

**HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING DECEMBER 29, 2006**

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Friday, December 29, 2006, 8:30 a.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included Board of Commissioner President Bradley J. Bagwell, Vice President Paul J. Raver and Member John B. Harbaugh. Also in attendance were County Attorney Larry Murrell and Auditor Ann Wells.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Marshall Talbert and conducted by President Bagwell.

**IN THE MATTER OF QUOTES FOR THE FENCE AND CONCRETE PAD FOR THE NEW TOWER LOCATION:**

Buildings & Grounds Supervisor Art Fross submitted the following quotes for the fence and concrete pad for the new Emergency Tower location.

<b>Fencing:</b>	Central Fence	\$ 3,450.00
	Triple A Fence	\$ 2,895.00
	Hendershot Fence	\$ 4,065.00

A motion was made by Mr. Harbaugh, seconded by Mr. Raver and carried to take the quotes unto advisement for Mr. Fross' review, and address them at the January 2, 2007 meeting.

<b>Concrete Pad:</b>	Bergman Construction	\$ 8,500.00
	C & Z Construction	\$12,375.00
	Reed's Concrete & Excavating	\$ 5,091.00

The concrete quotes were taken under advisement for Mr. Fross' review until the January 2, 2007 meeting on a motion made by Mr. Raver and seconded by Mr. Harbaugh.

**IN THE MATTER OF 2007 INSURANCE COVERAGE PROPOSAL:**

Mr. Phil Thatcher from Miles & Finch Inc. presented the proposed premiums for the 2007 Casualty Coverages:

Property	\$ 69,269.00
Inland Marine	\$ 12,128.00
Crime	\$ 2,818.00
General Liability	\$102,273.00
Law Enforcement Liability	\$174,790.00
Public Officials & EPLI Liability	\$ 53,621.00
Automobile	\$123,428.00
Workers Compensation	\$225,797.00

Mr. Thatcher also presented Optional Coverages:

Decrease Law Enforcement Deductible to \$50,000.00	\$ 40,200.00 additional premium
Include Punitive Damages Under Law Enforcement	\$ 8,497.00 additional premium

On page three, Mr. Bagwell pointed out that Coinsurance Requirement should be changed to read "**Agreed Amount**" in lieu of Coinsurance Requirement, 90%. At the conclusion of Mr. Thatcher's presentation and ensuing discussion, including a commendation from Sheriff Talbert concerning excellent Customer Service, a motion was made by Mr. Raver to approve the 2007 Insurance Proposal with the correction on page three, leaving the deductible for the Law Enforcement at \$100,000.00 and accepting the Punitive Damages Coverage under Law Enforcement at a cost of \$8,497.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harbaugh and carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE STATE RAINY DAY LOAN:**

Auditor Wells submitted a request to authorize the use of \$389,943.24 from the State Rainy Day loan previously approved by the County Council in Resolution No. 2006-HCC-14 (*please refer to page three, "In The Matter Of Resolution 2006-*

*HCC-14", of the Regular Council Meeting minutes dated July 25, 2006*). This loan is to cover taxes not paid because of the Delphi shortfall. A motion was made by Mr. Harbaugh, seconded by Mr. Raver and carried to approve the request of \$389,943.24 from the State's Rainy Day fund for the payment of the fall 2006 taxes not paid because of the Delphi shortfall, and authorize the execution of the promissory note to the State of Indiana.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE VERIZON CONTRACT:**

The County has been in a contract with Verizon for operational services for the E-911 emergency services. A new service agreement was approved by the Board that included changes suggested by Attorney Larry Murrell (*please refer to page four, item one, "In The Matter Of E-911 Issues", of the Regular Meeting minutes dated November 20, 2006*). Mr. Murrell was contacted by Verizon and informed that they would not agree to the suggested changes and needed to have the agreement approved and signed as originally presented, by December 27, 2006. Commissioner Paul Raver signed the Service Agreement with Verizon and his signature needs to be ratified. A motion was made by Mr. Harbaugh, seconded by Mr. Raver and carried to ratify Mr. Raver's signature on the three-year Service Agreement from Verizon.

