

## **HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MARCH 6, 2017**

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, March 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, 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. Mr. Bray led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Bishop O'Neal offered a word of prayer.

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

The minutes of the February 20, 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:**

#### **MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:**

1) Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Bill Stonestreet submitted the lowest most responsive quote for the replacement KBN 286 boilers at the Government Center. The quote came from Irish Mechanical, in the amount of \$31,500.00. In addition to the boiler quote, they also submitted a quote for a backflow preventer, in the amount of \$1,500.00. The total project cost is \$33,000.00 and will be paid from the Cumulative Capital Fund (1138-47243.000.0000). A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the purchase of the new Boiler and backflow preventer from Irish Mechanical, in the amount of \$33,000.00, to be paid from the Cumulative Capital Fund. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

2) For the Plan Commission Office carpet replacement, the lowest quote came from Michael Thomason, in the amount of \$5,203.25. This quote includes taking up the old carpet. The Sheriff's Inmate work crew and the maintenance department personnel will be working on the installation. Mr. Stonestreet also plans on purchasing new cove base. The total cost of the project will not exceed \$6,000.00, and will also be paid from the Cumulative Capital Fund (1138-47243.000.0000). A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve the carpet replacement project in the Plan Commission Office, in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00, from Michael Thomason.

#### **PLAN COMMISSION:**

Plan Commission Director Greg Sheline began by thanking the Commissioners for the new carpet for his office. He then submitted Ordinance No. 2017-BCCO-9 (case 1-CZ-17), an ordinance to re-zone the property located at 6852 and 6884 West County Road 400 South from RR (Rural Residential) to I-1 (Low Intensity Industrial). There was no remonstrance to this request and the Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve Ordinance No. 2017-BCCO-9 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

### **IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-BCCO-10:**

Mr. Wyman submitted Ordinance No. 2017-BCCO-10, an ordinance adopting smoke free air regulations for workplaces and public places in Howard County, and gave opening comments. Mr. Wyman also tried to clarify any misinformation concerning the ordinance, and informed affected business owners that the Commissioners, through several entities, are working on making available up to \$15,000.00 toward helping businesses transition to a non-smoking environment. The hearing room was filled with concerned citizens on both sides of the issue. The Board opened the floor for public comment, asking that after opening comment from a spokesperson, each ensuing comment be limited to two minutes. They also asked that kindness be shown and that there would be no personal attack. The following citizens peacefully voiced their opinion:

#### **OPPOSE ORDINANCE**

*Daniel Axon, Trustee of American Legion, Post 6  
Michael Hough, 1204 South Dixon Rd., Kokomo  
Billy Martin, VP Kokomo Eagles 255  
Shelly Henders, 4557 W. 400 S., Russiaville*

#### **APPROVE ORDINANCE**

*Willie Stroman, Chairperson for Breathe Easy HC  
Dr. Susan Sciam-Giesecke, FSA, GKEDA, IUK,  
Dr. Don Zent, Howard Co Health Officer  
Carmen Gallaspie, 2324 N. Armstrong, Kokomo*

*John A. Meeks, Commander VFW 1152*  
*Dave Beck, 1042 S. Leeds, Kokomo*  
*Stella, Kling, owner of Stella's Saturday Lounge*  
*Kelly McMMain, Hairstylist and Bartender*  
*Ted Driver, 2515 Kent Drive, Kokomo*  
*Jeff Lamberson, 1129 N Courtland, Kokomo*  
*Evan McMann, Chairman of Hoosier Vapors*

*Janet Erneath, 2530 Grey Rock Lane, Kokomo*  
*Dr. Tim Davis, 2222 S. Wabash St., Kokomo*  
*Sandra Young, owner of Main Street Café*  
*David Wallace, 2523 Hazelnut Lane, Kokomo*  
*James Papacek, 6792 E. 400 S. Greentown, County Council*  
*Jennifer Sexton, 806 Salem Dr., Kokomo, Health Dept*  
*Shirley Dubois, 731 Riverview Dr., Kokomo, submitted*  
*signed Resolutions in support of Ordinance*

At this time the floor was closed to public comment and the Board of Commissioners gave their comment regarding the Ordinance. Regardless of the outcome of the Commissioners' vote on this Ordinance, there are very good people on both sides of the issue, and the community can move forward. At the conclusion of comment a motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve Ordinance 2017-BCCO-10, an ordinance of the Howard County Board of Commissioners, adopting smoke-free air regulations for workplaces and public places in Howard County, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried, in the event the Kokomo City Council adopts its Resolution No. 2702, that President Wyman be authorized to sign any documents needed, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

**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 Salary, Hourly, and Overtime claims effective Marth 10 & 17, 2017, in the amount of \$365,554.88 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 \$368,294.87, were submitted, and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray and seconded by Mr. Moore.

Auditor Lake informed the Commissioners that all 2017 budgets and taxing rates have been approved by the State of Indiana.

**IN THE MATTER OF AN A T & T CONTRACT:**

On behalf of the Kinsey Youth Center, Attorney Larry Murrell submitted an AT & T Conferencing Services Pricing Schedule for WebEx conferencing at the Kinsey Youth Center building on Berkley. Mr. Murrell has reviewed the contract. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Conferencing agreement with A T & T, and authorize President Wyman to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:**

**COMMISSIONER MOORE:**

Mr. Moore expressed appreciation to all the citizens who cared enough to attend today's meeting.

**COMMISSIONER WYMAN:**

Mr. Wyman thanked the employees of the Auditor Office and the Treasurer Office for all their work with the Commissioners to ensure a successful Commissioners' Certificate Sale. About \$177,000.00 worth of tax dollars were brought into the Treasurer's office from the sale.

Commissioner Wyman opened the floor for Public Comment regarding other issues than the previous Smoking Ordinance as follows:

**John A. Meeks, Commander of VFW 1152:** Mr. Meeks wanted to remind all in attendance that every twenty-two (22) seconds a veteran commits suicide. He challenged the citizens here to please care about the veterans as much as they care about the smoking ordinance.

Commissioner Wyman thanked Mr. Meeks for his comment and encouraged all to care about the tragic circumstances in our veteran community.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time,  
the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 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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