

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Monday, April 13, 2026, the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in Workshop Session at 9:00 AM, in Regular Session at 10:00 AM and in Workshop Session at 1:30 PM, 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 & County Judge Randy Johnson.

The Workshop was Called to Order at 9:00 AM

Carlton Stapper and Scott Holland, Chairmen of the West Texas Weather Modification Association (WTWMA) presented the benefits and services of Howard County joining the association. A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 2 Berry and seconded by Commissioner Pct. 3 Long for Howard County to join West Texas Weather Modification Association contingent upon acceptance from the WTWMA Board and approval of the Agreement by Lindsey Wilkerson, County Attorney, 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.

Susan Sankey, Executive Director of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation, appeared before the Court to introduce herself. Ms. Sankey emphasized her desire for continued support and partnership with Howard County and the Commissioners' Court. This item was for informational purposes only; no action was taken.

The Court Recessed at 10:07 AM and Reconvened in Regular Session at 10:13AM

Without objection from other members of the Court, Randy Johnson, County Judge reordered the agenda to address items 2c., 2e., 2f., 2g., and 4a prior to item 2a.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 3 Long and seconded by Commissioner Pct. 2 Berry to enter into contract and establish a start date with McCrory Construction in regard to the Howard County Library renovation Project, as presented by Lindsay Wilkerson, County Attorney. 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 the Interlocal Agreement to Participate in Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Two (TIRZ #2) with the City of Big Spring, as presented by Lindsay Wilkerson, County Attorney. 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. 3 Long and seconded by Commissioner Pct. 2 Berry to Appoint Commissioner Pct. 1, Eddilisa Ray as the Howard County Representative for the TIRZ #2 Committee as presented by Randy Johnson, County Judge. A vote was taken and 4 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY" and Commissioner Ray abstaining from the Vote. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 1 Ray and seconded by Commissioner Pct. 4 Wagner to Extend the Grant Writer Contract with Lone Star Consulting for a period of 6 months, contingent upon a monthly rate of \$2,000.00, 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.

Cara Hilbrick, CPA with Roberts & McGee CPA LLC, presented the court with Howard County's Financial Statement and Independent Auditor's Report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025. Ms. Hilbrick reviewed the key highlights and findings of the report with the Court. A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 4 Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Pct. 3 Long to Accept the Independent Auditor's Report 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.

Stephanie Tran, Medical Coordinator and Mental Health Counselor at the Howard County Sheriff's Office, requested permission to apply for a grant through the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant and Substance Use, Site Based Program (COSSUP) to fund personnel for inmate assistance. A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 3 Long and seconded by Commissioner Pct. 1 Ray to authorize Ms. Tran to proceed with the COSSUP grant application as presented by Stephanie Tran. 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 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 Michael Averette, JP 1-2; Criminal and Civil Reports from Kandi Campbell, JP 2; Ag Extension Report; Commissioner Court Minutes from March 2026; County Clerk's March Report; Treasurer's March Payroll Report; and Treasurer's March Report. A vote was taken and 5 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

There were no budget-related items for either the Library Renovation Project or The Law Enforcement Dispatch Project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 2 Berry and seconded by Commissioner Pct. 1 Ray to Accept the Personnel Report 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. 3 Long and seconded by Commissioner Pct. 1 Ray 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" and Commissioner Pct. 1, Eddilisa Ray abstaining from the vote. Motion carried.

A motion was made by County Judge Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Pct.4 Wagner to approve a Budget Amendment, transferring \$38,000.00 from Election's Capital Expenditures Fund to the Elections Machine Maintenance Fund for the payment of an outstanding invoice from Election Systems & Software as presented by Rachel Long, County Auditor. A vote was taken and 5 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 3 Long and seconded by Commissioner Pct.4 Wagner to Approve the Purchase Requests as presented by Rachel Long, County Auditor. The requests are as follows: District Judge for Court Reporter's Laptop from TIB at \$3,499.00; Jail for Jailer Uniforms from Grandma Mimi Embroidery at \$5,340.00; Sheriff's Office for Remote Desktop Software for In Car Computers from Tyler Technologies at \$3,915.00; Sheriff's Office for License Plate Recognition for Investigations from Flock Safety at \$44,950.00; Jail for Commissary Restock from Keefe at \$10,000.00; Jail for Inmate Supplies and Uniforms from ICS at \$5,565.24; Jail for Exam Gloves from Unisafe Inc. at \$1,019.80; Sheriff's Office for Vet Bill for Horse in Case #26-0225 from Brock Veterinary Clinic at \$2,041.13; Jail for Privacy Screens, Grommet Tool Kit and Grommets for the Impound Yard from Amazon at \$1078.42; Sheriff's Office for Switch and Amplifier for Towers and Radio System from L3 Harris at \$10,857.00; Maintenance for Circulation Pump for Courthouse from Reece at \$1,200.00; Maintenance for Replacement Back Flow at Elections Building from Lunsford Plumbing at \$1,200.00; and Jail for 2 Commercial Washers for Jail Laundry from Allan's Gallery at \$2,598.00. 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 additional workspace at the Howard County Airport and accept a payment in the amount of \$5,000.00 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. 3 Long to Approve the Auditor's Monthly Report for February 2026 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.

Brian Klinksiek, County Road Engineer, provided Roadway Maintenance Updates. No Action Taken.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 1 Ray and seconded by Commissioner Pct. 4 Wagner to allow Mr. Klinksiek flexibility to use department funds towards the Seal Coat price increase, as presented by Brian Klinksiek, County Engineer. A vote was taken and 5 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

Future Items/Events:

- Budget Workshops Begin on May 18th at 9am
- Presentation to Honor Local Graduating Students on May 11th.
- 250th Independence Day parade
- Potential 381 Agreement in Pct. 3
- Upcoming debate between Abraham Enriguez and Tom Sell

Court Recessed for lunch at 11:54 AM and Reconvened in Workshop Session at 1:34 PM

Commissioner Pct. 3 Jimmy Long Appeared by Phone

Todd Darden, City Manager, John Medina, Assistant City Manager, Andrew Hagen, City Attorney and Sandy Smith, Finance Director, from The City of Big Spring were present for the workshop. Participants reviewed and discussed financials related to an interlocal agreement between The City of Big Spring and the County of Howard regarding emergency ambulance services. Also present for the meeting was Lindsay Wilkerson, County Attorney. No Action Taken.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:41 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 April 13, 2026.



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