

NOTICE OF AND AGENDA FOR:
HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING
HOWARD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER
220 NORTH MAIN STREET, ROOM 338 (3RD FLOOR)
MONDAY, AUGUST 19th, 2024, AT 4:00 P.M.

- I. Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer
- II. Special Announcements / Recognitions
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes
- IV. Departmental Business & Reports
 - A. *Kinsey Director – Mary Cates Cullison*
 - i. Department of Education Grant Kinsey

 - B. *Building Superintendent - Bill Stonestreet*
 - i. LED lighting purchase for the Courthouse

 - C. *Howard County Recorder – Torie Kelley*
 - i. Fidelity Life Cycle Extension Agreement

 - D. *Howard County Clerk - Debbie Stewart*
 - i. New Equipment Lease
- V. New Business
- VI. Claims & Reports
 - A. Salary Claims
 - B. Payroll Expense
 - C. Operating Claims
 - D. Ratify Claims
 - E. Monthly Reports
 - F. Grants
- VII. County Attorney Issues
- VIII. Commissioner Issues
- IX. Public Comments
- X. Adjourn

JACK W. DODD, PRESIDENT
R. BRAD BRAY, VICE PRESIDENT
JEFF S. LIPINSKI, MEMBER

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: AUGUST 5TH, 2024

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, August 5th, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included Commissioner President Jack Dodd, Commissioner Vice President Brad Bray, Commissioner Member Jeff Lipinski, County Attorney Alan Wilson, and County Auditor Jessica Secease.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Asher and conducted by President Dodd. Commissioner President Dodd led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Commissioner Lipinski offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the July 15th, 2024, regular meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Lipinski to approve. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS & REPORTS:

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Irrevocable Real Estate Agent

Highway Superintendent Amber Tolle presents the Irrevocable right to use real estate. This is a negotiation for some right away that is in the process of being purchased for Bridge 56. This has been approved per the County Attorney Allan Wilson. This has also been signed by the grantee the property owner. A motion to approve the Bid was made by Commissioner Lipinski. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Commissioner Lipinski gave a great job done to Highway Superintendent Amber Tolle for bridge on Dixon road done on a timely manner. Highway Superintendent Amber Tolle stated that it was completed under projected time along with being underbudget.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Health Services Agreement

Human Resources Director Kari Rennaker presents the Health Services Agreement for signature for the Kokomo Howard Wellness Clinic for the employees. Human Resources Director Kari Rennaker states that Howard County Attorney Allan Wilson has reviewed this contract and agreed with it. A motion to approve the signing of the Health Services Agreement was made by Commissioner Bray. Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HOWARD HEAVEN

New Resident

Howard Heaven Superintendent Jennifer Brower presents a New Resident application. This new resident is from Howard County and is a veteran and will be private pay. Commissioner Lipinski ask how many residents there are at Howard Heaven, Howard Heaven Superintendent Jennifer Brower stated eighteen. A motion to approve the New Resident application was made by Commissioner Lipinski. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PLAN COMMISSION

Subdivision (Case 7-CP-24)

Plan Commission Executive Director Greg Sheline submitted a new subdivision, Moyer's Subdivision, located on 1 lot at 9915 E 100 S Kokomo, Indiana. There was a favorable recommendation by the Board. There was no remonstrance. With the new subdivision request having been heard, Commissioner Lipinski made a motion to approve Moyer's Subdivision, located on a new 1 lot at 9915 E 100 S Kokomo, Indiana as presented. Commissioner Brad seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Subdivision (Case 8-CP-24)

Plan Commission Executive Director Greg Sheline submitted a new subdivision, Scott Junior Addition Subdivision, located on 1 lot at 5481 S 800 W Kokomo, Indiana. There was a favorable recommendation by the Board. There was no remonstrance. With the new subdivision request having been heard, Commissioner Brad made a motion to approve Scott Junior Addition Subdivision, located on a new 1 lot at 5481 S 800 W Kokomo, Indiana as presented. Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

Howard County Auditor Jessica Secrease submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims for payment on July 26th, 2024, in the amounts of \$1,082,557.41, were submitted and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Bray to approve. Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Payroll Expenses:** The Commissioners' Payroll Expenses for payment on July 26th, 2024, in the amounts of \$1,082,557.41, were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray to approve. Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid on August 6th, 2024, in the amount of \$2,368,125.85 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lipinski, and the motion carried.
4. **Monthly Reports:** Auditor Jessica Secrease presented the following reports to be received into record.
 - a. Howard County Treasure monthly report ending 6/30/20204

COUNTY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Howard County Attorney Alan Wilson presents one agreement between Turning Point and Howard County Health Department for the least certified peer recovery specialist. President Dodd has signed this document and it needs to be ratified. A motion to approve the Turning Point and Howard County Health Department for ratification was made by Commissioner Lipinski. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Resident Hoyt Alexander 512 South Hickory Lane Kokomo Indiana 46901 comes to the Commissioners to discuss a Court hearing coming up for the Neighbor situation that has been discussed for the past few meetings. Mr. Alexander asks the Commissioners if they would like to be able to attend the hearing and give a testimony.

