

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING FEBRUARY 5, 2007

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, February 5, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included Board of Commissioner President Paul J. Raver, Vice President Bradley J. Bagwell and Member David A. Trine. 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 Raver.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the January 16, 2007 Regular Meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Bagwell and seconded by Mr. Trine.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Highway Engineer / Supervisor Ted Cain did not have any issues for the Board at this time. He will be submitting several Requests For Proposals for the repair of Bridge 501, at the February 19th meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Sheriff Marshall Talbert presented the following issues for Commissioner information and approval:

- 1. **Replacement Vehicle Purchases:** The two Civil Process vehicles and Major Roger's vehicle all have close to 100,000 miles on them and need to be replaced. Sheriff Talbert has talked to Brad Howell Ford about his vehicle needs and they were able to obtain three low mileage Ford Program used cars from the dealers-only car auction. Those vehicles are now on the lot and available for purchase as follows:

2006 Ford Taurus SE Sedan	9,250 miles	\$ 8,925.00 with trade-in
2006 Ford Taurus SE Sedan	15,011 miles	\$ 9,975.00 with trade-in
2006 Ford Five Hundred SEL	13,289 miles	\$13,188.00 with trade-in

Sheriff Talbert would like to purchase the two Ford Taurus vehicles for Civil Process use and the Ford Five Hundred for Major Rogers. The bigger size of the Ford 500 would afford extra room for the Swat equipment used by Major Rogers. The combined purchase amount of the three vehicles exceeds \$25,000.00 which would normally require the quote procedure for purchase. Because they are all 2006 models there is still plenty of warranty time on them. Because of the unique opportunity to save the county money by purchasing the low mileage used cars from the dealers-only auction this can be treated as a special purchase and by-pass the quote process. A motion was made Mr. Bagwell that pursuant to IC 5-22-10-5, the Board determined these quotes present a unique opportunity to obtain vehicles at a substantial savings to the County and therefore authorized the Sheriff to acquire these vehicles as a special purchase. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trine and carried.

- 2. **Current Jail Population:** Last Friday the jail population was 290. The current jail population is 306 inmates. The jail runs much more smoothly when the numbers are lower than the 324 capacity.
- 3. **Additional Inmate Transport Van:** The department currently has two Transport vans in use at all times and an additional Inmate Transport van is needed. These vans are used to transport inmates to other facilities around the State as well to the Courthouse for hearings and trials. Sheriff Talbert asked permission to obtain quotes for the purchase of an additional van. Specifications have been prepared (including an engine block heater) and money is available through the Misdemeanor Fund. A motion was made by Mr. Trine, seconded by Mr. Bagwell and carried to authorize Sheriff Talbert to obtain quotes for an additional Inmate Transport Van.

*At this time Vice President Bagwell had to leave the meeting for a short time.
President Raver vacated the chair, when necessary, to complete the County's business.*

4. **Resignation Of K-9 Handler And K-9:** Sheriff Talbert has received notice from Sergeant Richard Ferguson that he intends to resign as a K-9 Handler. His assigned K-9, Uhele, is suffering from arthritis and needs to be removed from active duty. Sergeant Ferguson has asked permission to retain Uhele as a family pet. Sheriff Talbert seeks authorization to enter into contract with Sergeant Ferguson for the disposition of property whose value is deemed less than \$1,000.00. At the conclusion of discussion pertaining to seeking funds to purchase an additional explosive detecting K-9, a motion was made by Mr. Trine, seconded by Mr. Raver and carried to deem the value of the canine Uhele as less than \$1,000.00 and authorize Sheriff Talbert to enter into contract with Sergeant Ferguson to assume total responsibility for Uhele.
5. **Sale Of Crash Reports:** Copies of all accident reports are available for purchase from the Sheriff's Department. Those reports are electronically transmitted to the State for their records. The State has contracted with Holt, Sheets & Associates to sell those reports for \$12.00, \$8.00 of that amount going back to the County of origin for the first ninety days after the report was downloaded to the State department. The Sheriff's Association has negotiated the ninety days to a full year. Holt, Sheets & Associates is asking each county to sign an agreement with them and agree to distribute cards at crash scenes informing people that reports are available through Holt, Sheets & Associates. They would also like the local departments to raise their fees to \$8.00 in lieu of the present \$5.00 fee. Sheriff Talbert commented that his officers are much too busy at a crash scene to help publicize for this company, and the Sheriff's Association has asked that agreements with Holt, Sheets & Associates not be entered into until after the issue is addressed at this weekend's Conference. Attorney Murrell commented that this issue indicated a need to update the current fee schedule for the Sheriff's Department. He has been in preliminary conversations with Major Rogers concerning this issue.

