

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MAY 16, 2011

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, May 16, 2011 at 8:30 a.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 Steve Rogers and conducted by President Tyler Moore. Commissioner Thompson led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Wyman offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the May 2, 2011 Regular meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Thompson.

The minutes of the Joint Executive Session of the Board of Commissioners and the County Council, held on May 9, 2011, were submitted. This joint meeting was called to discuss real estate. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to approve the minutes of the Joint Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT:

- 1) Sheriff Rogers reminded the Board of the County Auction to be held this Saturday, May 21, 2011, beginning at 9:00 a.m. behind the Highway Garage at 625 South Berkley Street.
- 2) The Sheriff's Department Annual Inspection is this Thursday, May 19, and the Commissioners are invited to attend. The luncheon will begin at 11:00 a.m. and the inspection will begin at 1:00 p.m.
- 3) The current inmate population is two hundred seventy (270) with forty-four (44) being female.

PLAN COMMISSION:

- 1) Plan Commission Director Greg Sheline submitted Case 1-CP-11, one lot in Lazy K Subdivision, located at 4772 East County Road 400 South. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to approve Case 1-CP-11, one lot in Lazy K Subdivision. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried.
- 2) President Moore reminded the Board that the Public Hearing for the Order of Demolition for 2295 South County Road 300 West is scheduled for Monday, June 6, at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Sheline will contact the owner this week, and he also confirmed that the Order of Notice of Demolition has been sent.

HOWARD HAVEN:

Howard Haven Superintendent Jennifer Vary introduced Mr. Darrell Blasius, a member of the Friends of Howard Haven and long time donor and volunteer. The Friends of Howard Haven is a group of concerned citizens that was created to be an auxiliary organization to assist county administrators in providing for the personal needs of its residents. By the end of 2006, the organization was granted 501C3 status, "...opening the door to purchase food and other supplies at significantly reduced prices, and facilitate fund-raising." Mr. Blasius reviewed a report with the Board of Commissioners, from the Friends of Howard Haven. This report outlined the accomplishments of the Friends of Howard Haven since their inception in 2006, in helping the residents of the County's Home and assisting the County in maintaining the Home. The Friends are responsible for gathering volunteer help with projects and assistance, as well as applying for grants and garnering contributions to underwrite project expenses. Some of their accomplishments include the renovation of all rooms in 2006, under the umbrella of the Designers Show Home; initiated the on-going aluminum can drive that provides medical co-pay funds on prescription drugs; grant to install a handicap entrance; construct canopy over front entrance; purchase of dining room chairs with rollers; established a petty cash fund; developed website; enclosed the porch; assist in purchase of walk-in freezer; assist with purchase of new bus; repaired and landscaped gazebo.

At the conclusion of the review, Mr. Blasius requested approval to pursue a renovation project to build an insulated 13.5 ft X 23 ft. room in the garage, to secure the Home's freezers. They are looking at grant funding to underwrite the costs. Building and Grounds Superintendent Scott Reed has reviewed the plans and given his approval. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to approve the renovation project in the garage, subject to available funding. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried. Commissioner Thompson expressed appreciation to Friends of Howard Haven Director Bob Kroll

and to Superintendent Jennifer Vary for their direction, and for keeping the Home open and operating effectively. Mr. Moore expressed his appreciation, as well, commenting that the facility is "...one of Howard County's gems".

IN THE MATTER OF THE RUSSIAVILLE LOAN REQUEST:

At the May 2nd meeting a request was made by the Town of Russiaville for a low interest loan in the amount of \$56,000 for the sewer work project north of the town, and a \$160,000 low interest loan for the completion of the new Community Center. The Board of Commissioners had taken the request under advisement for a recommendation of the County Council and County Commissioner presidents (*please refer to page five, "In The Matter Of A Request From Russiaville For A Loan" of the regular meeting minutes dated May 2, 2011*). A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to approve a \$56,000 grant (not a loan) from EDIT funds to complete the sewer work project on the north side of Russiaville, subject to the amendment and approval of the Capital Improvement Plan, and forward the request to the County Council.

A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to approve a loan to the Town of Russiaville in the amount of \$160,000 from the County's EDIT Fund. This loan will be payable for up to fifteen (15) years, subject to a negotiated interest rate, and subject to the amendment and approval of the Capital Improvement Plan, and forward the recommendation to the County Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF A REQUEST TO AMEND THE COUNTY'S MILEAGE RATE:

Auditor Wells informed the Board that the State of Indiana has increased their mileage rate from \$.40 to \$.44 per mile. Discussion ensued concerning increasing the County's mileage rate from \$.40 to \$.44 to match the State's rate. At its conclusion a motion was made by Mr. Wyman to amend the County's Travel Policy to increase the mileage rate to \$.44 per mile, to match the State rate, effective today. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried. Personnel Director Wanda McKillip will submit an amendment to the Travel Policy at the next Commissioner meeting and Council meeting.

