

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2011

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room #338 of the Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Tyler Moore, Vice President Paul Wyman and Member Bill Thompson. Also in attendance were County Attorney Larry Murrell and Auditor Ann Wells.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Rogers and conducted by President Moore. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Thompson and Commissioner Wyman offered a word of prayer.

At this time President Moore commented on the American Veterans Traveling Tribute that was brought to Kokomo, last week and what an honor it was to host the event. He also mentioned the award given to Mr. Scott Driver, last Saturday, at the Tribute site. Mr. Driver is 14 years old and plans on going into the Marines. Mr. Driver has volunteered over 1500 hours at the Lafayette Veterans Home, attended Viet Nam Veterans' Reunion for several years, and was on hand every day the Traveling Tribute was in Kokomo.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the September 20, 2011 Regular Meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Thompson.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Robert Krohl, Friends of Howard Haven: Mr. Krohl submitted an update on activities and goals undertaken by the Friends of Howard Haven for the year 2011 as follows:

- a) Construct and insulate a room in the Garage to organize Freezers - completed
- b) Purchase and install new dishwasher.
- c) Repair ceiling and install new lighting in the hallways – in process
- d) Signage on the Howard Haven bus
- e) Replace Stove in the kitchen
- f) Create a Friends of Howard Haven website

Accomplishments as of June 2011:

- 1) Two apple trees removed and replaced with a maple tree.
- 2) Attended and promoted livestock auction at County fair. One head of cattle and 23 hogs were donated. Ten hogs were kept for Howard Haven and 13 hogs were donated to the Rescue Mission. Friends of Howard Haven paid for processing of the hogs. The donor of the cow paid for the processing (\$650). Mr. Krohl expressed thankfulness for the community spirit.
- 3) Built the insulated room in the garage. Dave Peters, the building trades teacher at Kokomo High School, gave the project to an Eagle Scout who used the project for his Merit Badge, under the supervision of Mr. Peters. It turned out very nice, and all were happy.
- 4) FOHH participated in the United Way's Day of Caring. Volunteers spent three hours cleaning gutters, painting the front of the home, power washing the porches, repairing outdoor picnic tables, and general landscaping in the front yard.
- 5) Replaced and installed ceiling fans.
- 6) Replaced tile in men's bathroom.
- 7) In the process of painting and installing lights in the highways.
- 8) Licensed the bus and have two volunteer drivers.

- 9) Received community support through volunteers, donations, and aluminum can collection that helps pay the residents' prescription co-pays.

Howard Haven continues to receive high marks for their cleanliness, their care of the residents, and the warm and welcoming atmosphere of the Home. The residents love being there and the newest resident remarked that he would never go back to his previous facility. This is due to the fine work of Superintendent Jennifer Vary and her staff. Mr. Krohl thanked them and the Board of Commissioners for continuing their support of Howard Haven when so many other County Homes are closing their doors.

President Moore commented that without the Friends of Howard Haven for their work in making Howard Haven the "hidden gem" of our community.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:

President Moore introduced Mr. Tom Payne, from Border Energy, and gave him the floor to present his proposal. As of July 1, 2011, NIPSCO was deregulated. Mr. Payne submitted a Gas Supply Proposal for Howard County Facilities. Border Energy is a leading Natural Gas and Electric supplier operating across the Midwest. Border Energy operates on faith based business principals, and offers superior customer service and competitive pricing. He then reviewed the proposal with the Board of Commissioners, highlighting Energy Advantage, cost components, hedging strategy and savings comparison. At the conclusion of the review, and a time of question and answer, a motion was made by Mr. Wyman to take this proposal under advisement for further review. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

PLAN COMMISSION:

- 1) Plan Commission Director Greg Sheline submitted an update on the Unsafe Property located at 2295 South County Road 300 West. Mr. Sheline received an e-mail from Mr. Brent Potter, representing the Mortgage Servicer, Nationstar Mortgage (*please refer to page two, "Public Hearing", of the Regular meeting minutes dated September 6, 2011*). Nationstar no longer has an interest in the property. Mr. Sheline also received a call from Howard County Dispatch, informing him that one of the deputies had caught someone inside the property. That person was the owner, and he falsely told the Deputy that he had permission from the Plan Commission Office, to enter the premises. Mr. Sheline recommends that the Commissioners continue with the Demolition Order, and he has contacted the owner, by phone today, as well as previous certified mailings, and informed him of the Order. The property has been removed from the Tax Sale list. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman, that as a supplement to Resolution No. 2011-BCCR-26, adopted September 6, 2011, to, 1) have it be noted for the record that Nationstar Mortgage, LLC, successor to First Horizon Home Loans, has waived the stay of execution set forth in paragraph 7 of the Resolution; and 2) accordingly, the Enforcement Authority may proceed with demolition, including the distribution of Invitations to Quote on the demolition, to be returned no later than 12:00 o'clock noon on November 9, 2011. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried. Mr. Wyman amended the motion to **reflect the return date of no later than 12:00 o'clock noon on November 7, 2011**. The amended motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried.

- 2) The appraisals for all ten of the flood mitigation properties have been approved by the Department of Homeland Security. Mr. Sheline expressed concern for the fact that we have a deadline of October 31st to purchase the properties, but we have not received the agreement for the matching grant monies. He recommends that we move forward with the agreement to purchase the ten properties, subject to matching funds from the State. Resolution No. 2011 BCCR-33 was submitted for the Commissioners' action. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to approve Resolution 2011-BCCR-33, authorizing the purchase of ten flooded properties, and authorize the President to sign all needed documents. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried.

