

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: JUNE 5, 2023

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, June 5, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Brad Bray, Vice President Jack Dodd, Member Jeff Lipinski, County Attorney Alan Wilson, and County Auditor Jessica Secrease.

The meeting was called to order by Major Gary Cook and conducted by President Brad Bray. President Bray led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Commissioner Lipinski offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the June 5, 2023, regular meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd, Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS & REPORTS:

COMMUNITY SUPERVISION

Unite Indy MOU

Director of Community Supervision Dustin DeLong submitted an MOU with Unite Indy. Unite Indy provides free transportation for the County's work release participants. This MOU is confirming that the County would still like to use their services. The Unite Indy MOU was approved and President Bray's signature was ratified as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PLAN COMMISSION

Rezoning (Case 5-CZ-23)

Plan Commission Executive Director Greg Sheline submitted Ordinance No. 2023-BCCO-19 for the rezoning of the property located at 8608 W. 200 N., Kokomo, Indiana from AG (Agriculture) to RR (Rural Residential). There was a favorable recommendation by the board. There was no remonstrance. With the rezoning request having been heard, Commissioner Lipinski made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-BCCO-19 as presented. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Subdivision (Case 3-CP-23)

Plan Commission Executive Director Greg Sheline submitted a new subdivision, Willow Run Subdivision, located on a new lot at 10944 W. 100 N., Kokomo, Indiana. There was a favorable recommendation by the board. There was no remonstrance. Willow Run has one lot and was approved. With the new subdivision request having been heard, Commissioner Lipinski made a motion to approve Willow Run Subdivision, located on a new lot at 10944 W. 100 N., Kokomo, Indiana as presented. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HOWARD HAVEN

Approval of New Resident

Howard Haven Superintendent Jennifer Brower applied for a new resident to be approved as a private pay. The resident's name is on file in the Auditor's Office. A motion made by Commissioner Lipinski to approve the new resident subject to a 90-day probation period. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES

ADA and Title VI Compliance

Human Resources Director Kari Rennaker and County Attorney Allan Wilson presented the updated ADA and Title VI Compliance for Howard County. The Resolution No. 2023-BCCR-8 was approved in a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Jail Cameras

Lieutenant Todd Prifogle requested to utilize funding from the ARP Grant to help pay for additional cameras needed at the jail. The jail needs to add 18 additional views to the jail to have more video surveillance. These cameras cost \$34,595.88. The Sheriff's Office would like to reallocate \$34,595.88 of the ARP Grant to help with the cost of the cameras. Commissioner Dodd states that they have not had a chance to look at the current state of the ARP Grant Fund and requested to table this decision until the next meeting. Commissioner Dodd made a motion to table this decision until next meeting. Commissioner Lipinski Seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

Howard County Auditor Jessica Secrease submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims for payment on May 19, 2023, in the amounts of \$971,751.40 and June 2, 2023, in the amounts of \$959,147.15 were submitted and approved

on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

2. **Payroll Expenses:** The Commissioners' Payroll Expenses for payment on May 19, 2023, in the amounts of \$971,751.40 and on June 2, 2023, in the amounts of \$959,147.15 were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid June 5, 2023, in the amount of \$853,328.90 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lipinski, and the motion carried.
4. **Monthly Reports:** Auditor Jessica Secrease presented the following reports to be received into the record:
 - a. Treasurer's Monthly Report for April 2023

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:

County Attorney Alan Wilson presented the Resolution No. 2023-BBCR-9 opting in to receipt of State Public Health Funding. Resolution No. 2023-BCCR-9 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Lipinski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dodd, and the motion carried.

County Attorney Alan Wilson presented the Leased Certified Peer Recovery Specialist Services Agreement between the Health Department and Turning Point SOC. This agreement allows Turning Point to provide two leased staff members to assist in providing mental health services. With President Bray previously signing the agreement, Commissioner Dodd made a motion the ratify President Bray's signature. Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

County Attorney Alan Wilson presented two agreements with contactors Kalena James and Carla Biro to provide student workshops for Health Department services. With President Bray previously signing these agreements, Commissioner Dodd made a motion the ratify President Bray's signature. Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

Commissioner Lipinski has checked on the Steven's property several times and has noticed that there has been no progress being made on the property. County Attorney Wilson has been in contact with two contractors. Both contractors have been out to the Steven's property, and the Commissioners expect to get quotes very soon.

Commissioner Lipinski asked Planning Commission Executive Director Greg Sheline if the County has a mowing Ordinance in place like the City's. Mr. Sheline stated that they do not and that he would like to look into one being created. He stated that his office receives many phone calls about mowing issues in the county and that there is not much they can do without an ordinance in place.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Resident Brad Semon of 10954 E. 100 S., Greentown, Indiana: Mr. Semon stated that he is concerned about there being talks of a county mowing ordinance being established. He stated that his yard cannot be mowed because he has a drain where someone has signed up for solar, and it now cannot be mowed. He stated that he may consider turning that section of his yard into a natural habitat for wildlife. President Bray stated that each individual case will be looked at when it comes to a county mowing ordinance.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time
the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd.
The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lipinski, and the motion carried.*

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

R. BRAD BRAY, PRESIDENT

JACK W. DODD, VICE PRESIDENT

JEFF S. LIPINSKI, MEMBER

ATTEST:

JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

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