IN THE MATTER OF PLAN COMMISSION ISSUES:

Plan Commission Director Glen Boise informed the Board of the continuing progress of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant that he has applied for. Of the three properties being considered, the State Homeland Security Agency Division recommends proceeding with the property located at 2700 Dellwood Drive. The grant has to be completed and submitted today, and there is a final issue that needs to be addressed concerning County commitment of funds available when and if the grant is permitted. The estimated project cost is \$229,300.00, of which 25%, \$57,325.00, is required as local match money. Mr. Boise submitted a letter to the Mitigation Program Director stating that funds were available; upon reviewing the letter, Mr. Murrell suggested that some of the language be changed to more accurately portray the availability of the matching funds. Mr. Boise will submit an amended letter for approval, later in the meeting (*please refer to page seven, item three, "In The Matter Of County Attorney Issues"*).

IN THE MATTER OF MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Assistant Building Superintendent Scott Reed submitted the following issues for Commissioner information and approval:

1. **Health Department Examination Room Needs:** Jennifer Sexton, of the Health Department, explained to the Board that the third examination room needs to have a sink installed. That room is used to give immunizations and administer HIV testing and a sink is badly needed. Also needed is an increase in the electrical capacity available to supply the serum storage refrigerators and freezer. The Maintenance Department can do the work and needed supplies will cost about \$354.00. A motion was made by Mr. Trine, seconded by Mr. Raver and carried to authorize forwarding the request of \$500.00 from Cumulative Capital funds to the County Council meeting.
2. **Solid Waste Office Relocation:** The Solid Waste Office move is almost complete; Property Systems has received notification of their lease termination.
3. **Simplex Grinnell Contract Renewal:** Mr. Reed submitted a renewal contract with Simplex Grinnell for fire alarm and extinguisher services for the Criminal Justice Center. The contract gives options for one, two or three years. The contract omits listed amounts for the three year agreement. Mr. Murrell suggests that Mr. Fross bring this contract to the next meeting with his recommendation as to how many years to contract for and the listed amounts.

4. **North Side Handicapped Parking Space:** At the January 16th meeting, Commissioner Trine agreed to discuss with Attorney Hamilton the handicapped accessible parking space given to him for easier access to the Courthouse, and if he would like to retain the space (*please refer to page two, item four of the Regular Meeting minutes dated January 16, 2007*). Mr. Trine reported that Mr. Hamilton would appreciate continued use of the parking space. The Maintenance Department will issue the 2007 permit.

IN THE MATTER OF PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Personnel Director Wanda McKillip submitted the following issues for Commissioner information and approval:

1. **Introduce New Hire:** Ms. McKillip introduced Ms. Ann Williams as the new benefits worker in the Personnel Department. She replaces former benefits specialist, Vickie Hinkle. Ms. Williams started her career with the Personnel Department as an intern. She has since completed her degree and joins the County in a full time capacity. Ms. Williams expressed appreciation for the opportunity to work for the County and looks forward to working with the Board. She was welcomed by the Commissioners.
2. **Commissioner Appointments:** County Assessor Jamie Shepherd joined Ms. McKillip at the podium to present her appointment nominees. Ms. Shepherd would like to submit Republican William Sahn and Democrat William Jones for reappointment to the Howard County Assessment Board of Appeals. A motion was made by Mr. Trine to reappoint Republican William Sahn and Democrat William Jones to the Howard County Assessment Board of Appeals for a term of one year, to end December 31, 2007. The motion was seconded by Mr. Raver and carried.

Howard County Plan Commission: Ms. McKillip presented the name of Mr. James Miller to be reappointed to the Howard County Plan Commission for a four year term. A motion was made by Mr. Trine, seconded by Mr. Raver and carried to reappoint Mr. James Miller to the Howard County Plan Commission for a four year term.

