

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MAY 21/22, 2012

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, May 21, 2012, 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 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 Regular Meeting dated May 7, 2012, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Thompson.

The minutes of the May 11, 2012, Administrative Meeting were submitted and reviewed. Information and recommendations were received regarding the proposed abatement of a health hazard on the Wanda Sitzes’ property from Mr. Kent Weaver, Mr. Dave Duncan and Mr. Greg Lake. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to approve the May 11, 2012 Administrative Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS:

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Highway Engineer/Superintendent Ted Cain submitted a “Permission to Access Road Right-of-Way” for a perimeter drain for a septic system, on behalf of property owner Darwin Acord. The property is located at 118 North CR 600 East, Greentown. The homeowner will have the responsibility to install and repair the drain at his expense: the County will not be responsible. Mr. Cain has confidence in the installer, Mr. Dick Blazer, that the right-of-way will be repaired well. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to approve the “Permission to Access Road Right-of-Way for a perimeter drain for a septic system, located at 118 North CR 600 East, Greentown, Indiana, with the property owner understanding that future repairs to the tile will be borne by the owner.

A Request for a School Bus Turnaround for Eastern Howard School Corporation has been received by Mr. Moore and submitted to Mr. Cain for his review.

Attorney Murrell submitted a Limited Access Agreement between Howard County and PPG. This agreement requests permission to enter the County’s right-of-way for Phase II Environmental testing. PPG owns property on Highway 31 between Carter Street and Murden Street. The County owns a strip of land between 31 and the property, and PPG needs to be able to enter the easement to do some Phase II Environmental testing. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to approve the Limited Access Agreement between Howard County and PPG Industries Inc., for access to the right-of-way at 1500 East Murden Street, and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT:

Captain Jerry Asher has reviewed the vehicle quotes as follows (*please refer to page two, “Departmental Reports, Sheriff”, Regular Meeting minutes dated May 7, 2012*):

	<u>Greentown Ford</u>	<u>Erik’s Chev</u>	<u>Kokomo Ford</u>	<u>Button Motors</u>	
Truck – Ext Cab 4 door	\$27,919	\$28,800	\$29,265	\$26,235	
Truck – Ext cab	\$25,919	\$28,800	\$27,270	\$25,948	
SUV	\$23,350	\$23,900	\$21,149	\$18,800	2009 Dodge Nitro 10,572 miles
	\$23,350	\$23,900	\$21,149	\$24,991	2009 GMC Envoy 16,315 miles
(2) 2011 Ford Escape Both 6,543 miles		2012 Chevy Equinox New vehicles	(2) 2011 Ford Escape	\$17,307	2009 Jeep Liberty 29,722 miles
		2011 Equinox \$21,598			

Captain Asher confirmed that the quote specifications asked for “used” SUV’s; yet, he believes the new Chevy Equinox is a good deal. Concerning the 2011 Ford Escapes from Kokomo Ford, the Board asked that Captain

Asher confirm the mileage on the vehicles. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to purchase the Truck – Extended Cab, 4-door (\$26,335), from Button Motors and the Extended Cab Truck (25,919) from Greentown Ford, and table the purchase of the SUV’s until Captain Asher can confirm the mileage on the 2011 Ford Escapes from Kokomo Ford. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried. **

Sheriff Rogers submitted an agreement for inmate telephone service from Global Tel-Link. Attorney Larry Murrell has reviewed the agreement. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to approve the Global Tel-Link Corporation Inmate Telephone Service Agreement, and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried.

E911 Coordinator Nick Capozzoli submitted four contracts from Digital Data Technologies Inc. for the Board’s consideration. This is the new mapping company that is being added to the Dispatch Center. Mr. Murrell has reviewed the contracts and made a few changes that the company has agreed to. IT Director Terry Tribby has reviewed and given his approval. These contracts include software, installation, training, licensing, and support. One agreement is for the City Police, one is for the Sheriff’s Department, and two are for Dispatch. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to approve the four contracts with Digital Data Technologies Inc., and authorize the President to sign the agreements on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and it carried. Mr. Thompson asked Sheriff Rogers if the contracted 70% / 30% split on costs above 911 funds received, would be changed because of annexation. Sheriff Rogers replied that those figures have not yet been changed, and that their department would be revisiting those figures at a later date after dispatch service percentages have been determined.

