

## **HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING APRIL 19, 2010**

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, April 19, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. in Hearing 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 Sheriff Marshall Talbert and conducted by President Dave Trine. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Moore.

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

The minutes of the April 5, 2010 meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Thompson.

The minutes of the April 6, 2010 Administrative Meeting were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moore.

The minutes of the April 12, 2010 Administrative Meeting were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Thompson.

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

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

1. **Cum Bridge Additional:** Mr. Cain will be submitting an Additional Appropriation request for the Cumulative Bridge Repair By Contracts line item, to the County Council at their May 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting. The bridge on County Road 800 East needs some repair.
2. **Dixon Road Bridge:** One lane of the Dixon Road Bridge is crumbling in spots. The steel is too close to the surface. Mr. Cain will wait until school has been dismissed for the summer. While working on the bridge they will keep two of the four lanes open. The project should be completed in two or three weeks.
3. **Budget Woes:** Mr. Cain reported to the Board that the Federal aid projects are hurting the Highway Department's budget. Roads leading into the City of Kokomo are having needed paving work done on them, but the County roads are suffering. Because of the Stimulus Project several County projects have had to be moved ahead of schedule. Scheduled projects, more needy, have to move down the priority list. Mr. Cain continues to juggle project money. Prices for supplies have doubled in the last several years and we are receiving less money. Although roads are in pretty good shape and Howard County is fortunate, Mr. Cain informed the Board that we may need to endure patched roads from time to time.

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

Sheriff Talbert submitted the following issues for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Jail Population:** The current Inmate population is three hundred forty-six (346) with fifty-four (54) being female. He is concerned that population during the summer and early fall months could reach up to 400 inmates. The last time Howard County expanded the jail was because they were forced to. He doesn't believe the County wants to be forced to expand, again.
2. **Power Failures:** The Sheriff's Department experienced another power failure on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Everything was fine and the generators were operational. April 3<sup>rd</sup>'s outage was due to mechanical failure (*please refer to page one "In The Matter Of Sheriff Department Issues" of the Regular Meeting minutes dated April 4, 2010*). McAlister reported quickly and they were able to identify and correct the problem. Sheriff Talbert expressed appreciation to Mr. Scott Reed and the Maintenance Department for their quick response. There was a third power failure early this morning and Sheriff Talbert finds this very disturbing and dangerous to the areas affected.

3. **Sex Offender Registry Update:** Federal money received by the Indiana Department of Corrections has been used to update the Sex Offender Registry software. All ninety-two Indiana counties will be updated and the program is already proving to be very effective. Among other improvements, it gives the ability to search different parameters for offender information. This update will be at no cost to the County and he will contact the Sheriff's Association office to have Howard County put on the list to receive the update as quickly as possible.
4. **Pop And Snack Vending Machines:** The Current vendor for the snack vending machines (available to employees only) wanted to get out of the business so he sold the machine to the Sheriff's Department for \$1,000.00. The Sheriff's Department will load and service the machine and keep the commissions to put in the Commissary account.
5. **Reserve Program:** It was the goal of Sheriff Talbert to have six reserve officers in place before his term had expired. The sixth Reserve Officer, Brian Meacham, was in attendance to be sworn in. Mr. Meacham is a graduate of Northwestern High School and Purdue University. He served the National Guard for six years and has five years of combined law enforcement experience with the Sheridan Police Dept. and the Greentown Police Department. He currently owns a small business here in Kokomo. Sheriff Talbert commented that Mr. Meacham comes from a "law enforcement family" and has the skills necessary to serve as a Merit Deputy if he wanted to. Mr. Meacham was sworn in by Clerk Mona Myers. Sheriff Talbert expressed appreciation to the Board of Commissioners and the County Council for their support and for making the Howard County Reserve Officer program a good program.

