

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING NOVEMBER 6, 2017

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, November 6, 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, 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 read the following Employee Service Awards into record:

Five Years:	Barbara Spoonemore
Twenty Years:	Rita Conner
Thirty-Five Years:	Martha Lake

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD:

The Commissioners congratulated county employee Jeremy Stevens on a job well done in the IT Department. Jeremy is detail oriented, he assists all county offices, he gives answers that others can understand, and he works tirelessly day or night. Pictures were taken, and congratulations were given by all.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the October 16, 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 that 3:00 p.m., December 4, 2017, be set as the deadline to receive the 2018 Materials & Supplies bids for Highway Department. The bids will be opened at the regular Commissioners' Meeting that same day at 4:15 p.m. He requested no action be taken to approve the bids until January 2018. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the request as presented, which was seconded by Mr. Bray, and carried.

COUNTY MAINTENANCE:

County Maintenance Chief Deputy Brad Shepherd made the following repair requests in various county buildings:

1. **At Work Release Center:**

Install new exterior lighting for \$5,300.00, a new water softener for \$3,780.00, and replace A/C unit for \$6,000.00. This totals to \$15,080.00, which will be paid out of the Cum Cap Building Repair Fund 1138.47241.000.0000. He also requested that the rebate from Duke Energy be put back into the Cum Cap Building Repair Fund.

Mr. Moore made a motion to approve work at the Work Release Center as described, not to exceed \$15,080.00 from the Cum Cap Building Repair Fund. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

2. **At EMA Berkley:**

Upgrade EMA Berkley Mechanics Bay Lighting to LED lighting fixtures at a cost of \$3,419.00. Duke Energy will award a rebate of \$1,116.00.

3. **At Howard County Highway Garage:**

Retrofit 20 lighting fixtures to LED lighting at a cost not to exceed \$2,400.00 at the Howard County Highway Garage. A rebate amount from Duke Energy is unknown at this time.

At Howard County Jail:

4. Purchase 20 LED retrofit kits at \$4,600.00 for existing Pod lighting in the jail. The cost to replace these fixtures would have been roughly double the cost to retrofit. The rebate from Duke Energy will be minimal.

Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the lighting retrofit projects for \$3,419.00 at EMA Berkley, \$2,400.00 at Howard County Highway Garage, and \$4,600.00 at Howard County Jail to be paid out of the Cum Cap Building Upgrades fund as presented, Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSIONER:

1. Plan Commission Director Greg Sheline presented a favorable recommendation for Case 10-CP-17 Subdivision of Lot 1 in Hickory Ridge Section into 2 lots 340 S. Hickory Lane and 370 S. Hickory Lane in Kokomo. There was no remonstrance at the meeting. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the subdivision of Lot 1 in Hickory Ridge Section 2 into the 2 lots as presented, which was seconded by Mr. Bray, and carried.
2. Mr. Greg Sheline presented a favorable recommendation for Case 11-CP-17 Comet Subdivision, a 1 lot subdivision at 622 S. 850 E. in Greentown. There were discussions about an easement. The subdivision was approved. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the Comet Subdivision at 622 S. 850 E. in Greentown, which was seconded by Mr. Bray, and the motion carried.
3. Mr. Greg Sheline presented a favorable recommendation for Case 9-CZ-17 Rezoning of the Comet Subdivision at 622 S. 850 E. in Greentown from Agricultural to Institutional Uses. There were discussions about an easement. The subdivision was approved. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the rezoning of Comet Subdivision at 622 S. 850 E. in Greentown, which was seconded by Mr. Bray, and the motion carried. Mr. Moore amended his motion for rezoning to include ordinance 2017-BCCO-40, Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

STORMWATER:

Stormwater Director Greg Lake asked the commissioners to approve a contract to purchase land for the Kirkendall 1-2-3 regulated watershed on the south side of 26. A water detention basin would help address the water quality issues around Ivy Hills. The county attorney has reviewed the contract. The county council will be asked to appropriate funds for the purchase. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the purchase and for the president to sign the contract on behalf of the board, Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and it carried.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:

EMA:

EMA Director Janice Hart thanked the council for the purchase of the new light and air truck for EMA. The equipment will be used for all of Howard County. A special thanks was given to Commissioner Brad Bray for accompanying EMA on pickup of new vehicle.

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 10, 2017, and November 17, 2017, in the amount of \$378,812.73 each, were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, which was seconded by Mr. Moore, and carried.
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid November 6, 2017, in the amount of \$1,349,915.60 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore, and carried.
3. **Ratify Signatures:** Auditor Martha Lake submitted the following early paid claim: Hearn Construction for \$95,215.98. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to ratify the president's signature on the claim as presented, seconded by Mr. Moore, the motion carried.
4. **Monthly Reports:** The following departmental reports were submitted: October Recorder's Monthly Report and Clerk's Monthly Report. The reports were accepted by the Board of County Commissioners.

5. **Hartman and Williams LLC contract:** Auditor Martha Lake submitted a contract between Howard County and Hartman and Williams L.L.C. to assist with year-end reporting as needed. Mr. Wilson has reviewed the contract. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve the Hartman & Williams LLC contract as presented, which was seconded by Mr. Moore, and carried.
6. **2018 Holiday Schedule:** Auditor Martha Lake submitted the 2018 Holiday Schedule to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the 2018 Holiday Schedule as presented, Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:

County Attorney Alan Wilson presented resolution no. 2017-BCCR-24 Military Appreciation Days to the Board of County Commissioners. The Board signed resolution 2017-BCCR-24. A copy of the resolution was presented to the veterans.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

Commissioner Brad Bray thanked the county again for the purchase of the light and air truck.

Commissioner Tyler Moore resided over the township assistance hearings for Elizabeth Figueroa on November 2, 2017. Center Township denied assistance. Mr. Moore made a motion to uphold the recommendation against assistance at this time due to the current guidelines, Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Moore asked people to support the business participating in the Military Appreciation Days and to give a handshake, hug, or kiss to a Veteran in thanks for their past and continuing service to our community.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Jerry Paul, President of the Howard County Veterans Memorial Corporation at Darryl Chapel Veterans Memorial Park, asked for support of a Women's Legacy Memorial in Howard County. He asked that the project be located on the southwest corner of the Howard County Courthouse. It will honor the sacrifices and contribution of Hoosier daughters in the military. The project has four phases at a total cost of \$270,000.00. Phase One raised \$45,000.00 for sculpting the clay models, Phase Two is for molds at about \$45,000.00, Phase Three is construction of walls and landscaping for \$90,000.00, and Phase Four is casting for \$90,000.00. The figures include: Rosie the Riveter, an African American female fighter pilot, and a kneeling down wounded female soldier. Mr. Moore asked that the sheriff and courthouse security look at safety and security concerns. Mr. Moore also commended regarding the grace and beauty of the memorial. They hope to finish the memorial by 2019. A primary concern of donors is the location of the memorial. Dave Capshaw reminded us that twenty percent of today's veterans are women. Mr. Wyman recommended that the Women's Legacy Memorial request be revisited in 30 days.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Moore, which was seconded by Mr. Bray, and the motion 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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