**Captain Asher called Kokomo Ford and was able to confirm that the two Ford Escapes had 20,000 miles each. Discussion ensued concerning the problems with accepting a quote that did not meet the specifications, and allowing the other bidders to bid on new SUV’s. At its conclusion a motion was made by Mr. Wyman, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to authorize Captain Asher to receive additional quotes for new SUV’s, to be presented at the June 4th meeting.

President Moore offered congratulations to the Sheriff’s Department in their successful Jail Inspection last Thursday. He further congratulated Captain Asher, Captain Vincent, all administrative employees, Deputies, Corrections Officers, and Dispatchers. Last week was also proclaimed as Corrections Officers week in the State of Indiana.

SURVEYOR DEPARTMENT:

Surveyor Dave Duncan submitted a request for a new color copier. This request was brought to the Board by Stormwater Coordinator Greg Lake, at the May 7th meeting (*please refer to page three, “In The Matter Of Departmental Reports; Surveyor Department”, of the Regular Meeting minutes dated May 7, 2012*). Mr. Lake was directed by the Board of Commissioners to contact the Probation Department to request specifications of the Biz Hub copier that was purchased by them for a lesser amount. Mr. Duncan reported that Mr. Lake did as directed and found that the Biz Hub was NOT a color copier. The Canon Copier C5030 request is a color copier, for the amount of \$7,650, from Beckley Office Equipment. It reports \$.01 per black and white copy and \$.06 per color copier. Their current copier reports \$.70 per color copy, and reported 11,000 color copies in 2011. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson to approve the purchase of the Canon C5030 color copier for the Surveyor’s Office. Mr. Moore vacated the chair to second the motion and the motion carried with two aye votes and 1 nay vote.

COUNTY ASSESSOR:

County Assessor Jamie Shepherd submitted a “Notice of Bids for Professional Appraiser Services” for reassessment services to finalize the current reassessment and look forward to the 2017 reassessment: “...soliciting bids from professional appraisers to act as appraiser and technical advisor in the assessment of property in Howard County, Indiana...” All bids are to be received no later than 8:15 a.m. on June 18, 2012, at the County Assessor’s Office. Ms. Shepherd explained that there is a request for three (3) different contracts: a Model Contract for Annual Adjustments (Trending) 2013 through and including 2017; Model Contract for 2017 Reassessment; Contract for Assessment Services (maintenance) 2013 through and including 2017. All three contracts are to be performed by the same contactor. This “Notice of Bids” was prepared by Mr. Murrell from a model contract from the Department of Local Government Finance. At the completion of review and explanation by Ms. Shepherd, a motion was made by Mr. Wyman to approve the “Notice of Bids for Professional Appraiser Services” with bids to be received no later than 8:15 a.m. on Monday, June 18, 2012. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Health Department Director Kent Weaver has reviewed the Vehicle Quotes and recommends the purchase of the 2010 Ford F150 Crew 4x4, in the amount of \$25,994.00, from Brad Howell Ford, as the lowest bid (*please refer to page three, "In The Matter of Departmental Reports: Health Department", of the Regular Meeting minutes dated May 7, 2012*). A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to approve the purchase of the 2012 Ford F150 Crew 4x4, in the amount of \$25,994.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE:

Before submitting his requests, Veterans Service Officer Bob Ladd reported on a news report heard this morning. The Indianapolis VA office is behind on their claims, and they suggested that veterans visit their local Veterans Service Offices. Mr. Ladd believes that their foot traffic and phone traffic will increase in response. The VA is currently two to four years behind in the claims, and five to eight years behind in their appeals.

The VSO's Annual Certification training will be held June 4 – 8. He and one of his employees will be attending the training. Services that week will be limited.

