

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING FEBRUARY 2, 2015

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, February 2, 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 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 January 20, 2015 Regular Meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

The minutes of the Executive Session of the Howard County Board of Commissioners, held January 26, 2015, were submitted. Those present included Commissioners Paul Wyman and Tyler Moore; County Attorney Larry Murrell and Assistant County Attorney Alan Wilson; representatives of DLZ Engineering and members of the Courthouse Security Committee. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss strategy with respect to the implementation of security systems. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve the Executive Session minutes, dated January 26, 2015.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

SURVEYOR DEPARTMENT:

Howard County Surveyor Dave Duncan informed the Commissioners that the Pal Drain, servicing the Howard County Home and the PAL ball field, is in need of repair, due to several blockages. He submitted the following recommended quotes for the labor and the pipe.

Redman Excavating (labor)	\$15,000.00
Ferguson Enterprises Inc. (pipe)	\$ 7,114.79

Mr. Duncan recommends that the total of amount of the project not exceed \$29,000.00, giving allowance for any unforeseen issues that may arise. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to accept Surveyor Duncan's recommendation to award the labor for the Pal Drain Project to Redman Excavating in the amount of \$15,000.00, and the piping to Ferguson Enterprises, in the amount of \$7,114.79, with the total amount of the project not to exceed \$29,000.00. The project will be paid from the Unsafe Property Line Item (1112-000-03121.02) in the EDIT Fund. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT:

Sheriff Rogers submitted two invoices received for upgrades to the security cameras at the County Courthouse. The first is from Wireless Networking Solutions, Inc., in the amount of \$9,596.00, and the second is from Sig Sauer, in the amount of \$1,935.00, for a total of \$11,531.00. Sheriff Rogers is requesting the invoices be paid from the Cumulative Capital Fund, Commissioner Equipment line item. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve payment of the two invoices, in the amount of \$11,531.00, for the upgrades to the security cameras of the County Courthouse, to be paid from the Commissioners Equipment line item of the Cumulative Capital Fund (1138-000-04000.00). The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:

Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Bill Stonestreet submitted a request to upgrade the lighting in the Highway Department Garage, which has been poor for many years. Mr. Stonestreet would like to replace twenty (20) four-lamp T8 fixtures, four (4) six-lamp T8 fixtures, and 120 T8 bulbs for a total cost of \$2,437.88. These will be purchased from the Cumulative Capital Fund, Building Upgrade line item (1138-000-04724.05) and the Highway Department will do the installation work. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve the upgrade of the lighting fixtures at the Highway Department Garage, for the amount of \$2,437.88, from the Cum Cap Building Upgrades line item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

A. Highway Department Engineer / Superintendent Ted Cain received four (4) quotes for a new pay loader. The lowest quote came from MacAllister Machinery Co., in the amount of \$137,037.34, including trade-in value. The next lowest amount was \$143,500.00, with trade-in value. MacAllister has the pay loader on their grounds and is available to Howard County. As there is some question as to exactly which line items the machinery will be funded from, a motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the purchase of a new pay loader from MacAllister Machinery Co., in the amount of \$137,037.34 subject to verification of the funding source by the County Auditor and President Wyman, and authorize the President to sign any purchase paperwork needed on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

B. Mr. Cain submitted a request to purchase a new small roller and a trailer for the Highway Department out of highway funds. He would like to obtain the new roller and trailer before spring. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to authorize Mr. Ted Cain to obtain quotes for a new roller and trailer to be paid from the Highway Fund. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

C. Mr. Cain submitted a Local Public Agency Project Coordination Contract between the Indiana Department of Transportation and Howard County. This contract is for the Morgan Street Project, between US 931 and Touby Pike in Howard County, EDS # A249-15-L150009, Des No. 0710025. The maximum amount of funds allocated to the project is \$2,147,119.00. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve the Local Public Agency Contract with the Indiana Department of Transportation for the Morgan Street Project, DES # 0710025.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

Auditor Martha Lake submitted the following Claims & Reports for the Commissioners’ information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** Commissioners’ Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims payable February 6 & 13, 2015, in the amount of \$366,608.38 each were submitted, and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.
2. **Operating Claims:** Commissioners’ Operating Claims, payable today, in the amount of \$1,012,356.40 were submitted, and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

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

1. **Maximus Consulting Contract:** Mr. Murrell submitted an Agreement To Provide Professional Consulting Services between Maximus Consulting Services, Inc. and Howard County, Indiana on behalf of the Auditor’s Office. The agreement is for forty-eight (48) months commencing on February 2, 2015. This Agreement is for the preparation of a Cost Allocation Plan for 2015 – 2019. Mr. Murrell has reviewed the contract and the suggested changes have been made. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve the contract with Maximus Consulting Services Inc., and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.
2. **Thomson Reuters:** Mr. Murrell submitted a Letter of Authorization from Thomson Reuters confirming Howard County’s request for the printing and mailing of the 2014 pay 2015 tax bills. Mr. Murrell has reviewed the Letter of Authorization and recommends approval. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Letter of Authorization from Thomson Reuters for the printing and mailing of the 2014/2015 Tax Statements.
3. **Small Business Grant MOU:** Mr. Murrell submitted a Memorandum of Understanding for Oscar’s Pizza, LLC, to be located at 515 North Buckeye Street, in downtown Kokomo. The county will contribute \$5,000.00 to be used for rent abatement. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Greater Kokomo Economic Development Alliance for Oscar’s Pizza. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

COMMISSIONER MOORE:

1) Mr. Moore submitted the following IDEM notices:

Notice of Decision: Approval of Air Quality Permit #067-35333-00058 to FCA US LLC – Indiana Transmission Plant.

Notice of Public Comment on proposed Air Quality Permit for FCA US LLC – Kokomo Casting Plant, #067-32951-00065.

Notice of Public Comment on proposed Air Quality Permit for FCA US LLC – Kokomo Transmission Plant #067-33064-00078.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to receive the IDEM Notices as submitted.

2) Mr. Moore was the Hearing Officer for a Township Assistance Appeal Hearing held on Friday, January 20, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. The Hearing was for Mr. Scott A. Reed from Center Township. Mr. Moore listened to testimony from the Trustee’s Office and from Mr. Reed. After consideration, Mr. Moore made a motion to uphold the denial given by the Township Trustee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

COMMISSIONER WYMAN:

1) Commissioner Wyman announced that Howard County was awarded \$72,000.00 Grant from the State of Indiana for the blighted properties identified in Howard County. There will be a meeting Wednesday morning to finalize paperwork.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Wyman opened the floor for public comment as follows:

Jerry Paul, President of the Howard County Veterans Memorial Corporation: Mr. Paul updated the Commissioners on the progress of the Veterans Memorial Project in Darrough Chapel. Mr. Paul would like to install the memorial the weekend before the Viet Nam Veterans reunion in September. Mr. Paul also discussed the highway veteran signs.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. on a motion made by
Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Bray.*

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

TYLER O. MOORE, VICE PRESIDENT

ROBERT B. BRAY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR

