

## **HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 2009**

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, November 16, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. in Room 338 of the Administration Center. Those in attendance included President David Trine, Vice President William Thompson, and Member Tyler Moore. Also in attendance were County Attorney Larry Murrell and Auditor Ann Wells.

The meeting was called to order by Lieutenant Jerry Asher and conducted by Mr. Trine. Mr. Moore led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes of the November 2, 2009 meeting were previously submitted and reviewed. Mr. Moore suggested there may be some changes he would like to make but would like another opportunity to review them with the Auditor's Office. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to table the approval of the minutes until the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried.

### **IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2009-BCCR-24:**

President David Trine invited Brian Caldwell, Director of Western High School Band, along with members Allison Sherrick, Lisa Ricker and Charity Wild, to the podium. Commissioner Thompson read Resolution No. 2009-BCCR-24 in one time as follows:

**WHEREAS**, on October 30, 2009, at the 36<sup>th</sup> annual Indiana State School Music Association State Marching Band finals at Lucas Oil Stadium the Western High School Marching Band won its second consecutive Class C level state title; and

**WHEREAS**, the Marching Panthers have thus distinguished themselves and the community they represent, and well deserve public recognition and honor for this exceptional achievement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Western High School Marching Panthers are hereby recognized and honored for winning their second consecutive Class C state title; and
2. The musical directors, parents and Western community are hereby commended for their enthusiastic support of the Marching Panthers throughout the year; and
3. A copy of this Resolution shall be delivered to the band and shall be made a part of the official records of the Howard County Board of Commissioners.

Resolution No. 2009-BCCR-24 was adopted and signed by the Board of Commissioners and Mr. Caldwell, and the band was congratulated by the Board members.

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

Highway Department Superintendent / Engineer Ted Cain submitted the following issues for the Board's information and approval:

1. **Opening of 2010 Highway Material Bids:** Mr. Cain submitted the bids received for the 2010 highway materials as follows:

Item 1: Precast and Pre-stressed Beams	Primco Inc.
Item 2: Various Grades of Asphalt, Emulsion, and Tar	Asphalt Materials Inc. Mohr Construction Co Inc.

Item 3: Bituminous Coated Aggregate, Asphalt, Concrete Binder and Top	Mohr Construction Co Inc.
Item 4: Stone	Hanson Aggregates Midwest Martin-Marietta Materials IMI
Item 5: Equipment Rental	Primco Inc.
Item 6: Diesel Fuel	North Central Co-op

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson to take the 2010 Highway Materials Bids under advisement for review by Mr. Cain. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

2. **EMA Paving Project:** The paving for this project has been completed and comes in at \$8,000.00 less than the estimate. Mr. Cain would like to address the drainage issue at the back of the building next spring but will buy the materials before the end of this year.
3. **Stimulus Projects:** The Stimulus Funds projects are now completed and Mr. Cain will have the pre-final run through with the State; signs will be removed.
4. **U.S. 31 Freeway:** County Road 200 south is now open and Mr. Cain has already received complaints concerning the guard rails. Those complaints will be forwarded to the State as they will be maintaining the road. County Road 100 South will not be closed until February or March (because of the winter weather). County Road 50 North is scheduled to open the end of November.
5. **Leaf Removal At Howard Haven:** Volunteers at Howard Haven raked leaves and Mr. Moore asked Mr. Cain if the Highway Department has the capability to remove the piled leaves similar to the City of Kokomo. Mr. Cain replied that the County does not have the proper equipment to offer leaf removal.
6. **U. S. 31 Right-Of-Way Purchases And Temporary Vacations:** Butler Fairman and Seufert will be managing the Right-Of-Way purchases and vacations of easement. Mr. Cain and Mr. Murrell have several Right-of-way properties for Board action and approval and will present those during the County Attorney portion of the meeting.

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

Lieutenant Jerry Asher informed the Board of Commissioners that the current jail population is three hundred twenty (320) inmates, fifty-eight (58) of which are females. Mr. Moore informed the Board that a Cub Scout Den will be visiting the Criminal Justice Center on Thursday.

