

**HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MAY 5, 2008**

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, May 5, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. in Hearing Room No. 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Bradley J. Bagwell, Vice President David A. Trine and Member Paul J. Raver. Also present 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 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the Regular meeting dated April 21, 2008 and the Special Administrative Meeting dated April 30, 2008, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Trine and seconded by Mr. Raver.

**IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ISSUES:**

Howard County Highway Engineer / Superintendent Ted Cain submitted the following issues for Board information and approval:

1. **School Bus Turn-Arounds:** Mr. Cain submitted the following two Agreements For School Bus Turn Arounds:

Northwestern School Corp	Pat Richards	3229 W County Road 100 N, Kokomo
Northwestern School Corp	Kent / Michelle Devault	4149 E County Road 250 N, Kokomo

Mr. Cain recommends approval of both Turn Arounds, based on his inspection, and reminded the Board that the County agrees to haul the stone that will be purchased by the school corporation. A motion was made by Mr. Raver to approve both Agreements For School Bus Turn Arounds for Northwestern School Corporation as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trine and carried.

2. **Request To Install Perimeter Drain In Right-Of-Way:** Mr. Chris Garner spoke on behalf of his mother, Syndie Wenzler, concerning permission to install tile for a perimeter drain through a right-of-way to connect from her property to the culvert across the road. Mr. Cain recommended that a statement be submitted from the owner, admitting that this is a private tile and will be maintained and repaired by the property owner. Whatever land is disturbed by the installation of the tile will have to be restored to its former condition or better. That document can be submitted to the Drainage Board for final approval. A motion was made by Mr. Trine, seconded by Mr. Raver and carried to approve the request to place the perimeter drain in the right-of-way located at 1100 West County Road 500 North.
3. **Condemnation Order For Howard County Airport Extension:** Attorney Larry Murrell informed the Board that there is currently a Condemnation Action underway to acquire more land for the runway extension of the Kokomo Airport. This will require the rerouting of County Road 300 North to the south and County Road 300 East to the west. Mr. Murrell would like the Airport Authority Commission to prepare an agreement outlining exactly the course of action that will be taken and what roads will be affected. Mr. Cain would like to see the Authority build the replacement roads and not shut down the present county roads involved until they are ready to connect to the new roads. Mr. Murrell will bring that agreement as soon as it's received.
4. **Appreciation Expressed:** Mr. Trine informed Mr. Cain of phone calls he has received from Alto Road residents, expressing appreciation for the painting of the road lines (*please refer to page two, item three, "In The Matter of Highway Department Issues", of the Regular Meeting Minutes dated April 21, 2008*).
5. **Highway Department Connected To County Network:** Information Systems Department Director Terry Tribby informed the Board that the Highway Department is now connected to the Howard County network, allowing them internet and e-mail activity. Mr. Cain did state that at present it is not working correctly. Mr. Tribby will attend to that problem immediately.

**IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF DEPARTMENT ISSUES:**

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

1. **Jail Population:** There are currently three hundred twenty-four (324) inmates at the Criminal Justice Center, with forty-eight of them being females.
2. **Coroner Pick-up Truck Request:** Coroner Brad Bray and Deputy Coroner Jay Price were in attendance to make a request concerning the 2003 Ford F-150 Pick-up truck that the Sheriff's Department is no longer using (*please refer to page two, item two, "In The Matter Of Sheriff Department Issues" of the Regular Meeting minutes dated April 21, 2008*). The number of multiple calls is increasing and this truck that is already equipped, would give the Coroner's office the ability to respond to more than one call at a time. The truck is able to afford them the ability to carry extra equipment to work in the field and have room to transport a body from the field to a waiting transport unit. This pick-up truck can also transport a victim out of the county, allowing the main Coroner's vehicle to remain. At the conclusion of discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Trine, seconded by Mr. Raver and carried to approve the transfer of the 2003 Ford F150 from the Sheriff's Department to the Coroner's Office. Sheriff Talbert was directed to notify Kokomo Auto World that their alternate quote of \$84,305.00 (without the pick-up truck trade-in) would be accepted. Sheriff Talbert will also remove the radio and Sheriff plate from the vehicle.
3. **Social Security Administration Request:** The Jail Linkage System, a program that allows for the retrieval of prisoner information, is no longer operational. Sheriff Talbert has received a request from the Social Security Administration Office that they be given social security numbers for each prisoner receiving Social Security benefits. Since those individuals are being incarcerated, those benefits can be sent to the jail. Sheriff Talbert submitted a copy of the request to Mr. Murrell for his review before implementation.
4. **New Vehicle For Drug Task Force Deputy:** Deputy Matt Roberson, from the Drug Task Force, has been driving a leased pick-up truck. The miles available from the lease will be reaching its limit and Sheriff Talbert would like to purchase a new truck from Erik's Chevrolet. This is a 2008 crew cab pick-up truck with a V8 engine and a purchase price of \$21,460.03. It has a three year 36,000 mile bumper to bumper warranty. A motion was made by Mr. Raver to approve the purchase of the 2008 Chevrolet Crew cab pick-up truck from Erik's Chevrolet. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trine and carried.
5. **Annual Jail Inspection:** Sheriff Talbert offered an invitation to the Board of Commissioners to their Annual Inspection held on Thursday, May 15, 2008. Lunch will be served between 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. with the inspection to begin at 1:00 p.m. as a Memorial Service for fallen officers sponsored by the VFW.
6. **Securus:** Attorney Murrell discussed the Securus contract that was approved at the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting (*please refer to page two, item three, "In The Matter Of Sheriff Department Issues" of the Regular Meeting minutes dated April 21, 2008*). Mr. Murrell made several changes to the contract, but the change concerning the Technology Fund he is withdrawing. Sheriff Talbert agreed with the withdrawal and a final agreement is being prepared by Securus.

