

**HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR AND 2006 BUDGET MEETING AUGUST 23, 24,
25, AND SEPTEMBER 7, 2005**

The Howard County Council met Tuesday, August 23, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., in Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those present were Council President Richard Miller, Council Vice President James Papacek, Council Members Dwight Singer, Stan Ortman, Leslie Ellison, Jeffrey Stout and Joseph Pencek. Also present were County Attorney Larry Murrell and Auditor Ann Wells. At the conclusion of the regular business of the Council, the meeting will be recessed, instead of adjourned, in order to carry out the budget request process for budget year 2006.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Marshall Talbert and conducted by President Richard Miller.

The minutes of the July 26, 2005 Regular Meeting, having been previously reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Singer and seconded by Mr. Ortman.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2005-HCC-45 - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Ordinance No. 2005-HCC-45 was read in full by Auditor Ann Wells and acted upon as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTED:

<u>001</u>	<u>Howard County General Fund</u>	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<u>005</u>	<u>Howard County Sheriff</u>		
02321.00	Gas, Oil & Lube	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
	Total Sheriff Department	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00

Sheriff Talbert attributed the need for additional funds in Gas, Oil & Lube, to the rise in gasoline prices that could not be foreseen at budget time last year. He assured the Council that he had spoken with several County Sheriffs who had to make the same requests of their respective Councils. The other options would be to reduce the number of vehicles on patrol or to limit off-duty use, neither of which is an option that would benefit the County.

On a motion made by Mr. Papacek and seconded by Mr. Stout, the additional appropriation request of \$60,000.00 in line item 02321.00, Gas, Oil & Lube was approved.

<u>018</u>	<u>Howard County Maintenance Department</u>		
02333.00	Institutional Supplies	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
03220.00	Utilities	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
	Total Maintenance Department	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 20,000.00

Due to a budget meeting of the City Council, Mr. Tom Harrison, Building Superintendent, sent an explanation of additional funds needed. Though he requested \$7,500.00 in Institutional Supplies (02330.00) he believes he can get by with \$5,000.00. Present costs for utilities for the three government buildings, average between \$12,000.00 and \$14,000.00 per month. There are not enough funds to cover these costs, at this time.

Mr. Papacek made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation request of \$5,000.00 for line item 02333.00, Institutional Supplies, and \$15,000.00 in Utilities, line item 03220.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried.

<u>008</u>	<u>Howard County Superior Court II</u>		
03129.00	Transcripts	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
03212.00	Postage	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
	Total Superior Court II	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,200.00

Ms. Connie Cook, Court Bailiff of Superior Court II, was in attendance to request additional funds in the Transcript line item (03129.00) because of several pending court transcript requests. Also needed is additional postage money.

On a motion made by Mr. Ortman and seconded by Mr. Ellison, the Additional Appropriation request for \$3,000.00 in line item 03129.00 Transcripts, and \$1,200.00 in line item 03212.00, Postage, was approved.

		<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<u>009</u>	<u>Howard County Coroner</u>		
03121.00	Autopsy & Lab Fees	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
	Total Coroner	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00

In the absence of Coroner Brad Bray, Councilman Stout presented the request for additional funds in Autopsy & Lab Fees (03121.00). They have at least two homicide cases that require an autopsy, plus current lab fee bills.

On a motion made by Mr. Singer and seconded by Mr. Ellison, the Additional Appropriation request for line item 03121.00, Autopsy & Lab Fees, was approved. Councilman Stout abstained from the vote.

<u>013</u>	<u>Howard County Circuit Court</u>		
04721.00	Equipment	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	Total Circuit Court	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00

Judge Lynn Murray was in attendance to request Additional funds in the equipment line to replace two lapel mics for Circuit Court. The existing microphones are over ten (10) years old.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve the request of \$1,000.00 in line item 04721.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Singer and carried.

