

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JULY 27, 2010

The Howard County Council met Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 338 of the Administration Center. Those present included President Richard Miller, Vice President Paul Wyman, and members James Papacek, Stan Ortman, Leslie Ellison, Joseph Pencek and Jeff Stout. Also in attendance were County Attorney Larry Murrell and Auditor Ann Wells.

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the June 22, 2010 meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Papacek and seconded by Mr. Wyman.

At this time President Miller asked Councilman Papacek to lead in prayer. Before the prayer Mr. Papacek offered quotes from two former American Presidents as follows:

President Dwight D. Eisenhower: "We are a politically free people because each of us is free to express their individual faith." (1958)

President Abraham Lincoln: During the Civil War, when asked the question, "Who's side do you think God is on?", President Lincoln replied, "What really matters is not what side God is on, but if we are on God's side".

Mr. Papacek then continued in prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2010-HCCO-21 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Auditor Ann Wells read Ordinance No. 2010-HCCO-21 – Additional Appropriations one time and it was acted upon as follows:

		AMOUNT	
<u>150</u>	<u>Howard County CCD Fund</u>	REQUESTED:	APPROVED:
04725.090	Building Repair (<i>Civic Center Roof</i>)	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 55,000.00

Tiffany Damitz, General Manager of the Kokomo Event Center, submitted the request for an additional appropriation to cover the cost of re-roofing the Kokomo Events Center. There are currently forty places in the Center that leaks when it rains, as well as new leaks with each new rainfall. It is becoming almost unmanageable to operate big events with thousands of people. As a result of a presentation given to the Board of Commissioners at their July 6th meeting, the Board approved to forward a recommendation to the Council and request additional appropriations in the Cumulative Capital and EDIT funds to pay for the repairs (*please refer to page three, "In The Matter Of A Roof Replacement Request By The Johanning Civic Center", of the Regular Commissioner Meeting minutes dated July 6, 2010*). Recent media reports concerning this situation has created an hysteria among event planners who have scheduled future events at the Center. They have been considering moving their event to another facility. It sparks a greater "urgency" to proceed with needed repairs. The Event Center Board has learned that the excess Innkeepers Tax money that is put into the Mortgage reserve fund can be used for capital improvements, which would include the roof repair. In reviewing the quotes they'd received, the following recommendation was made by the Event Center Board.

"A motion was made by Brad Bagwell and seconded by Larry Hinesley to request from the Howard County Council an emergency appropriation not to exceed \$55,000.00 for roof repair based on a proposal from Weather Proofing Technologies, Inc. The Kokomo Event Center Board will request that the Building Corporation reimburse the County for roof repair expenses. We are requesting an additional \$10,000.00 (above the quoted price of \$45,000.00) for contingencies and unexpected costs. Our Board has every indication that the County will be re-paid."

At this time Events Center Board Member Mike Ullery stepped to the podium to review the quote process and the twelve quotes considered. The quotes ranged from \$39,000 to \$245,000 for the repair of the roof. Weather Proofing Technologies Inc's quote stated that 95% of the roof was in good shape. Their quote concentrated on the 5% that was problematic, where all of the leaks are occurring. As part of the quote, they offered a two year leak proof warranty (including the whole roof, not just the repairs). Mr. Ullery then reviewed the process of the repair. Weather Proofing also offered a Maintenance program that would further extend the guarantee.

President Miller thanked Mr. Ullery for the explanation and the work accomplished by the Civic Center Board concerning this project. Discussion ensued concerning use of the excess funds for maintenance of the facility or use of the funds to pay down the existing mortgage. At its conclusion a motion was made by Mr. Wyman to approve the request not to exceed \$55,000.00, from the CCD Fund, for the roof repair of the Kokomo Event Center, with the expectation that the \$55,000 would be repaid from the Building Corporation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ortman and carried.

500 Howard County CEDIT Fund

03410.00	Grant Match (<i>Emergency Radios</i>)	\$	130,000.00	\$	130,000.00
04725.00	Building Repair (<i>Civic Center Roof</i>)	\$	150,000.00	\$	N/A

Commissioner Tyler Moore (*it is reflected in the minutes, as requested by Mr. Wyman, that Mr. Moore was late*) was willing to answer any questions concerning the Grant Match to purchase radios for the Fire Department, in the amount of \$130,000.00. There being no questions at this time, a motion was made by Mr. Wyman, seconded by Mr. Stout and carried to approve the request of \$130,000.00 to line item 03410.00, Grant Match (Emergency Radios).