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

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

1. **Plan Commission Meeting:** The Plan Commission will be meeting tomorrow. The Flood Mitigation project is completely finished and no longer needs to be a part of the agenda.
2. **U. S. 31 Corridors Plans:** There will be a Public Input Session on Thursday evening at IUK, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The Commissioners were invited to attend.
3. **Rejection Letter Of Proposed Zoning Ordinance:** At the November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting Mr. Moore informed the Board that a draft of the Letter of Rejection of the Proposed Zoning Ordinance would be presented for Board approval (*please refer to page two, item five, "In The Matter Of Plan Commission Issues" of the Regular Meeting minutes dated November 2, 2009*). Mr. Murrell has reviewed the letter and suggested it be revised to include the action approved by the Board of Commissioners to refer the rejected Ordinance back to the Plan Commission for further consideration. If so approved by the Board, he will present the amended copy before the end of the current meeting for Board signature. A motion was made

by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried to approve the revised Letter of Rejection, and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

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

Building and Grounds Superintendent Scott Reed submitted the following issues for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Key Bank Renovation Project:** The vent for the first floor bank computer room has been installed and Mr. Reed has given his approval.
2. **Superior I Video Conferencing:** Superior Court I now has video conferencing capability and they have purchased a flat screen monitor for the Courtroom. It was installed by the Maintenance Department on Saturday. Sunday they were called out to the Criminal Justice Center for electrical issues.
3. **Parking Signs Around The Courthouse:** The City of Kokomo has removed all the reserved parking signs on the west side of the Courthouse. The signs will be given back to the County Highway Department for use in other parking lots.
4. **Christmas Lighting Around The Courthouse:** The Christmas lights are ready for installation at the Board's convenience, to be completed before the tree lighting ceremony on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Reed thanked Mr. John Wiles and the Kokomo Downtown Association for the use of their electrical boxes.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT ISSUES:**

Personnel Department Director Wanda McKillip submitted the following issues for the Board's information and approval:

1. **Anthem Insurance Open Enrollment:** Ms. McKillip introduced Mr. Doug Heath of Miles and Finch Insurance to report on the findings of the Insurance Committee from their most recent meeting. Mr. Heath stepped to the podium and reported that the Committee unanimously voted to (1) accept the Anthem Insurance as submitted with no change in current benefits or employee premiums. The Insurance Committee also gave a recommendation to (2) continue to move forward with the NOVIA Employee Onsite Clinic process, and to (3) continue to monitor monthly insurance claims. Ms. McKillip reminded the Board that this is the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) consecutive year that the insurance premiums have not been increased. At the close of Mr. Heath's presentation a motion was made by Mr. Moore to accept the recommendation of the Insurance Committee and to authorize the President to sign the renewal documents on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. These become effective February 1, 2010. Ms. McKillip informed the Board that open enrollment for Anthem Health Insurance will be November 30 – December 11, 2009.
2. **PAC Committee Recommendation:** The PAC Committee met on Thursday, November 12, 2009, and made the following recommendation to the Board of Commissioners:

“Recommend the hiring of four new positions to the Kinsey Youth Center. The positions will be FFT (Family Functional Therapy) Therapists; with a salary of \$40,000. The start-up monies for the program will be funded by two Grants – CIP FFT Grant and the CJI FFT Grant. The program will continue with revenue received from the billable rate of \$179.50 per hour by the therapists.”

This program will be supported by being income generated. If it ceases to be self-supportive, it will be terminated. Chief Probation Officer Don Travis and Kinsey Director Brent Kelley were in attendance to answer any questions. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried to approve the PAC Committee recommendation as submitted and forward the recommendation to the County Council. Ms. McKillip reminded the Board that the starting salaries for the four positions would follow the New Hire 90% rule.

3. **Direct Deposit Contest:** The Personnel Department will be hosting a “Direct Deposit” contest to encourage all employees who currently receive paper checks, to sign on to Direct Deposit. A drawing will be held in January, 2010 for all those who are currently enrolled or do enroll by December 31, 2009.

Ms. McKillip has prepared a memo for payroll distribution and requested permission to distribute through the payroll department. Discussion ensued as to the reason that some employees do not choose to direct deposit their paycheck. At its conclusion, the Direct Deposit Contest memo was approved for distribution through the payroll department on a motion made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Thompson.