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

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

1. **Plan Commission Meeting:** The Plan Commission Board will be meeting tomorrow night and will be talking about adjustments to some of the fees as a result of the new zoning ordinance and possible amendments. After they have received information from the Drainage Board, they will begin working on the sub-division ordinance.
2. **US 31 Corridor's Plans:** The Steering Committee will be meeting next week.
3. **Flood Mitigation:** Mr. Boise has met with the Homeland Security Flood Mitigation Representatives and ten of the eleven homeowners, on April 6<sup>th</sup>. They are moving forward. He has also had contact with the Indiana Economic Development group concerning the Community Development Block Grant. Mr. Boise was assured that money is available and the State office is waiting to hear if FEMA is to grant Howard County the money.
4. **Unsafe Buildings:** Now that it is spring, the Plan Commission office is receiving unsafe building complaints. The property located at 1001 East Alto Road has been an ongoing problem. Mr. Boise reported that the property has been sealed and the owner has been contacted several times. There has been no response from the owner and Mr. Boise has gone as far as his authority allows him. A neighbor, Sabrina Cagle, 919 East Alto Road, was in attendance to submit information and pictures of the site in question. She also informed the Board that the back of the property is not currently sealed. Mr. Murrell informed the Board of the next step in the condemnation process. The property has been abandoned but Mr. Boise believes the taxes have been paid. At the conclusion of discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Moore to authorize Mr. Boise and Mr. Murrell to begin the process of Demolition. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried.

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

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

1. **Veterans Service Office:** The Veterans Service Office has been relocated to the first floor of the Administration Center. Mr. Reed thanked Officer Brubaker and the Inmate Work Crew for their assistance in moving the office over to the Administration Center this weekend. The Maintenance

Department will now begin work on building a solid wall for storage purposes in the EMA conference room in the basement of the Government Center.

2. **Water Shut Down in Courthouse:** Last Wednesday the water was turned off to the Courthouse. Mr. Reed was on fire watch until the water was turned back on. There were no problems.
3. **Jail Generators:** Concerning the recent power outages at the Criminal Justice Center, Mr. Richard Ott, from McAllister's was at the jail to train the maintenance workers in general trouble shooting and repairs, in case of generator issues.
4. **Voting Equipment:** April 30<sup>th</sup> the Maintenance Department will be delivering voter bins and booths to the precinct locations. The Wednesday following Election Day they will pick them back up. The voting machines are maintained and delivered by the Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Thompson expressed appreciation to Mr. Reed and the Maintenance Department and commended Mr. Reed for the extra work they do and with five less employees. Mr. Reed has moved his remaining employees around in order to concentrate the workforce.

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

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

1. **Request For Proposals For On-Site Health Clinic:** Ms. McKillip and Mr. Doug Heath from Miles & Finch Insurance Agency submitted a Request For Proposals for On-Site Primary Care Health Clinic. This RFP has been reviewed by Mr. Murrell who has a change under Exhibit B. Item number 16 under section II will be moved to number 7 (F), Request for Standard Contract. The return date for proposals will be on or before 8:30 a.m. of May 17, 2010. Mr. Heath and Ms. McKillip also had a change to make, and that was in Exhibit A. When making reference to an evaluation committee, they would like that evaluation committee specified as Ms. McKillip, Mr. Heath, Auditor Wells, one Commissioner and two Council Members. The members of our current Health Insurance Plan include Howard County employees as well as Howard County Public Library Board, Howard County Recycling, Convention and Visitor's Board, and Center Township Trustee. At the conclusion of discussion a motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried to approve the Request For Proposal On-site Health Clinic, as submitted, and its distribution.
2. **PAC Committee Recommendation:** Ms. McKillip submitted the following request made to the PAC Committee. The Community Corrections Department requests that a change be made for the Bookkeeper/ Receptionist from part-time to full-time with a requested salary of \$28,500.00, effective July 1, 2010. The PAC Committee's Recommendation is as follows:

"The PAC Committee recommends changing the Bookkeeper/Receptionist from part-time to full-time status with a salary of \$28,500.00 effective 7/01/2010."