Currently our local Veterans Service Office voluntarily prepares the scheduling for the transportation of veterans to hospitals. Mr. Ladd is receiving pressure from the VA office, even to the point of having had our local vehicle confiscated for a short time; it took three months and congressional assistance to have it returned. The VA office will also call Howard County volunteers, unbeknownst to Mr. Ladd's Office, to make unscheduled transportation trips in Tipton County. These volunteers, and the van, are supplied by this community, for this community. Trips to Tipton take time away from being able to service Howard County veterans. Mr. Ladd stated that County VSO's are for the primary purpose of assisting veterans with their benefits, not scheduling transportation. Mr. Ladd would like direction from the Board of Commissioners as to whether his office should cease transportation scheduling for the VA, and record keeping for the vehicles. The van would still be in the VA system and housed at the Sheriff's Department. The volunteer drivers would be called directly by the hospital. Mr. Wyman would like Mr. Ladd to discuss this issue with the VA offices in Marion and Indianapolis. If Mr. Ladd needs the Commissioners' assistance, they would be glad to attend the meetings with Mr. Ladd.

The State VA has sent a Vocational Rehabilitation representative, who set up an office in our local Veterans Service Office. Mr. Ladd has never received official clarification of his office space on the first floor. Last September he asked to have all the space not being used by Key Bank, as the Veteran's offices. He needs to have it defined so that an Agreement could be signed with the VA office for shared space and the ability to vacate with a 30 day notice. Mr. Murrell is willing to draft an Agreement, after Mr. Ladd has spoken with the State VA Office.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REGION 4 WORKFORCE BOARD PRESENTATION:

Mr. Roger L. Feldhaus, Executive Director of the Region 4 Workforce Board stepped to the podium to update the Board of Commissioners concerning the activities of the Region 4 Workforce Board in the past year. Mr. Feldhaus introduced Matt Boor from Huston Electric, Steven Daily with IVY Tech, Mitchell Morrow a labor representative from Haines International, and Polly Bray who represents the City of Kokomo Economic Development. These are all local appointees from Howard County; Mr. Boor is the only one in attendance at today's meeting. The Workforce Board was restructured a year ago and is now a thirty-one (31) member board with representatives from the twelve (12) counties that make up Region 4. Mr. Feldhaus reviewed the Program Year 2010 Annual Report, Advancing Manufacturing Initiative, and Building a Career Pathway for Youth. He then introduced Ms. Terri Simons WorkOne Workforce Development Services; Ms. Treva Nichols, a Skills/Careers Team Leader at the WorkOne Center in Kokomo; Ms. Rene Reshkus, Office Manager, WorkOne, Kokomo. Ms. Nichols gave a brief report on the Kokomo WorkOne Center activity, and then introduced Ms. Jane Dino from IVY Tech Corporate, and Ms. Jackie Varnell who offered her story as a participant. Mr. Feldhaus finished the presentation with Region 4 per Capita Income by County, Howard County Earnings and Income, and WIA Expenditures for Howard County.

IN THE MATTER OF CITIZENS' CONCERN FOR EXCESSIVE SPEED ON COUNTY ROAD 580 WEST:

Mrs. Joseph Jeffers, 4397 South CR 580 West, Russiaville, IN, 46979: Ms. Jeffers informed the Board of Commissioners of excessive speeds on County Road 580 West, since a portion of State Road 26 has been redirected during construction. There are a lot of children in that neighborhood and there is a posted speed limit of 50. The neighborhood would like to see a slower speed limit posted. Sheriff Rogers confirmed that his office has received complaints in areas south of that location

and has been in contact with the State Police Department. He will contact them again, with this area's concern, and they can assign deputies to the area. President Moore will discuss this issue with Plan Commission Director Greg Sheline, at the next Traffic Commission meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER STATEMENT:

Commissioner Thompson issued the following statement for the record:

"Because of a scheduling conflict, I may be unable to attend the Special Meeting tomorrow. I want to go on record that I am 100% in favor of the Board of Commissioners' decision on the Hospital issue."

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

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

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly and Overtime claims payable May 25 and June 1, 2012, in the amount of \$346,081.33 each, were 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 \$317,597.74, were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Thompson.
3. **Reports:** Ms. Wells submitted the Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month ending April 30, 2012; the Monthly Clerk's Report for the month ending April 30, 2012. Both reports were accepted on a motion made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Thompson.
4. **Maximus Contract:** Ms. Wells submitted a contract with Maximus Consulting Services, Inc. This contract is for consulting and assisting with the preparation of the base year 2012 indirect cost allocation plan for use in 2014; finding money for the county from federal and state programs. The flat fee is the same as the previous year: \$5,500 annually or, if the County agrees to a three-year contract, it would be \$5,000 per Cost Allocation Plan. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to approve the contract between Howard County and Maximus Consulting Services, Inc., for a three year period, in the amount of \$5,000 per Cost Allocation Plan, and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried.