4. **IUK Job, Internship, And Volunteer Extravaganza:** This JIVE event will take place on Wednesday November 18, 2009 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Kelley Student Center of the IUK Campus and the Personnel Office will have a booth there. This is the fifth year for the fair, but it is the sixth year that the Personnel Department has had an intern from IUK.
5. **Insurance Letters Sent:** The Personnel Department sent out letters to employees sixty-five and over concerning prescription and Medicare information, as well as Anthem and Standard Life letters to dependents aged nineteen and over, to recertify that they are a full-time student.
6. **GINA Law Fliers:** Fliers for the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 have been posted on the County Building's bulletin boards, as required by law. Our policy handbooks may have to be amended to reflect this law.
7. **Request To Distribute Seiberling Memos Though Payroll:** The County Historical Society is hosting a "Christmas At The Seiberling 2009" event at the Seiberling Mansion, Saturday November 28, 2009. Ms. Karickhoff asked permission to distribute the memos to the employees through the payroll process. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried to approve distribution of the "Christmas At The Seiberling" memos through the payroll process.

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

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

1. **Law Enforcement Move To New Server:** Law Enforcement and the GL software was moved over to a new server last week. Mr. Tribby appreciates everyone's patience; he knows this is not an easy project. As a part of the Law Enforcement project, Mr. Tribby is in conversation with the City concerning upgrading software to mirror the servers between the City and the County. At one time they were on the same application of software but that was changed before Mr. Tribby came to work for the County. At the present time the City and County have worked out a system to exchange law enforcement and emergency information, but the ideal situation would be to get back to having the same application of software. That would take a major software upgrade which will allow us to mirror servers between the City and County. Up time and data protection are benefits of this upgrade. The City is on board with this project and Mr. Tribby will update the Board as progress is made.
2. **Thank You To The Maintenance Department:** Mr. Tribby thanked the Maintenance Department for their help in installing equipment in Superior Court I for video conferencing capability. Judge Menges obtained a grant to fund his own equipment in lieu of the using the portable unit. The Adult Probation Department will also purchase their own equipment with their own funding. Their unit will need to be in a secured location. Mr. Tribby received word from Miami County that they are currently working on installing video conferencing equipment. When completed they will test the equipment with Howard County.
3. **Phase II Tax And Assessment Server Move:** This evening the Information Systems' Department will be moving tax and assessment to a new server. Tax information will be the first to be moved, followed by assessment information. The Surveyor's drain information will be moved as well, all to meet the December 7<sup>th</sup> deadline mandated by the State.
4. **Imaging Project Upgrade:** The warranty on the server and juke box at the Courthouse will expire soon. A server and software upgrade will be needed. Clerk Mona Myers is negotiating with a vendor to move information to the current JCS program, enabling information to be electronically scanned up front.

5. **A T & T Meeting:** A meeting with A T & T is scheduled for this Thursday at 10:00 am, to discuss the current billing situation and credits due to our account.
6. **Kinsey Youth Center And Juvenile Probation Server:** Kinsey Youth Center and the Juvenile Probation Department are in need of a new server. They are negotiating with a lease company to lease a new server and equipment updates every few years. This is the first time a server would be leased instead of purchased, but because technology is moving so quickly, he thinks it would be a good idea. Mr. Murrell and Mr. Tribby will review the lease agreement and report back to the Commissioners. During the Public Comment portion of the agenda, Chief Probation Officer Don Travis made himself available for questions from the Commissioners. He took the opportunity to explain the terms of this lease and the need for leasing in lieu of purchase. The vendor that provides the leasing service is currently providing this service to four other counties in Indiana. The vendor is SIS, out of Zionsville, and Mr. Travis assured the Board of Commissioners that there is no local vendor that can provide this particular service.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF HOWARD HAVEN ISSUES:**

Howard Haven Superintendent Jennifer Vary submitted the following issues for the Board's information and approval:

1. **Donation List:** Ms. Vary submitted the donation listing for September 2, 2009 through October 21, 2009.
2. **Project To Enclose Porches:** The Friends of Howard Haven are partnering with the students of the Kokomo Career Center to sponsor a building project to enclose the porches on both the east and west ends of the building. The porches will have trim on the inside and cedar on the outside, with thirty-six inch storm doors and eight operating winders. Buildings and Grounds Superintendent Scott Reed has reviewed the plans and code compliances and given his approval. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson to approve by Mr. Moore and carried. Mr. Reed will check on progress of the project.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF A KOKOMO DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION REQUEST:**

