

**HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING: SEPTMEBER 26, 2023**

The Howard County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included Council President John J. Roberts, Council Vice President Daryl Maple, Council Members Tim Cuthbert, Martha J. Lake, Bryan Alexander, Brett Sanders, Frank Faulkner, County Auditor Jessica Secrease, and County Attorney Alan Wilson. The meeting was called to order and conducted by Council President Roberts.

Councilman Cuthbert led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilwoman Lake offered a word of prayer.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes from the regular meeting held on August 22, 2023, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Councilman Faulkner. Councilwoman Lake seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-HCCO-37– ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

Auditor Jessica Secrease read Ordinance No. 2023-HCCO-37 – Additional Appropriations one time, and the ordinance was acted upon as follows:

	<b>Additional Appropriations and Reductions</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Approved</b>
<b><u>1000</u></b>	<b><u>COUNTY GENERAL FUND:</u></b>		
<b><u>0005</u></b>	<b><u>Sheriff:</u></b>		
23210	Gas, Oil, & Lubricants	25,000.00	25,000.00
32202	Utilities	140,000.00	140,000.00
	<b><u>TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND:</u></b>	<b>165,000.00</b>	<b>165,000.00</b>
<b><u>1138</u></b>	<b><u>CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND:</u></b>		
<b><u>9601</u></b>	<b><u>Information Systems:</u></b>		
32460	Computer Maintenance	28,559.00	28,559.00
47210	Equipment	10,642.00	10,642.00
	<b><u>TOTAL CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND:</u></b>	<b>39,201.00</b>	<b>39,201.00</b>
<b><u>1237</u></b>	<b><u>OPIOID RESTRICTED FUND:</u></b>		
30000	Other Services & Charges	139,217.17	139,217.17
	<b><u>TOTAL OPIOID RESTRICTED FUND:</u></b>	<b>139,217.17</b>	<b>139,217.17</b>
<b><u>1238</u></b>	<b><u>OPIOID UNRESTRICTED FUND:</u></b>		
30000	Other Services & Charges	2,094.95	2,094.95
	<b><u>TOTAL OPIOID UNRESTRICTED FUND:</u></b>	<b>2,094.95</b>	<b>2,094.95</b>
<b><u>1239</u></b>	<b><u>MEIJER OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND:</u></b>		
31115	Donation	559,500.00	559,500.00
31125	Donation Administration	3,000.00	3,000.00
	<b><u>TOTAL MEIJER OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND:</u></b>	<b>562,500.00</b>	<b>562,500.00</b>
<b><u>2542</u></b>	<b><u>COUNTY USER FEE – PROJECT INCOME FUND:</u></b>		
33131	Participant Meals	35,000.00	35,000.00
35640	Rental/Lease Fees	184,000.00	184,000.00
	<b><u>TOTAL COUNTY USER FEE – PROJECT INCOME FUND:</u></b>	<b>219,000.00</b>	<b>219,000.00</b>
	<b><u>TOTAL ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR ALL FUNDS:</u></b>	<b>1,127,013.12</b>	<b>1,127,013.12</b>

**1000 County General Fund | 0005 Sheriff:**

Sheriff Jerry Asher requested an additional appropriation to cover utilities, gas, and oil for the rest of the year.

**1138 Cumulative Capital Development Fund | 9601 Information Systems:**

Information Systems Director Jeremy Stevens requested an additional appropriation to cover the increased annual maintenance cost of Microsoft Office licenses for 2023-2024 and to cover the CrowdStrike Spotlight feature.

**1237 Opioid Restricted Fund:**

Commissioner President Brad Bray requested to appropriate the State opioid distribution.

**1238 Opioid Unrestricted Fund:**

Commissioner President Brad Bray requested to appropriate the State opioid distribution

**1239 Meijer Opioid Settlement Fund:**

Commissioner President Brad Bray requested to appropriate the opioid settlement funds received from Meijer.

**2542 County User Fee-Project Income Fund:**

Community Supervision Director Dustin DeLong requested an additional to cover meal cost for participants and to cover the rental fee for the GPS units.