*At this time, the Regular Meeting was recessed to hold a  
previously scheduled Public Hearing for a Vacation of Easement*

Attorney Conrad Maugans submitted the Petition to Vacate a street originally platted as Railroad Street running from State Road 26 northwesterly along the abandoned railroad. The street has never been improved and is not used as a public thoroughfare. This request is presented on behalf of Furman A. and Betty L. Brewster and Mr. Maugans submitted all needed paperwork, including the proof of publication. The floor was opened to public comment as follows:

Rachel Baer, 2579 S County Road 500 W, Tipton, Presiding Clerk of Hemlock Friends Church: The Church would like more information concerning why this easement should be vacated and how it is going to affect their property. They have purchased several small parcels and are in the midst of getting a survey of their property.

Mr. Maugans allowed Ms. Baer to review the plat maps of the property in question and stated he did not think the Church's property touched the easement in question. When asked if the Church uses the Railroad street for access, Ms. Baer commented that it is only used for access to the parsonage when moving equipment. Mr. Maugans stated the intent to Petition to vacate was not only to add land to Mr. Brewster's property but to also put this unused portion back on the tax rolls for Howard County.

At the conclusion of ensuing discussion a motion was made by Mr. Raver, seconded by Mr. Trine and carried to continue this hearing to 9:00 a.m. on June 2, 2008, allowing the Church the opportunity to have a new survey conducted.

*The Regular Meeting is now reconvened.*

**IN THE MATTER OF PLAN COMMISSION ISSUES:**

Plan Commission Director Glen Boise submitted the following issues for Board information and approval:

1. **Replat Of Property:** This replat of property is to grant a variance to the 100 feet minimum building line on lot #41 to the minimum building line of forty feet, consistent with the forty feet on lot #40, and to combine the two lots. This request has been approved by the Plan Commission Board and has gone through a Public Hearing. The neighborhood covenants have also been amended. Any opposition has had two opportunities to express their view. A motion was made by Mr. Raver to approve the replat of lots #40 and 40 located in Sugar Mill Subdivision, section three. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trine and carried.
2. **Demolition Of West Liberty Property:** The demolition of property located at 12541 East County Road 332 South has been completed. The barn is down, the property cleaned and leveled, and grounds seeded. Mr. Boise will inspect the property. Mr. Murrell highly recommended the contractor, Mr. Brock Smith of Alliance Excavating, commenting that he went "above and beyond" in order to work with the County.
3. **Grant Approval From FEMA:** There has been no further word from FEMA concerning the approval of the Flood Mitigation Grant Application (*please refer to page two, item one, "In The Matter Of Plan Commission Department Issues", of the Regular Meeting minutes dated April 7, 2008*).
4. **Unsafe Property On Alto Road:** Mr. Fross commented that the house on the property located at 914 West Alto Road is in bad shape. He will be speaking with Mr. Leffert about the Inmate Work Crew's involvement in securing the property and repairing the doors of the house. Sheriff Talbert has received additional complaints of trespassers on the property and the owners cannot be located.