<u>014</u>	<u>Howard County Superior Court I</u>		
03112.00	Translators	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
03129.00	Transcripts	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
03593.00	Psychiatric Examinations	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00
03126.00	Jury Fund (For all Courts)	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
	Total Superior Court I	\$ 39,250.00	\$ 39,250.00

Judge William Menges, Superior Court I, presented his requests for additional funds, to the Council. He reminded the Council that several years ago the State Legislature decided that \$2.00 out of every Criminal Trial cost should be set aside for the Court's jury fund. Superior Court III has the largest volume of criminal cases because they hear traffic infraction and misdemeanor cases, building up a "major surplus" of funds. The remaining Courts hear a greater number of felony cases, requiring more jurors for extended periods of time. The Council decided to unify the jury fund for all the courts. That fund is now depleted; there are criminal cases that have already been heard with no money to pay the jurors. It is every person's right to have a jury trial and jurors must be paid.

Judge Menges also addressed the need for additional monies in the other listed line items.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Stout and carried to approve the request for \$500.00 in line item 03112.00, Translators, \$10,000.00 in line item 03129.00, Transcripts, \$3,750.00 in line item 03593.00, Psychiatric Examinations, and \$25,000.00 in line item 03126.00, Jury Fund (for all courts).

Total General Fund		\$ 141,950.00	\$ 139,450.00
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<u>010</u>	<u>Howard County Health Fund</u>		
03000.00	Other Services & Charges	\$ 1,280.00	\$ 1,280.00
	Total Health Fund	\$ 1,280.00	\$ 1,280.00

Mrs. Kris Conyers, Department of Health Director, informed the Council of their need for additional funds due to findings from the State Board of Accounts Auditor. The request is "a refund of collections remitted in error and check fees." \$684.00 is to cover checks returned for Non Sufficient Funds. \$596.00 is to cover the costs of deposit slips and checks. These costs have been automatically taken from their account. In the future Mrs. Conyers will submit a claim to pay those costs.

On a motion made by Mr. Papacek and seconded by Mr. Singer, the request for \$1,280.00 in line item 03000.00, Other Services & Charges, was approved.

		<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<u>132</u>	<u>Howard County Surveyor Perpetuation Fund</u>		
03120.00	Contract Services	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
	Total Surveyor Perpetuation Fund	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00

Mr. Jake Grimme, Howard County Surveyor, informed the Council of the need for additional funds in contract services, to cover costs of cornerstones. The Recorder's Office collects fees, with every recording, and deposits them into the Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund. Mr. Grimme made the comment, "The department is bringing cornerstones from the Eighteenth Century, into the Twenty First Century".

A motion was made by Mr. Singer to approve the request of \$25,000.00 in line item 03120.00, Contract Services. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ortman and carried.

	<u>Howard County Health - Bioterrorism</u>		
<u>221</u>	<u>Coordinator Grant Fund</u>		
02360.00	Office Supplies	\$ 1,142.00	\$ 1,142.00
02371.00	Other Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
03120.00	Contract Services (Coordinator Contract Pay)	\$ 54,171.00	\$ 54,171.00
03212.00	Postage	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
03213.00	Travel & Training	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 2,550.00
03216.00	Communication	\$ 595.00	\$ 595.00
03241.00	Printing	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	Total Bioterrorism Coordinator Grant Fund	\$ 60,458.00	\$ 60,458.00

Mrs. Kris Conyers explained that this is the second year for the Bioterrorism Grant Fund. The first year ended July 31st. This year's grant is about \$3,000.00 less because it doesn't cover furniture costs, as in last year's grant. This is a state reimbursable grant. The Board of Commissioners did approve the Contract with coordinator, Ryan Nehl, pending Council's approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Singer to approve the request for appropriation as follows: \$1,142.00 in line item 02360.00, Office Supplies, \$1,000.00 in line item 02371.00, Other Supplies, \$54,171.00 in line item 03120.00, Contract Services, \$500.00 in line item 03212.00, Postage, \$2,550.00 in line item 03213.00, Travel & Training, \$595.00 in line item 03216.00, Communication, and \$500.00 in line item 03241.00, Printing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Papacek and carried.