Mr. Steve Maus was in attendance and addressed the Board with additional information. The present position is currently part-time. It would be beneficial to the Department to increase the position to full-time in order to assist in the collection of home detention fees. The part-time position has been increased to thirty (30) hours and already they've seen an increase in the fees being collected. The position and its increase will be paid from User Fee funds and not County General, reducing their part-time and over-time line items. The Community Corrections Advisory Board has approved the request for the 2010-2011 fiscal year pending approval of the County Council. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson to approve the PAC Committee's recommendation and forward the recommendation and request to the County Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

3. **Travel Policy Amendment:** Ms. McKillip distributed amended copies of the Employee Business Travel Procedure as follows. One of the biggest amendments is the differentiation between in-state and out-of-state travel. Under in-state travel these changes were submitted:

- Any travel costs to be reimbursed must be authorized in advance by the elected official or department head.
- Mileage For Howard County Courts – Home Visits Outside Normal Business Hours: Mileage shall be reimbursable for business purposes such as conducting home visits on probation clients with the prior approval of the Court of the Chief Probation Officer / Department Head. In the case of home visits for probation clients, mileage shall only be reimbursable for travel within Howard County.
- Under Transportation insert “county owned vehicle” in lieu of “county vehicle”.
- Under Subsistence amend: Employees may be reimbursed for meals including gratuity for travel up to \$26.00 per day (in lieu of up to \$5.00 for breakfast, \$8.00 for lunch and \$13.00 for dinner). For travel days, the per diem for meals shall be reduced depending upon the departure time. For a departure time after 6:00 a.m. the per diem will be reduced by \$5.00; for a departure time after 12:00 p.m. the per diem shall be reduced by \$13.00; and, if the departure time is after 6:00 p.m. no per diem can be reimbursed. Upon returning, per diem for meals shall be reduced depending upon arrival times. For an arrival time prior to 6:00 a.m. a per diem will not be reimbursed; for an arrival time after 12:00 p.m. the per diem shall be reduced by \$13.00; and, if the arrival time is after 6:00 p.m. a full per diem can be reimbursed. If eligible for full day reimbursement, no limits on meals are required but reimbursement for meals will not exceed the maximum daily subsistence amount. The conference/Meeting Agenda and receipts for meals are required.
- Under Lodging amend: An employee may be reimbursed up to a single occupancy room rate of \$79.00 plus applicable taxes, daily, or the presumed conference rate for lodging plus applicable taxes for double occupancy. Employees of the same sex are encouraged to share a room when traveling to the same destination. Receipts must be submitted for lodging expenses.

Out Of State Travel. The County will reimburse employees and officials for reasonable business travel expenses necessary to conduct County business based upon budgeted allocation. All employees must receive advance travel authorization from their elected official or department manager.

- Mileage: Employees utilizing their personal vehicle for County business shall be reimbursed up to \$.40 per mile. Mileage for out-of-state travel and/or conferences will be paid from the place of work or home to the destination, or in the case of air travel, the airport in which the travel will be initiated, whichever is the lesser amount. All claims for mileage shall be filed on a Mileage Claim, General Form 101.
- Transportation: Whenever practical, travel will be accomplished in a County owned vehicle or common carrier. Employees are expected to limit travel expenses to reasonable and economical amount. Air travel shall be reimbursable for coach class only. The expense of parking and/or tolls will be reimbursed based upon a supported receipt. The cost of renting a vehicle, excluding personal usage, shall be reimbursable if suitable local public transportation is not available or practicable. The least expensive practical vehicle shall be rented. Collision Damage Waiver (CDW) or Liability Damage Waiver (LDW) insurance covering the rented vehicle is a reimbursable expense.
- Subsistence: Employees may be reimbursed for meals including gratuity for travel up to \$26.00 per day. However, for travel days, the per diem for meals shall be reduced depending upon the departure time. For a departure time after 6:00 a.m. the per diem will be reduced by \$5.00; for a departure time after 12:00 p.m. the per diem shall be reduced by \$13.00; and, if the departure time is after 6:00 p.m. no per diem can be reimbursed. Upon returning, per diem for meals shall be reduced depending upon arrival times. For an arrival time prior to 6:00 a.m. a per diem will not be reimbursed;

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- **Lodging:** An employee may be reimbursed for lodging at the presumed conference rate (for conferences or training) for lodging plus applicable tax or the rate established by the United States General Services Administration for other lodging (not inclusive of conferences or training). Whenever possible, employees of the same sex are encouraged to share a room when traveling to the same destination. Receipts must be submitted for lodging expenses.

