

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL SESSION MAY 3, 2013

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on Friday, May 3, 2013, 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 Brad Bray. Also in attendance were County Attorney Larry Murrell and Auditor Martha Lake.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ken de la Bastide and conducted by President Tyler Moore. Vice President Wyman led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered a brief prayer. President Moore acknowledged and thanked Mr. de la Bastide for his past military service to the United States.

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINATION 2013 HCDSMD NO. 1

Attorney Larry Murrell submitted Determination 2013 HCDSMD No. 1: Findings and Determination of the Board of Directors of the Howard County Department of Stormwater Management: (1) establishing a plan to insure connection of all Darrough Chapel residents to Sanitary Sewer System and (2) amending Stormwater User Fee determination. The Darrough Chapel Sewer Project is near completion and it is time for Darrough Chapel homeowners to hook up to the new collection system and decommission any existing septic system. The installation of a lateral to tie in each home to the collection system plus the fee to decommission any existing septic system is estimated to be \$3,000.00. The sewer tap fee to the City of Kokomo is \$1,250.00. Numerous residents of Darrough Chapel have informed County officials that they cannot afford these fees, at this time, and have asked for County assistance. This determination offers to pay the associated fees for installation and sewer tap fees, through the Howard County Stormwater District, and authorizes the District to establish a new fee classification which permits hook-up expenses to be repaid to the District by an additional charge to Darrough Chapel owners who participate, over a five-year period.

This determination also allows connected owners (who have already paid the installation and hook-up fees), and who elect to participate in this program, to be reimbursed by the District. They would: (1) need to sign a Reimbursement Agreement accompanied by original receipts verifying payment of the hook up expenses, (2) be reimbursed by the Stormwater District and (3) repay the expenses to the District over a five year period.

A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to approve Determination 2013 HCDSMD No. 1, establishing a plan to insure connection of all Darrough Chapel residents to the sanitary sewer system, and to amend the storm water user fee determination by establishing a different classification of storm water user fee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

Stormwater District Coordinator Greg Lake informed the Commissioners that there has been an increase in Darrough Chapel homeowners who are coming to the office and applying to be hooked up. Many are encouraged to pay the installation fees and then apply to be reimbursed. The Stormwater office will send out mailings to un-connected owners to let them know of the Determination. There will be a Stormwater District meeting on Monday, May 6, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., which will also be a Public Hearing.

IN THE MATTER OF FLOODING DAMAGES TO HOWARD COUNTY BUILDINGS AND DRAINS:

Auditor Martha Lake has been in contract with the Department of Homeland Security regarding damage from the recent flooding to Howard County owned buildings, ditches, and drains. Ms. Lake and Mr. Murrell will collect information and prepare an Impact Statement to be approved and signed by the Board of Commissioners at Tuesday's meeting and sent to the Department of Homeland Security. Ms. Lake is working with EMA Director Larry Smith to determine damages to County owned buildings and Mr. Greg Lake will collect information of damages to County ditches and drains. The Impact Statement will name and describe the flooding impact to Howard County's 2013 budget.

*There being no further business to come before the Board at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 a.m. on a motion
made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Bray.*

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

TYLER O. MOORE, PRESIDENT

PAUL G. WYMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

ROBERT B. BRAY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR
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