**IN THE MATTER OF MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT ISSUES:**

Buildings and Grounds Superintendent Art Fross submitted the following issues for Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Emergency Chiller Installation Contract:** There is an emergency situation involving the chiller situation of the HVAC system in the Administration Center (*please refer to page three, item one, "In The Matter Of Maintenance Department Issues", of the Regular Meeting minutes dated April 21, 2008*). Mr. Fross obtained two quotes. Upon a motion made by Mr. Raver and seconded by Mr. Trine, the following resolution was adopted:

Pursuant to IC 36-1-12-0, the Board hereby declares, on a motion made by Mr. Raver and seconded by Mr. Trine, that the need to install the new chiller at the Administration Center before warm weather constitutes an emergency. Consequently, Maintenance Director Art Fross obtained quotes from the following two mechanical contractors:

Downton & West	\$33,926 using old parts
Benchmark Mechanical	\$33,500 supplying new parts

Based upon these findings and quotes, the Board hereby accepts the Benchmark Mechanical Quote as the lowest responsible and responsive quote, and authorizes the President to execute the County's Standard

Form Public Works Contract with Benchmark Mechanical. Mr. Fross will issue memos to Department Heads in the Administration Center to shut all equipment down at the end of the business day, Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

2. **AT & T Centrex Contract:** Mr. Murrell submitted a new copy of the Centrex Agreement from A T & T. This Agreement cites the final line count at 269 lines for a monthly amount of \$3,264.00. There is an issue with the monthly amount. Back in December A T & T presented a monthly amount of \$3,014.00 for 252 lines, however, the final line count was 246, enabling Howard County to receive a credit for six lines. An agreement on that credit has not yet been reached. Mr. Murrell suggested the Board of Commissioners sign the contract and allow Mr. Murrell and Mr. Fross to review the billing amount with A T & T. All other verbiage has been approved. A motion was made by Mr. Trine, seconded by Mr. Raver and carried to approve the Centrex Contract with AT & T and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Murrell and Mr. Fross were directed to work with A T & T concerning the monthly charges.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT ISSUES:**

Information Systems Director Terry Tribby submitted the following issues for Board information and approval:

1. **Voice Over I P:** Because of issues raised during the Centrex Contract process, Mr. Tribby is looking into the Voice Over IP System, a system of running phone lines across the network. Mr. Tribby is in contact with a company that offers the VOIP application service. In the quote they submitted, there are infrastructure items that need to be addressed. The first item would be the installation of fiber optic cable between the County owned buildings. Four different contractors that install fiber have been contacted and two have been on-site, giving Mr. Tribby a quote of the costs for installation in two projects: the first would be the downtown buildings and the second would be downtown to the west side buildings (Kinsey, Highway and Criminal Justice Center).
2. **Verizon Wireless Billing Problems:** Just when we thought that the past billing issues had been resolved, the latest Verizon Bill for County Cell Phones is still not correct. Mr. Tribby verified that the local representative has been easy to work with and he feels that Verizon, as a company, has been willing to work with Howard County to insure good service such as bumping up the speeds of their data service. They will also be putting in an additional tower in our area in 2009, to help with reception in the western portion of the County. He would like to continue to working with them to resolve the billing issue.
3. **New Digital Recorder In Hearing Room:** Sound of Music has installed a new digital CD recorder in the Commissioner's Hearing Room. Currently both the digital and tape recording systems are being used to insure the system is being operated correctly. Mr. Tribby would like to keep the tape system as a redundant backup system.
4. **Comcast Cable:** Mr. Tribby has submitted a contract to Mr. Murrell for cable services with Comcast for Kinsey Youth Center. Chief Probation Officer Don Travis would like this system in order to be in better connection with all the school systems. That contract will be forthcoming.
5. **Primary Election Results:** The election results will be posted on the County's web site between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. Tuesday evening. If you find the site sluggish, it means there is a significant amount of traffic.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2008-BCCR-08:**

Resolution No. 2008-BCCR-08 is a resolution of the Howard County Board of Commissioners responding to the request that it contribute public funds to the Proposed Downtown YMCA Project. President Bagwell opened the floor for public comment as follows:

Paul Wyman, 211 Sandy Court, Kokomo: Mr. Wyman thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak in support of the request for public funds to contribute to the proposed YMCA project. Mr. Wyman believes that the downtown of any community is the center of the community. Six major events happen in downtown Kokomo. He continued to list the many reasons a flourishing downtown is needed and why Howard County should partner with the City of Kokomo for this

project. Mr. Wyman also recounted and refuted reasons to not support the contribution request. He asks the Board of Commissioners to vote in support of the project and send a message to the community "...that the polarizing past five years are over and that we can all work together."