<u>150</u>	<u>Howard County Cumulative Capital Fund</u>		
04320.01	Howard Haven Roof & Sewage Repair	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -0-
04721.00	Equipment (Superior IV Equipment & Computers)	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 61,000.00
04721.00	Equipment (1 antenna and 7 amps)	\$ 15,850.00	\$ 15,850.00
	Total Cumulative Capital Fund	\$ 80,350.00	\$ 76,850.00

Commissioner Paul Raver explained to the Council that the three line item requests listed also appear under the EDIT Fund Requests. The first item listed is line item 04320.01, Howard Haven Roof & Sewage Repair in the amount of \$3,500.00. The final specifications for the roof are still being written so Mr. Raver asked that the request for \$3,500.00 be withdrawn. The request for \$61,000.00 in line item 04721.00 is to equip the new Court. The Courthouse Renovation funds paid for the new courtroom, jury room and secretarial area. It did not cover the judge's chambers or computer equipment, telephones or files. The request covers computers, software, copy machine, and furniture. Because a judge is expected to be in place in November, the Commissioners felt it would be best to appropriate the funds in 2005, to enable that person to be a part of the furniture selection process.

Commissioner Bagwell was in attendance to inform the Council of the needs of the E911 tower and radio-amplifier system. There was a problem with the system during storms. Integrity Communications sent a worker to check out the cabling. While inspecting it, he found a hole in the receiver antenna: it was thought to be a lightning strike. That antenna was replaced at a cost of \$2,900.00. There are ten power amplifiers in the tower room. Three of those were replaced, several years ago, when two new lines were added. They were replaced with a new style of amplifier. There are seven of the old style amplifiers remaining, and they are in need of replacement. Mr. Bagwell suggests that they be replaced now, with the new style amplifier. They will be covered by the maintenance agreement the county has with Integrity. Mr. Bagwell also presented the need for two additional amplifiers for the receiving antenna, at a possible cost of \$1,000.00 each. This request was not advertised, however, he would propose

that since the Equipment Request appears under both Cumulative Capital and Edit Funds, that one request be paid from each fund.

A motion was made by Mr. Stout and seconded by Mr. Papacek to approve \$61,000.00 in line item 04721.00, Equipment for Superior Court IV Equipment & Computers, and an additional \$15,850.00 in line item 04721.00 for one antenna and seven amplifiers. The request for \$3,500.00 in line item 04320.01 was withdrawn. The motion was carried.

		<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<u>500</u>	<u>Howard County CEDIT Fund</u>		
04320.01	Howard Haven Roof & Sewage Repair	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -0-
04721.00	Equipment (Superior Court IV Equipment & Computers)	\$ 61,000.00	\$ -0-
04721.00	Equipment (two amplifiers)	\$ 15,850.00	\$ 2,000.00
	Total CEDIT Funds	\$ 80,350.00	\$ 2,000.00

The request for \$2,000.00 in line item 04721.00, Equipment (two amplifiers), was approved on a motion made by Mr. Ortman and seconded by Mr. Singer.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2005-HCC-19 - TRANSFERS:

Auditor Ann Wells presented and read in full, Resolution No. 2005-HCC-19 - Transfers. These transfers were acted upon as follows:

	TRANSFERS FROM:	TO:	AMOUNT REQUESTED	ALLOWED
<u>001</u>	<u>Howard County General Fund</u>			
<u>014</u>	<u>Howard Superior Court I</u>			
04724.00	Law Books	02360.00 Office Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00

Superior Court I Judge Menges informed the Council that traditionally, Superior Court I has been in charge of the Law Library in the Courthouse. Attorneys are not using the Law Library as often as in the past. They are able to do much of their research in their own private offices. Coupled with that, is the fact that one license could be purchased and installed on the County's Network, and a fee paid for each user, for less money than the subscription to Lexis/Nexis, for library use. Because of these facts, Judge Menges cancelled the services of Lexis/Nexis, resulting in excess funds in the Law Library line item.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve \$1,000.00 in line item 02360.00 Office Supplies. The motion was seconded by Mr. Singer and carried.

<u>020</u>	<u>Howard Haven</u>			
01114.00	Housekeeper/Cook	01117.00 Part Time	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
01114.00	Housekeeper/Cook	01118.00 Part Time	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
02331.00	Food	03220.00 Utilities	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00

Howard Haven Superintendent, Tom Tolen, explained to the Council, the need for additional monies in his part time and utility line items. He submitted a list of donated items for the 2005 year. Because of donated items, not only has he been able to stay within budget in the food line item, but he can use the excess funds to transfer to another line item.