Mr. John Wiles of the Kokomo Downtown Association submitted a request to use the Courthouse flagpole during the Christmas season (December 1, 2009 – January 16, 2010), with a special lighting ceremony (Light Up Your Holiday) on December 5<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., downtown. There will be carolers, Santa Claus, and the sale of Christmas wreaths and trees: a Certificate of Insurance was submitted. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried to approve the use of the Courthouse flagpole for the Christmas season with a special lighting ceremony at 8:00 p.m. on December 5, 2009. Mr. Thompson thanked the KDA for permission to use their electric power boxes and paying the electricity for the Christmas lights around the Courthouse.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF TAX EXEMPT STATUS FOR THE GREATER ST. MATTHEW'S COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY:**

Pastor Dwight Hobson began by thanking Commissioner Thompson for the opportunity to be added to the agenda at such short notice. Last year the Ministry purchased property at 424 North Apperson Way. They have been able to pay the back taxes and liens associated with the property, this year, but they do not have enough funds to keep paying property taxes. He needs information on how to become a tax exempt entity. Pastor Hobson was informed of the Tax Exempt process and County Assessor Jamie Shepherd, who was in attendance, escorted Pastor Hobson to her office to fill out the necessary paperwork to begin the process. The ministry will be eligible for tax exemption in the tax year 2010.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF MILITARY APPRECIATION WEEK AND RESOLUTION NO. 2009BCCR-23:**

Veteran's Service Officer Robert Ladd expressed his appreciation to the City of Kokomo and area vendors for their participation in Military Appreciation Week. Free meals or discounts have been offered to Veterans in the county, and the Veterans have been treated with respect. This is the first nation-wide project of this kind to be attempted. Media coverage for today's Free Veteran Meal Monday will be moved from Indianapolis to Kokomo, putting Kokomo on the map. He also thanked Kokomo Tribune columnist Ken de la Bastide for the interview of veteran Ken Johnson, and the respectful way in which Mr. Johnson was treated. Commissioner Thompson read Resolution No. 2009-BCCR-23, A Veteran's Day Proclamation By The Howard County Board of Commissioners in full as follows:

**WHEREAS**, on October 8, 1954, the year Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first “Veterans Day Proclamation,” stating

*On that day let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain.*

**WHEREAS**, fifty-five (55) years later, on Veterans Day November 11, 2009, it is fitting that we continue to pay tribute to all who have proudly worn the uniform of the United States of America,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, on behalf of the citizens of Howard County, the Howard County Board of Commissioners honors our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen, who have served our country in the past, and continue to serve our country today.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board encourages all citizens of this County to recognize the valor and sacrifice of our Veterans through appropriate public ceremonies and private thoughts and prayers.

Mr. Ladd thanked the Board and noted that he will proudly display the Resolution. Commissioner Thompson thanked Attorney Larry Murrell for preparing this and all resolutions approved by the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Ladd also recognized the efforts of Indiana University Kokomo and Grissom Aeroplex for their efforts on behalf of veterans.

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

Auditor Ann Wells submitted the following issues for the Board’s information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** Salary, hourly and overtime claims payable November 20 and 27, and December 4, 2009, in the amount of \$335,386.35, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Thompson.
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners’ Operating claims payable today, in the amount of \$295,994.01, were approved for payment on a motion made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Thompson.
3. **Clerk’s Report:** The monthly report of the Clerk of Circuit Court for the month ending October 31, 2009 was submitted and accepted on a motion made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Thompson.
4. **Soil & Water Agenda And Minutes:** The agenda and minutes from the Soil and Water Conservation District were submitted and accepted on a motion made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Thompson.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY ISSUES:**

County Attorney Larry Murrell submitted the following issues to the Commissioners for the information and approval:

