

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Monday, February 23, 2026, the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in Workshop at 9:30 AM and in Regular Session at 10:00 AM with RANDY JOHNSON, County Judge as the Presiding Officer. The following members were present: Commissioner Pct. 1 Eddilisa Ray, Commissioner Pct. 3 Jimmie Long, Commissioner Pct.4 Doug Wagner & County Judge Randy Johnson. Commissioner Pct. 2 Cash Berry was not present at this meeting.

The Workshop was called to order at 9:31 AM

Randy Johnson, County Judge, opened a single sealed bid received from Rowland McCrory Construction related to the Howard County Library Renovation Project. The court formally reviewed the bid. No Action was taken at this time.

Court recessed at 9:51 AM and Reconvened in Regular Session at 10:00 AM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 1 Ray and seconded by Commissioner Pct. 3 Long to Accept the bid submitted by Rowland McCrory Construction for the Howard County Library Renovation Project as presented by Randy Johnson, County Judge. A vote was taken and 4 members of the Court voted "AYE" with none voting "NAY." Motion carried.

Natalie Ayala and David Pettit of Pettit & Ayala Consulting delivered a presentation to the Court regarding the establishment of a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) for the Crossroads Business Park. City Manager Todd Darden also addressed the Court, offering the City of Big Spring's formal support for the proposal. A motion was made by County Judge Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Pct.4 Wagner to Enter into Negotiations regarding the establishment of a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) for the Crossroads Business Park as presented by Randy Johnson, County Judge. A vote was taken and 4 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 3 Long and seconded by Commissioner Pct.4 Wagner to Approve Adjustments related to Butler Cohen - Law Enforcement Project PCCO#4 using the County Contingency Fund as presented by Randy Johnson, County Judge. A vote was taken and 4 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

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

Without objection, County Judge Randy Johnson reordered the agenda to address Item 3c, with the understanding that the Court would return to Item 3b later in the session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 1 Ray and seconded by Commissioner Pct. 3 Long to Accept the Monthly Payroll Reports as presented by Abigail Lopez, County Treasurer. A vote was taken and 4 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 3 Long and seconded by Commissioner Pct.4 Wagner to Approve Invoices as presented by Rachel Long, County Auditor. A vote was taken and 4 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

There were no Budget Amendments this Meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 3 Long and seconded by Commissioner Pct.4 Wagner to Approve Purchase Requests as presented by Rachel Long, County Auditor. The requests were as follows: Sheriff for Locks and Installation for the New Dispatch Center from Al Lock & Key at \$3,050.00 and the Library for Large Print Books from Center Point Large Print at \$1,769.04. A vote was taken and 4 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 3 Long and seconded by Commissioner Pct. 1 Ray to Approve Items 5a.i. Herring Services Patching CR 53; 5a.ii. Herring Services to Assist with Scrub Seal CR 53 and 5a.iii. Purchase 700 Tons Vulcan Grade 5 Rock for Patching as presented by Brian Klinksiek, County Road Engineer. A vote was taken and 4 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

Brian Klinksiek, County Road Engineer, provided Fleet Management Updates. No Action Taken.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 1 Ray and seconded by Commissioner Pct.4 Wagner to Approve Items 6a. Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria and 6b. Tax Abatement Application as presented by Lindsay Wilkerson, County Attorney. A vote was taken and 4 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 3 Long and seconded by Commissioner Pct.4 Wagner to Accept a \$45,00.00 donation to the Sheriff's Office from G.C. Broughton Foundation as presented by Stan Parker, County Sheriff. A vote was taken and 4 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 1 Ray and seconded by Commissioner Pct. 3 Long to Approve the travel expense request excluding the additional baggage fees as presented by Sandra Verdin, Library Director. A vote was taken and 4 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items:

- Interview with Rowland McCrory Construction on March 4, 2026 at 10:30 AM
- Possible Open House at Law Enforcement Center after Renovations are Complete

The Court moved into Executive/Closed Session pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code, Sec. 551.0785 from 11:44AM to 11:46 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. 3 Long to Approve Sick Leave Request through March 9, 2026, as presented by Abigail Lopez, County Treasurer. A vote was taken and 4 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:47 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 February 23, 2026.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jury Padron". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature is a horizontal line.

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