Ms. McKillip informed the Board that Chief Probation Officer Don Travis was a part of determining the amendments to the current policy. Sheriff Talbert suggested that use of the Sheriff's Transport Vehicle be recommended for travel usage by the policy (can be used for more than one day if not needed by the Sheriff's Department). At the conclusion of discussion a motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to table the amended Employee Travel Policy for further review by the Board.

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

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

1. **SpyGlass Agreement:** Mr. Tribby and Commissioner Trine met with a representative of SpyGlass Group, Inc. concerning the audit of our Communications accounts and contracts. This company promises cost recovery, service elimination and costs savings. Their costs for this service are a percentage of recovery, and we would be opting out of the wireless service billing. Mr. Murrell reviewed the Agreement, and under Invoicing and Payment, he would include, "Subject to Company's statutory claims procedure". A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the agreement with SpyGlass Snapshot Audit Agreement, not to include wireless service billing in the review, with the addition of language as follows to item number 3: "Subject to Company's statutory claims procedure", and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried.
2. **Centrex Agreement:** Mr. Tribby reminded the Board that the County's Centrex Agreement with AT&T is up for renewal this year. The agreement with SpyGlass can help us restructure that agreement to save money.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT:**

Community Corrections Director Steve Maus submitted the annual contract with the State of Indiana. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson to approve Grant Agreement EDS-D25-10-024 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNITION OF VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER LADD:**

President Trine read the following Certificate of Appreciation given to Veterans Service Officer Robert Ladd.

"Certificate of Appreciation to Howard County Veterans Service Officer Bob Ladd for Extraordinary Veterans Services that, in cooperation with The American Legion Department of Indiana, secured Howard County Veterans Federal Benefits during the 2009 Calendar Year totaling more than 3.1 Million Dollars. Welcome to the American Legion, Department of Indiana Veterans Services Million-Dollar Club."

Mr. Ladd was given a round of applause for his efforts to secure benefits for the veterans for Howard County. He thanked the Board of Commissioners and the County Council for their support of Howard County's veterans. The Veterans Service office will be operational Tuesday morning.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2010-BCCO-12 AND ORDINANCE NO. 2010-BCCO-13:**

MS4 Coordinator Greg Lake submitted Ordinances 2010-BCCO-12 & 13, both pertaining to MS4 matters and both are re-writes transferring jurisdiction and administration from the Howard County Drainage Board to the Howard County Department of Stormwater Management Board. Ordinance No. 2010-BCCO-12 pertains to Illicit Discharge and Ordinance No. 2010-BCCO-13 is the Storm Water Management in New Development and Redevelopment for Howard County, Indiana, and includes a decreased fee schedule. This amended fee schedule more accurately reflects the actual costs of reviews and costs of doing business. At the conclusion of explanation and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried to approve Ordinance No. 2010-BCCO-12, Illicit Discharge Ordinance.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve Ordinance No. 2010-BCCO-13, Storm Water Management in New Development and Redevelopment, Howard County, Indiana. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried. Both Ordinances will be submitted to the Stormwater Board Meeting, today.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF REAPPLICATION FOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ASSISTANCE:**

Mr. Calvin Hartman of the Soil and Water District was in attendance to represent the Greater Wabash River RC& D Area. Mr. Hartman submitted an application for the Resource Conservation and Development Program Assistance. The Greater Wabash River RC & D area is comprised of the following five counties: Howard, Tippecanoe, Benton, Clinton and Carroll. This is an all-volunteer organization and this annual process is to apply for Federal money for the conservation and development activities. This is at no cost to the counties. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried to approve the application for Resource Conservation and Development Program Assistance and to authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Hartman also asked for the Commissioners' endorsement of an NRCS Grant for the Mississippi Basin. Watershed areas of Honey Creek and Monroe Townships are in need of efforts to prevent any further erosion of soil down to the Mississippi Basin. This initiative is to entice and encourage farmers in that area to incorporate programs to plant vegetation to decrease erosion. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried to approve and endorse the NRCS Grant as submitted, and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE PICTOMETRY PROJECT UPDATE:**

