

## **HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING JUNE 1, 2015**

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, June 1, 2015, at 4:00 p.m., in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Vice President Tyler Moore, and Member Brad Bray. Also in attendance were County Attorney Larry Murrell, Assistant County Attorney Alan D. Wilson, and Auditor Martha Lake.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Steve Rogers and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Brad Bray led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Vice President Tyler Moore offered a word of prayer.

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

The minutes of the May 18, 2015 Regular Meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as submitted on a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

The minutes of the May 18, 2015, Special Session were submitted. The purpose of the Special Session was to conduct a Public Hearing pertaining to the Order of Unsafe Premises on Part of Lot 1, in Hachenbracht Subdivision, Liberty Township. Those in attendance included Commissioners Wyman, Moore, and Bray; Attorney Larry Murrell; Auditor Martha Lake; and Plan Commission Director Greg Sheline. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2015 Special Session as submitted.

The minutes of the May 27, 2015, Special Session were submitted. The purpose of the Joint meeting of the Howard County Commissioners and the Howard County Redevelopment Commission was to hold a Public Hearing to discuss and receive public comments on the \$72,000.00 Blight Elimination Grant received from the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority. Those in attendance included Commissioners Paul Wyman, Tyler Moore, and Brad Bray; County Attorney Larry Murrell; Plan Commission Director Greg Sheline; Redevelopment Commissioners Brad Newton, Larry Hinesley, and Dale Etherington; Grant Administrator Tina Henderson; and Deputy Auditor Konny Zurcher. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2015 Special Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

### **IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

Commissioner Tyler Moore announced the Freedom Award given by Community Howard Regional to Sheriff Steve Rogers and the Howard County Sheriff's Department, as it pertains to the assistance given in the area of Mental Health for Howard County.

President Paul Wyman announced that he and Attorney Larry Murrell accepted an award on behalf of Howard County for a Historic Preservation Award for the County's Courthouse, from the Indiana Landmark's Association. Howard County was nominated by an individual who had visited the courthouse and was impressed with the Art Deco design, the bronze doors, original flooring, light fixtures, doorways, railways, atrium with its stained glass ceiling, and the way the Courthouse was maintained and preserved. Mr. Wyman thanked all those, both present and who have gone before, Commissioners, Councilmen, employees and taxpayers, for their hard work. He also presented the award to Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Bray, and distributed copies of a press release to the media present.

### **IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

#### **SHERIFF DEPARTMENT:**

Captain Jerry Asher submitted the vehicle bids that were opened at the last meeting (*please refer to item one, "In The Matter of Departmental Reports, Sheriff Department" of the Regular Meeting minutes dated May 18, 2015*).

Eriks Chevrolet	3 Tahoes	\$103,881.00 – \$1,000.00 Trade-in	\$102,881.00
Button Dodge	3 Dodge Durangos	\$ 95,985.00 - \$1,800.00 Trade-in	\$ 94,185.00
Greentown Ford	3 Ford SUV's	\$ 95,397.24 - \$1,000.00 Trade-in	\$ 94,397.24

Captain Asher confirmed that all three bids met with the specifications, but he did offer new information obtained just today. This will be the last year for the Dodge Durango and the Dodge Caravan. He is not aware of what SUV Dodge will be building to replace the Durango, but feels there will be enough Durango parts needed for replacement or repair. The Sheriff's Department currently has five Ford vehicles and they perform well for the department. There are plenty of Ford parts and tires in their current inventory. Because this is the last year for the Durango and

because the Sheriff's Department currently uses the Ford SUV and has an inventory of Ford parts and tires, a motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve the purchase of three Ford SUV's from Greentown Ford, for the total amount of \$94,397.24 after the trade-in, as the lowest and most responsive bid. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

**COUNTY RECORDER:**

Recorder Brook Cleaver submitted two (2) Laredo On-Line Access Agreements (1) with ADR Properties, LLC, Plan II; and (2) with Paul Kankowski, Plan I. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve both Laredo Enhanced Access Agreements, with Mr. Paul Kankowski and ADR Properties, LLC, as submitted.

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:**

Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Bill Stonestreet informed the Commissioners of the need to replace the Administration Center's boilers. These boilers are the same kind of boilers that were involved in the major event that happened at the courthouse last year. One of the Administration Center boilers, Boiler #1, has a crack in the heat exchanger, a major repair that has to be addressed quickly. The other boiler is also in need of replacement because we have had trouble with it for years. Mr. Stonestreet feels we have several options. Option A is to replace boiler #1 with a new condensing model and leave Boiler #2 as a back-up boiler only. Option B is to replace Boiler #1 with a new condensing model and transport one of the new boilers from the courthouse and install it at the Administration Center (since the Courthouse does not need all four boilers). Mr. Stonestreet has contacted three different contractors for quotes and has received quotes from two of them. The best price comes from Goudy Brothers as follows:

Option A	\$23,975.00
Option B	\$28,925.00

Option B is recommended by Goudy Brothers and by Mr. Stonestreet. Goudy Brothers is the only contractor who can remove this boiler and still maintain the factory warranty. Mr. Stonestreet plans to pay for the project from the Cumulative Capital Fund, Building Upgrades, 1138-000-04724.05, in the amount of \$28,925.00. The County will also be able to qualify for an energy rebate of approximately \$600.00. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Goudy Brothers Option B replacement of both boilers in the Administration Center, in the amount of \$28,925.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

**PLAN COMMISSION DEPARTMENT:**

1) Plan Commission Director Greg Sheline submitted Ordinance No. 2015-BCCO-15, a request to rezone property located at 60 North County Road 600 East, Greentown, Indiana, from (AG) Agricultural to (RR) Rural Residential. This request was given a favorable recommendation by the Plan Commission Board at their last meeting. There was no remonstrance, it being a one to two house tract of land. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve Ordinance No. 2015-BCCO-15, rezoning property located at 60 North County Road 600 East, Greentown. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

2) Mr. Sheline submitted Case 1-CZ-15, a plat approval for the property located at 60 North County Road 600 East, Greentown, Indiana. The plat was approved by the Plan Commission Board. Case 1-CZ-15 was approved as submitted on a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

3) Mr. Sheline reported that he has talked with the attorneys for CitiMortgage, pertaining to the unsafe property at 8899 East County Road 100 North, Greentown, Indiana. The attorneys have not yet confirmed that it was CitiMortgage who demolished the house on the property. Mr. Sheline did inform them that the County has asked them to also demolish the out building and that the final Public Hearing will be held June 15<sup>th</sup>. He hopes to hear back from them next week.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SUMMARY FOR 2015:**

Mr. Roger Feldhaus, Executive Director of the Region 4 Workforce Board, distributed copies of their Workforce Development Summary Report for 2015 and reviewed the report with the Board of Commissioners. He began the review by introducing Ms. Treva Nichols, Janet Garcia-Hobbs and the local WorkOne team in Kokomo, and Tammy Ballard who is the JAG Specialist at Kokomo High School. At the conclusion of the report, collegian Jordan Tidwell, graduate of Kokomo High School and participant of the JAG program, stepped to the podium to give his success story. Mr. Tidwell was congratulated by the Commissioners and encouraged to keep up the good work. Mr. Feldhaus thanked the Board of Commissioners for

their support of WorkForce Development. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Feldhaus and the Kokomo WorkOne team for their attendance and their services to Kokomo.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:**

Auditor Martha Lake submitted claims and reports for the Commissioners approval and information:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners Salary, Hourly, and Overtime claims, payable June 5 & 12, 2015, in the amount of \$380,299.04 each, was approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims payable today, in the amount of \$354,839.28, were submitted, and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.
3. **Early Pay Claim:** Ms. Lake submitted a claim for Kristina Sommers, in the amount of \$110.82, that needs to be paid with today's claims, and asked the Board to approve and sign the claim. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve the early pay claim. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried. The Commissioners signed the claim.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month of April, 2015, was submitted, and accepted on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore, and carried.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY ISSUES:**

Assistant County Attorney Alan D. Wilson reported that he is currently working with the Sheriff's Department in filing a lawsuit against the occupants of 4110 West County Road 250 South, West Middleton, for pumping water onto the roadway, causing a hazard especially in the winter when the water would turn to ice. He is asking for a restraining order against them in order to stop the pumping of the water, in court next Monday (June 8) at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Wilson assured the Commissioners that he and several county officials have made every effort to meet with the owner on this issue, but they have been met with silence.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:**

##### **COMMISSIONER BRAY:**

Mr. Bray assumed the role of Hearing Officer for the Township Appeal Hearing for Jennifer Alexander from Taylor Township. The Hearing took place on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Administration Center Hearing Room. At the Hearing Mr. Bray listened to all testimony and Ms. Alexander reported that she was able to pay the expenses she had requested help for, and no longer needs the assistance. Mr. Bray made a motion to uphold the denial of the Township Trustee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Commissioner Wyman opened the floor for public comment as follows:

**Retired Colonel Ross Waltemath, Howard County Veterans Service Officer:** Mr. Waltemath took this opportunity to review certain statistics from the 2014 VA National Report that he had e-mailed to the Commissioners. He concluded by stating that for every tax dollar spent for the Veterans Service Office we reap \$178.00 in spendable cash back into the community and \$266.00 worth of benefits back to the community.

Mr. Wyman expressed appreciation to Mr. Waltemath and his office for the all the great work they do in taking care of our Veterans. He also referenced last week's Freedom March that raised \$10,000.00 for veteran care.

Mr. Bray thanked Mr. Waltemath for the help given to Mr. Bray's father who is a veteran, in the form of monthly disability, and hearing aids.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time  
the meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m. on a motion made by  
Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.*

**HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

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PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

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TYLER O. MOORE, VICE PRESIDENT

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ROBERT B. BRAY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR  
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