Randy Morris, 4121 Honey Creek Blvd., Russiaville: Mr. Morris is the Director of Operations for the City of Kokomo. City officials were notified of the County's position concerning the contribution request for the proposed YMCA project, listed on the front page of the Kokomo Tribune. Mr. Morris is here to represent the city and respond to some of the statements listed. Mr. Morris quoted portions from the book, "The Hudnut Years" that concern Economic Development in the inner city.

Charlie Skoog, 3103 W. Carter Street, Kokomo: Mr. Skoog recognizes that the Board of Commissioners has a tough decision to make, and appreciates all the thought and research that has gone into consideration. The County has a unique opportunity to help the downtown area and he is in support of the contribution of public funds to the proposed YMCA project. He believes that the YMCA and the Library are critical to the downtown area.

Dave White, 3608 Carmelita Blvd., Kokomo: Mr. White spoke in support of contributing to the proposed YMCA project, as well as in support of giving money to not-for-profit organizations. He doesn't believe location should be an issue in making this decision. Mr. White continued to inform the Board that he took an informal survey of eighteen Chrysler employees, eight who live in the City and ten who live in the County. Of the City dwellers, all eight employees were in favor of contributing to the proposed project. Of the County dwellers, nine were in favor of supporting the proposed project. He believes the Board owes it to everyone to decide in favor of the contribution.

Kim Lafollette, 4501 McKibben Drive, Kokomo: Ms. Lafollette is a resident of Howard County and the President of the Kokomo Downtown Association. She would ask the Board of Commissioners to make the decision to invest in the proposed YMCA Project. A thriving downtown will help with foreclosure rates. She believes that investing is the right decision.

Janie Young, 2106 Olds Drive, Kokomo: She's been an Indiana resident for thirty years. She read the Tribune article and it saddened her. She hopes that the County and City can work together on this project to keep the YMCA downtown.

Paul Wyman: Concerning the not-for-profit concern, Mr. Wyman would like the Board to consider the bigger picture. This is not a matter of the County handing over a sum of money directly to the YMCA. Consider this venture as investing in a piece of land that has a tremendous economic development impact for the community. The Urban Enterprise Association investment has to happen in the downtown area and the donation of Mr. Don Button makes this project a great opportunity to impact the community for the next fifty to seventy-five years.

Charlie Skoog: Wanted to inform the Board that the Urban Enterprise Association is also looking at an Urban Transportation Project, bringing people to the downtown area. If we loose the YMCA Downtown, we may lose that opportunity.

Joe Nelson, 1894 West Carter Street, Kokomo: Mr. Nelson has been asked by a few residents of this community to ask the following questions on their behalf:

- 1) Does the concept of separation of Church and State come into play in this situation?
- 2) If we do this to the YMCA will all other churches and not-for-profit entities be able to receive taxpayer funds, or just the YMCA?
- 3) Who stands to profit from the sale of the Button Motors property?
- 4) Who stands to profit from the redevelopment of the YMCA downtown?
- 5) Why are we considering only the property in downtown Kokomo as Economic Development and how many jobs are going to come downtown?
- 6) He, along with 150 plus people lost their job, last year, because the business decided to relocate overseas. He believes Economic Development Funds could have helped save those 150 plus jobs. Why were Economic Development Funds not used to help save those jobs?

He does not believe Economic Development funds should be used to support not-for-profit organizations. Those organizations should be supported by the community and not tax funds. Mr. Nelson also gave his concerns involving the new US31 and how it bypasses Kokomo.

Commissioner Bagwell: Wants all to understand that this is not US versus THEM. The Board of Commissioners is in support of the YMCA staying in the downtown area. While it is true that taxpayers from the City pay property taxes that support both the City and County, the EDIT taxes collected from city taxpayers support the City's EDIT activities and EDIT taxes collected from county taxpayers support the County's EDIT activities. The separation of Church and State, support for not-for-profit organizations, is addressed in an item of the proposed resolution. Mr. Bagwell appreciates the comments that pertained to US 31 and addressed the concept of the use of EDIT funds in that scenario. The County has tried to work with the City and will continue to do so, but in this particular case there are too many uncertainties the Board has identified, that could have a negative impact on the County's finances, making the commitment of funds to this project very difficult.