The Council commended Mr. Tolen for his leadership at Howard Haven, and the community for their support of the Home. A motion was made by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried to approve the transfer of \$10,000.00 from line item 01114.00, Housekeeper/Cook to 01117.00, Part Time, \$5,000.00 from line item 01114.00, Housekeeper/Cook to 01118.00, Part Time, and \$3,000.00 from line item 02331.00, Food to 03220.00, Utilities.

<u>221</u>	<u>Howard County Health - Bioterrorism Coordinator Fund</u>			
02370.00	Preparedness Supplies	04720.00 Equipment	\$ 1,983.86	\$ 1,983.86
03213.00	Registration/Training	04720.00 Equipment	\$ 2,781.68	\$ 2,781.68

Mrs. Conyers presented the request for transfer in the Bioterrorism Fund, to end the 2004 (year one) Grant. These funds are needed to pay for televisions, TV stands, and a DVD burner, for training purposes. A portion of the monies will also be used to pay for panels in the Coordinator's office, installed at the time of the Environmental renovation project.

On a motion made by Mr. Papacek and seconded by Mr. Ortman, the transfers of \$1,983.86 from line item 02370.00, Preparedness Supplies to 04720.00, Equipment, and \$2,781.68 from line item 03213.00, Registration/Training to 04720.00, Equipment, were approved.

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOHANNING CIVIC CENTER AND HERITAGE AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM:

Mrs. Kelli Austin, Director of the Johanning Civic Center and Heritage Automotive Museum, was in attendance to update the Council concerning the changes and improvements that have taken place over the past year. Mrs. Austin also implemented consistent rates, and rental policies and procedures. A new EventPro Software program is being installed to help with the keeping of records. The Inmate Work Crew has been involved in helping with set-up and tear-down of events, allowing the part time staff to focus on customer service and scheduling needs. They also serve, at times, as catering service guinea pigs. The weekends are busy, but Mrs. Austin wants to create more business during the week. She also wants to expand revenue sources through supply rental options for receptions and large gatherings. Also expanded will be the catering menus, providing breakfast, dinner and hors d'orves. Another rental space has been added, as well as more strategic market incentives. Mrs. Austin will be taking maternity leave and will be back in October.

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

The following issues were presented for the Council's information:

1. Sheriff Marty Talbert presented a **reimbursement check to the Auditor, from the Department of Corrections, in the amount of \$40,915.00.**
2. The Sheriff submitted a **memo from the Indiana Department of Correction, "explaining the new law that requires anyone submitting an invoice with the state to authorize payment by direct deposit/electronic funds transfer"**. This law goes into effect June 30, 2006. Also submitted was paperwork to be completed by the Howard County Auditor's Office.
3. Sheriff Talbert submitted the **Monthly Commissary Report for July, 2005**. The ending balance is \$43,097.82.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE 2006 BUDGET ASSIGNMENTS:

President Richard Miller opened the meeting for any citizen in the audience who had comments or requests concerning the 2006 budget. Mr. Miller commented that budget requests for county monies have been received in the amount of about \$24 million dollars. The county has about \$20 million to work with. The Council will have to find ways to cut \$4 million dollars from the budget requests.

1. Paul Wyman, Kokomo Downtown Association, was the first to speak, and submitted a letter on behalf of the board of directors, to highlight the association's accomplishments. Instead of decreasing the fund, he suggested putting accountability measures in place, and to be part of a discussion to form a committee to look into the option of being able to house all the Economic Development organizations under one roof, finding more ways to work together.

Council Member Ortman responded by agreeing with Mr. Wyman concerning the need for more accountability from the organizations. He referred Mr. Wyman to Mr. Miller's opening comments, reminding them that \$4 million dollars needed to be cut from the budget and that these monies are not entitlements.

IN THE MATTER OF PERSONNEL CONCERNS:

Personnel Director, Wanda McKillip, distributed copies of Howard County Employee Data Report Books to the Council members. Mrs. McKillip commended the Elected Officials and Department Heads for the "super" job they do in maintaining employee files and working with the Personnel Department.

At this time, a motion was made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Singer and carried to recess the meeting until Wednesday, August 24, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was recessed at 8:34 p.m.

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The meeting was reopened on Wednesday, August 24, 2005, by President Richard Miller.

