

## HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING NOVEMBER 20, 2017

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, November 20, 2017, 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, Member Brad Bray, County Auditor Martha Lake, and County Attorney Alan D. Wilson.

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

### IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

#### **EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS:**

The Commissioners congratulated county employees, and Mr. Moore and Mr. Bray read the following Employee Service Awards into the record:

<b>Ten Years:</b>	Amy Wampler and Irma Pratt
<b>Fifteen Years:</b>	Gary Cook and Tisha Steel

### IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the November 6, 2017, regular meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

### IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

#### **COUNTY HIGHWAY:**

County Highway Superintendent Ted Cain asked for an additional \$8,010.00 to get actual elevations for location of gas lines on the Judson Road Project per Supplemental Agreement No. 4. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Supplemental Agreement No. 4 Subservice Utility Investigation Services Des. No.0710021 with Butler, Fairman, and Seufert not to exceed \$8,010.00. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

#### **COUNTY ASSESSOR:**

County Assessor Mindy Heady submitted an Amendment to the Pictometry Contract. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the Amendment to the original Agreement Dated September 8, 2017, between Pictometry International Corp. and Howard County, Indiana as presented, and to authorize the president to sign on behalf of the board. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion 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 to be paid November 24, 2017 (paid Nov. 22 due to Thanksgiving holiday), and December 1, 2017, in the amount of \$380,050.42 each, were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid November 20, 2017, in the amount of \$1,323,311.75 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. **Ratify Signatures:** Auditor Martha Lake submitted the following early paid claim, which was for Everbridge in the amount of \$22,999.99. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to ratify the president's signature on the claim as presented. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
4. **Monthly Reports:** The following departmental reports were submitted: Weights and Measures Monthly Report and the Treasurer's Monthly Report. The reports were accepted by the Board.
5. **2018 Commissioner Meeting Schedule:** Auditor Martha Lake submitted the 2018 Commissioner Meeting Schedule to the Board of Commissioners. The board will review the schedule and discuss at the next meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:**

1. County Attorney Alan Wilson submitted the names of Dr. Angela Heckman and Dr. Robert Mason to be nominated to serve on the Howard County Health Board. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Angela Heckman and Dr. Robert Mason to the Howard County Health Board. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. Mr. Wilson has asked Howard County to participate in the opioid litigation against wholesale drug distributors. It is a contingency fee litigation with no out of pocket costs to the county. Mr. Moore clarified the issue stating that it is against the wholesale distributors for non-reporting to the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Mr. Wyman stated that legislation will not resolve the drug problem, but that it will enable Howard County to help people who are suffering from addiction. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the letter with Taft, Stettinius, and Hollister LLP to permit Howard County to participate in the civil suit action against those legally responsible for the wrongful distribution of prescription opioids, and damages caused thereby, and to authorize the president to sign on behalf of the board. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. Mr. Wilson submitted the Minutes of the Joint Executive session of the Howard County Board of Commissioners and Howard County Council held November 15, 2017, at 4:00 p.m., and the Minutes of the Joint Executive session of the Howard County Board of Commissioners and Howard County Council held November 15, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Bray, the motion carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:**

Mr. Wyman talked about the likelihood of a new morgue in Howard County. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the board to enter into negotiations to acquire property, for Attorney Wilson to facilitate such agreement, and the president to sign on behalf of the board. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Bray wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Moore thanked everyone helping to address the opioid crisis.

Mr. Moore also asked everyone to keep the Stonestreet family in their prayers, along with others who have lost loved ones.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners  
at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m. on a motion  
made by Mr. Moore, 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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