1. **Greater St. Matthew Outreach Ministry Exemption:** Mr. Murrell received information from County Assessor Jamie Shepherd concerning the exemption of the Greater St. Matthew Outreach Ministry (*please refer to page five, “In The Matter Of The Greater St. Matthew’s Outreach Ministry”, of these minutes*). The PTABOA Board issued a 100% exemption to this ministry in October, 2009.
2. **SRI Release Document:** A dispute between the Auditor’s office and SRI concerning the notice sent out by SRI for the 2007 Tax Sale, was settled and SRI reimbursed the Auditor’s Office in the amount of \$1,825.83. Mr. Murrell now submits a Release form from SRI releasing them from foreseen and unforeseen consequences resulting from their alleged failure. Mr. Murrell has reviewed the document and now recommends action by the Board of Commissioners. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson to approve the SRI Release document and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.
3. **Crowe Horwath Invoices:** Mr. Murrell submitted invoices for service from Crowe Horwath as follows:

Professional Services 8/4/09 to 10/10/09	Chrysler Bankruptcy	\$3,162.50
Professional Services period ending 10/18/09	Chrysler Personal Property	\$4,799.31
Professional Services period ending 10/18/09	LOIT Tax Analysis	\$7,125.00

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to approve the invoices for payment as submitted.

4. **Set Hearing Date For a Petition To Vacate:** This Petition to Vacated was submitted by Attorney David Baird to file on behalf of Monte and Gwynne Nelson. Mr. Murrell has reviewed a copy of the Petition and finds it in order. A hearing date must now be assigned. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to assign a hearing date of December 21, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried.
  
5. **Franchise Fees To Be Paid:** According to law, franchises that offer video capability in unincorporated areas of the county must pay franchise fees to that county. Inquiries made by Mr. Murrell resulted in fees being paid by A T & T, but we have not received the fees from Comcast. Mr. Murrell sent a letter to Comcast asking them to call him concerning the fees. He received no response from them so Mr. Murrell sent a certified letter to Comcast and it was refused. The next step would be to file a complaint with the State's Utility Regulatory Commission. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried to authorize Mr. Murrell to file a complaint with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.
  
6. **U.S. 31 Freeway Temporary Right-Of-Way Purchases:** Earlier in the meeting Ted Cain submitted Temporary Right-of-Ways and Warranty Deeds pertaining to land purchases for the US 31 Freeway (*please refer to page two, item six, "In The Matter Of Highway Department Issues", of these minutes*). The Board took action as follows:
  - a) \$65.00 for land temporarily encumbered and damages, for 300 square feet of property located at 2604 E. Boulevard, Kokomo, Indiana, owned by Isaac and Helen Breeden. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Temporary Right-of -Way for 300 square feet of property located at 2604 E. Boulevard Street in Kokomo. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried.
  
  - b) Isaac and Helen Breeden also sold a 1,980 square foot of their property located at 2604 E. Boulevard, Kokomo to the State in the amount of \$15,150.00. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to approve the Sales Disclosure form and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.
  
  - c) Frontage property was sold in the amount of \$870.00, for property located at 1500 E. County Road 100 S., Kokomo, Indiana, owned by Harold and Arlene Coate Revocable Living Trust dated February 7, 1994. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Sales Disclosure form and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried. Let the record reflect that Mr. Murrell is waiving his fees as notary public.
  
  - d) 1,980 square feet of property located at 2520 E. Boulevard, Kokomo, Indiana and owned by Mark and Darla Cade, was deeded to the State for the amount of \$17,000.00. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to approve the Sales Disclosure form and authorize President Trine to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.
  
  - e) \$100.00 for land temporarily encumbered and damages, for 465 square feet of property located at 2520 E. Boulevard, Kokomo, Indiana, owned by Mark and Darla Cade. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to approve Temporary Right-of-Way for 1,980 square feet of property located at 2520 E. Boulevard, Kokomo, Indiana.

## IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

1. **Commissioner Moore:** Concerning the local purchasing discussion that took place at the November 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner meeting in Greentown (*please refer to pages four and five, "In The Matter Of Public Comment", of the Regular Meeting minutes dated November 2, 2009*), Mr. Moore asked if the Board would be willing to revisit the current Purchasing Ordinance. Mr. Murrell reminded the Board that in June of this year he had prepared a draft of an amended Purchasing Ordinance and that draft was still pending. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson to re-visit the proposed amendment to Purchasing Ordinance 2008-BCCO-09. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

Mr. Moore has publicly issued his support for RAD (Responsible Alcohol Distribution). He distributed information concerning RAD to Mr. Trine and Mr. Thompson for their consideration, and suggested that the Board might want to consider its own Resolution in support of RAD, in opposition of sales and co-distribution of alcoholic beverages on Sundays. Mr. Trine wanted to know if there were studies done that show the effects of a Sunday ban on the number of DUI arrests. Mr. Moore suggested that information might be available on RAD's website. Mr. Thompson reminded the Board that this issue and the Public Smoking Ban issue are two of the biggest issues in the State at this time.