Howard County Attorney Alan Wilson explains that for this situation the Commissioners can not give testimonies but he invites all members of the neighborhood that are affected by this to come and give their testimony.

Resident Dan Macaluso 4609 North Parkway and in Devon Woods ask the Commissioners about the prevention Ordinance so these situations do not arise.

Howard County Attorney Alan Wilson responds that there is already a state statute that deals with nuisances, nuisances are defined in the law as anything that is offensive to the senses. With this information Howard County Attorney Alan Wilson answers Mr. Macaluso's question by stating there is nothing the Commissioners can do to prevent someone from collecting junk, all they can do after it is done is enforce the law. Howard County Attorney Allan Wilson also states that he and the Commissioners are working on a nuisance ordinance which is more local in nature and will have the same effect as the state statute allowing enforcement and impose penalties.

Resident Dan Macaluso 4609 North Parkway and in Devon Woods asks about funding for a sidewalk in his neighborhood and a bike trail for his fellow community members, and how he would go about that.

President Dodd responds by recommending he discuss this with Planning Commission Director Greg Sheline to get the answers to his questions about funding a sidewalk and bike trail.

Resident Daryl Blasius 115 N Hickory Lane, Kokomo Indiana 46901 comes to the Commissioners to ask the Commissioners if there is a limit to the number of animals a resident can have or a height limit of fencing.

Howard County Attorney Alan Wilson responds by saying after having a talk with said neighbor he believes they are going to apply to the board of zoning appeals for a special exception. Now if they apply for this it will be set in a public hearing. Mr. Wilson encourages Mr. Blasius and any other residents in the area to show up and give their opinions.

Resident Brad Semon of Eastern Howard County comes to the Commissioners to complain about Solar Panels and how he feels they will affect the community negatively as well as affect his property value and his Well in a negative way.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time the meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Bray. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lipinski, and the motion carried.

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

JACK W. DODD, PRESIDENT

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ATTEST:

JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

Howard County Commissioners' Meeting: August 5th 2024

Signature Page for Howard County Payroll Expense Docket

Date 08/09/2024

Gross Payroll \$ 1,078,790.96

Total Amount of Payroll Expense Docket \$ 1,078,790.96

I approve that there is sufficient money in the bank account to pay out the attached docket.

Christie Branch, Howard County Treasurer

Howard County Commissioners

Jack W. Dodd, President

R. Brad Bray, Vice President

Jeff Lipinski, Member

Attest:

Jessica Secrease, Howard County Auditor

COMMISSIONERS' SALARY CLAIMS

The following claims have been filed with this office and will be presented for approval to the Board of Commissioners, Howard County, at this regular session to be paid on August 9, 2024.

Complete details of salary claims, Longevity & Sign on Bonus may be seen in the office of the County Auditor.

Clerk	\$	25,443.47		Co. Gen Total		
Auditor	\$	22,031.05				
Treasurer	\$	9,165.70			Health	\$ 50,822.22
Recorder	\$	7,879.49			Highway	\$ 59,627.90
Sheriff	\$	334,054.19			CASA	\$ 6,233.84
Surveyor	\$	12,138.68			Recycling	\$ 10,850.96
Coroner	\$	8,072.25			GCC	\$ 9,700.82
Co. Assessor	\$	8,458.13			Howard Haven	\$ 10,312.39
Prosecutor	\$	68,451.21			IT	\$ 9,971.78
Co Agent	\$	3,990.78			Magistrate	\$ 3,507.46
Veterans Svcs	\$	3,168.34			Kinsey	\$ 101,328.00
Center Assess	\$	6,170.31			Juv Probation	\$ 23,064.56
HR	\$	4,641.66			Comm Corr	\$ 58,432.74
Council	\$	3,435.11				
Commissioner	\$	12,676.80				
Museum	\$	8,972.88				
Superior I	\$	7,235.40				
Superior II	\$	7,235.40				
Superior III	\$	9,384.03				
Adult Probation	\$	49,792.85				
Superior IV	\$	7,235.40				
Circuit Court	\$	11,620.50				
Public Defender	\$	66,913.37				
EMA	\$	6,506.70				
Weights & Measures	\$	2,303.62				
Maintenance	\$	26,070.29				
Soil & Water	\$	1,890.68				
Sub-Total	\$	734,938.29		TOTAL	\$ 1,078,790.96	

**Witness my Hand and Seal of the
Board of Commissioners, Howard County, On: August 19, 2024**

Jack W. Dodd, President

R. Brad Bray, Vice-President

Jeff S. Lipinski, Member

Jessica Secrease, Auditor