

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING OCTOBER 4, 2010

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, October 4, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Dave Trine, Vice President Bill Thompson and Member Tyler Moore. 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 Trine. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Moore.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the September 20, 2010 Regular meeting were previously submitted and reviewed. Mr. Moore submitted an amendment to the minutes. On page two, item five, In the Matter of Plan Commission Issues, Mr. Boise was invited to the “**next morning meeting, October 18, 2010**” in lieu of “...next meeting that will be held October 4, 2010”. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried.

The minutes of the Joint Executive Session dated September 30, 2010, were submitted and reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson to approve the minutes of the Joint Executive Session. Mr. Trine vacated the chair and seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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. **Annual Bids:** Opening date for the Highway bids will be November 15, 2010. He is preparing the packets for distribution. A new category, this year, will be signs. There may be a new federal aid sign project, so he will be able to use the bids with the sign project. The Highway employees will be doing the work and be reimbursed.
2. **Boulevard Project:** Mr. Cain has received the reimbursement check from the State. He will be sending an additional check to the State tomorrow morning. There will be a pre-construction meeting on Friday, if all the parties can attend. E & B Paving will do some minor work with clearing the right-of-ways and other work that doesn’t require closing the road, before next year.
3. **State Road 26 West:** An inspection was done on that project, today, and Mr. Cain informed the Board that the road will be closed after May 1, 2011. The work will begin on the west side of Russiaville and be closed in three phases. The Highway Department will be putting up “NO TRUCKS” signs.

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Sheriff Marshall Talbert submitted the following issues for the Board’s information and approval:

1. **Jail Population:** The current inmate population, today, is three hundred fifty-six (356), with fifty-five (55) being females.
2. **Perfect Inspection:** Sheriff Talbert informed the Board that the kitchen of the Criminal Justice Center received a perfect score with no violations. This was during an unannounced inspection. At the time, a group of Russians were touring the jail, and when they were fed lunch, they were surprised that the prisoners were fed so well. Sheriff Talbert is very glad that head cook, Donna Walker, is back, and he is very proud of the work she and her crew are doing.

IN THE MATTER OF PLAN COMMISSION ISSUES:

Recently appointed Plan Commission Director Greg Sheline was here to present his report for the first time. The Board of Commissioners welcomed him and invited him to give a few words about himself. Mr. Sheline introduced himself and his position as Director of the Kokomo/Howard County Plan Commission. He is happy to be able to serve the community in this capacity. He was a City Councilman for eight years and has a passion for this community. He expects to do good

things in this position. He would like to keep the lines of communication open and invites the Board to call him at any time. Mr. Sheline submitted the following issues for the Board's information and approval:

1. **Resolution 2010-BCCR-15:** This Resolution establishes fees for services and publications of the Howard County Plan Commission. When the Zoning Ordinance was changed, earlier in the year, the number of Public Hearings for Special Exemptions decreased from four to one. This resolution changes the fee from \$1,000 to \$250 to reflect that decrease. This amount is more in line with the counties around us. As the Board of Commissioners' representative to the Plan Commission Board, Mr. Moore also gave some clarification of this issue. Other fee changes will be addressed at a later time. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson to approve Resolution No. 2010-BCCR-15, a resolution establishing fees for services and publications of the Howard County Plan Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.
2. **Flood Mitigation:** The surveyor crews have begun the certifications of Lowest Floor Elevation needed by the State for the Flood Mitigation Grant (*please refer to page two, item three, "In The Matter of Plan Commission Issues", of the Regular Meeting minutes dated September 20, 2010*). As soon as they are completed, they will be sent to FEMA. He was able to talk to several homeowners and assured them that the certifications were a vital part of the process.
3. **Unsafe Buildings:** Former Director Glen Boise had talked to the property owner of property located at 3736 West County Road 400 South. The owner will have the mobile home removed by October. Concerning the property located 1207 Moccasin Trail, the daughter of the owner believed that the bank had taken the property back; they are investigating. Mr. Sheline drove by the property last Friday and found that it is being maintained. There is a hole in the back of the roof but it is covered by a tarp. Mr. Sheline will contact them this week.
4. **US 31 Corridors Plans:** The Public Hearing for the County has been set for Tuesday, October 19, 2010. The Public Hearing for the City is Tuesday, October 12, 2010. Publication notices have been sent. Because of his recent appointment, the Plan Commission will have a state representative at the Public Hearings to help answer any questions. After the Hearings, the plan will go to the City Council, and then to the Board of Commissioners.
5. **Visibility Issues:** All visibility complaints have been investigated and addressed, with good results.