Howard County Economic Development Commission (Bona Vista Project): For this three year appointment due February 1, 2007, the Board of Commissioners must appoint on recommendation of the City Council. At the January Council meeting, the City Council recommends Mr. Tom Harrison be reappointed for a three year term beginning February 1, 2007. A motion was made by Mr. Trine, seconded by Mr. Raver and carried to reappoint Mr. Tom Harrison to the Howard County Economic Development Commission for a term of three years beginning February 1, 2007.

3. **2007/2008 Anthem Open Enrollment:** Ms. McKillip reported that there were a total of fifty-eight (58) changes during the Anthem Open Enrollment.
4. **Life Insurance Renewal Contract - AIG:** Ms. McKillip has received the renewal contract for the County's Voluntary and Group Life Insurance Carrier, AIG. Except for the changes that occur when moving to a different age category, the rates have not changed. Ms. McKillip signed the agreement on behalf of the Board, and her signature needs to be ratified. Ms. McKillip's signature on the AIG Life Insurance Renewal contract was ratified on a motion made by Mr. Trine and seconded by Mr. Raver.
5. **Indiana University's Annual Career And Community Service And Internship Fair:** Ms. McKillip will be hosting a booth at the Internship Fair at Indiana University - Kokomo on Wednesday, February 21, 2007, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

IN THE MATTER OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Information Systems Director Terry Tribby presented the following issues for Commissioner information and approval:

1. **GIS Professional Services Contract:** Mr. Tribby presented the contract from Schneider for mapping Software and System Annual Support for 2007, in the amount of \$9,613.00. The contract lists the Auditor, Surveyor, and Board of Health software separately. All three will be funded from the Information Systems budget.

2. **Business Association Agreement:** Mr. Tribby has given Attorney Murrell a Business Association Agreement for review. Mr. Tribby will present the Agreement at the March 5th meeting.
3. **Interoperability Wireless Project:** The Wireless project is nearly complete. Mr. Tribby's department is working on wireless hook-ups for Howard Regional and St. Joseph ambulance systems so they also have direct access to Dispatch information.
4. **Projects In Waiting:** The next several weeks will see the installation of forty-five (45) workstations for the Criminal Justice Center, then on to the Health Department for their fourteen (14) workstations.
5. **Emergency Chief Financial Coordinator:** Bio Terrorism Coordinator Ryan Nehl has asked Auditor Wells to be the Chief Financial Coordinator in the case of a disaster. She would need to have home based access to County records to be able to write checks and take care of financial matters for the County. Attorney Larry Murrell suggests that a Resolution be passed naming Ms. Wells to this position. He will meet with Mr. Nehl and submit at a later date. Mr. Tribby will work with Ms. Wells to insure her ability to access county records from her home computer.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2007-BCCR-06:

Health Department representative Michelle Gilbert submitted an addition to Section 10 of the Pool Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2006-BCC-11) as follows:

Pool Testing Kit Requirements: The Regulatory Authority requires the availability and use of pool test kits that will provide the ranges listed below to measure the level of disinfectants in pools.

Pools and Spas that use chlorine as a disinfectant:

Chlorine Kit: the initial reading for chlorine is a measurable range of 0 to 10 ppm (parts per million) free and / or combined chlorine.

Pools and Spas that use Bromine as a disinfectant:

Bromine Kit: the initial reading for bromine is a measurable range of 0 to 15 ppm (parts per million) bromine.

Ms. Gilbert explained that many kits used by pool owners do not give accurate readings and pools are being closed because of it. It would help them to get the kits used by the Health Department that have the same guidelines as the State Health guidelines. Pool owners were notified of this addition and this meeting; many were in attendance to show support. President Raver opened the floor for comment. Mr. Joe Kerns, Turtle Creek Apartments, spoke in support of the amendment. He has also spoken with Linda Brown of the Indiana Apartment Association. They are also in agreement with the amendment. There being no further comment or question, a motion was made by Mr. Trine, seconded by Mr. Raver and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2007-BCCR-06, as an addition to Section 10 of the Pool Ordinance.