The following Office Holders and Department Heads appeared at the times scheduled to present detailed justification of their budget requests for 2005:

8:30 a.m.	001-014	Superior Court I	Judge William Menges
8:45 a.m.	001-133	Superior Court III	Judge Doug Tate
9:00 a.m.	001-001	County Clerk / Election Board / Document Storage	Mona Myers
9:15 a.m.	002-000	County Highway	Ted Cain
9:30 a.m.	001-004	County Recorder / Recorder Perpetuation Fund	Linda Koontz
9:45 a.m.	001-005	County Sheriff	Marty Talbert
10:00 a.m.	001-003	County Treasurer	Martha Lake
10:15 a.m.	001-007	County Agent	Susan Nehre
10:30 a.m.	001-009	County Coroner	Brad Bray
10:45 a.m.	001-010	County Assessor / Twp Assessors / Reassessment	Ann Harrigan

LUNCH AT HOWARD HAVEN

1:00 p.m.	001-011	Center Township Assessor	Sheila Pullen
1:15 p.m.	001-012	Prosecuting Attorney	Jim Fleming
1:30 p.m.	001-015	Veteran Service	Alan Polsgrove
1:45 p.m.	001-017	Voters' Registration	Carol Shallenberger
			Shirley McCoy
2:00 p.m.	001-018	Building Superintendent	Thom Harrison
2:15 p.m.	000-000	Transportation / Coordinating Council	Larry Ives
2:30 p.m.	001-030	Public Defender	Steve Raquet
2:45 p.m.	001-031	Information Systems	Terry Tribby
3:00 p.m.	001-043	Harrison Township Assessor	Joyce Ancil
3:15 p.m.	001-020	Howard Haven	Tom Tolen

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2005

8:30 a.m.	001-008	Superior Court II	Judge Stephen Jessup
8:45 a.m.	001-013	Circuit Court / Juvenile Probation (104)	Judge Lynn Murray
9:00 a.m.	001-035	Kinsey Youth Center (037, 038)	Jan Weaver
9:15 a.m.	001-021	Plan Commission	Glen Boise
9:30 a.m.	001-029	Emergency Management	Larry Smith
9:45 a.m.	001-034	Adult Probation	Gary Conwell
10:00 a.m.	001-006	County Surveyor	Jake Grimme
10:15 a.m.	120-000	Community Drug Free	Sonya Snow
10:30 a.m.	001-002	County Auditor / Plat Book Fees	Ann Wells
10:45 a.m.	001-023	Board of Commissioners / Cum Cap	Paul Raver

LUNCH

1:00 p.m.	004-000	Dept. of Family & Children	Roger Suhre
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1:15 p.m.	138-000	C.A.S.A.	Katina Silver
1:30 p.m.	010-000	Department of Health	Kris Conyers
1:45 p.m.	106-000	Heritage Museum / Convention / Civic Center	Kelli Austin
2:00 p.m.	001-032	Soil & Water	Rene Weaver
2:15 p.m.	001-028	Weights & Measures	Charlie Hackett
2:30 p.m.	001-023	Humane Society	Beryl Greer
2:45 p.m.	001-022	Historical Society (County Museum)	Kelly Thompson
3:00 p.m.	001-027	Visitor Bureau	Peggy Hobson
3:15 p.m.	001-044	Superior IV	
3:30 p.m.	001-024	Taylor Township Assessor	John Raisor

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was recessed until Wednesday, September 7, 2005.

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As the final meeting in the 2006 budget process, the meeting was reopened on Wednesday, September 7, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. by Council President, Richard Miller. A moment of silence was observed, in remembrance of the victims and their families, of the September 11, 2001 attack in New York City. This was followed by a prayer for guidance and wisdom.

All members were present along with Attorney Larry Murrell, Auditor Ann Wells, and Chief Deputy Auditor Laurie Roper.

