase of 2 Radar Kits as presented by Trent Powell, County Road and Bridge Department. A vote was taken and 3 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

The Court moved into Executive/Closed Session pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code, Sec. 551.078 from 11:10 AM to 11:18 AM the following Action was taken as a result of the Executive/Closed Session:

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct.4 Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Pct. 2 Berry to Approve the Sick Pool Request for an Road and Bridge Employee through January 20, 2026 and s Sick Pool Request for a Sheriff's Office Employee through January 26, 2026, as presented by Trent Powell, County Road and Bridge and Stan Parker, County Sheriff. A vote was taken and 3 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items:

- HC Summit on February 4, 2026, at 1:30 Pm at the Howard College
- Workshop meeting on January 26, 2026, to Discuss Septic System Permitting Environmental Task Force

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 AM

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 January 12, 2026.



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