- 3) Three Unsafe Properties have been turned over to the Assistant County Attorney Alan Wilson for action as follows:

1003 Tomahawk Drive – trashed property, needs to be cleaned up
4795 East County Road 300 South – trashed property, needs to be cleaned up
2973 South County Road 200 East – fire in the home, stopped clean up – need demo order

KINSEY YOUTH CENTER:

Director Brent Kelley was in attendance concerning the opening of quotes for Kinsey’s Gymnasium lighting. The quotes were opened by President Moore as follows:

Huston Electric	\$6,900.00	Late Bid
J & J Electric	\$10,590.00	

A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to take the bids under advisement until the October 17th meeting, for further review.

MAINTENANCE:

Mr. Scott Reed reported that there was a brief blackout in the Administration Center, last week. Mr. Reed submitted a piece of metal that was recovered from the electric box contained in the second floor electric room. Mr. Reed appreciated the employees in the building who went without lights until the problem was fixed.

SHERIFF:

1) At the September 20th meeting the Board of Commissioners accepted the quote from Word Systems for a new recording system for Dispatch (*please refer page one and two, “Departmental Reports, Sheriff”, of the Regular Meeting minutes dated September 20, 2011*). When Sheriff Rogers replied that there was enough money in the E911 fund to cover the amount, he was mistaken. E911 Coordinator Nick Capozzoli confirmed that there was not enough equipment money to pay for the whole \$79,668. E911 can support the \$27,962 five year warranty costs, from his Support and Service Fund, and a \$15,000 down payment. Mr. Capozzoli requested that the remaining \$36,706 be paid from the Commissioners’ Equipment line item in the Cumulative Capital Fund. At this time discussion ensued and at its conclusion it was the consensus of the Board to take no action on the Cumulative Capital request until after the E911 2012 Budget is approved at the first Commissioner Meeting of 2012.

2) The Sheriff’s Department is experiencing problems with their mobile radios and coverage on the extreme west and east portions of Howard County. Harris Engineering has allowed them to test some new radios, but they still haven’t found the problem. Harris is still working on the radio system.

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:** Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims, payable October 7 and 14, 2011, in the amount of \$352,254.24 each, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Thompson.
2. **Operating Claims:** Commissioners’ Operating Claims, payable today, in the amount of \$557,201.40, were submitted, and approved on a motion made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Thompson.
3. **Early Pay Claim:** Ms. Wells submitted an Early Pay Claim payable to the Westside Village Merchants Association, for the Commissioners’ signatures. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman, seconded by Mr. Thompson, and carried to approve the claim for early payment.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

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

1. **Wilson Invoice:** Mr. Murrell submitted an invoice from Attorney Alan Wilson, in the amount of \$297.00 for litigation services for Steven C. Brown v State of Indiana, Superior Court II. The invoice was approved for payment on a motion made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Thompson.
2. **Mitigation Title Searches:** The title searches for the Flood Mitigation Properties have been sent to the State for payment, by Mr. Sheline. He will check with the State to make sure they are paid.
3. **Resolution No. 2011-BCCR-34:** Mr. Murrell submitted this resolution that revises Resolution No. 2011-BCCR-19, responding on behalf of Howard County to Resolution #2579 of the Common Council of the City of Kokomo, pursuant to the Indiana Government Modernization Act. On September 6, 2011 the

Town of Greentown voted to NOT be a part of the Modernization Act so the Resolution was revised to include Howard County, City of Kokomo, and Town of Russiaville. Auditor Wells will certify the Resolution to the City of Kokomo and the Town of Russiaville, and it will be up to those two entities to adopt similar resolutions. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to approve Resolution No. 2011-BCCR-34. President Moore vacated the chair in order to second the motion. The motion carried with two aye votes and one nay vote by Commissioner Thompson.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

COMMISSIONER THOMPSON:

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, reflected by Mr. Thompson's wearing of a pink shirt.

COMMISSIONER WYMAN:

Mr. Wyman thanked the Greater Kokomo Economic Development Alliance for their efforts in sponsoring Oktoberfest. It was a great event and the Chalk the Block children's event was a huge success. The car show was awesome.

COMMISSIONER MOORE:

Mr. Moore congratulated the City of Kokomo for receiving the Community of the Year Award from the State Chamber of Commerce. He thanked all those involved in making that possible.

Mr. Moore submitted a Notice of Public Hearing of the Kokomo City Board of Zoning Appeals. This Hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

IDEM Notices were submitted as follows:

- 1) Receipt of Air Permit Application for Chrysler Group, LLC
- 2) Notice of 30 day period for Public Comment for proposed Air Permit by GM Components Holdings #067-30666-00061
- 3) Notice of Decision / Approval of Air Quality Permit for E & B Paving, Inc. #067-30067-00054

The Notices were accepted on a motion made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Thompson.

A Private Well Survey Status Report from PPG Industries, was received, reflecting arsenic levels in seven private wells. The results have been provided to IDEM and the Howard County Health Department.

A letter was received concerning being a Consulting Party for a Widening Project on South Washington Street, from Lincoln Road to Rainbow Drive. It was the consensus of the Board of Commissioners to take this request under advisement.

The 2nd Comic Book and Pop Culture Convention, "Kokomo Con II" is this Saturday at the Kokomo Event Center. It is sponsored by Comics Cubed, who had earlier received a Small Business Grant from the Howard County EDIT Fund.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Thompson.

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

TYLER O. MOORE, PRESIDENT

PAUL WYMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

WILLIAM THOMPSON, MEMBER

ANN WELLS, AUDITOR
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