

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING OCTOBER 5, 2015

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, October 5, 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 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 Mr. Moore offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the September 21, 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 September 22, 2015 Executive Session were submitted. Those in attendance included Commissioners Paul Wyman and Tyler Moore; County Attorney Larry Murrell, and members of the Courthouse Security Committee. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss strategy with respect to the implementation of security systems related to the Howard County Courthouse. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Executive Session minutes dated September 22, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

COUNTY RECORDER:

Recorder Brook Cleaver submitted a Laredo Enhanced Access Agreement for Corelogic, located in Columbia, South Carolina. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Laredo Agreement with Corelogic, located in Columbia, South Carolina. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

HOWARD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Health Department Director Kent Weaver submitted Ordinance No. 2015-BCCO-34, an ordinance to safeguard public health and assure that mosquito populations are "...reasonably controlled and reasonable safeguards are established to protect the public health". Mr. Weaver reviewed the Ordinance with the Commissioners and pointed out that the Ordinance authorizes the Health Department to inspect for breeding conditions, hold hearings, issue Orders, and impose penalties, if needed, to correct violations. The penalty for the failure to comply with the Health Department's Order will not exceed \$2,500.00. Penalties collected will be deposited in the Health fund. It was clarified that this Ordinance will only address stagnant water conditions created by negligent property-owners and not natural waterways. There was concern as to the wording, "... be punished for a misdemeanor in the County Court". The Board of Commissioners do not have the authority in the state of Indiana, to determine what actions constitute a misdemeanor. Attorney Alan Wilson agreed to review the Ordinance and make needed changes. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve Ordinance No. 2015-BCCO-34, the Howard County Mosquito Control Ordinance, subject to the final review by counsel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:

Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Bill Stonestreet submitted a need to update the signs in the West stairwell of the Administration Center. This will be the final step to the painting and stair tread replacement project. Mr. Stonestreet submitted examples of signage available from Clifford Signs, for the amount of \$754.93. This will be paid for from the Building Upgrades line item in the Cumulative Capital Fund (1138-000-04724.05). A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve the west stairwell signage project in the Administration Center, from Clifford Signs, in an amount not to exceed \$754.93.

ADULT PROBATION:

Chief Probation Officer Dustin Delong informed the Board of Commissioners that Howard County Probation Department has been approved for an Indiana Criminal Justice Institute VOCA Grant (Victims of Crime Act), in the amount of \$75,033.00. This grant will provide funds to pay for a full-time employee to work with Victim Assistance and includes a 20% match (Post-Trial) of \$15,007.00 that will come from existing Probation funds. Official documentation for the grant has not yet been received by the State but Mr. Delong is asking for the Commissioners' approval to move forward right away. This Grant will help pay for a Victim Assistance employee, working with victims pre-trial and post-trial. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve and pursue the ICJI VOCA Grant and

authorize Mr. Delong and President Wyman to sign needed paperwork when received. 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 October 9 & 16, 2015, in the amount of \$369,319.01 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 October 5, 2015, in the amount of \$638,568.60, were submitted, and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.
3. **Monthly Reports:** Ms. Lake submitted the Recorder's Monthly Report for the month ending September 30, 2015. Also submitted was the Clerk's Monthly Report for the month ending August 31, 2015. Both reports were received on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.
4. **Early Paid Claims:** Ms. Lake asked that President Wyman's signature be ratified on the early paid claims for Ronald T. Maus MD (Kinsey Health Care), and for the Indiana Auditor's Association (Fall Conference). A motion was made by Mr. Bray to ratify the President's signature on the two early paid claims as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

COMMISSIONER MOORE:

- 1) Mr. Moore was the Hearing Officer for the following Township Appeal Hearings:

Bethany Rinehart, Center Township, October 2, 2015 – After hearing testimony from Ms. Rinehart and the Center Township Trustee's Office, and in an effort to adhere to State guidelines, a motion was made by Mr. Moore to uphold the denial of the Township Trustee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

Bertha Gray, Center Township, October 5, 2015 – Mr. Moore heard testimony from Ms. Gray and from the Center Township Trustee's Office. Although the same state guidelines apply, the Trustee's Office and Ms. Gray had a good conversation and were able to work together on several issues for the future. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to uphold the denial of the Township Trustee.

- 2) Mr. Moore submitted Resolution No. 2015-BCCR-20, a resolution honoring John E. Fredrick and the Chrysler Corporation. Mr. Fredrick was inducted into the Howard County Automotive Heritage Hall of Fame, and September 24, 2015 is proclaimed as "John E. Fredrick Day". The Commissioners also recognized and honored Chrysler Corporation (FCA US) for its long standing commitment to the Kokomo-Howard County community. This Resolution was presented at the Automotive Heritage Museum Hall of Fame Induction Dinner on September 24th. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve Resolution No. 2015-BCCR-20. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Bray,
seconded by Mr. Moore 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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