**IN THE MATTER OF GRANT DOCUMENTS:**

Attorney Murrell presented Grant documents from Ms. Tina Henderson, Grant Administrator, for the Block Grant for funding for Migrant Seasonal Housing. A motion was made by Mr. Raver to approve the Grant Documents and to authorize the President, Board of Commissioners, and Auditor Wells to sign the documents as needed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harbaugh and carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE KELLER & HECKMAN INVOICE:**

Mr. Murrell submitted an invoice from Keller & Heckman for services rendered in the Nextel Rebanding Project, in the amount of \$262.50, for Commissioners' approval and submission to Nextel for payment. The invoice from Keller & Heckman was approved for submission to Nextel for payment on a motion made by Mr. Harbaugh and seconded by Mr. Raver.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE A T & T CONTRACT FOR COURTHOUSE SERVICES:**

At the December 18<sup>th</sup> Commissioner Meeting the new A T & T Hardware & Software Equipment Agreement, in the amount of \$20,367.06, was approved subject to Attorney Murrell's review and approval (*please refer to page two, item two, "In The Matter Of Maintenance Issues", of the Regular Meeting Minutes dated December 18, 2006*). Mr. Murrell gives his recommendation and approval, with several minor changes. However, Mr. Fross presented a new agreement submitted by A T & T in the amount of \$21,252.17. A motion was made by Mr. Harbaugh, seconded by Mr. Raver and carried to table the Contract until the January 2, 2007 meeting, allowing Mr. Murrell time to review the contract.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE AMCO ELEVATOR CONTRACT:**

Mr. Murrell submitted a contract with AMCO Elevator for Maintenance Services on all elevators in all County Buildings, in the amount of \$578.00 monthly. He made several minor changes including (1) changing the name of the Government Office Building to the **Government Center** and (2) changing the payment schedule to "**subject to our claims procedure**". A motion was made by Mr. Raver, seconded by Mr. Harbaugh and carried to approve the AMCO Elevator contract and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board.

**IN THE MATTER OF A BOARD REAPPOINTMENT:**

A motion was made by Mr. Harbaugh, seconded by Mr. Raver and carried to re-appoint Mr. William (Bill) Hingst to the Howard Regional Health Systems Board of Trustees for four (4) years beginning January 1, 2007.

At this time, Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Art Fross distributed copies of the Administration Center HVAC Project's parts and labor estimates with the actual costs of the project. The County was able to save \$159,964.77.

**IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2006-BCC-48:**

Ordinance No. 2006-BCC-48, formalizing approved revisions made to the Employee Handbook, was approved at the December 18<sup>th</sup> Commissioner meeting (*please refer to page three of the Regular Meeting Minutes dated December 18,*

2006). Commissioner Bagwell would like to revisit the Vacation Policy Revision, changing the **accrued date from October 1<sup>st</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year**. After discussion ensued concerning the change this would make to employee accrued vacation, a motion was made by Mr. Raver, seconded by Mr. Harbaugh and carried to amend the revision back to October 1<sup>st</sup> in lieu of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:**

Auditor Ann Wells presented the following claims for Commissioners' approval:

1. **Commissioner Salary Claims:** Commissioners' salary, hourly and overtime claims payable January 5, 2007 in the amount of \$308,279.15 and salary claims payable January 12, 2007 in the amount of \$312,949.77 were approved on a motion made by Mr. Raver and seconded by Mr. Harbaugh.
2. **Commissioner Operating Claims:** Commissioner Operating claims payable December 29, 2006, in the amount of \$681,498.34, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Raver and seconded by Mr. Harbaugh.

**IN THE MATTER OF TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE APPEAL:**

A Township Assistance Appeal for Leslie Alford, Harrison Township, was heard by Hearing Officer Paul Raver. On a motion made by Mr. Raver and seconded by Mr. Harbaugh the denial of the Trustee was upheld.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m. on a motion made by Mr. Raver and seconded by Mr. Harbaugh.

**HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

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BRADLEY J. BAGWELL, PRESIDENT

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PAUL J. RAVER, VICE PRESIDENT

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JOHN B. HARBAUGH, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN WELLS, AUDITOR