IN THE MATTER OF MAINTENANCE ISSUES:

Buildings and Grounds Superintendent Scott Reed submitted the following issues for the Board's information and approval:

1. **Hot Water Heater At Howard Haven:** The hot water heater at Howard Haven has been installed and is working well. A restaurant in town donated a freezer and dishwasher. The Inmate Work Crew helped with moving the appliances.
2. **Boiler On:** The boiler for the heating system at the Administration Center has been turned on.
3. **Friends Of Howard Haven:** The Friends of Howard Haven have done a great job in maintaining the landscaping and the inside of the building. The Maintenance Department and the IS Department were recognized for their contribution in keeping the County Home in good condition, and technologically up to date. New can collection bins have been placed at the Home and at Sam's Club. The money from the cans is used to purchase resident medications.
4. **Key Bank Signage:** Mr. Reed has read the third amendment of the lease with Key Bank. Mr. Murrell informed Mr. Reed that Key Bank was planning on making their own signage for the parking spots in the lot on the corner of Mulberry and Buckeye Streets. Mr. Reed informed him that signs are already made and in place and that Key Bank can use those signs or make their own.

IN THE MATTER OF PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

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

1. **AFLAC Enrollment:** AFLAC is a voluntary insurance plan and representatives from AFLAC will be in Howard County to hold employee meetings on Tuesday through Friday, October 19 – 22, 2010. Ms. McKillip has prepared an employee memo and will be distributing them through the mail box system in the Auditor's Office. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the memo and its distribution through the mail box system in the Auditor's Office. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried.
2. **NOVIA Employee Clinic:** Ms. McKillip and Ms. Dockemeyer will be attending a meet and greet session at the City of Kokomo, with NOVIA representatives. Ms. McKillip will meet with Anthem later in the month, then, hold information meetings with the employees. The target date for opening the clinic is planned for November 1st. Mr. Thompson thanked the Tribune for their article concerning the clinic.

IN THE MATTER OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

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

1. **Howard Haven Update:** Superintendent Jennifer Vary requested that the IS Department order twenty-two (22) cable boxes from Comcast, for the resident rooms. These boxes were not paid out of county funds, but do allow residents to have individual hook-ups to cable.
2. **Centrex Renewal:** Our Centrex Contract renewal date was September 30, 2010. The contract was completed and Commissioner Moore signed the contract. Mr. Tribby now requests the Board to ratify Mr. Moore's signature. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried to ratify the signature of Commissioner Moore on the Centrex Contract with A T & T.
3. **PRI Contract:** Mr. Tribby submitted the PRI Contract with A T & T for the PRI lines at the Courthouse. The contract is in the same format as the previous contract, but this one has the State's QPA pricing rates. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the PRI Contract with A T & T. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried.
4. **Other A T & T Services:** Mr. Tribby and Mr. Capozzoli are looking at a back-up redundant line for Dispatch service from A T & T. The current DSL server is more expensive and we will be able to save money, monthly. He will bring that contract at the next meeting. Also, our long distance service rates could be lowered to the State QPA rating, and that may require a move to Qwest. He will continue working on that agreement and submit it at the next meeting.
5. **Recording Of Meetings:** Mr. Tribby expressed appreciation to his technicians and the work they did in creating a system for recording the meetings that do not require the use of cd's. The new system records directly to the hard drive. Live streaming is programmed into an additional computer, and an ON/AIR – OFF/AIR was also installed. Kudos was given to his office.
6. **Fiber Cable Run:** The run for the fiber cable was put out to bid and five bids were received last Wednesday. Mr. Bray will submit copies of those bids to Mr. Tribby. They will review the bids next week and then submit them to the City Council at their meeting the following Wednesday, for final approval. Mr. Tribby will also distribute copies of the bids for the Board's information.
7. **Association Of Indiana Counties Meeting:** Mr. Tribby attended the Association of Indiana Counties meeting, last week. It was very informative, with a lot of sharing of ideas with other counties. One of the subjects they discussed was the State turning over the voting registration system back to the Counties, and what can be done to reduce those costs. In response to a question asked by Mr. Thompson, Mr. Tribby is not aware of any other county that has live streamed their meetings, but many are talking about it.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PURCHASE REQUEST FOR KITCHEN EQUIPMENT FOR THE JAIL:

Mr. Trine reminded the Board of the request to purchase new kitchen equipment submitted by Head Cook Donna Walker at the Criminal Justice Center (*please refer to page three, item five, "In The Matter Of Maintenance Department Issues", of the Regular Meeting minutes dated September 20, 2010*). He has reviewed the quotes and found them to be comparable. The equipment was as follows:

Electric Tilting Skillet	\$ 8,308.73
Electric Steam Tilting Kettle	\$11,778.49
Stackable Ovens	\$10,000.00
Buffalo Chopper	\$ 2,897.00 (14")
Installation for electric	\$ 2,800.00

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to approve the equipment purchases for the Criminal Justice Center kitchen.

IN THE MATTER OF A STATUS REPORT ON A FORMAL COMPLAINT FILED WITH THE PUBLIC ACCESS COUNSELOR:

Vice President Thompson submitted a status report concerning a formal complaint filed with the Public Access Counselor concerning the non-release of a CD-Rom containing recorded portions of conversations during the recessed portion of the September 8th Council Budget Hearings. On September 20, 2010 the Commissioners ruled that the audio recordings should not be released. The State of Indiana Public Access Counselor received formal complaints regarding the commissioners' decision, and the Board was told they had until October 13, 2010 to submit a written response to the Public Access Counselor. A written response was sent through Special Counsel for the Board of Commissioners, Steven M. Badger, on September 28, 2010. The Public Access Counselor is required to issue an advisory opinion within thirty days of the receipt of the Commissioners' response. In Attorney Badger's response he cited code I.C. 5-14-3-4(b)7 as the basis for the Board's denial of the audio recording. Mr. Badger stated that it is in all parties' interest that the issue be resolved as promptly as possible. The Board of Commissioners thanked the Public Access Counselor for their guidance.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson to attach to today's minutes, the correspondence from the Public Access Counselor and Attorney Steven Badger, pertaining to this issue. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN HOWARD COUNTY AND RUSSIAVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT:

At the September 20th regular meeting the Board of Commissioners approved a loan to the Russiaville Fire Department in the amount of \$9,000.00 for the additional purchase of twelve handheld radios, five mobile radios, and four chargers (*please refer to page nine, "In The Matter of Public Comment", of the regular meeting minutes dated September 20, 2010*). The loan is to be an interest free loan payable in the amount of \$1,800 for the next five years. Mr. Murrell submitted an Interlocal Agreement between Howard County and the Russiaville Fire Department for that approved equipment. Mr. Thompson read Item Two from the agreement, as follows:

"The Russiaville Fire Department shall use this \$9,000 only to purchase additional radios, and shall provide the Howard County Auditor with written proof of purchase within thirty days after delivery of the radios."

A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Russiaville Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried. A copy of this agreement will be sent to Mr. Landon Bartley, Russiaville Fire Chief and to the Howard County Council for their approval.

IN THE MATTER OF UNITED WAY MEMO:

Deputy Auditor Konny Zurcher submitted an Employee Memo concerning the 2011 United Way campaign, for approval and distribution through the weekly payroll. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to approve the United Way employee memo and its distribution through the payroll process.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Trine opened the floor for Public Comment as follows:

Mary Wilborn, Founder and President of Pals for Paws: Ms. Wilborn asked the Board of Commissioners to consider an Ordinance that will greatly reduce the overpopulation of abandoned pets in Howard County. She submitted a similar Ordinance from Hamilton County for the Board's information. Ms. Wilborn submitted statistics of abandoned pets in our County, spay and neuter costs, high adoption fees, and increased euthanasia figures.

