

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JULY 22, 2014

The Howard County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 22, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Richard Miller, Vice President James Papacek, and Members Les Ellison, Stan Ortman, Jeff Stout, John Roberts, and Dwight Singer. Also present were County Attorney Larry Murrell and Auditor Martha Lake.

Sheriff Steve Rogers called the meeting to order and the meeting was conducted by President Miller.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the June 24, 2014 Regular Council Meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Singer and carried.

The minutes of the June 5, 2014 Joint Executive Session of the Howard County Board of Commissioners and the Howard County Council were submitted for review and approval. The Joint Executive Minutes were approved on a motion made by Mr. Ortman, seconded by Mr. Roberts and carried.

At this time Councilman Singer led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Ellison offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS / RECOGNITIONS:

President Miller introduced Mr. Shawn Coffey, of the J. McClean Moulder chapter Order of DeMolay, which is a Masonic Youth Group for young men ages 12 – 21. Mr. Coffey outlined the purpose of DeMolay chapters. The local chapter has certain “Obligatory Days” of which Government Day is one of them. Councilman Singer is one of the leaders for the Kokomo DeMolay chapter and it was decided to visit today’s meeting to fulfill their Government Day obligation. Mr. Coffey introduced the members of DeMolay that were present, and their adult advisors. Mr. Coffey thanked the Council members for letting the J. McClean Moulder chapter Order of DeMolay attend today’s meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2014-HCCO-19 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Auditor Martha Lake read Ordinance No. 2014-HCCO-19 – Additional Appropriations in full one time and it was acted upon as follows:

		AMOUNT	
		REQUESTED:	APPROVED:
<u>1135</u>	<u>Howard County Cumulative Bridge Fund</u>		
33723.00	B-65 CR 600 E – 225 S	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
33725.00	B-87 CR 550 N – 1080 E	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00

Highway Engineer / Superintendent Ted Cain explained that so far, this year, his department has completed repairs on three bridges. Two additional bridges were not on the list for repairs, this year, but with school starting early, the fourth bridge listed for repair will be scheduled for 2015 because it is on a road the school busses travel on and will take several months. The deck repairs for B-65 and B-87 will take more than \$10,000.00, but Mr. Cain will transfer money from the fourth bridge project to supplement extra funds needed. In answer to a question posed by President Miller, Mr. Cain said there are one hundred thirty-six (136) bridges in Howard County.

A motion was made by Mr. Singer to approve the request of \$10,000.00 in line item 33723.00, B-65 – CR 600 E – 225 S, and \$10,000.00 to line item 33725.00, B-87 CR 550 N – 1080 E. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stout and carried.

TOTAL ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
<u>1000</u>	<u>Howard County General Fund</u>		
<u>010</u>	<u>Howard County Assessor Office</u>		
01111.00	County Assessor	\$ -4,020.00	\$ -4,020.00

Auditor Martha Lake informed the Council that this reduction is for the appointed County Assessor, due to the recent resignation of Elected Official Jamie Shepherd-Bryant, and the fact that several duties performed by Ms. Shepherd-Bryant were exclusive to her level of experience.

A motion was made by Mr. Stout to approve the reduction of \$4,020.00 in line item 01111.00, County Assessor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried.

TOTAL REDUCTION APPROPRIATIONS	\$ -4,020.00	\$ -4,020.00
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IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2014-HCCO-20 – AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2014:

<u>1000</u>	<u>Howard County General Fund:</u>	REQUESTED:	APPROVED:
<u>010</u>	<u>Howard County Assessor’s Office</u>		
01111.00	County Assessor	\$ -4,020.00	\$ -4,020.00

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Ortman, and carried to approve Salary Ordinance No. 2014-HCCO-20 Amending Salary Ordinance for 2014, as submitted.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS:

At this time Auditor Lake distributed copies of the Community Corrections 2014-2015 Budget. The County Council does not appropriate the Community Corrections Budget but she did want them to have a chance to review the budget, commenting that the Community Corrections Department is keeping salaries and bonuses in line with county salaries and bonuses.

IN THE MATTER OF THE EMA REQUEST FOR A NEW LINE ITEM:

1) Emergency Management Agency Director Janice Hart submitted a request for a new line item for Life Insurance for Volunteer EMA workers and Reserve Sheriff Deputies. It is a \$5,000.00 policy with a \$5,000.00 Accidental Death / Dismemberment. The cost of the policy is \$1.10 monthly, per volunteer, and there are 40 volunteers depending on the level of involvement each month. Ms. Hart will transfer funds into the new line item, 1000-029-03516.00, if approved. A motion was made by Mr. Stout to create line item 1000-029-03516.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and carried.

2) Mr. Miller submitted the name of Roger Higgenbottom to re-appoint to the Emergency Management Advisory Board for a one-year term that expires March 31, 2015. A motion was made by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Papacek and carried to re-appoint Mr. Roger Higgenbottom to the EMA Advisory Board for a one-year term that expires March 31, 2015.

3) Ms. Hart introduced the intern for the EMA Department, Mr. Spencer Bromley. Mr. Bromley is a student at IVY Tech and has recently begun the 160-hour internship.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Miller opened the floor for public comment as follows:

John Garr, 1350 E. County Road 3710 North, Greentown, IN: Mr. Garr began by congratulating the members and advisors of the DeMolay chapter that were in attendance. Mr. Garr then proceeded to distribute information prepared by a Fort Wayne attorney representing Howard County Concerned Citizens, regarding acceptable restrictions on wind turbines, as follows, asking that they be included in the minutes.

NOISE: Audible sound levels from an industrial wind turbine shall not exceed 30 decibels; measured at the property line of any non-participating landowner’s property. Sound levels shall also not exceed 25 decibels measured at the exterior of any occupied building.

SETBACKS: Industrial wind turbines shall be set back from the nearest non-participating landowner’s property line; residential dwelling; or occupied building, a distance not less than 1500 meters (4921 feet).

MAXIMUM DENSITY: A maximum of one industrial wind turbine per 100 acres shall be installed.

SHADOW FLICKER: In no circumstance is an industrial wind turbine to cast intermittent strobe-like shadows onto a non-participating landowner’s property.

LIGHTING: Except with respect to obstruction lighting required by the FAA, all lighting shall be shielded to prevent light below the horizontal plane plus four degrees.

PROPERTY VALUES: To insure “quality of life” and avoid decreasing any landowner’s property value; a property guarantee will be provided to current non-participating landowners upon request from the wind company developer.

*There being no further business to come before the Howard County Council at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m. on a motion made by
Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Ortman, and carried.*

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL:

RICHARD H. MILLER, PRESIDENT

JAMES T. PAPACEK, VICE PRESIDENT

STAN E. ORTMAN, MEMBER

LESLIE W. ELLISON, MEMBER

JEFF A. STOUT, MEMBER

JOHN J. ROBERTS, MEMBER

DWIGHT V. SINGER, MEMBER

ATTEST:

MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR
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