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, Hourly and Overtime Claims, payable May 20 and 27 and June 3, 2011, in the amount of \$352,254.24 each, were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Thompson.
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims payable today, in the amount of \$176,129.71, were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Thompson.
3. **Clerk's Monthly Report:** Ms. Wells submitted the Clerk's Monthly Report for the month ending April 30, 2011. The report was accepted on a motion made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Thompson.
4. **Appropriation Form Signature:** At the April 18th Regular meeting, the Board of Commissioners approved a request from the City of Kokomo to assist with the North Street Project with funds from EDIT in the amount of \$200,000 (*please refer to page six, "In The Matter Of Commissioner Issues" of the Regular Meeting minutes dated April 18, 2011*). This Additional Appropriation worksheet is needed to authorize the advertising of the request that will be forwarded to the Council at their June Council meeting, and needs the Board's signatures.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

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

1. **Contract Log:** Mr. Murrell submitted an updated Contract log and reviewed it with the Board of Commissioners. Of special note is the Flood Mitigation Grant Agreement that will be ready to present at the June 6th meeting.
2. **DLZ Contract:** Mr. Murrell submitted an amended contract with DLZ Indiana, LLC. This agreement is for a Feasibility Study on the Old Jail facility. Mr. Murrell has reviewed the contract and amended the

compensation portion of the Agreement. The amendment proposes that the invoice for a lump sum of \$3,800.00 be invoiced when 50% completed and the balance on 100% completion, subject to the County's statutory claims procedure. The amendment was approved by DLZ. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to approve the agreement with DLZ in the amount of \$3,800.00 for a feasibility study for the Old Jail facility. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

COMMISSIONER WYMAN:

There will be a Greater Kokomo Economic Development Alliance "Great Connect" meeting at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, at Haven's Auditorium on the IUK Campus.

COMMISSIONER MOORE:

Mr. Moore submitted an IDEM notice of a Construction Permit approval (No. 19964) to the City of Kokomo for a proposed sanitary sewer to be located east of the intersection of Touby Pike and East North Street (North Street Project). The IDEM notice was accepted on a motion made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Moore submitted the Certificate of Title for a 2003 Impala to be sold at the County's auction this Saturday. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to approve the sale of the Impala and authorize the President to sign the Certificate of Title on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Moore submitted letters received from Western Intermediate School thanking the Personnel Office for the work they did in organizing a field trip to the Courthouse, and thanking Mr. Moore for meeting and greeting the 3rd grade students when they arrived at the Courthouse. Mr. Moore publically thanked Ms. McKillip and Ms. Dockemeyer for their work in organizing the field trip.

Mr. Moore submitted the April and May, 2011 Emergency Management Agency Event Calendars. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Thompson to accept the EMA Event Calendars. The motion carried.

Also received were the minutes from the February Howard County Emergency Response Committee. The February 17, 2011 minutes were accepted on a motion made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Thompson.

The Indiana Association of County Commissioners has their district meeting in June. There will be golf outing before the event.

Last week was Hospital Appreciation Week. Mr. Moore thanks Howard County Regional Health Systems for providing the best health care they can to the citizens of Howard County and surrounding areas. Mr. Moore and Mr. Thompson informed the Board that May 12 was the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birthday. Nurses from both hospitals as well as all County nurses were thanked for their service.

Treasurer Martha Lake reported that taxes were collected successfully last week. All of the Chrysler tax payments were received.

Mr. Moore did submit an additional item for the Commissioners' consideration. The American Veterans' Traveling Tribute will be coming to the Howard County area in September / October. Along with the Vietnam Traveling Wall there will be exhibits and replicas of dog tags from other wars. The Tribute will be located at Highway 31 and Boulevard, and will also be displayed at Grissom Air Force Base for Victory Days. Both events are being coordinated by the City of Kokomo and Jean Lushin of Center Township. A challenge has been issued to the City of Kokomo and Howard County that they consider contributing \$3,500 to help with the costs. At the conclusion of ensuing discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wyman to approve an amount of up to \$3,500 from the EDIT fund to partner with Center Township and the City of Kokomo in sponsoring the American Veteran's Traveling Tribute. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m. on a motion made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Thompson.

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

TYLER O. MOORE, PRESIDENT

PAUL G. WYMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

WILLIAM THOMPSON, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN WELLS, AUDITOR
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