Attorney Larry Murrell clarified for the Board that both the County and the City of Kokomo out-sources the care of animals to the Humane Society. Although they do not control the Humane Society, they do have an influence over the agency. The County has a good working relationship with the present director and he feels certain that she would be receptive to considering this kind of action.

Ms. Wilborn continued to inform the Board that there are two hundred not-for-profit rescue organizations in Indiana and six of them in Howard County. Currently the Humane Society does not work with any of the local groups. The local rescue groups do find homeless pets in Howard County and take them to Hamilton County for spay and neuter services and adoption. Hamilton County is the only NO-KILL County in Indiana. NO-KILL means not killing healthy, adoptable animals.

The Commissioners took Ms. Wilborn's information. Mr. Murrell suggested that the current Humane Society director, Jean McGroarty, be invited to any meeting concerning this topic.

Deb Smith: Ms. Smith began her talk with this quote from Mahatma Gandhi: "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." In the past, Ms. Smith did fundraising for the local Humane Society. She receives pet rescue information, nationally. She believes we need to focus in this community on spaying and neutering our pets, lowering the euthanasia rate, and use the rescue groups available in Howard County.

Judith Liggin, Designer of Veteran's Family Monument Chosen by the Mayor's Design Competition Committee: Ms. Liggin talked concerning the monument design, approved in June, 2009. Copies of that design were sent over from the City's Development Office. Ms. Robin Williams is the grant writer and fundraiser for this project. MS. Liggin is requesting a Letter of Intent from the Board of Commissioners before they can move forward in the grant and fundraising process. This design has not been seen by the Courthouse Beautification Committee. The cost of the monument is \$150 - \$200,000. Copies of the design, and a color illustration, are in the Commissioners' office, for their review.

The Board of Commissioners is considering several designs and has not made a decision at this time.

Martha Lake, Howard County Treasurer: As of today there are seven hundred six (706) properties on the Tax Sale list. The Tax Sale will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 13, 2010. The Treasurer's Office is taking payments daily and she anticipates that the number will drop down to between six hundred seventy-five (675) to six hundred fifty (650) properties. The Tax Sale listing and the Tax Sale Instructions are available in the Auditor's Office, as well as on the County's Website, located on the Auditor's and Treasurer's pages. If the Commissioners decide to hold a Commissioners' Sale (properties not sold on the Tax Sale), it can be held one hundred twenty (120) days after the Tax Sale. Ms. Lake and Auditor Wells would like the Board of Commissioners to meet with SRI to learn more about the Commissioners' Sale, especially since there are several changes to the Sale, this year. SRI will be here on the 13th, but can meet with the Commissioners at the Commissioners' convenience. There is a lot of interest in the Commissioners' Sale and it would be a positive thing to get these properties back on the tax roll. In response to a question posed by Tribune reporter Ken de la Bastide, Ms. Lake will submit an amount of back taxes owed to the County.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

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

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary Claims payable October 8 and 15, 2010, in the amount of \$346,484.04 each, were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moore.

2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims payable today, in the amount of \$1,097,802.56, was submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moore.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY MATTERS:

County Attorney Larry Murrell submitted the following issues for the Board's information and approval:

1. **Ordinance No. 2010-BCCO-25:** Ordinance No. 2010-BCCO-25 is an Ordinance authorizing the transfer of a service weapon to the retiring Howard County Sheriff's Department Merit Deputies. This is a joint effort between Sheriff Talbert and the Merit Board. The State of Indiana has a similar ordinance for Deputies with at least twenty (20) years of service; this local Ordinance also specifies twenty years of service. Sheriff Talbert would like to accomplish the approval of this ordinance in a timely manner because he does have a Merit Deputy ready to retire. As a Kokomo Police Officer, as well as a County Commissioner, President Trine vacated the chair in order to make a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2010-BCCO-25. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.
2. **Third Amendment To The KeyBank Lease:** The pending Third Amendment to the KeyBank Lease has been completed. Mr. Murrell does not have the execution copy of the Amendment at this meeting but the Board can approve the Amendment if they so desire. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Third Amendment to the KeyBank Lease, and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried.
3. **Engagement Letter From Bose McKinney Evans:** Mr. Murrell submitted an Engagement Letter for Bose McKinney Evans, for the legal services of Attorney Steven Badger, the outside counsel for the Public Records request for the audio recording from the recessed portion of the September 8, 2010 Budget Session (*please refer to pages four through eight of the Regular Meeting minutes dated September 20, 2010*). The Engagement Letter was approved on a motion made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moore.