*At this time, Vice President Bagwell was able to return to the meeting in session.
President Raver no longer needed to vacate the chair.*

IN THE MATTER OF GRANT ISSUES:

Mrs. Tina Mendenhall Henderson, Grant Coordinator, presented the following issues for Commissioner information and approval:

1. **Semi Annual Reports:** Reports for the Taylor Township Sewer District and the Honey Creek Township Fire Engine Purchase were submitted for approval and signature. These grants are completed, but because they received federal money, they must be reported on, semi-annually, for five years. A motion was made by Mr. Trine, seconded by Mr. Bagwell and carried to approve the reports and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.
2. **Migrant Housing Grant / Hainlen Orchard:** Hainlen Orchard was awarded \$888,250.00 for Migrant Housing. Ms. Henderson is submitting claims for \$5,000.00 under administration costs and \$8,068.37 for planning costs. These claims are not to be paid by the County, but Ms. Henderson needs approval from

the Board to claim these amounts from the grant money. Commissioner Bagwell and Auditor Wells both signed the original grant application. Ms. Henderson reminded the Auditor that she needs copies of all checks written out of the grant fund. A motion was made by Mr. Trine, seconded by Mr. Bagwell and carried to authorize Mr. Bagwell and/or Ms. Wells to sign all claims and documents pertaining to the Migrant Housing Grant for Hainlen Orchard.

IN THE MATTER OF THE MS-4 AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

Surveyor Chief Deputy Greg Lake submitted an Agreement for Professional Services between Howard County and Butler Fairman and Seufert for the release rate and water quality volume compliance review needed for the MS-4 project. The fees due under this agreement will be paid from the collection of fees from permit applicants. A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell to approve the Agreement For Professional Services with Butler Fairman and Seufert for review reports pertaining to MS-4 activity. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trine and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOHANNING CIVIC CENTER MORTGAGE:

Peggy Hobson of the Convention and Visitor's Bureau presented a request to look into the possibility of refinancing the Johanning Civic Center Mortgage. Ms. Hobson explained the percentages and use of the Innkeeper's tax and the portion that is used for the mortgage. The County has until 2012 to pay the mortgage and the Convention and Visitor's Bureau feels it would be advantageous to look into the possibility of saving the County money by refinancing. Attorney Murrell reminded the Board that Barnes & Thornburg acted as bond counsel on the original loan and that Crowe Chizek would be able to advise as to the present financial climate and make recommendations. A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Trine and carried to authorize Larry Murrell to contact Barnes & Thornburg and Crowe Chizek and Co. to review the Johanning Civic Center loan.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY CLERK ISSUES:

Clerk Mona Myers submitted the following issues for Commissioner information and approval:

1. **Cumulative Capital Appropriation Request:** Ms. Myer's requests funds in the amount of \$33,200.00 to be appropriated from the Cumulative Capital fund to pay for a CSI Court Software Upgrade. The current software was installed fifteen years ago and, though it is a good program, it is not windows based. Upgraded software would be able to separate HIPPA sensitive information. Information Systems Director Terry Tribby also spoke to the need for the software upgrade. A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell to authorize the request of \$33,200.00 out of Cumulative Capital Fund for the purchase of the Court Software Upgrade and forward the request to the County Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trine and carried.
2. **DOXPOP Agreement:** At the January 2nd Commissioner Meeting, Ms. Myers presented the 2007 Doxpop Agreement and how it differs from the 2006 agreement. At that time, the Board asked that Ms. Myers request that the County Attorney Office be added to the listing of offices whose fees are waived (*please refer to page five, "In The Matter Of The Clerk's Office Doxpop Contract", of the Regular Meeting minutes dated January 2, 2007*). Doxpop will not agree to waive the fee for the County Attorney. Mr. Murrell will continue to use the Information Systems access. A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Trine and carried to approve the Doxpop Agreement as submitted and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.
3. **Voter's Registration Cumulative Capital Request:** President Raver presented a request from the Voter's Registration Office for lateral filing cabinets and other furniture needs in the amount of \$2,500.00 to be appropriated out of the Cumulative Capital Fund. A motion was made by Mr. Trine, seconded by Mr. Bagwell and carried to authorize the request of \$2,500.00 from the Cumulative Capital Fund for Voters Registration, and forward the request to the County Council.