Ms. Wells informed the Commissioners that the Public Access Director was on site at the Auditor's Spring Conference, last week. She distributed information to the Commissioners through their mail boxes in their office that she obtained at the state called conference.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

On behalf of Community Corrections Director Ray Tetrault, Attorney Larry Murrell submitted a case tracking and financial management software contract with Paperless Business Solutions. Both Mr. Murrell and Mr. Tribby have reviewed the contract and it is ready for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to approve the agreement with Paperless Business Solutions and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

COMMISSIONER WYMAN:

Mr. Wyman referred to a conversation, several meetings ago, when he talked about the additional COIT money that would be received by the County from the State. At that time it was the consensus of the Board to meet with other elected officials to determine where the money should go. Mr. Wyman now reports that it was the consensus of that Committee to put the extra COIT funds into the Rainy Day Fund, to be used for future budgeting purposes.

COMMISSIONER MOORE:

Mr. Moore submitted a Notice received from Indiana Department of Environmental Management. Howard County has been identified as a Potentially Affected Party in the decision to issue a permit to discharge water awarded to Kokomo Gravel, Inc – Kokomo Plant.

There are currently two separate Food Drives, in Kokomo, to support local food pantries. The first is Wal-Mart, who is trying to raise \$50,000 to benefit local food pantries. There is an account set up through the Community Foundation. The second drive is through the Boy Scouts Council. They are helping the Rescue Mission coordinate a 50,000 can food drive. Both entities have requested Public Endorsement by the Board of Commissioners. *A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to publicly endorse both the Community Foundation and Boy Scout Council food drives. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson.* The City of Kokomo is also supporting both projects. By consensus, the Board approved using the County Seal on the endorsement, and set aside Wednesday, June 6, as the day that County Employees can be involved. Maintenance Superintendent Scott Reed and his department will designate drop areas, and the Commissioners will distribute an employee memo. *The motion carried.*

Condolences were expressed to Commissioner Paul and Shelley Wyman, in the death of Mrs. Wyman's nephew.

At 10:34 a.m. the Regular meeting was recessed until 8:00 Tuesday, May 22, 2012, in order to consider the Wildcat Wind Farm Resolution.

The May 21, 2012 Regular meeting was reconvened at 8:09 a.m. on a motion made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Thompson.

President Moore reminded those assembled that the meeting is reconvened for the purpose of discussion and possible action concerning Resolution No. 2012-BCCR-10. This resolution is between the Board of Commissioners of Howard County, Indiana, approving an economic development agreement with Wildcat Wind Farm II, LLC. Attorney Larry Murrell informed the Board that at 5:00 p.m., yesterday, final documents were circulated. The EDIT payments were changed and Road Use and Drain Agreements were finalized, protecting the County as well as the business. The Attorneys involved are comfortable with all the documents, including the Bonus Depreciation issue and the pilot payment process.

Phase II is scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2013, and will include the far southeast corner of Howard County, and consist of 10 – 15 turbines: \$400,000 in four payments.

Phase III will include 50 – 80 Turbines, located in Jackson and Union Townships, between Greentown and Converse: \$1 million dollars.

Highway Engineer / Superintendent Ted Cain visited Madison County and was impressed with the operation, there. He has a few minor issues with signage on the county line road, and dust control on the county's roads. He's been assured those issues will be resolved. Our roads will be used, and then repaired at the completion of the project.

County Assessor Jamie Shepherd spoke to issues concerning the Pilot Payment, abatement, and bonus depreciation.

Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Wyman thanked the foresight of other departments, setting the stage for this kind of economic opportunity.

A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to approve Resolution No. 2012-BCCR-10 an agreement between Howard County Board of Commissioners and Wildcat Wind Farm II, LLC. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried with two aye votes and one abstention by President Moore.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 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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