

## **HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JULY 25, 2006**

The Howard County Council met Tuesday, July 25, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., in Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those present included Council President Richard H. Miller, Council Vice President James Papacek, Council Members Jeffrey A. Stout, Leslie W. Ellison and Joseph A. Pencek. Also in attendance were Attorney Larry Murrell and Auditor Ann Wells.

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

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE HOWARD COUNTY HALL OF FAME PRESENTATION:**

Vice President James Papacek presented a Certificate of Induction to Howard County Council and Board of Commissioners into the Howard County 4-H Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony took place on Friday, July 14, 2006 at the 4-H Awards Program. President Miller expressed his appreciation for the honor.

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the June 27, 2006 meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Stout and seconded by Mr. Papacek.

### **IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2006-HCC-31 - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

Ordinance No. 2006-HCC-31 Additional Appropriations was read in full by Auditor Ann Wells and acted upon as follows:

#### **APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTED:**

<b><u>001</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County General Fund</u></b>	<b>REQUESTED:</b>	<b>APPROVED:</b>
<b><u>005</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County Sheriff</u></b>		
02253.00	Equipment Repair Supplies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
02335.00	Institutional & Medical Supplies	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
02321.00	Gas, Oil & Lube	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
03220.00	Utilities	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
03340.00	Meals for Prisoners	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00

Sheriff Talbert cited maintenance on an aging structure, rising costs of prisoner care and fuel as reasons for additional funds. He informed the Council that the 2007 budget requests will more closely reflect actual yearly costs. The current jail population is 328 inmates, four inmates over capacity.

Referring to the request in Cumulative Capital Fund, Building & Structure Repair, Sheriff Talbert explained that extra funds are needed to repair the padded cell and to replace a garbage disposal. Because the company that the garbage disposal will be purchased from requires a payment before receipt of equipment, he will pay from the Commissary Fund and submit a claim to reimburse from the Cumulative Capital Fund.

Mr. Papacek initiated discussion concerning measures to help the Sheriff Department reduce fuel consumption. Sheriff Talbert offered some options, but then reminded the Council that a certain level of service had to be maintained and that in light of the current lack of wage increases, he is hesitant to decrease any employee benefits, trying to maintain good morale.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Stout and carried to approve the requests for additional funds in County General Sheriff's Department, as listed above.

<b><u>013</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County Circuit Court &amp; Juvenile Probation</u></b>		
04722.00	Computers	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -0-

Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Don Travis informed the Council of their need for updated computers for Juvenile Probation and Kinsey Youth Center. This request is also duplicated in the Cumulative Capital Fund line. The request is for computers only; they will retain the current monitors and add Surf Control software. Mr. Travis commends the Information Systems Department for their diligence in keeping the system running.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to withdraw this request from County General and address it with the Cumulative Capital Fund requests. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried.

<u>023</u>	<u>Howard County Commissioners</u>		
03610.00	Mental Health Levy Payment	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00

Auditor Wells explained that the Mental Health Levy budget was based on estimated assessed valuations. Those evaluations fell short of the needed amount and this request is to correct that assessment.

The request for \$40,000.00 from line item 03610.00, Mental Health Levy Payment, was approved on a motion made by Mr. Papacek and seconded by Mr. Ellison.

<u>033</u>	<u>Howard County Superior Court III</u>		
04721.00	Equipment ( <i>Video Conferencing</i> )	\$ 12,500.00	\$ -0-

Judge Doug Tate, Superior Court III, presented the request for an updated Video Conferencing system, linking the Superior III Courtroom with the Criminal Justice Center. This system is used to hear about 2,500 to 3,000 cases annually. The current system was installed in the late nineties at a cost of approximately \$50,000.00 and uses a telephone line. It is antiquated and replacement parts are no longer available. The new system will be wireless at a cost of \$12,500.00. Not having this capability would greatly complicate the process of supplying courtroom staff to the Criminal Justice Center, or the transport of prisoners to the Courthouse. This new system would be compatible with the State's system allowing for video conferencing outside of the County.

Mr. Papacek made a motion to withdraw this request from County General Funds and address it with the Cumulative Capital Fund appropriation requests. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried.

<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>\$ 425,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 373,000.00</b>
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<u>150</u>	<u>Howard County Cumulative Capital Fund</u>		
03251.05	Building & Structure Repair - Sheriff	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
04013.00	Equipment - Circuit Court	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
04033.00	Equipment - Superior court III ( <i>Video Conferencing</i> )	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00

All requests having been previously heard, a motion was made by Mr. Stout to approve the above requests as listed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried.

<b>TOTAL CUMULATIVE CAPITAL FUND</b>		<b>\$ 62,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 62,500.00</b>
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<u>515</u>	<u>Howard County Sheriff Misdemeanant Fund</u>		
04721.00	Equipment	\$ 8,698.00	\$ 8,698.00
	<i>\$6,639.00 Lawn Mower</i>		
	<i>\$ 59.00 Laser Hitch</i>		
	<i>\$2,000.00 Medical Records Filing System</i>		

A greatly needed mower and laser hitch was purchased by the Maintenance Department for the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Talbert is asking that funds be appropriated from Misdemeanant to reimburse County General the cost of the mower and hitch. Sheriff Talbert continued to explain the need for a new filing system for medical records.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Ellison and Mr. Pencek, and carried to approve the request of \$8,698.00 in line item 04721.00, Equipment, in the Misdemeanant Fund.