Mr. Moore will be attending the GKEDA (Greater Kokomo Economic Development Alliance) all council planning session this Thursday at 1:30 p.m., at Inventrek Park. At its conclusion he will attend the Inventrek Council meeting.

Last Friday Mr. Moore and Mr. Trine attended the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Dare Graduation ceremony at Taylor Middle School. It was encouraging to see the number of parents showing their support for this project.

Concerning parking around the Courthouse, Mr. Moore informed the Board that the mail boxes will be removed at the end of this year. The Courthouse address has been changed to 104 North Buckeye Street, effective January 1, 2010. Mr. Thompson will check on the realtor boxes, newspaper stands and telephone stands on the Courthouse grounds. Mr. Randy Morris, City of Kokomo, stepped to the podium to talk about parking issues. He stated that the biggest issue, presently, is County employees juggling paid and free parking spots during the work day, instead of using the County's parking lots. The County and City are still in negotiations concerning several reserved parking spots for the County's use on the west side of the courthouse. Discussion ensued concerning 1) discipline of county employees who do not use the provided parking lots, 2) the number of spaces requested by the County, 3) parking for disabled employees and 4) parking around the courthouse for jurors. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to request ten reserved parking spots around the Courthouse, either by sign or permit.

2. **Commissioner Thompson:** Mr. Thompson met with a Township Trustee and employees from the Auditor's Office, last week, and he was made aware of the growing need in Howard County. The township trustees may need to come to the Board and Council for additional funds from the County.

Mr. Thompson believes it is necessary to send a letter to County employees that fully explain the NOVIA clinic concept, in order to clarify misconceptions and to receive employee input and participation.

Mr. Thompson wished a Happy Thanksgiving to all employees of the County and the City. This is an important holiday because there will be many people in need and it will be important for those who can, to share.

3. **Commissioner Trine:** Mr. Trine submitted a letter received from Purdue University, thanking the Board of Commissioners for their support of the Small Business Development Center.

Spoke with Mayor Goodnight, last Wednesday, concerning the parking around the Courthouse, and Mr. Trine was directed to speak with Mr. Morris.

Spoke with Mayor Goodnight concerning the NOVIA Employee Clinic and how far along the City is in the process of setting up the clinic. Mr. Trine was directed to Jim Brannon and Kathy Horton for more information. The county's Government Center is losing several offices and there have been



conversations concerning the possibility of closing that building. Mr. Trine offered the use of the Government Center to house the employee clinic in that location. Mr. Trine will speak with Mr. Brannon and Ms. Horton to continue discussion. Mr. Morris did speak to this issue, informing the Board that the City is already committed to the Bell Street location (formerly the Early Learning Center), currently working on drainage issues. Permits for the facility have already been applied for. Mr. Morris encouraged Mr. Trine to go ahead and make the offer with the City and include underwriting the utilities and medical personnel. He also encouraged the Board and Personnel Director Wanda McKillip to visit the Bell location and offer input on the project. For clarification, Mr. Murrell asked Mr. Morris that if this is to be a shared project between the City and the County, has the City already signed on with NOVIA? Mr. Morris responded that the City has already signed on with NOVIA to begin the search for qualified medical personnel. The City anticipates being ready to open the clinic by January 4, 2010. Mr. Murrell was informed that the County would have to sign a separate agreement with NOVIA, not shared with the City. The County would have separate medical personnel and pharmaceuticals. The only partnering to be done, would be sharing the same facility.

There being no further business to bring to the Board at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Thompson. The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

**HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

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DAVID A. TRINE, PRESIDENT

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WILLIAM THOMPSON, VICE PRESIDENT

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TYLER O. MOORE, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN WELLS, AUDITOR

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