

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, September 21, 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 Wilson, and Auditor Martha Lake.

Sheriff Steve Rogers called the meeting to order, and it was conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Bray led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Wyman offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the September 8, 2015, Regular Meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Wyman (who vacated the chair) and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1) Highway Superintendent / Engineer Ted Cain submitted an LPA Consulting Contract with Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc., Des No. 0710021. This contract is for preliminary engineering services provided for the Judson Road Extension Project, in an amount not to exceed \$253,130.00. 80% will be reimbursed by Federal Funds and the State has approved this contract. A motion was made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Wyman (who vacated the chair), and carried to approve the LPA Consulting Contract with Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Des No. 0710021, in an amount not to exceed \$253,130.00, for the Judson Road Extension Project.

2) Mr. Cain submitted a letter to Mr. Don Ballard, Indiana Department of Transportation, stating Howard County will comply with Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, in the purchase of any Right-Of-Way purchases for Bridge No. 508, Park Avenue over Kokomo Creek. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve the letter and authorize Mr. Wyman to sign the letter on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Wyman vacated the chair in order to second the motion and the motion carried.

3) Mr. Cain submitted a Local Public Agency – Sub-Consultant Acknowledgement form for underwater inspection services on certain bridges, which Butler Fairman & Seufert will need to contract out. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve the Sub-Consultant Acknowledgement between Howard County and USI Consultants, Inc., and authorize Mr. Wyman to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

MAINTENANCE DEPT.

On behalf of Building & Grounds Superintendent Bill Stonestreet, Assistant Building Superintendent Brad Shepherd submitted a request for additional work required for the Government Center Project. The work consists of removing a large light pole base, demolishing and repairing a storm water access hole, and the refinishing of a deteriorated wall. The additional amount needed will be \$2,700.00, and it will be paid from 1138-000-04724.00, Building Repair. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the additional work to be done at the Government Center as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

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

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime claims payable September 25 and October 2, 2015, in the amount of \$374,854.72 each, were submitted, and 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 \$621,331.91, were submitted, and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

3. **Monthly Reports:** Ms. Lake submitted the Weights and Measures Monthly Report for the month of August 16, 2015 – September 15, 2015; and the Treasurer’s Monthly Report of the month ending August 31, 2015. Both reports were accepted on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY MATTERS:

County Attorney Larry Murrell submitted the following issues for the Commissioners’ information and approval:

1. **Commissioner Appointments:** Mr. Murrell submitted the following appointment recommendations:

Idowu Ikudabo to the Howard County Community Corrections Advisory Board to finish the unexpired term of Jacquelyn Thomas-Miller, expiring December 31, 2017.

Greg Aaron to the Howard County Conventions, Visitors & Tourism Commission to finish the unexpired term of Michelle Martin, expiring December 31, 2015.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve the appointments of Idowu Ikudabo to the Howard County Community Corrections Advisory Board for a term expiring December 31, 2017, and Greg Aaron to The Howard County Conventions, Visitors & Tourism Commission, for a term that expires December 31, 2015.
2. **A T & T Backbone Lease:** On behalf of 911 Dispatch Coordinator Gary Bates, Mr. Murrell submitted the Supplementary Schedule No. 2673900-002 Agreement between Howard County and A T & T Capital Services for the Dispatch Backbone communications system. This is a supplement to the Master Lease Agreement dated 3/1/2006. The lease agreement is for five (5) years with twenty (20) lease payments. The cost of the service is \$688,545.00 with the first lease payment being \$344,242.50 and the subsequent payments at \$20,862.00. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Supplementary Schedule No. 2673900-002 to the Master Lease Agreement for the 911 Communications Backbone, and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.
3. **Project Manager Issues:** Mr. Murrell informed the Commissioners that Projects Manager Pam Isaac is currently working on six (6) different grants for county offices. She received notice, today, that one of the grants has been officially approved for the Adult Probation Department.

Ms. Isaac has received three Bulk Purchase Quotes as follows from Rite Quality; Beckley’s Office Equipment; Staples, Kokomo (*please refer to page two, issue two, “In The Matter Of Departmental Reports, Special Projects” of the Regular Commissioner Meeting dated September 8, 2015*). A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to accept the three quotes as submitted and take them under advisement for further review.

IN THE MATTER OF A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANT:

Commissioner Tyler Moore submitted a request from the North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council (NCIRPC), that Howard County act as the Lead Municipality Grant Applicant in securing a Workforce Development Grant. There is a match amount attached to the Grant but it would be paid by participating institutions that will be receiving the benefits of this grant. NCIRPC Executive Director Steven Ray will be meeting with Pam Isaac to prepare and distribute the Public Notices, and a Public Hearing has been set for Monday, October 19, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. in the Howard County Administration Center Hearing Room. Mr. Wyman vacated the chair in order to make a motion to approve of Howard County being the Lead Municipality Grant Applicant for a Workforce Development Grant on behalf of the North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council, and authorize Vice President Tyler Moore to sign any needed documents, subject to Mr. Murrell’s review. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

COMMISSIONER MOORE:

As a member of the NCIRPC Mr. Moore was asked to participate in a meeting that the Grissom Air Force Base group was holding as part of a push to request that the Federal Government re-activate the Grissom Air Force Base,

and also for Economic Development purposes *(please refer to page four, issue two, “In The Matter Of Commissioner Issues: Commissioner Moore” of the Regular Meeting minutes dated September 8, 2015).*

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Wyman opened the floor for Public Comment as follows:

Jerry Paul, President of the Howard County Veterans Memorial Corporation at Veterans Memorial Park: Mr. Paul thanked all who attended the Dedication Ceremony of the Articles of Freedom monument at the Courthouse. Next year Mr. Paul and his organization will be making plans for the Women’s Legacy Memorial and he feels that will complete the tribute to Veterans through monuments, for Howard County. He will also be adding a black granite bench to the Family memorial and it will have the number “22” on it to remind us of the twenty-two (22) veterans who take their life daily, in this country. “...they’re surviving the fighting but they’re not surviving the war”.

Mr. Wyman recognized the attendance of Ms. Kenalyn Watson.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMISSIONERS:

PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

TYLER O. MOORE, VICE PRESIDENT

ROBERT B. BRAY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR
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