<b>TOTAL ADDITIONALS ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$ 496,698.00</b>	<b>\$ 444,198.00</b>
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**IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2006-HCC-13 - TRANSFERS:**

Resolution No. 2006-HCC-13 was read in full by Auditor Ann Wells and acted upon as follows:

<u>001</u>	<b>Transfer From:</b>	<b>To:</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Allowed:</b>
<u>017</u>	<b><u>Howard County General Fund</u></b>		<b><u>Requested:</u></b>	
03241.00	Howard County Voter Registration			
	Printing	02360.00 Office Supplies	\$ 670.00	\$ 670.00
03213.00	Travel & Training	02360.00 Office Supplies	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00

Mrs. Wells reminded the Council that these funds were previously requested by Ms. Shallenberger and Ms. McCoy from the Voters Registration Office. A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve the transfer requests as listed above. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stout and carried.

<b><u>115</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County Sheriff Inmate Work Program</u></b>			
04721.00	Equipment	02253.00 Repair & Maintenance Supplies	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00

Sheriff Talbert explained that no further equipment is needed and he would like to transfer some of those funds into Repair and Maintenance Supplies.

On a motion made by Mr. Papacek and seconded by Mr. Ellison, the transfer of \$1,800.00 from line item 04721.00, Equipment to 02253.00, Repair & Maintenance Supplies was approved.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION 2006-HCC-14:**

Resolution No. 2006-HCC-14 is a resolution of the Howard County Council authorizing borrowing from the State "Rainy Day Fund", not to exceed the amount of \$898,268.78. This year the Legislature enacted legislation enabling Howard County taxing units to borrow from the State Rainy Day Fund, to cover any shortfall experienced as a result of the Delphi Bankruptcy. This loan is interest free and can be paid back in ten years or when the taxes are paid by Delphi. This resolution needs the approval of the County Council and the Board of Commissioners. Discussion ensued concerning the amount of funds needed and how much is currently available. Mrs. Wells reminded the Council that Delphi did pay 2004/2005 taxes on time, even though they had filed for bankruptcy in October of 2005. A motion was then made by Mr. Papacek to approve Resolution No. 2006-HCC-14. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pencek and carried.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF HOWARD COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT:**

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Stout and carried to approve the reappointment of Council Member Leslie Ellison to the Howard County Community Corrections Advisory Board with a term that expires July 31, 2010.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF PERSONNEL ISSUES:**

Personnel Director Wanda McKillip presented following issues for Council approval:

1. **Change Of Position Title And Description For E-911:** On behalf of the PAC Committee, Ms. McKillip presented their recommendation of the position description change from Communications Director to Communications Coordinator, changing the Job Category to PAT - Professional/Administrative/Technological, with an FLSA Status of Non-Exempt, effective July 25, 2006. At the conclusion of ensuing discussion a motion was made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried to approve the PAC Committee Recommendation as submitted.
2. **Change Of Position Title:** The PAC Committee also recommends a change in job title from Assistant Communications Director to Assistant Communications Coordinator. This updated job description will be reviewed by the PAC Committee. The change of position title to Assistant Communications Coordinator was approved on a motion made by Mr. Papacek and seconded by Mr. Ellison.
3. **County-wide FLSA Status List:** Ms. McKillip will be submitting an updated FLSA Status County Employee Listing (Exempt or Non-Exempt for overtime purposes) for the County Council.

4. **Work One Employee Meeting:** The Employee issued meeting will take place on Wednesday from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. in this room. Lunch will be provided by the Sheriff's Department and Council Members are invited to attend.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF JOHANNING CIVIC CENTER ISSUES:**

Johanning Civic Center Director, Kelli Austin, was in attendance to inform the Council of issues and activities concerning the Civic Center.

1. **Building Leakage Repair:** Several building leaks are being prepared.
2. **Budget Issues:** The Center is exceeding this year's budgeted revenues; however, this is less than the 2005 revenues.
3. **Gus Macker Tournament:** The Gus Macker Tournament is scheduled at the Civic Center on August 26-27, 2006. Ms. Austin has visited many areas to inform Visitor's Bureaus of the one-on-one basketball event and the opportunities in Howard County for over-night accommodations. This is the first major self-promotion event and Ms. Austin will be back in September to give an update.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY:**

Mr. Paul Wyman addressed the County Council concerning an update of the Economic Development Organization Feasibility Study. The Study participants will be having their third meeting on Wednesday August 30, 2006, 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. and all Council Members are invited to participate. The Kokomo Downtown Association's partnership with Indiana University in Kokomo is growing stronger, prioritizing objectives for Downtown. The Haynes Apperson Festival was a success and Mr. Wyman thanks the County for their participation and the Sheriff and Maintenance Departments for their assistance.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF DEPARTMENT ISSUES:**

Sheriff Talbert presented the following issues for Council information and approval:

1. **Check For Department of Corrections:** Sheriff Talbert presented a reimbursement check in the amount of \$18,760.00 to Auditor Wells.
2. **Monthly Commissary Report:** The June 2006 report was submitted, with an ending balance of \$33,795.07. Mr. Talbert explained some of the expenditures.
3. **Vehicle Donation:** The old ambulance that had been used as a Dive vehicle was donated to IUK, to be used for their Paramedic Education Program.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Papacek and seconded by Mr. Pencek.

#### **HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL:**

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RICHARD A. MILLER, PRESIDENT

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ANN WELLS, AUDITOR  
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