Attorney Steve Badger brought to Mr. Murrell's attention that although he is not the attorney involved, the law firm he works for, Bose McKinney Evans, represents General Motors in the Assessment Matter with Howard County. He was concerned of a possible Conflict of Interest. Mr. Murrell assured Mr. Badger that since he is not the attorney involved with the reassessment matter, he felt that there is not a conflict of interest. Mr. Murrell is asking the Board of Commissioners to confirm his decision concerning the possible conflict of interest. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson to confirm the decision of Mr. Murrell. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried.

4. **Conflict Of Interest Disclosure Statement:** Because Councilman Paul Wyman is the realtor of record for the listing of the Firestone Building, which the Board of Commissioners has an interest in; there is the need to sign a Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the Conflict of Interest Form for Mr. Wyman.

Mr. Wyman asked to address the Board at this time. He informed the Board of Commissioners that should they proceed to purchase the Firestone Building, the Wyman Group's portion of the commission generated by the sale will be donated to the Friends of Howard Haven, CASA Program, and the Veterans Service Office, equally.

5. **McAllister Contract:** This agreement is to add the Kinsey Youth Center to the generator service contract. Mr. Murrell needs to designate the term and Maintenance Superintendent Scott Reed requested it be a three year term. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson to approve the McAllister Power Systems Contract for the Kinsey Youth Center, and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.
6. **Incumbent Acknowledgement:** This Incumbent Acknowledgement is to close out the Sprint/Nextel re-banding project. When the contract was first executed, Sprint/Nextel gave Howard County a check for \$1,200 to reimburse Howard County for internal costs. Sprint has asked for time records from Mr. Murrell on behalf of the County, and from Mr. Johnson from Integrity. Mr. Murrell has prepared records

for at least twice the amount of what has already been reimbursed to Howard County. He submitted the time sheet, and a motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the time documentation submitted by Mr. Murrell and authorize President Trine to sign the documentation on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried.

7. **NOVIA Employee Clinic:** Mr. Murrell submitted the Clinic Management Agreement with NOVIA. This agreement was approved at the September 20th meeting, subject to final revision, and Mr. Murrell's review (*please refer to page three, item two, "In The Matter Of Personnel Department Issues", of the Regular meeting minutes dated September 20, 2010*). Mr. Murrell requests that the Board now confirm his review. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to confirm Mr. Murrell's review of the Clinic Management Agreement with NOVIA.
8. **Prospective Grant Writer:** Commissioner Trine and Mr. Murrell have been working toward finding a Grant Consultant. They have met with Ms. Amy Beechy, and Ms. Beechy submitted a proposed contract. Mr. Murrell will review the agreement and bring it to the next meeting.
9. **Invoices:** Mr. Murrell submitted a Litigation Statement from Alan Wilson for services for the litigation case of Myron Larry v Howard County, in the amount of \$1,627.50. The statement for Alan Wilson was approved for payment on a motion made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Thompson.

An invoice was submitted for Barnes & Thornburg for services rendered for a period ending August 31, 2010. This included services rendered for the Chrysler Corporation, Project Bing and General Motors Corporation in the amount of \$117,146.43. The invoice was approved for payment on a motion made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moore.

Mr. Murrell submitted an invoice from Crowe Horwath LLP for services for a period ending September 6, 2010, in the amount of \$4,864.00. The services are in connection with negotiations with the Perfect Ocean Company related to a proposed economic development project in Howard County. A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the Crowe Horwath invoice. The motion carried.