Assessor Jamie Shepherd submitted an update on the aerial photography project with Pictometry (*please refer to page three, "In The Matter Of The Pictometry Contract", of the Regular Meeting minutes dated February 1, 2010*). This spring we've experienced good weather but that has shortened the window of completing the project before vegetation grows on the trees and bushes. Half of the county has been photographed but the foliage may make it difficult to complete the project. Pictometry wants to continue to complete the project, yet, this spring. If Howard County or the City of Kokomo is dissatisfied with the results, they will reshoot the areas in question in the fall, free of charge. That amendment was made to the contract to reflect that language. She believes the aerials will be delivered next month. She will review those photos with the Plan Commission. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson to confirm the amendment made to the contract with Pictometry. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE BUCHERI McCARTY & METZ INVOICE:**

Mr. Murrell and Ms. Shepherd submitted an invoice from Bucheri McCarty & Metz, LLP, for services in connection with the preparation of the amortization schedules reflecting Delphi Secured claims and Priority Tax Claims. This includes analysis of pertinent provisions and the language included in the Court Order. This invoice also reflects consultations with the County Assessor (on behalf of the Treasurer) and Howard County's legal counsel. The total amount is \$2,295.49. Consultations were with Mr. Ron Metz. There are two schedules involved, reflecting different interest schedules on the kinds of property, as well as different rates pre and post effective dates. Ms. Shepherd enjoyed working with Mr. Metz. At the conclusion of discussion a motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to approve the invoice from Bucheri McCarty & Metz, in the amount of \$2,292.49, to be paid from the Contract Services line item.

#### **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:** Commissioners' Salary, Hourly and Overtime claims payable April 23 and 30, 2010, in the amount of \$346,484.04 each, were 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 \$792,499.68, were submitted. Also submitted was an early pay claim for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. The claim was approved as an emergency claim and signed by President Trine. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Operating Claims and declare the IDEM Claim an Emergency Claim for early payment, and confirm the President's signature. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month ending March 31, 2010, was submitted and accepted on a motion made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moore.
4. **Clerk's Report:** The Monthly Report – Clerk of the Circuit Court, for the month ending March 31, 2010, was submitted and accepted on a motion made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moore.
5. **Soil & Water:** The agenda for the April 15<sup>th</sup> Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisors' and the minutes from the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were submitted and accepted on a motion made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moore.

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

County Attorney Larry Murrell submitted the following issues for the Commissioners' approval:

1. **Signature Confirmation:** Mr. Murrell requested confirmation of Mr. Thompson's signature on an EMA Grant Agreement allocated on April 9, 2010. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to confirm Mr. Thompson's signature on the Grant Agreement for Emergency Management.
2. **Da Roux House MOU:** Mr. Murrell submitted a Memorandum of Understanding between Howard County Commissioners and the Greater Kokomo Economic Development Alliance as it pertains to the administration of a New Business Grant given to Ms. Kim Morgan for the Da Roux House Restaurant. Checks for the MOU's on behalf of Baja Burrito and Angie Myers Design will be mailed today. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Howard County and GKEDA for the new business grant to Da Roux House.
3. **Executive Sessions:** For the record, Mr. Murrell stated that there are two (2) Executive Sessions scheduled for this week; the first is Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. (tomorrow) and its media notice has been sent. The second meeting is Thursday, April 22, at 3:30 pm. The media notice will be sent today.
4. **Henderson Contract:** Mr. Murrell is preparing a contract between Howard County Board of Commissioners and Ms. Tina Henderson for the purpose of Grant Administration. He will submit the contract at the next meeting and it will specify the County Departments considered.
5. **City Resolution:** The City of Kokomo has submitted its Resolution No. 2579, a resolution calling for the creation of a study committee pursuant to the Indiana Government Modernization Act that was passed by the City, last week, and forwarded to the County. Mr. Murrell has reviewed the Resolution and would like to clarify the "Thirty (30) days" referred to in number two (2). There is a question as to whether the City has the authority to impose a thirty day response from the Board of Commissioners. After discussions with City Attorney Corbin King, it is determined that there is no time limit of response. Mr. Murrell assured Mr. King that the Board of Commissioners is committed to moving this process along and that both the City and County officials understand, up front, what the rules of this process are. Commissioner Moore stated that he appreciated Mr. King coming to the meeting to help clarify the terms of the Resolution. The "thirty days" refers to the time frame to create the committee only after both parties have approved an identical resolution.