The request for \$150,000.00 in line item 03410.00 of the CEDIT Fund is no longer applicable as the building repair request was previously approved out of the CCD Fund (Cumulative Capital Development), in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00.

In response to a previous question, Mr. Miller stated that Commissioner Trine is in the process of reviewing the radio needs of the various Township VFDs. At this present time there is only one organization that is actively pursuing new radios. The Board of Commissioners will continue to gather information concerning the number and distribution of the radios.

TOTAL CEDIT FUND		\$	280,000.00	\$	130,000.00
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IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2010-HCCR-09 – TRANSFERS:

Auditor Ann Wells read Resolution No. 2010-HCCR-09 – Transfers one time and it was acted upon as follows:

<u>001</u>	Transfer From:	To:	Amount	Allowed:
<u>020</u>	<u>Howard County General Fund</u>		Requested:	
	<u>Howard Haven</u>			
01112.00	Assistant Superintendent	01117.00 Part Time	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
01118.00	Overtime	01117.00 Part Time	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00

Howard Haven Superintendent Jennifer Vary submitted the transfer requests and informed the Council that the Home was without an Assistant Superintendent for four months. During that time she had to use her part-time people to take residents to doctor's appointments and attend other medical issues. She has since hired an Assistant, in-house, and needs to transfer money from that fund to reimburse the part-time fund.

A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to approve the transfer requests as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried.

138 Howard County CASA Fund (*Tabled, June 22nd*)

01523.00	Insurance	04721.00 Equipment	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
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CASA Director Katina Silver was not able to attend the meeting, and Ms. Wells had e-mailed a letter of explanation to the Council members (this request was tabled from the June 22nd Council meeting). A new copier has been purchased, per approval from the CASA Board, and the transfer request is to reimburse the equipment fund. The transfer request in the amount of \$3,000.00 was approved as submitted on a motion made by Mr. Ortman and Mr. Ellison.

IN THE MATTER OF PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Personnel Director Wanda McKillip submitted the following issues for the Council's information and approval:

1. **Travel Policy Amendments:** Ms. McKillip informed the Council that the Board of Commissioners has approved amendments to the County's Travel Policy. The PAC Committee met on Tuesday, July 13th and discussed several issues including the costs of lodging and the need to increase the reimbursement amount. The Board of Commissioners approved the PAC Committee's recommendation to increase the amount of lodging reimbursement from \$79.00 plus applicable taxes to \$99.99 plus applicable taxes, for a single rate room. Ms.

McKillip now asks for the Council's approval on the amendment to the Travel Policy, 1998-HCC-21. A motion was made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Wyman and carried to approve the increase of the lodging reimbursement to the Travel Policy from \$79.00 to \$99.99, plus applicable taxes.

2. **Data Books For Councilmen:** Ms. McKillip distributed Employee Data Report Books to each Council member with information concerning the number of employees for each department, salary listings, employment separations, new hires and other information pertinent to the budget process.
3. **NOVIA Clinic:** The PAC Committee and Personnel Office have been negotiating with the City of Kokomo to join the NOVIA Employee Clinic. Howard County's clinic will be a separate entity, contracting its own workers, but will share space at the City Clinic's location.
4. **Council Appointments:** The Council reappointed Ralph Reddersdorf and Christine Clear to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals at their January, 2010 meeting. The certificates were not signed and Ms. McKillip distributed them to collect the needed signatures from the Council members.

IN THE MATTER OF GOVERNMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL:

Because KHCGCC Director Larry Ives will be absent during the 2010/2011 Budget Hearings in August, Mr. Ives submitted his proposed budget for 2011. He is requesting that Howard County contribute \$24,000.00. This is \$4,000.00 more than calendar year 2010. The proposed budget has been approved by the GCC's Policy Board. Mr. Ives reviewed the proposed budget and the 2010 Statement of Works with the Council members. He informed them that his office no longer has an operating balance and that is why he is increasing the County's contribution. He also reviewed how his office is funded through the federal tax on gasoline. That tax goes to the Federal Government and they return a portion to Howard County (\$.92 out of every \$1). Mr. Ives concluded his presentation by inviting Council members into his office to ask questions.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING EDIT FUNDS TO 4-H EXHIBITION ASSOCIATION:

Mr. Wyman commended the 4-H Association and their work in creating a very successful County fair, this year. Howard County supports the 4-H Exhibition Association through EDIT funds and those funds are used all year around and not just for County Fair activities. Mr. Miller confirmed that though the County spends thousands of dollars to rehabilitate juvenile offenders, this money is used for activities to promote the growth of our youth with "good kids" programs.

