

## **HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING AUGUST 17, 2015**

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, August 17, 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.

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

*Due to the absence of Vice President Tyler Moore, President Paul Wyman will vacate the chair in order to make or second any motion made during this meeting.*

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

The minutes of the August 3, 2015, Regular Meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Wyman and carried.

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

#### **COUNTY RECORDER:**

The Laredo Access Agreements will be addressed at the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:**

Highway Department Engineer / Superintendent Ted Cain submitted quotes for purchase of a new tractor with mower, as follows:

Tri Green Tractor	\$ 90,586.00	including trade-in of \$5,500.00
New Holland, Logansport	\$ 99,600.00	including trade-in of \$5,500.00
Plevna Implement Company	\$103,266.00	including trade-in of \$5,500.00
W A Jones	\$111,296.00	
EKA Inc.	\$115,355.06	

Mr. Cain informed the Board that an additional quote from Plevna, in the amount of \$99,934.69 was submitted but did not meet our specifications. Mr. Cain recommends the quote from Tri Green Tractor, in the amount of \$90,586.00. This tractor also has a canopy so it can be operated in the rain and sun, and will be paid from Highway funds. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve the purchase of a new tractor with mower from Tri Green Tractor, in the amount of \$90,586.00 with the trade-in. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wyman and carried.

#### **HOWARD COUNTY CLERK:**

On behalf of County Clerk Kim Wilson, Chief Deputy Debbie Stewart submitted Ordinance No. 2015-BCCO-23, an Order renaming voting precincts, without establishing new precinct boundaries. The new boundaries were approved in 2014. This is a result of the change in City Council Districts after the most recent annexation. A motion was made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Wyman and carried to approve Ordinance No. 2015-BCCO-23, an Order renaming voting precincts.

#### **MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:**

Buildings and Grounds Superintendent Bill Stonestreet submitted a request for the resealing of the three County owned parking lots in downtown Kokomo. The amount of the project is \$6,770.00 and Mr. Stonestreet would like to pay that out of 1138-000-04724.00 (Cum Cap, Building Repair). This will be the last big project for 2015. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve the parking lot resealing project for the three downtown parking lots, in the amount of \$6,770.00 to be paid from 1138-000-04724.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wyman and carried. Mr. Wyman thanked Mr. Stonestreet and the Maintenance Department for their work for the Articles of Freedom monument.

#### **PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT:**

1) Personnel Director Wanda McKillip submitted the Standard Life Renewal, for two years effective October 31, 2015 – November 1, 2017, at the existing premium rates. Ms. McKillip believes this is a good company and is used by many of the employees. A motion was made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Wyman and carried to approve the two year renewal of Standard Life Insurance effective October 31, 2015 – November 1, 2017.

2) Ms. McKillip distributed copies of the Annual Plan Review of our Deferred Compensation plans through Hoosier S.T.A.R.T. Ms. McKillip recommends the county continue their Deferred Compensation plan through Hoosier S.T.A.R.T.

3) Ms. McKillip submitted Ordinance No. 2015-BCCO-24, an ordinance amending the Personnel Policies Handbook for Howard County. This ordinance clarifies and standardizes the application of the 90-day Probationary period, and replaces the third paragraph of Section 2.14 with; “If a person has worked in a County office or department continuously for more than ninety (90) days as an FTA or PT status and advances without interruption to an FTTP status in the same office or department, such person shall not be subject to either the 90-day probationary period imposed by Section 2.14 or the 90-95% probationary wage reduction imposed by Section 3.5 of the Handbook”. This Ordinance received a favorable recommendation from the PAC. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve Ordinance No. 2015-BCCO-24. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wyman and carried. Ms. McKillip will distribute the information to Elected Officials and Department Heads, and employees will need to sign Employee Acknowledgement Forms.

#### **INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT:**

Information Systems Director Terry Tribby submitted a request to purchase a storage unit for the Administration Center’s Data Center, in order to handle the ever increasing data storage needs. It is a Dell Equallogic, in the amount of \$14,085.00. The IS Department will be installing this piece of equipment. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve the purchase of a Dell Equallogic Data Storage equipment, in the amount of \$14, 085.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wyman and carried.

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

Auditor Martha Lake submitted the following issues for the Boards’ information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners Salary, Hourly, and Overtime claims payable August 21, 28 and September 4, 2015, in the amount of \$378,530.14 each, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Wyman and carried.
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners Operating Claims payable today, in the amount of \$613,286.35, were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Wyman and carried.
3. **Monthly Reports:** Ms. Lake submitted the Treasurer’s Report for the month of July, 2015; and the Clerk’s Report for the months of June and of July, 2015. All reports were accepted on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Wyman and carried.

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

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

1. **Ordinance No. 2015-BCCO-25:** Ordinance No. 2015-BCCO-25 is an ordinance for the reduction of the speed limit in the area of the Millerview Amish School located at 3518 North County Road 700 East, and at or near the area of Bethany Fellowship School located at 5169 North 600 East. The reduction in speed limit was requested by Highway Superintendent / Engineer Ted Cain. The speed limit is reduced to thirty-five (35) miles per hour. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve Ordinance No. 2015-BCCO-25. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wyman and carried.
2. **Designation Resolution:** A proposed resolution was received from the Department of Homeland Security, designating a County official as the legal signer of Sub-Grant Application and Grant Agreement paperwork from the Department of Homeland Security. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to approve the

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from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security naming President Wyman as the signatory Grant Recipient paperwork, and the Vice President, in the absence of the President, on behalf of of Commissioners for Howard County, and authorize President Wyman to sign on behalf of the Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

3.       **Resolution No. 2015-BCCR-16:** Attorney Murrell submitted Resolution No. 2015-BCCR-16, as a final acceptance of the Charters of Freedom Monument. The monument is a gift from Vance and Mary Jo Patterson, and has been completely installed on the southeast corner of the Howard County Courthouse Lawn, and officially dedicated in accordance with the terms of the April 6, 2015 License Agreement with the Patterson. Also, attached to the Resolution is a copy of the Certificate of Title. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve Resolution No. 2015-BCCR-16. Mr. Wyman thanked the Patterson family for this “incredible” gift to Howard County.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT:**

President Wyman opened the floor for public comment as follows:

**Nick Glover, Kokomo Fire Chief:** Fire Chief Glover reported concerns with the Howard County 911 Dispatch Center. These were new concerns added to the issues presented at the July 28<sup>th</sup> County Council meeting.

President Wyman responded to the comments and he and County Attorney Larry Murrell asked that Chief Glover document his concerns and meet with Sheriff Steve Rogers so the concerns can be addressed.

Mr. Wyman expressed appreciation to the Sheriff Department and the 911 Dispatchers and asked Sheriff Rogers and the Officers in attendance, to please pass along Mr. Wyman’s appreciation to their employees.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time,  
the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m. on a motion made by  
Mr. Wyman, 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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