

HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MARCH 30, 2009

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in a Special Session on Monday, March 30, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in Room #338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President David A. Trine and Vice President William Thompson. Also in attendance were County Attorney Larry Murrell and Auditor Ann Wells.

This Special Meeting was called to consider (1) a Homeland Security grant for the purchase of a new GIS server; (2) a request from the IS Department to purchase the server; and (3) any related matters.

The meeting was called to order and conducted by President Trine.

IN THE MATTER OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FOR GIS SERVER REQUEST:

Information Systems Department Director Terry Tribby has paperwork ready to submit for a sub grant from the 2007 Homeland Security Grant, and requests the Board's approval for this \$14,894.00 grant. He has received approval from the State for this reimbursable sub grant; \$5,000.00 of the grant will go to Schneider Corp. for their help in meeting specifications of the grant, and \$9,000.00 will be for the purchase of hardware for the GIS server. Any additional costs for the server will come from the Information Systems hardware line item. Mr. Murrell reminded the Board that this new server is needed to run the new assessment and taxing programs mandated by the State. At present we do not have a County Grant Administrator. The Auditor's Office tries to track all the grants but has difficulty with the load of quarterly reports and other follow up paperwork that is often required for grant funds. At the conclusion of ensuing discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Thompson to approve the sub grant of the Homeland Security Grant for the purchase of a new GIS server, in the amount of \$14,894.00, and authorize Mr. Tribby to submit it to the State. President Trine vacated the chair to second the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Tribby now requests purchase of the GIS Server from Dell, upon authorization from the State, so that we can begin the work of Phase II certification to forward to the State. He is still in negotiations with Dell for the amount of the server, not to exceed \$20,000.00. He has been able to come to an agreement with Dell to purchase 40 specified work stations (including the specified 19" monitor) for \$769.00 each, from an original quote of \$1,200.00 each. Ten of the forty work stations are assigned to the Assessors' offices and will be paid from Reassessment funds. The remaining hardware will be paid from the Information Systems Department money from Cumulative Capital Fund. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson to authorize the purchase of the server from Dell for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. Mr. Trine vacated the chair to second the motion and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF RECORDING SYSTEMS VENDOR FOR COURTHOUSE AND E911:

Word Systems is the vendor that maintains the recording systems for the Courthouse and E911 Dispatch. Both Mr. Tribby and E911 Coordinator Nick Capozzoli want to keep the same vendor, and have committed to a three year contract with Word Systems. Mr. Tribby received an e-mail from Word Systems concerning verbage in the contract. Mr. Murrell had included a "right to terminate" for the County in case Word did not perform services as contracted. Word wants a three year commitment from the County. Mr. Murrell will review the contract again and contact Word Systems, if necessary.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. on a motion made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Trine, who had vacated the chair.

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

DAVID A. TRINE, PRESIDENT

WILLIAM THOMPSON, VICE PRESIDENT

TYLER O. MOORE, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN WELLS, AUDITOR