

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Monday, August 3, 2026, the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in Workshop 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. 3, Jimmy Long; Commissioner Pct. 4, Doug Wagner and County Judge, Randy Johnson. Commissioner Pct. 1, Eddilisa Ray, was not present at this meeting.

Judge Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM, followed by an opening prayer from Commissioner Berry.

There were no registrations for public comment at this meeting.

Tiffany Sales, County Tax Assessor/Collector, spoke to the court regarding the imposition of Optional Fees for the calendar year 2027. She stated there would be no change and that she would continue charging the same fees in 2027. A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 2 Berry and seconded by Commissioner Pct.4 Wagner to approve the "no change" option on the imposition of Optional Fees for the calendar year 2027 as presented by Tiffany Sayles, County Tax Assessor/Collector. 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 the agreement with Big Spring Sands, LLC pending the receipt of funds as presented by Doug Wagner, Commissioner Pct.4. 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.4 Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Pct. 3 Long to Approve the Easement and Right of Way for Oncor Electric Related to the Old Howard County Airport, pending receipt of funds from Big Spring Sands, LLC as presented by Doug Wagner, Commissioner Pct.4. 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. 2 Berry and seconded by Commissioner Pct.4 Wagner to Follow TAC's recommendation and reduce the Auto and General Limit of Liability amounts from \$1,000,000.00 to \$100,000/\$300,000/\$100,000 and Allow Judge Johnson to sign the proposal on the courts' behalf 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.

Court Recessed at 12:50 PM and Reconvened at 1:35 PM

The court discussed payroll increases presented by County Auditor Rachel Long, which included a \$294,068.84 increase in the renewal rate for employee medical insurance. The court also reviewed budget requests from department heads that were previously discussed. County Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek was present to discuss budget requests for his equipment operating fund. Additionally, the court discussed possible employee raises and tax rates. This was a discussion item only, and no action was taken related to the county budget at this time. County Auditor Rachel Long will compile all discussed information and amounts to draft a finalized proposed budget for review and approval at the upcoming commissioners' court meeting.

Future Items/Events:

- Next Budget Meeting Scheduled August 10, 2026
- 150th Howard County Anniversary Celebration

Court Adjourned at 3:48PM

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 August 3, 2026.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jury Padron". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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