

## **HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING FEBRUARY 20, 2017**

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, February 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, and Member Brad Bray. Also in attendance were Assistant County Attorney Alan Wilson and Auditor Martha Lake.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff 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 SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

1) Mr. Moore introduced the January Employee of the month, Chief Deputy Debbie Stewart from the Clerk's Office. He read from the application letter and was given special recognition, especially, for the 2016 Presidential election with the new vote centers. Ms. Stewart was shown appreciation and given a glass award, certificate, and gift card from Main Street Café. Her picture was taken with the Board of Commissioners.

2) Mr. Bray read the application letter submitted on her behalf, and introduced the February Employee of the Month, Robin Byers. Her leadership was noted, especially during the period between Jail commanders. She currently serves as the Jail Commander. Ms. Byers was congratulated for a job well done and given a gift card from Main Street Café, a glass award, and a certificate. Her picture was taken with the Board of Commissioners.

3) Sheriff Rogers informed the Commissioners that last week Deputy Zimmerman and Deputy Myers graduated from the Police Academy. Sheriff Rogers introduced Officer Scott Stewart who will be sworn in as Deputy. Mr. Stewart will be attending the Police Academy beginning March 6, 2017. Mr. Stewart was sworn in by his mother, Chief Deputy Clerk Debbie Stewart and his father, Roger Stewart, a former 911 Dispatcher, held the Bible. Deputy Stewart thanked Sheriff Rogers and the Board of Commissioners for this opportunity to serve Howard County, and plans to do the best he can for the county to uphold the laws, and to make his parents and the community proud.

4) Employee Service Awards were read by Mr. Moore and Mr. Bray as follows:

<b>5 Years:</b>	Keri Barnes Tommy Cleaver Justin Kohl Rodney Shaffer
<b>10 Years:</b>	Dustin Delong Elizabeth Peck Patrick Williamson Paul Wyman
<b>15 Years:</b>	Tamara Baldwin
<b>20 Years:</b>	Cynthia May Konny Zurcher

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

The minutes of the February 6, 2017, Regular Meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as submitted on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

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

#### **TREASURER OFFICE:**

Treasurer Wes Reed submitted a Letter of Authorization between the Howard County Board of Commissioners and Thomson Reuters for requested services for the preparation and mailing of Howard County's Property Tax billing. Thomson Reuters is our taxing software. Both the Printing (\$13,757.85) and Posting (\$14,931.73) costs are estimates, at this time. The true costs will be determined once the actual bills are completed and posted. A motion

was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Letter of Authorization between Howard County and Thomson Reuters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mr. Bray and carried.

#### **MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:**

Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Bill Stonestreet submitted a request to replace a broken air compressor for the heating and cooling system at the Administration Center. There are currently two (2) air compressors that control all of the dampers but one is broken and replacement parts are no longer available. Mr. Stonestreet would like to replace the broken compressor with a new Quincy compressor and the Maintenance Department will do the installation. Brehob submitted a quote for \$3,012.00, and it will be paid from 1138.47241.000.0000, the Building Repair line item of the Cumulative Capital Fund. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the purchase of a Quincy Compressor from Brehob, in the amount of \$3,012.00, to be paid from 1138.47241.000.0000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

#### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT:**

On behalf of Health Department Director Kent Weaver, Mr. Moore read the e-mailed request to purchase a new John Deere Gator, in the amount of \$14,650.00; and an enclosed trailer for \$5,000.00. This equipment will be used to transport mosquito spraying equipment to the fields to eradicate mosquitoes and prevent mosquito borne illness. The equipment will be purchased from the Local Health Department Trust Account (1206) and the purchase has been approved by the Indiana State Department of Health. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the purchase of a John Deere Gator, in the amount of \$14,650.00, and an enclosed trailer in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

*The Regular meeting was recessed at 4:22 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Bray, in order to hold a previously scheduled Public Hearing for the Staller Vacation of Easement.*

**Ms. Beth McDonald, 118 North Buckeye Street, Kokomo, Indiana:** Ms. McDonald is representing Mrs. Staller and was in attendance to submit Publication Documents and the Vacation of Easement Ordinance to vacate a portion of property located at 5485 West County Road 300 South, Russiaville, Indiana. There was no other public comment at this time. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve Ordinance No. 2017-BCCO-06, approving the Vacation of Easement for the Staller property located at 5485 West County Road 300 South, Russiaville, Indiana, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

*A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the Regular Commissioner Meeting.*

#### **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 February 24 and March 3, in the amount of \$369,003.66 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 today, in the amount of \$464,729.49, were submitted, and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.
3. **Monthly Reports:** The following reports were submitted: Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2017; Clerk's Monthly Report for the month ending January 31, 2017; Weights & Measures Report for the month of January 16 – February 15, 2017; EMA January and February Calendars and February event listing. The reports were received into record.

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

On behalf of Attorney Larry Murrell, Assistant County Attorney Alan D. Wilson submitted Resolution No. 2017-BCCO-01. This resolution is between the Howard County Board of Commissioners and the City of Kokomo Board of Public Works and Safety to exchange property and waive fees. The Howard County Board of Commissioners will conduct a Tax Sale Certificate Sale on February 23, 2017. Three hundred and nine (309) properties will be offered on Exhibit A. The City of Kokomo has

asked the Commissioners to assign fourteen (14) of the Certificates to the City of Kokomo for \$-0- dollars. They have received grant monies for blight elimination or other projects. In return the Commissioners have asked the City of Kokomo to waive all sewer, weed, demolition and nuisance liens and assessments on the remaining 295 certificates. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve Resolution No. 2017-BCCR-01, a resolution between Howard County Board of Commissioners and the City of Kokomo Board of Public Works and Safety. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:**

**COMMISSIONER MOORE:**

Mr. Moore reported that he had the honor of attending the Graduation Ceremony for Deputy Zimmerman and Deputy Myers, at the Police Academy. He offered congratulations to the graduates and their families, and the Sheriff Department.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners  
at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m. on a  
motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore 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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