10. **Ordinance No. 2010-BCCO-26:** Ordinance No. 2010-BCCO-26 is an ordinance that acts as a disaster emergency proclamation imposing a temporary Burn Ban in Howard County. This proclamation ordinance is needed as Howard County is currently experiencing a drought condition. There is a State Statute prohibiting burning, but the local Ordinance can supersede the State Ordinance, temporarily. This Ordinance was proposed by EMA Director Larry Smith and Rob Roler, President of the Fire Chief's Association in Howard County. Currently the City of Kokomo and Center Township have burn bans, but County conditions could differ from the City of Kokomo. At the conclusion of discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve Ordinance No. 2010-BCCO-26, the Temporary Burn Ban, and give authority to the President to lift the burn ban, to be confirmed by the Board of Commissioners at their next meeting after the ban has been lifted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried. This Ordinance will be put on the website.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

Commissioner Moore:

Mr. Moore thanks the Board of Commissioners for their support of the Proclamation honoring Mr. George Kingston, presented and read at last Thursday's Heritage Hall of Fame dinner (*please refer to page eleven, "Commissioner Moore", of the Regular Meeting minutes dated September 20, 2010*).

Commissioner Thompson:

On September 24th the Indiana Department of Environmental Management did an MS4 permit evaluation. An official report will follow soon, but Howard County MS4 did very well. The State MS4 Program Coordinator sent an e-mail to Mr. Thompson, praising MS4 Coordinator Greg Lake and his staff, Sarah Brichford and Sarah Peoples, on their comprehensive and well organized program. "It was evident that you are putting a great deal of work and commitment into your program and demonstrating that a significant effort is being made at permit compliance". On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Thompson congratulated Mr. Lake and his staff.

Mr. Greg Lake responded that he appreciated the congratulations. The audit went very well. He thanked Commissioner Moore and Councilmen Papacek and Ortman for attending the audit. A lot of good information was given by IDEM and he looks forward to their response. Mr. Moore mentioned the web site, and Mr. Lake praised his staff for their work and especially for the work done on the MS4 website. He anticipates being able to put the audio of the full audit on the website for people to listen to.

Mr. Thompson presented a plaque received from the United States Census Bureau, recognizing the efforts of Howard County in their participation in the 2010 Census.

Commissioner Trine:

Mr. Trine submitted a letter received from Eastern High School thanking the Board of Commissioners for sponsoring the “Stuff The Bus” event held in August at Brad Howell Ford.

A letter was received from the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service for Howard County, thanking the Board of Commissioners for their previous support of the Howard County 4-H Program. They request the Board’s support for the year 2011 in the amount of \$25,000.

IDEM Notices were received as follows:

Greentown Town Council President: Insufficient Copies submitted for the Greentown Landfill.

Kokomo Tribune: Request to publish enclosed notice of notice of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation and National Permit Discharge Elimination System Permit Renewals.

Greentown Town Council President: Summary of Landfill Correction Action Methane Monitoring Plan, Greentown Landfill.

Notice of Decision of Approval for S & S Creation Services LLC.

Republic Services of Indiana, LP: Request for Additional Information of the Davis Road Transfer Station.

Taylor Regional Sewer District: Construction Permit Application, Plan, and Specifications for US 31 Kokomo Corridor Project Sanitary Sewer Force Main-Line, and its Permit Approval #19798.

The Indiana Association of County Commissioners Conference begins November 30th. It is a very informative meeting.

The Board of Commissioners received a Notice of Public Hearing by Kokomo City Plan Commission on Case No. 5 – Z. – 10 to be held on October 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The Kokomo City Plan Commission is considering adopting an Architectural Control Overlay District Guidelines for the Courthouse Square District, the Lake Erie and Western depot District, and the Downtown Perimeter District. Because the County is the largest single owner of property in the Downtown area, Mr. Trine plans on attending.

Mr. Trine congratulated Sheriff Talbert on the impressive Jail Inspection Report.

Mr. Trine reminded all present that the November 1st meeting will be in Greentown, at 4:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moore.

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

DAVID A. TRINE, PRESIDENT

WILLIAM THOMPSON, VICE PRESIDENT

TYLER O. MOORE, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN WELLS, AUDITOR

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