IN THE MATTER OF VOTER REGISTRATION ISSUES:

Mrs. Carol Shallenberger and Ms. Shirley McCoy presented a payroll situation to the County Council, concerning a need for additional monies in the part time account. Mrs. Shallenberger takes responsibility for allowing the part time account to be over budget, and Auditor Wells has suspended the use of the account until more funds can be transferred in. She reminded the Council of the Help American Vote Act (HAVA) project that has to be completed by January 1, 2006; that she must have the part time help to complete the project. She also needs to send her employees to a training session concerning HAVA. On behalf of Commissioner Bagwell, Ann Wells presented a request to the Council. The official request for funds will be made at the September 28, 2005 Council meeting. If the Council intends to approve the Additional Appropriation for those funds, the Auditor could allow money to be spent out of the account now, knowing the account would be balanced by the end of the fiscal year, 2005. There was a consensus of the Council that the request would be approved; Mr. Miller reminded everyone that it was not the duty or responsibility of the Council to set or administer policy. The responsibility for the keeping of the budget, once set, falls to the County Auditor.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2005-HCC-46 - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

The Ordinance was presented and read in full by Auditor Ann Wells, and acted upon as follows:

		REQUESTED:	APPROVED:
<u>001</u>	<u>Howard County General Fund</u>		
<u>033</u>	<u>Howard County Superior Court III</u>		
03570.00	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00
	Total General Fund	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00
<u>182</u>	<u>Howard County Sheriff LEEF Training Fund</u>		
03213.00	Training	\$ 1,410.00	\$ 1,410.00
	Total LEEF Fund	\$ 1,410.00	\$ 1,410.00

Sheriff Talbert presented the request for additional funds into the Law Enforcement Educational Fund. Three dollars from every warrant is allowed for training purposes.

REQUESTED:**APPROVED:**

On a motion made by Mr. Stout and seconded by Mr. Papacek, the request for \$1,410.00 in line item 03213.00, Training, is approved.

TOTAL ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS ALL FUNDS \$ 1,515.00 \$ 1,515.00

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2005-HCC-23 - TRANSFERS:

Auditor Ann Wells presented the following transfers, and read Resolution No. 2005-HCC-23 in full for the first time. The transfers were acted upon as follows:

	TRANSFER FROM:	TO:	AMOUNT REQUESTED	ALLOWED:
<u>001</u>	<u>Howard County General Fund</u>			
003	Howard County Treasurer			
01114.01	Job Share	01115.00 Part Time	\$ 4,290.00	\$ 4,290.00

Treasurer, Martha Lake presented her need for additional monies in the part time account.

On a motion made by Mr. Singer and seconded by Mr. Stout, the transfer of \$4,290.00 from line item 01114.01, Job Share to line item 01115.00, Part Time, was approved.

<u>005</u>	<u>Howard County Sheriff</u>			
01118.03	Temp Sergeant	01119.07 Deputy Overtime	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
01119.01	Correction Officer	01119.07 Deputy Overtime	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
01119.01	Correction Officer	01122.00 Officer Overtime	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
01125.00	Nurse Administrator	01119.07 Deputy Overtime	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
01125.01	Assistant Nurse	01119.07 Deputy Overtime	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
01119.06	Assistant Cook	01119.07 Deputy Overtime	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00

Sheriff Talbert informed the Council of three of his deputies being deployed by the National Guard for the Hurricane Katrina Relief effort. This creates more work for the remaining deputies, hence the need for additional monies in the overtime line items.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Singer and carried to approved the transfer of funds of \$1,500.00 from line item 01118.03 to line item 01119.07; \$6,000.00 from line item 01119.01 to 01119.07; \$3,800.00 from line item 01119.01 to 01122.00; \$8,000.00 from line item 01125.00 to 01119.07; \$1,500.00 from line item 01125.01 to 01119.07; \$3,000.00 from line item 01119.06 to 01119.07.

<u>007</u>	<u>Howard County Extension Office</u>			
01117.00	Part Time	03213.00 Travel	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00

Ms. Jill Early, Extension Educator, requested a transfer of funds to cover the mileage needs of their state committee meetings.

The transfer of \$350.00 from line time 01117.00, Part Time to 03213.00, Travel, was approved on a motion made by Mr. Singer and seconded by Mr. Ortman.

<u>105</u>	<u>Howard County Adult Probation Supplemental Fund</u>			
04720.00	Computer Equipment	03261.00 Education	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Ortman and carried to approve the transfer for Adult Probation from line item 04720.00, Computer Equipment, to line item 03261.00, Education.

