

## **HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING APRIL 6, 2015**

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, April 6, 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 and Auditor Martha Lake.

The meeting was called to order by Captain Jerry Asher and conducted by President Wyman. Commissioner Bray led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Vice President Moore offered a word of prayer.

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

The minutes of the March 16, 2015 Regular Meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

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

#### **MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:**

1) Mr. Stonestreet submitted the Government Center Masonry Project as the first of the springtime projects the Maintenance Department would like to accomplish. Mr. Stonestreet has spoken with WTI General Services (a division of Trimco) and they would be able to do this project for \$31,255.00. Mr. Stonestreet believes they will do the best job. The masonry is in need of repair before there is any damage to the structure. Repairs will be made all around the building, to eye level in some areas and to the roof in other areas. He would like to pay for this project from the Cumulative Capital Fund, Building Repair line item 04724.00. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve of the Government Center Masonry Project, in the amount of \$31,255.00, to be paid from 1138-000-04724.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

2) Mr. Stonestreet submitted a change order for the Adult Probation renovation project in the amount of \$5,650.00. These changes include additional windows, a door, suspended ceiling work, and the moving of a wall from the original plans. Mr. Stonestreet would like to pay this from the Cumulative Capital Fund, Building & Structure Contracts. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve the Change Order to the Adult Probation Renovation Project, in the amount of \$5,650.00, to be paid from 1138-000-03251.00.

3) The eye beam of the platform that holds the cooling tower at the Government Center, and will house the new Generator, needs to be replaced. J & J Electric will do the work, for the amount of \$3,400.00, to be paid from the Cumulative Capital Fund, 1138-000-04724.05. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the replacement of the eye beam of the platform to house the new generator at the Government Center, in the amount of \$3,400.00, to be paid from 1138-000-04724.05. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

#### **HOWARD HAVEN COUNTY HOME:**

1) Howard Haven Superintendent Jennifer Vary Brower submitted an Admission Application for residency for Mr. Joe McWhirt. Mr. McWhirt will be a private-pay resident. After reviewing the application, a motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve the Admission Application for Mr. Joe McWhirt, with the usual ninety (90) day probation period. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

2) Ms. Brower also submitted a Professional Services Contract, EDS #A345-6-34-16-69-1213 with the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), to provide financial assistance for County Home residents through the ARCH program. This contract is effective July 1, 2015 until June 30, 2017. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the contract with Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), EDS #A345-6-34-16-69-1213, and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

### **IN THE MATTER OF 22 TOO MANY RALLY IN APRIL, 2015:**

Mr. Devon Esterly, from 22 Too Many, reported that March's rally went well, with twenty (20) people in attendance. April 22, 2015 falls on a Wednesday and Mr. Esterly is requesting use of the Courthouse grounds (a few people holding signs on each corner) for this peaceful rally. People will not be distracted or restrained from their daily business at the courthouse. Mr. Wyman suggested that while the rally is smaller in number they have approval from the Board to occupy the corners and

sidewalks, so as not to disturb any business at the courthouse on business days. The group would not have to come back for further permission until the rallies increase in the number of attendees. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the use of the Courthouse grounds, or a portion of, for the rallies on the twenty-second (22<sup>nd</sup>) of each month for the 22 Too Many Veteran Awareness events. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

#### **IN THE MATTERS OF CHARTERS OF FREEDOM APPROVAL:**

Before the presentation of Resolution No. 2015-BCCR-07, and the accompanying License Agreement, President Wyman offered some history on this subject. Several months ago the Board of Commissioners were approached by Mr. and Mrs. Vance and Mary Jo Patterson with a request to gift a replica-sized Charters of Freedom monument to the people of Howard County. The original Charters of Freedom monument is displayed in the Rotunda of the National Archives in Washington D.C. This monument is in three parts; The Declaration of Independence; four pages of The United States of American Constitution; and the Bill of Rights. Mrs. Patterson is originally from Kokomo, and they have given similar gifts to their counties of residence in North Carolina. The Commissioners have approved the installation of the monument on the southeast corner of the County Courthouse. The County will prepare the ground for installation and take care of landscaping around the monument, and the Pattersons will pay for the excavation of the site, all construction materials, and the construction of the monument. This will be done in the month June, 2015. Mr. Murrell submitted Resolution No. 2015-BCCR-07, a resolution of the Howard County Board of Commissioners conditionally accepting the gift of the Monument for the Courthouse lawn. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve Resolution No. 2015-BCCR-07. Mr. Murrell submitted and explained the License Agreement as a way to access the location for the construction of the monument, giving the County final approval after construction. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the License Agreement, and to authorize the President to execute the License Agreement on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, as a part of Resolution No. 2015-BCCR-07. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

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

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

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims payable April 10 and April 17, 2015, in the amount of \$365,214.99, each, were approved as submitted on a motion made by Mr. Bray and seconded by Mr. Moore.
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims payable today, in the amount of \$483,334.06, were submitted, and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.
3. **Monthly Reports:** Auditor Lake submitted the Clerk's Monthly Reports; for the Month ending February 28, 2015; for the Month ending March 31, 2015. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to accept both reports as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

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

County Attorney Larry Murrell submitted the following issues for the Board's information and approval:

1. **Pictometry Contract:** On behalf of the County Assessor's Office, Mr. Murrell submitted an Agreement with Pictometry International Corp., and Howard County, giving the Assessor's Office on-line access to software to be used in the assessing process. This license is free of charge. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the agreement with Pictometry Contract for on-line information access, free of charge, and authorize President Wyman to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.
2. **Order On Unsafe Premises:** Mr. Murrell submitted an Order on Unsafe Premises and Notice of Hearing for unsafe property located at 8899 E County Road 100 N, Greentown, Indiana, and hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 18, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Administration Center. Mr. Sheline submitted pictures of the property for the Commissioners to review. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to authorize Mr. Sheline to execute the Order on Unsafe Premises, for property located at 8899 E. County Road 100 N., Greentown, Indiana, and to set a Public Hearing for 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 18, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF DEPARTMENT ISSUE:**

Captain Jerry Asher explained to the Commissioners that an accident occurred in February, 2015, involving a Sheriff's Patrol Vehicle. The vehicle has been declared "totaled" by the insurance company. Mr. Asher submitted the title and a Power of Attorney document that needs to be signed by the President of the Board of Commissioners, in order to receive the Insurance payment of \$5,590.00. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the totaling of the patrol vehicle, and authorize the President to execute the needed documents on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:**

**COMMISSIONER BRAY:**

Commissioner Brad Bray was the Hearing Officer for the Township Appeal Hearing for Margaret A. Carey, Howard Township at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2015. After hearing testimony from Ms. Carey and Township Trustee Cassandra Bauson, it was Mr. Bray's recommendation to Uphold the Denial of the Township Trustee. The recommendation was put into a motion which was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

**COMMISSIONER MOORE:**

Mr. Moore reminded all that April is National County Government month and tours will be held for third graders from Western and Northwestern schools.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT:**

President Wyman opened the floor for public comment as follows:

**Jerry Paul, President of the Howard County Veteran Monument at Darrough Chapel:** Mr. Paul gave verbal support of Charters of Freedom monument, and would also like to submit further monument plans for the Courthouse property.

**Larry Murrell:** Attorney Murrell informed the Commissioners of a time capsule located near the flagpole at the Administration Center.

*There being no further business to come before the Commissioners at this time,  
the meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m. on a motion made by  
Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Bray.*

**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  
Howard County Commissioner meeting April 6, 2015