Commissioner Trine: Mr. Trine supports the YMCA and its continued location in the downtown area or wherever they decide to locate. Thanks to the information given by Mr. Murrell there are about 1100 to 1200 units of membership to the YMCA. Mr. Trine would like the YMCA Board, themselves, to make a formal request. He continued to declare that many businesses have recently left the downtown area such as Sign-Pro, Currens Zapfe, Baja Burrito, Button Dodge, Coney Island, Jamie's Soda Fountain and Conkles. He would like the Economic Development Organizations to address the question, "If the County gives taxpayer money to the YMCA for them to stay downtown, will that bring the other businesses back to downtown Kokomo?" He believes that if Economic Development depended on flowers and trees, we would be overflowing with businesses in the downtown area. Let's call the downtown area what it is: it is the government center, financial hub, and professional hub of Kokomo. Someone, many years before the present community leaders were in office, decided that retail in the downtown area was too volatile to remain downtown. He believes it's been broken down for the last twenty years and now we are asking the taxpayer to foot the bill to revitalize the area.

Commissioner Raver: The County has made a concerted effort over the last thirty years to improve the downtown area starting in 1980 when they took over and remodeled the old post office. As the Courthouse needed to house an additional Court, the Key bank building was purchased in 1998 and remodeled in 1999 to house the administrative offices. Parking lots were completely renovated for employees. Lights were not needed, but in keeping with the theme of the downtown area, lights were purchased and installed to match the existing downtown lights. Many of the improvements made by the County in the downtown area were initiated because of the ever increasing Judicial needs. A high percentage of Howard County Inmates (90%) had Kokomo legal address (inside city limits) at the time of their arrest and another 8% just outside the city limits. He feels the County has done a tremendous work to help the downtown of Kokomo.

Attorney Larry Murrell: Although Mr. Murrell has done legal work for the YMCA, as a member of the Board since 1972, and was involved in drafting a resolution for the YMCA Board, as the project began to move forward, he no longer represents the YMCA, legally, because it is in conflict with his job of representing the Board of Commissioners. He did clarify that although the YMCA Resolution expressed the YMCA's commitment to downtown, there were conditions to this commitment. Some of the conditions for staying downtown have been addressed by the Consortium, but several issues have not been totally resolved. Also for clarification, Mr. Murrell asked if the City Council has voted to expend \$300,000.00 of their EDIT funds for this project. Mr. Randy Morris and Councilwoman Janie Young affirmed that though money has been set aside for this project, the City Council has not, to date, voted to support the use of EDIT funds for this project.

Discussion continued.

Tom Trine, 1226 West County Road 350 North, Kokomo: Mr. Trine provides memberships to the YMCA for disadvantaged people. He believes in and supports the programs of the YMCA. The Y bought ten acres of land on Berkley Road. He asked six different YMCA board members what they were looking for and they responded that they wanted a seventy thousand square foot building with greens space all in one location. Mr. Trine belongs to a business association of forty-eight members, on the west side of Kokomo. He asked the question, "Can I come to you, or can we come to you, like the downtown constantly comes to you or to different people, and says, 'Save us, save us, save us.' Can we come to you and get \$300,000.00 from you to help our businesses on the west side of Kokomo, or can the people at Forest Park, Maplecrest, any of the other areas?"

Several other questions were raised and discussion continued.

A motion was made by Mr. Raver to approve Resolution No. 2008-BCCR-08. Resolution No. 2008-BCCR-08 was read in full by Mr. Raver. In response to a question posed by Mr. Trine, Attorney Murrell responded by stating that there is not a definitive answer as to whether the YMCA is considered a religious organization. That issue needs to be examined: it could or could not be a problem. The motion was then seconded by Mr. Trine and carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT BOUNDARIES:**