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2005-HCC-47 - AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2005:

Ordinance No. 2005-HCC-47 was read in full by Auditor Wells and acted upon as follows:

		REQUESTED:	APPROVED:
<u>001</u>	<u>Howard County General Fund</u>		
<u>003</u>	<u>Howard County Treasurer</u>		
01115.00	Part Time	\$ 4,290.00	\$ 4,290.00
<u>005</u>	<u>Howard County Sheriff Department</u>		
01119.07	Deputy Overtime	\$ 23,800.00	\$ 23,800.00

The original Ordinance listed the Part Time line item for the Treasurer's Office as 01115.01. Councilman Singer suggested the line item be corrected to 01115.00, Part Time.

On a motion made by Mr. Papacek and seconded by Mr. Singer, Salary Ordinance No. 2005-HCC-47 - Amending Salary Ordinance for 2005 was approved as corrected.

IN THE MATTER OF PRESIDENT MILLER'S OPENING COMMENTS:

Council President, Richard Miller, addressed the Council concerning information they needed to keep at the forefront of their minds, as they begin the process of setting the budget, item by item, for the fiscal year 2006.

1. With regard to the 2005 budget (present year), our current expected revenue is \$6,762,929.17, outside of taxes. The state says we should expect to receive \$8,243,000.00. We need an additional \$1,480,070.83 to make our present budget work.
2. Because of the financial situation in the City, the COIT funds were expected to decrease for the year 2006. We did receive word from the State that Howard County could expect 1.2 million extra dollars of COIT funds (approximately 40% for County government expenditures).
3. "We need every dime of every fund that's available to us in order to make this '06 budget work."

Council Vice President, James Papacek, suggested that the salary issues be addressed at the conclusion of the office operating budgets, and that they begin the process with the Clerk's office.

At the conclusion of the budget discussions, the Council addressed several requests and issues, duly noted in the following order of business.

1. **Economic Development Organizations:** The Howard County Board of Commissioners recommended the following organizations and amounts for consideration of inclusion in the 2006 EDIT Fund budget:

Kokomo/Howard County Economic Development	\$20,000.00
North Central Ind. Small Business Development	\$ 5,000.00
Kokomo Downtown Association	\$ 5,000.00
Kokomo/Howard Co. Chamber of Commerce	\$ 5,000.00
Inventrek	\$10,000.00

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek and seconded by Mr. Singer to approve the Commissioners' recommendation. When put to a vote, Mr. Singer, Mr. Papacek, and Mr. Ellison voted yes; Mr. Stout, Mr. Ortman, and Mr. Pencek voted no. Council President Miller vacated the chair to cast the deciding yes vote. The motion was carried on a vote of four yes and three no.

2. **Project Access:** The Board of Commissioners recommended the amount of \$20,000.00 to Project Access for consideration of inclusion in the 2006 EDIT Fund budget. On a motion made by Mr. Papacek and seconded by Mr. Singer it was approved to fund no new agencies at this time.
3. **Superior Court I:** A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to **not** increase the Part Time Clerical line item, 01115.00 to a full time position; keep it as a part time position. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried.

4. **Clerk's Office:** A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to keep the Third Deputy position. The motion was seconded by Mr. Singer and carried.
5. **Sheriff Department:** A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to add two new deputy positions. The motion died for lack of a second.

*No further changes to the current Salary Ordinance were addressed at this time.
Salary issues will be revisited at the January, 2006 Council Meeting.*

6. After discussion and explanation of funds available, a motion was made by Mr. Papacek to make the following available to the General Fund through the appropriate accounting procedures:

\$740,000.00	Remainder of 2005 EDIT
\$572,000.00	Rainy Day Fund
\$400,000.00	Operating Balance
\$400,000.00	Anticipated Additional COIT & EDIT Funds promised by the State

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION HCC-2005-20:

Attorney Larry Murrell presented Resolution HCC-2005-20. The resolution authorizes an excess levy appeal in the amount of \$1,750,000.00 in order to fund the operation of the newly created Superior Court IV. The need for this appeal has been discussed at length and the appeal is recommended by Crow Chizek Co., the County's financial consultants. A motion was made by Mr. Stout, seconded by Mr. Ortman and carried to unanimously approve Resolution HCC-2005-20.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 p.m., on a motion made by Mr. Pencek and seconded by Mr. Ellison.

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