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REGARDING TITLE IV-EFC REIMBURSEMENT:

Chief Juvenile Probation Office Don Travis previously submitted memos to the Board of Commissioners concerning a service offered by Justice Benefits Inc (*please refer to page four, item two, "In The Matter Of Juvenile Probation*

Issues", of the Regular Meeting minutes dated January 16, 2007). National statistics suggest that up to 85% of the services provided by the Juvenile Probation Department are reimbursable services in accordance with Title IVE guidelines. Justice Benefits Inc. is a company from Texas that assists Juvenile Probation Departments in claiming those reimbursements from the Federal Government. Mr. Murrell is in the process of reviewing this four-year agreement and has met with Mr. Travis concerning language changes. On a motion made by Mr. Bagwell and seconded by Mr. Trine the Agreement for Professional Services (including the attached Initiative) with Justice Benefits, Inc. was approved and the President authorized to sign, subject to the county attorney negotiating with JBI the inclusion of an early termination clause.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT COPIER REQUEST:

Health Department Director Kris Conyers submitted a request for a new copier. Funds are available and the Board of Health has given their approval. On a motion made by Mr. Bagwell and seconded by Mr. Trine, the purchase of a new copier was authorized subject to Council approval.

IN THE MATTER OF KINSEY YOUTH CENTER ISSUES:

Kinsey Youth Center Director Janet Weaver presented the following issues for Board information and approval:

1. **Cumulative Capital Request:** Ms. Weaver would like to request \$1,000.00 from the Cumulative Capital fund for needed equipment. A new vacuum cleaner is needed and a washing machine will be needed in the near future. A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell to authorize the request of \$1,000.00 from Cumulative Capital funds and forward the request to the County Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trine and carried.

2. **Service Contracts:** Ms. Weaver submitted the following contracts:

Waste Management	Waste Removal (three year)	\$229.00 monthly
Buckeye Power	Generator	\$730.00 annually
Mobile Radio	Handheld Radios, chargers & Power Supply	\$170.00 monthly
	Cameras & Switchers, etc.	\$2,750.00 annually
	Intercoms, Network, Speakers	\$3,375.00 annually
Simplex/Grinnell	Fire Alarm System and Extinguishers	\$6,533.00 annually

At the conclusion of discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Trine and carried to approve the Buckeye Power, Mobile Radio and Simplex/Grinnell service contracts as submitted, and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Trine and carried to approve the Waste Management contract as a one year contract to expire the same date as the Sheriff's Department Contract, and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

Upon the suggestion of Attorney Murrell and the Board of Commissioners, the Maintenance Department will be directed to look into putting as many buildings under the same contracts as possible. Commissioner Bagwell would also like Ms. Weaver to contact Integrity Communications concerning the possibility of combining radio coverage with the Sheriff Departments radio coverage.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL SHERIFF DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Sheriff Marshall Talbert submitted the following additional issues for Commissioner approval:

1. **Cumulative Capital Requests:** Sheriff Talbert would like to request \$29,500.00 from the Cumulative Capital Fund for Police Equipment and \$10,000.00 for Mobile Computers. On a motion made by Mr. Bagwell and seconded by Mr. Trine, the request of \$39,500.00 from the Cumulative Capital Fund was authorized and will be forwarded to the County Council.

2. **Access Card For Tamara Baldwin:** Ms. Baldwin substitutes for Corrections Officer Bruce McKellar. She needs an access card for the Courthouse. A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell to authorize the

receipt of an access card to Tamara Baldwin for regular business hours. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trine and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF THE E-911 BUDGET:

E-911 Coordinator Tony Ramsey presented the amended E-911 budget as Ordinance No. 2007-BCCO-01. This budget includes the 3% employee raise and the \$100,000.00 Supplemental account line item, and has been previously advertised. President Raver opened the floor for public comment. There being no comment at this time, a motion was made by Mr. Trine to approve Ordinance No. 2007-BCCO-01 as the 2007 E-911 Budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bagwell and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

Auditor Ann Wells presented the following claims and reports for Commissioner information and approval:

1. **Commissioners' Salary Claims:** Salary, hourly and overtime claims payable February 9 and 16, 2007, in the amount of \$313,019.77 were approved on a motion made by Mr. Trine and seconded by Mr. Bagwell.
2. **Commissioner Operating Claims:** Operating Claims payable February 5, 2007, in the amount of \$1,588,218.58 were approved on a motion made by Mr. Bagwell and seconded by Mr. Trine.
3. **EDIT Claims For Economic Development Organizations:** Because the Economic Development Organizations are under a study, at the current time, and the outcome of the study is not yet known, the County Council questioned giving the yearly budgeted amount all at one time. At the conclusion of discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Trine and carried to authorize the Auditor to pay the Economic Development Organizations' budgeted claims in quarterly increments.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