At the April 7, 2008 meeting, both hospitals were given thirty days to review study information and bring an agreement to the Board of Commissioners at their May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Until that time the modified tentative boundary lines were in effect (*please refer to page four, "In The Matter Of Emergency Medical Transport Boundaries" of the Regular Meeting minutes dated April 7, 2008*). Mr. Mike Derr, from St. Joseph Hospital took the floor to inform the Board of the decision. Mr. Derr was please to announce the both hospitals have met and have reached an agreement they believe will work well. They hope the Board of Commissioners will approve this agreement. Mr. Derr recapped the discussion of the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. They have agreed to observe the boundary line of County Road 50 North straight up County Road 600 East as the East boundary. The west boundary would constitute leaving the boundary at Boulevard Street (County Road 100 South) extending out to County Road 500 West, then south to County Road 150 South and west to the Howard / Carroll County line. Both hospitals believe these are fair boundary lines for both hospitals for a long time to come. Ms. Lori Melton, of Howard Regional Hospital was in attendance and gave her approval of these boundary lines. A motion was made by Mr. Raver, seconded by Mr. Trine and carried to amend the Emergency Medical Transport boundary lines as submitted. Attorney Murrell noted this has been a four year endeavor and he expressed appreciation to both hospitals for their diligence in this matter. Mr. Raver noted he had attended a meeting with the City regarding the City's consideration of providing ALS services.

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

Auditor Ann Wells submitted the following issues for Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Commissioners' Salary Claims:** Salary, hourly and overtime claims payable May 9 and 16, 2008, in the amount of \$337,929.59 each were approved on a motion made by Mr. Raver and seconded by Mr. Trine.
2. **Commissioners' Operating Claims:** Operating claims payable May 5, 2008, in the amount of \$459,866.71 were submitted. Also submitted for approval were two emergency claims signed by Commissioner Bagwell: one for Comcast regarding internet service for the Administration Center, and one for David Tucker, reimbursement for a towing charge. Discussion ensued regarding Comcast's application of late fees and transaction fees only seven days after printing of the bill, not allowing the County to observe the statutory claim procedure. A motion was made by Mr. Trine, seconded by Mr. Raver and carried to approve the Operating Claims as submitted and to determine the Comcast bill as an ongoing emergency claim, and the David Tucker claim as an emergency claim, and approve them for payment. Mr. Murrell was directed by the Board to contact Comcast and inform them of the County's claim process and how it is affected by their policy. If there is not a way to work out this dilemma, Mr. Murrell will contact the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.
3. **Annual Report To The State Superintendent Of Public Instruction On Condition Of School Funds:** This annual document is to report on the condition of the Common School fund that must be reported to the State of Indiana by Howard County. The report was approved on a motion made by Mr. Raver and seconded by Mr. Trine.
4. **Township Appeal:** A Township Assistance Hearing was held Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> for Angela Rhinebarger, Center Township. A motion was made by Mr. Raver, seconded by Mr. Trine and carried to uphold the Trustee's denial of assistance.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE BARNES AND THORNBURG INVOICE:**

Attorney Larry submitted an invoice from Barnes & Thornburg in the amount of \$397.50 for services rendered in connection with Delphi Bankruptcy Matters for the period ending March 31, 2008. This invoice is approved for payment on a motion made by Mr. Trine and seconded by Mr. Raver.

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:**

1. **Request By Viet Nam Veterans' Reunion Association:** The Board of Commissioners have received a request from the Viet Nam Veterans' Reunion Association to take pictures of the memorial located in the rotunda of the Courthouse for the front cover of their calendar. A motion was made by Mr. Trine,

seconded by Mr. Raver and carried to approve the request of the Viet Nam Veterans' Reunion Association.

2. **Veterans Service Office Limited Service Request:** The Veterans Service Office will be participating in their Annual Conference to be held June 9 through 12, 2008. Veterans Service Officer Robert Ladd requests that the office be allowed to offer limited service by Secretary of Transportation Coordinator Selma Bliss during those days, while Mr. Ladd and Ms. Cheek attend the conference. A motion was made by Mr. Raver to approve the request for limited service from June 9 to 12, 2008. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trine and carried.
3. **Veterans Service Officer's Monthly Report:** The Veterans Service Officer's monthly report for April, 2008 was accepted on a motion made by Mr. Raver and seconded by Mr. Trine.
4. **Weights & Measures Report:** The Weights and Measures Monthly Report for the month of March 15 to April 15, 2008, was accepted on a motion made by Mr. Trine and seconded by Mr. Raver.
5. **Seminar At Barnes & Thornburg:** There is a Property Tax Reform Seminar to be held at Barnes & Thornburg on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
6. **Association Of Cities And Towns Meeting:** There will be a meeting at the City Hall sponsored by the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns, tonight, at 5:30 p.m. This will be a review of House Bill 1001.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m. on a motion made by Mr. Trine and seconded by Mr. Raver.

**HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

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BRADLEY J. BAGWELL, PRESIDENT

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DAVID A. TRINE, VICE PRESIDENT

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PAUL J. RAVEN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN WELLS, AUDITOR

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