The additional appropriations were approved on a motion made by Councilman Faulkner to approve Ordinance No. 2023-HCCO-37 – Additional Appropriations. Councilwoman Lake seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**IN THE MATTER RESOLUTION NO. 2023-HCCR-15– TRANSFERS:**

Auditor Jessica Secrease read Resolution No. 2023-HCCR-15– Transfers one time, and the ordinance was acted upon as follows:

<b>Transfer From</b>	<b>Transfer To</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Approved</b>
<b><u>1114 LIT – SPECIAL PURPOSE FUND:</u></b>			
<b><u>0380 Jail:</u></b>			
11906 Correctional Officer	12200 Overtime - Correctional Officer	70,000.00	70,000.00
12007 Part-Time Cook	12008 Part-Time Correctional Officer	15,000.00	15,000.00
33740 Care of Individuals	23350 Institution & Medical Supplies	66,000.00	66,000.00
<b><u>9603 KYC – Emergency Shelter Care:</u></b>			
11713 Youth Manager	32510 Building Structure Repair	50,000.00	50,000.00
<b><u>9605 KYC – Secure Detention:</u></b>			
11713 Youth Manager	32510 Building Structure Repair	50,000.00	50,000.00
<b><u>1170 LIT – PUBLIC SAFETY FUND:</u></b>			
12300 Dispatcher	12305 Overtime - Dispatcher	30,000.00	30,000.00

**1114 LIT – Special Purpose Fund | 0380 Jail:**

Sheriff Asher requested a transfer to cover a shortage in Correctional Officers and for additional medical supplies.

**1114 LIT – Special Purpose Fund | 9603 KYC – Emergency Shelter Care:**

Assistant Director Michelle Ege requested a transfer to pay for the new garage being built on their property.

**1114 LIT – Special Purpose Fund | 9605 KYC – Secure Detention:**

Assistant Director Michelle Ege requested a transfer to pay for the new garage being built on their property.

**1170 LIT- Public Safety Fund:**

Sheriff Jerry Asher requested a transfer to cover the shortage in Dispatch.

Councilman Maple made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-HCCR-15 – Transfers as read. Councilman Sanders seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE. NO. 2023-HCCO-38– SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS:**

Auditor Jessica Secrease, read Ordinance No. 2023-HCCO-38 – Salary Ordinance Amendments one time, and the ordinance was acted upon as follows:

<b>Salary Amendments</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Approved</b>
<b><u>1114 LIT – SPECIAL PURPOSE FUND:</u></b>		
<b><u>0380 Jail:</u></b>		
11906 Correctional Officer	(70,000.00)	(70,000.00)
12007 Part-Time Cook	(15,000.00)	(15,000.00)
12008 Part-Time Correctional Officer	15,000.00	15,000.00
12200 Overtime - Correctional Officer	70,000.00	70,000.00
<b><u>9603 KYC – Emergency Shelter Care:</u></b>		
11713 Youth Manager	(50,000.00)	(50,000.00)
<b><u>9605 KYC – Secure Detention:</u></b>		
11713 Youth Manager	(50,000.00)	(50,000.00)
<b><u>1170 LIT-PUBLIC SAFETY FUND:</u></b>		
12300 Dispatcher	(30,000.00)	(30,000.00)
12305 Overtime - Dispatcher	30,000.00	30,000.00

Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-HCCO-38 – Salary Ordinance Amendments as read; Councilwoman Lake seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

***ProPEL U.S. 31 South Project***

Cassidy Hunter, Dan Miller, and Jonathan Wallis presented the Commissioners with an update on the ProPEL U.S. 31 study. ProPEL is an INDOT initiative for transportation planning. Ms. Hunter stated that public feedback is crucial in the success of the study and that their team has spent a lot of time throughout the summer in the communities affected by the project. The study spans from 276<sup>th</sup> Street to just south of the Eel River in Miami County. The study will be completed by the end of 2024. They do have a website that has all the study information on it. Councilman Faulkner stated that there have been several concerns with what is being proposed for U.S. 31 by the Grissom Airforce Base. Ms. Hunter and Mr. Miller stated that they have been working closely with the Grissom Airforce Base to achieve the best possible outcome for U.S. 31 in that area.

**OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

Councilman Faulkner stated that he would like to discuss the current dress code requirements for the Council. He stated that he would be okay not having to wear a tie to every meeting. President Roberts stated that he can do as he wishes and that they

will discuss this further at a later date. President Roberts announced that the County Budget Adoption Meeting will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in the meeting room.

*There being no further business to come before the Council at this time,  
the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m. on a motion made by Councilwoman Lake.  
Councilman Alexander seconded the motion, and the motion carried.*

**HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL:**

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JOHN J. ROBERTS, PRESIDENT

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DARYL MAPLE, VICE PRESIDENT

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BRYAN ALEXANDER, COUNCILMAN

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MARTHA J. LAKE, COUNCILWOMAN

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FRANK FAULKNER, COUNCILMAN

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TIM CUTHBERT, COUNCILMAN

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BRETT SANDERS, COUNCILMAN

**ATTEST:**

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JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

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