

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MARCH 16, 2015

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, March 16, 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 Assistant County Attorney Alan D. Wilson, and Auditor Martha Lake.

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

Due to the temporary absence of Mr. Moore, Mr. Wyman vacated the chair in order to move or second the next several motions at the beginning of the meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the March 2, 2015 Regular Meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as submitted on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Wyman, and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF THE OPENING OF THE P-25 RADIO PROJECT BIDS:

E911 Coordinator Gary Bates submitted the following P-25 Radio Project bids:

1. J & K Communications Inc.
2. Williams Electronic / Harris Corp
3. AMK Services
4. Motorola Solutions

A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to receive the bids as read and take them under advisement for further review. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried. Mr. Wyman thanked Mr. Bates and Captain Asher for all their work in this project. He also expressed appreciation to Sheriff Rogers and the City of Kokomo.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

E911 DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Gary Bates submitted an Invitation to Quote (direct quote) for a new Next Generation 911 Hosted Solution System (services and software) that will exceed our current Vesta 4.0 and Aurora MIS systems. The contract with our current provider (A T & T) will expire in 2016, and Mr. Bates would like to invite quotes from vendors. The quotes must be submitted no later than noon on Monday, April 6, 2015, and opened at the 4:00 meeting. Mr. Bates informed the Board that it will take about sixty (60) days for review. There are only two companies that can provide the services needed and one of them holds the State's 911 contract. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve the Invitation to Quote sent to A T & T and Indigital. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wyman and carried.

HOWARD COUNTY CLERK:

Howard County Clerk Kim Wilson submitted the Polling Site Listing for the 2015 Election Year. Each polling site has signed an agreement with the County Election Board to provide the site for the entire year's municipal elections. The Election Board is asking for approval of the listing by the Board of Commissioners. The physical locations of the voting sites remain the same except for Taylor Township. The site will be moved to the Titan Annex Facility (formerly Taylor Intermediate School). Any voters who have had their precinct or voting location changed, will receive notices by mail, before the Primary Election in May. The Election Board has reviewed and approved this Polling Site Listing. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve the Polling Site Listing for 2015 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wyman and carried.

HOWARD COUNTY MAINTENANCE:

Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Bill Stonestreet submitted a request to purchase thirteen (13) 2X2 LED light fixtures for the Government Center. The total cost for the purchase will be \$2,026.70. The current fixtures are UTube and the bulbs for them are no longer available. The new fixtures are LED and will last longer and cost less than the present system. Mr. Stonestreet would like to purchase them from the Building Upgrades line item in the Cumulative Capital Fund (1138-000-04724.05). A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the purchase of

thirteen (13) light fixtures at the Government Center, in the amount of \$2,026.70, from the Cumulative Capital Fund, Building Upgrades line item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF THE 22 TOO MANY VETERAN AWARENESS EVENT:

Veteran Devon Esterly, a native of Greentown, Indiana, is in attendance today to introduce the Board of Commissioners to the 22 Too Many Veteran Awareness Group. Mr. Esterly has had several veteran friends who have recently taken their life as a result of PTSD and wounds sustained during active service in the military. As of the 2012 DVD report, there are an average of twenty-two veterans daily who take their own lives, hence the name of this awareness group. Mr. Esterly gave several more statistics. This awareness group would like to hold their first rally in Howard County, at the Howard County Courthouse, on Sunday, March 22, 2015. They would like to use the sidewalk area on the East side and will not need electricity. He has already talked with the Kokomo Police and the Howard County Sheriff Department. 22 Too Many would like to continue to hold national rallies on the 22nd of each month. At the conclusion of Mr. Esterly's presentation a motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the request to hold a rally on the east side of the Courthouse at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 22, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried. Any subsequent requests will come before the Board of Commissioners before the event.

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, paid March 20, 27 and April 2, 2015, in the amount of \$362,243.05 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, due today, in the amount of \$426,141.98, were submitted, and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.
3. **Monthly Reports:** Ms. Lake submitted the Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month ending February 28, 2015, and the Weights and Measures report for the month of February 16 – March 15, 2015. Both reports were received on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.
4. **Ratify 100R Report:** The 100R report is a report of employee earnings for the year of 2014. This is a required report and has to be advertised, posted to the Gateway, and approved and signed by the Board of Commissioners. The report was advertised and posted in several of the County buildings, and has been posted to the Gateway website. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve the 100R report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Assistant County Attorney Alan D. Wilson submitted the following issues for the Commissioner's information and approval:

1. **Resolution No. 2015-BCCR-6:** Resolution No. 2015-BCCR-6 is an amendment to the 2014/2015 Capital Improvement Plan. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve Resolution No. 2015-BCCR-6. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.
2. **Ordinance No. 2015-BCCO-8:** Ordinance No. 2015-BCCO-8 is an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2014-BCCO-36, Revision to Personnel Policies Handbook, Downtown Parking Policy. The policy amends both full-time and part-time employee parking policies in the City's parking garage. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve Ordinance No. 2015-BCCO-8, and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.
3. **Sheriff Salary Contract:** The current contract with Sheriff Steve Rogers no longer complies with the State statute requiring the Sheriff position to be a minimum of 80% of the minimum salary of a full-time Prosecuting Attorney, paid by the State. This contract is effective June 1, 2015 and continues through December 31, 2015 with the ability to automatically renew for successive one-year, calendar year terms. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve the amended contract between Howard County Board of Commissioners and Sheriff Steve Rogers.

4. **Hardest Hit Fund:** Mr. Wilson submitted the Recipient and Partner Agreement with the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority for the purpose of acquiring and demolishing blighted residential structures. Howard County is granted \$72,000.00 as of January 20, 2015 for use on properties identified in the application submitted on October 1, 2014. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Hardest Hit Grant approval for the blight elimination program, Award No. 2014D2-BEP-2, in the amount of \$72,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.
5. **Conflict of Interest:** Mr. Wilson submitted a Conflict of Interest Form on behalf of Commissioner Paul Wyman. This is because an agent in Mr. Wyman's realty company was involved with a transaction having to do with one of the recipients of the Small Business Grant program. The Conflict of Interest statement was received by the Board of Commissioners on a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

COMMISSIONER MOORE:

Mr. Moore expressed appreciation to the Highway, Sheriff, EMA and Maintenance Departments for their service and assistance during recent fog days.

Auditor Martha Lake took this opportunity to inform the Commissioners concerning the Commissioners' Certificate Sale. Over one hundred-twenty properties were sold and between \$160,000.00 and \$170,000.00 of taxes were paid.

Mr. Wyman thanked the Treasurer and Auditor Offices for all their work for the sale.

*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 COMMISSIONERS:

PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

TYLER O. MOORE, VICE PRESIDENT

ROBERT B. BRAY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR
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