County Attorney Larry Murrell presented the following issues for Board information and approval:

1. **Crowe Chizek Claim:** Mr. Murrell presented a claim from Crowe Chizek & Co. LLC in the amount of \$2,204.20 for services rendered on the proposed County Option Income Tax for funding of the Jail and Juvenile Detention Center increased expenses. A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Trine and carried to approve the claim from Crowe Chizek in the amount of \$2,204.20.
2. **Nextel Rebanding Project / Keller & Heckman Invoice:** Mr. Murrell is in receipt of a statement from Keller & Heckman, our Washington attorney, in the amount of \$87.50. After approval this statement will be sent to Nextel for payment. A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Trine and carried to approve the statement submitted by Keller & Heckman, in the amount of \$87.50 and authorize the statement to be sent to Sprint/Nextel for payment.
3. **Pre-Disaster Grant Application:** Earlier in the meeting Mr. Boise had submitted a proposed letter to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, concerning available funding from the County for the Pre-Disaster Grant Application (*please refer to page two, "In The Matter Of Plan Commission Issues"*). Mr. Murrell submits an amended letter, on behalf of Mr. Boise, that better represents the County's position. That letter is approved and Mr. Raver is authorized to sign it on behalf of the Board of Commissioners on a motion made by Mr. Trine and seconded by Mr. Bagwell.
4. **For Your Information:** With the help of Ms. Wells, Annual meetings have been held for the Economic Development Commission, the Redevelopment Authority, and the Redevelopment Commission, meeting state requirements.

Mr. Murrell will be out of town February 15 - 24, 2007. Mr. Brian Oaks will attend the Commissioner meeting dated February 19th.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

1. **Taylor Township Regional Sewer District Board Meeting:** Commissioner Bagwell is on the agenda for the Taylor Regional Sewer District Board Meeting Tuesday evening, to discuss several issues.
2. **Advanced Life Support:** The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13th, at the Criminal Justice Center. Mr. Raver will be meeting with both hospitals and Galveston Advanced Life Support.
3. **Economic Development Organization Study Steering Committee:** President Raver would like to have Commissioner Brad Bagwell as the Board of Commissioner representative to the Steering Committee of the Economic Development Organization Study. Mr. Bagwell gave his affirmation.
4. **Downtown Signage:** There will be a meeting on Thursday, February 8, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. concerning directional signage to enter and exit the Downtown Kokomo area. Mr. Bagwell will attend that meeting.
5. **Township Assistance Hearings:**
 - a. Center Township: Hearing Officer Raver recommends that the denial for assistance to Melody George be upheld for not meeting HUD requirements. A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Trine and carried to uphold the denial for assistance to Melody George.
 - b. Center Township: Hearing Officer Raver recommends that the denial for assistance to Robert S. Walker be upheld; he does not meet the requirements for assistance. The denial for assistance was upheld on a motion made by Mr. Trine and seconded by Mr. Bagwell.
6. **Weights & Measurers Reports:** The monthly Weights & Measurers Report for the month ending January 15, 2007 and the annual Weights & Measures Report for the year ending December 15, 2006 were accepted on a motion made by Mr. Bagwell and seconded by Mr. Trine.
7. **Noise Complaint:** At various times complaints are received concerning excessive noise, and questions arise as to the advantage of enacting legislation in the form of a Noise Ordinance. Discussion ensued concerning the issue but no action is being taken at this time.
8. **Township Appeal Hearing Procedure:** Center Township Trustee Jean Lushin prepared a procedure for Township Appeals Hearings and it was submitted at the January 16th Commissioner meeting (*please refer to page five, "In The Matter Of Center Township Assistance Appeal Hearing", of the Regular Meeting minutes dated January 16, 2007*). Some changes needed to be made. An amended copy is now submitted and was adopted on a motion made by Mr. Trine and seconded by Mr. Bagwell.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m. on a motion made by Mr. Bagwell and seconded by Mr. Trine.

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

PAUL J. RAVER, PRESIDENT

BRADLEY J. BAGWELL, VICE PRESIDENT

DAVID A. TRINE, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN WELLS, AUDITOR
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