

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Monday, March 23, 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. 1 Eddilisa Ray, Commissioner Pct. 2 Cash Berry, Commissioner Pct. 3 Jimmie Long, Commissioner Pct.4 Doug Wagner and County Judge Randy Johnson.

The Workshop was called to order at 9:01 AM

Ernesto Martinez and Kathy Davenport, benefit consultants with TAC, presented an overview of Howard County's current benefits plan and proposed renewal rates for the 2026-2027 plan year. No Action Taken.

Court Recessed at 10:01 AM and Reconvened in Regular Session at 10:15 AM

With no opposition from other members of the Court, Judge Johnson moved item 2d.) up to the top of the agenda and items 2a.) and 3b.) down to the bottom of the agenda.

Drew Mouton, a former tax attorney petitioned the Court for authorization to dispose of physical delinquent tax deed records currently in his possession. Mr. Mouton confirmed that all the documents in question have been successfully digitized and that the electronic copies comply with established State Retention Standards. A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 3 Long and seconded by Commissioner Pct. 1 Ray Allowing Mr. Mouton to shred physical delinquent tax deed records as presented by Randy Johnson, County Judge. A vote was taken and 5 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

No action was taken on Item 2b) This item will be placed on a future agenda for further consideration.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 3 Long and seconded by Commissioner Pct.4 Wagner to to Move Forward and Approve Closing Documents related to the Dispatch Construction Project as presented by Randy Johnson, County Judge. A vote was taken and 5 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.4 Wagner to Approve Tax Deed Parcels 285292, 284102 & 286219 as presented by Randy Johnson, County Judge. A vote was taken and 5 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

Randy Johnson, County Judge, provided an update on the County's application for a Hazard Mitigation Plan grant. No Action Taken.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 3 Long and seconded by Commissioner Pct. 2 Berry to Accept Personnel Reports as presented by Abigail Lopez, County Treasurer. A vote was taken and 5 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 Invoices as presented by Rachel Long, County Auditor. A vote was taken and 5 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. 3 Long to Approve Budget Amendments as presented by Rachel Long, County Auditor. A vote was taken and 5 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 Purchase Requests as presented by Rachel Long, County Auditor. The requests were as follows; Sheriffs Office for Subscriptions for Investigations from Cellebrite at \$21,700.00; Library for Advertising from Choice Media at \$1,050.00; Sheriffs Office for Vest for new deputy from Mallory at \$2,046.54; Sheriffs Office for Tables for Classroom from Staples at \$3,061.04; Sheriffs Office for Challenge Coins from Enamelpins Inc. at \$2,061.00; Library for Ziniro Magazines Annual Subscription from Overdrive at \$2,000.00; Maintenance for Circulating Pump for Courthouse Maintenance from James Lane Mechanical at \$7,263.97 and Maintenance for Plumbing in District Court Building from James Lane Mechanical at \$27,573.52. A vote was taken and 5 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

Representatives from Roberts & McGee, CPA, were unable to attend the meeting. This item will be placed on a future agenda for consideration.

The court discussed Library Finances related to the Library Renovation Project. No Action Taken.

Brian Klinksiek, Road Engineer, Provided the Court with Roadway Maintenance Updates. No Action Taken.

Brian Klinksiek, Road Engineer, Provided the Court with Fleet Management Updates. No Action Taken.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 3 Long and seconded by Commissioner Pct.4 Wagner to Approve Trinity Food Service Agreement as presented by Stan Parker, County Sheriff. A vote was taken and 5 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. 3 Long to Approve a County Wide Burn Ban as presented by Cash Berry, Commissioner Pct. 2. A vote was taken and 5 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. 551.071 from 11:34AM to 12:04PM to discuss a Contract for General Contractor Services related to the County Library Renovation Project. No Action was taken as a result of the Close/Executive Session.

The Court moved into Executive/Closed Session pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code, Sec. 551.075 from 12:05PM to 12:41 PM. The following action was taken as a result of the executive/closed session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 3 Long and seconded by Commissioner Pct.4 Wagner to Approve the Sick Pool Request up to 80 hours of for Sheriffs Office Employee as presented by Abigail Lopez, County Treasurer. A vote was taken and 5 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

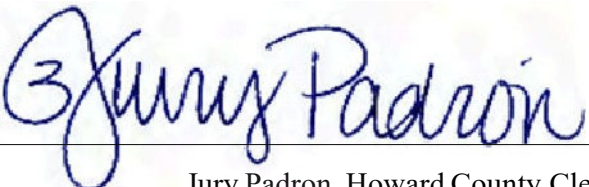
Future Agenda Items

- Workshop to Update Ambulance Agreement with COBS on April 13, 2026, at 1:30PM
- 1445 Agreement-ETJ Rules
- Opioid Settlement Money
- Budget Workshops to Begin as early as April 27th
- Meeting with Susan Sankey, New EDC Director Meeting Adjourned at 1:04 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 March 23, 2026.




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