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE REPLACEMENT REQUEST FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE:

Clerk Mona Myers reported to the Council that in May, 2010, an employee left her office. She did not ask for a replacement at that time, to see if the office could be effective without replacing the position. After two and a half months of moving employees around the office and trying new things, the office is still running behind and she has determined that there is a need to replace that position. She submits the replacement request at this time. The records scanning project is progressing well but the fruits of that labor will not be seen for several years. At the conclusion of discussion a motion was made by Mr. Papacek to authorize the replacement of the position vacated in May. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stout and carried with five aye votes and one nay vote.

IN THE MATTER OF NON-BINDING REVIEWS OF TOWNSHIP BUDGETS:

At this time the Council members reviewed the previously submitted 2011 Proposed Township Budgets and they were acted upon as follows:

Clay Township: A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to give a non-binding approval to Clay Township. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ortman and carried. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman, seconded by Mr. Ortman and carried to authorize President Miller to sign all non-binding approval paperwork on behalf of the County Council.

Harrison Township: A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to give a non-binding approval to Harrison Township. The motion was seconded by Mr. Papacek and carried.

Honey Creek Township: The Honey Creek Township Budget was given a non-binding approval on a motion made by Mr. Ortman and seconded by Mr. Papacek.

Howard Township: A motion was made by Mr. Stout, seconded by Mr. Ortman and carried to give a non-binding approval for the Howard Township Budget.

Jackson Township: A motion was made by Mr. Ortman to give a non-binding approval for the Jackson Township budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pencek and carried.

Monroe Township: Because there is question concerning the percentage of increase, a motion was made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Pencek and carried to give a non-binding **disapproval** of the Monroe Township Budget.

Liberty Township: There being some question concerning the Township Assistance increase of 72%, a motion was made by Mr. Wyman to give a non-binding **disapproval** of the Liberty Township Budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ortman and carried.

Taylor Township: A motion was made by Mr. Ortman to give a non-binding approval to the Taylor Township budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wyman and carried.

Union Township: A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to give a non-binding approval to the Union Township Budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Papacek and carried.

Town of Russiaville: There being questions concerning the increases in the Motor Vehicle Highway and General Funds, a motion was made by Mr. Ortman to give a non-binding **disapproval** of the Town of Russiaville's Budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stout and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2011 PROPOSED HOWARD COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT BUDGET;

Mikki Jeffers, Director of the Howard County Recycling District submitted the 2011 Proposed budget. Ms. Jeffers began the presentation by informing the Councilmen of the 2006 name change from Howard County Solid Waste Management to the Howard County Recycling District. This was done to clarify that the office was a Recycling office and not a trash removal or sewage treatment facility. The Budget was read through the first time and Ms. Jeffers answered questions concerning specific line items. It is their goal to continually reduce landfill. At the completion of discussion a motion was made by Mr. Pencek, seconded by Mr. Papacek and carried to approve the first reading of the 2011 Howard County Recycling District Budget.

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Sheriff Talbert submitted the following issues for the Council's information and approval:

1. **Commissary Report:** Sheriff Talbert submitted and reviewed the June, 2010 Commissary Report. He called attention to the Camera/postage reimbursement and explained that it is for the cameras donated to the Humane Society. The pre-paid phone cards are working very well and the security remains the same. The e-mail program is working well, too.
2. **Harris Murder Trial:** Sheriff Talbert informed the Council that he did have to use some overtime with this murder trial, but it was minimal. He also used the services of the EMA and Reserve Deputies. Sheriff Talbert has not received any complaints and has received compliments from the judges and those who work in the courtrooms.

Councilman Wyman commended the Deputies that responded to the shooting in Center, and especially Deputy Cook and Deputy Markley. Mr. Wyman asked Sheriff Talbert to pass along thanks and congratulations from the Council to all those involved. Sheriff Talbert expressed appreciation for the comments and for take-home vehicles for the Deputies. It made all the difference in this case.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Ellison and seconded by Mr. Ortman.

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL:

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LESLIE ELLISON, COUNCILMAN

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JOSEPH PENCEK, COUNCILMAN

ATTEST:

ANN WELLS, AUDITOR

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