## **IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:**

**Commissioner Moore:** Last week Commissioner Moore walked the Wildcat Creek with members of the Stormwater District to collect samples and pick up debris. The area he traveled was from Center Road to State Road 26.

Mr. Moore has been considering the Downtown Parking situation. He is still in the process of collecting information and ideas, and will present a proposal at a later date.

The Board will have a better idea of consolidation issues after this Thursday's Executive Session. The Commissioners discussed holding another Public Meeting and it was their consensus to call a Special Session for Thursday, April 22, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

The deadline for submitting suggestions to the Plan Commission concerning the Zoning Ordinance is coming soon. Mr. Moore would like to present ideas for discussion and possible action at the next Commissioner meeting so it can be ready for May's Plan Commission Board meeting.

Personnel Director Wanda McKillip was invited to an Employer Roundtable for Government Health Plans in Newark, Ohio on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> sponsored by MedBen. This meeting will examine how the recently passed health care reform legislation will affect government health plans. She is not able to go to that meeting and so the invitation was extended to the Board of Commissioners. There is no cost to the County.

Mr. Moore attended the Annual meeting for the Greater Kokomo Economic Development Alliance, last week, and accepted an award given to the Board of Commissioners and the Council, for their three year commitment to the Alliance.

Concerning the drainage situation presented at the previous meeting by Councilwoman Janie Young, Mr. Moore questioned if a letter needed to be written from the Board of Commissioners (*please refer to page three, "In The Matter Of Public Comment", of the Regular Meeting minutes dated April 5, 201*). Mr. Thompson and Mr. Murrell have drafted a letter from the Drainage Board and Mr. Murrell has reviewed previous conversations with Meijers to help draft the letter. Mr. Thompson has talked with Meijers, again, and viewed the damaged trees that are beyond repair. The Board of Commissioners agreed by consensus to continue with the letter to Meijers.

**Commissioner Thompson:** Concerning the downtown parking issue, Mr. Thompson is reviewing the issues involved. One of the local newspapers even reviewed the situation and found that 5 – 10% of the problem could be government employees parking around the courthouse. That means that 90% of the problem is outside of government employees. Part of the problem is the ordinance that was written to limit the parking to two hours. After two hours the vehicles have to move to another parking spot. Even if the Commissioners address the employee parking issue there is still 90% of the problem that is not being addressed. Tax collection times and present street construction complicate the problem. He believes the owners of the parking places and streets may want to change their Ordinance to something everyone can comply with. Mr. Wiles has been talking with downtown business owners (*please refer to page 3, "In The Matter Of Public Comment", of the Regular Meeting minutes dated April 5, 2010*). Mr. Thompson believes that the Board wants to work with the City and downtown businesses to fix the parking issues.

**Commissioner Trine:** Mr. Trine submitted the Weights & Measures Report for the month of March 16 to April 15, 2010. The report was accepted on a motion made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moore.

Two notices have been received from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. The first is a Second and Final Notice for required paperwork from Mr. Bruce Bryant for approval / renewal for farming in Kokomo. The second is an Expired CFO Approval Notice for



Timothy Carter. Both notices were accepted as received on a motion made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Murrell asked that official action be made declaring the Special Session previously addressed by Mr. Moore. Mr. Trine called for a motion to set a Special Session of the Board of Commissioners. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson to set a Special Session for Thursday, April 22, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at the government Center to discuss matters concerning consolidation issues. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried. Mr. Trine reminded the Board that invitations are extended to the City of Kokomo, their Council and the Greentown and Russiaville town boards.

Mr. Trine reminded everyone that the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting is at 4:00 p.m. in Russiaville at the town hall.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. on a motion made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Thompson.

**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

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ANN WELLS, AUDITOR

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