

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, OCTOBER 07th, 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. *Plan Commission – Dianne Trobaugh*
 - i. Enforcement Authority's request for hearing date regarding Order on Unsafe Premises owned by David Bledsoe and located at 4648 W 250 S, West Middleton, IN
- V. New Business
 - A. 2025 Howard County Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule
 - B. 2025 Howard County Holiday Schedule
- 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: OCTOBER 7th, 2024

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, October 7th, 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 Secrease.

President Dodd conducted the meeting. Commissioner President Dodd led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Commissioner Lipinski offered a word of prayer.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/RECOGNITIONS:

Employee of the Month.

Commissioner Bray read off the county employee's *Employee of the Month* winner, which was the Howard County Human Resources team Kari Rennaker and Jade Jones who have displayed tremendous efforts in creating a positive environment and doing an amazing job with the Office Olympics they created.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the September 16th, 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:

HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF

K9 Purchase

Howard County Sheriff's Office Gary Cook presented the request of purchase for a new Dual-Purpose K-9, for narcotics search apprehend and narcotics detection. In January, one K-9 was medically retired, the sheriff's department has received donations from the public for the new K-9. Gary Cook would like permission for the Sheriff's Department to use the funds they have obtained to purchase the K-9 from Ultimate K-9 in Westfield. A motion to approve the purchase of the K-9 units was made by Commissioner Bray. Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Annual Material Bid Advertisement

Highway Superintendent Amber Tolle presented the Annual Material Bid Advertisement. This is for their bids that they utilize for the following year for 2025. Amber is requesting permission to post the advertisement so she can solicit bids for those items. A motion to approve the signing of the bidding advertisement was made by Commissioner Bray. Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Utility Reimbursement Agreement – Bridge 56 Replacement

Highway Superintendent Amber Tolle presented a Utility Reimbursement Agreement for bridge 56 replacement. This is a Utility Reimbursement for Duke Energy because they are an easement. A motion to approve the signing of the Utility Reimbursement was made by Commissioner Bray. 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 September 20th, 2024, in the amounts of \$1,072,673.88, 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 September 20th, 2024, in the amounts of \$1,072,673.88, 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 October 7th, 2024, in the amount of \$3,865,349.74 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Lipinski to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.
4. **Monthly Reports:** Auditor Jessica Secrease presented the following reports to be received into record.
 - a. Weights and Measures Monthly Report August 16th to September 15th 2024.
 - b. Howard County Treasure monthly report ending 8/30/2024.

ATTORNEY ISSUES:

County Attorney Alan Wilson presented to the board of commissioners a recommendation for the purchase of the Firestone Building. The purchase would be made by the Howard County Redevelopment Commission. The resolution for this purchase would be 2024-BCCR-24.

President Dodd opened public comment to the Resolution 2024-BCCR-17.

Kaylee Peperton representing the Kokomo Howard County Public Library at 220 N Union St. The Firestone building is directly across the street from the library. She states that the library is excited to hopefully see it become something more eye catching and inviting for anyone wanting to visit downtown Kokomo.

Walt Barber Shop owner 301 N Main on the corner, Walt states that he wants something to be done about the Firestone building because it is old, not pleasing to see and many homeless lived there. He also addressed that those homeless are now staying in the alleyway by the county building. He would like to see something nice there instead.

President Dodd entertains a motion for Resolution 2024-BCCR-17. A motion to approve the Resolution 2024-BCCR-17 was made by Commissioner Lipinski. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion. The motion carried. Attorney Alan Wilson recommended that the board put to a vote approval of an authorization execute. A motion to approve authorization execute the Resolution 2024-BCCR-17 was made by Commissioner Lipinski. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Brad Semon came to the Commissioner to express his discomfort with the BZA's decisions on September 24th 2024.

Planning commission Director Greg Sheline addressed the situation Brad Semon had.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Lipinski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.

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ATTEST:

JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

Howard County Commissioners' Meeting: September 16th 2024

2025 Howard County Holiday Schedule

Holiday	Date
New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1 st
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday, January 20 th
Good Friday	Friday, April 18 th
Memorial Day	Monday, May 26 th
Independence Day	Friday, July 4 th
Labor Day	Monday, September 1 st
Indigenous Peoples' Day	Monday, October 13 th
Veterans' Day	Tuesday, November 11 th
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 27 th
Lincoln's Birthday (Observed)	Friday, November 28 th
Washington's Birthday (Observed)	Wednesday, December 24 th
Christmas Day	Thursday, December 25 th

The 2025 Howard County Holiday Schedule was approved by the Howard County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting on October 21, 2024.

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2025 Howard County Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule

Meetings are scheduled on the first and third Monday of each month. If a holiday falls on Monday, the meeting will be held on the following Tuesday.

Meetings are held on the third floor in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center located at 220 North Main Street, Kokomo, Indiana. All meetings are open to the public. If any scheduling changes occur, notification will be given.

Date	Time
Monday, January 6 th	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 21 st	4:00 p.m.
Monday, February 3 rd	4:00 p.m.
Monday, February 17 th	4:00 p.m.
Monday, March 3 rd	4:00 p.m.
Monday, March 17 th	4:00 p.m.
Monday, April 7 th	4:00 p.m.
Monday, April 21 st	4:00 p.m.
Monday, May 5 th	4:00 p.m.
Monday, May 19 th	4:00 p.m.
Monday, June 2 nd	4:00 p.m.
Monday, June 16 th	4:00 p.m.
Monday, July 7 th	4:00 p.m.
Monday, July 21 st	4:00 p.m.
Monday, August 4 th	4:00 p.m.
Monday, August 18 th	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 2 nd	4:00 p.m.
Monday, September 15 th	4:00 p.m.
Monday, October 6 th	4:00 p.m.
Monday, October 20 th	4:00 p.m.
Monday, November 3 rd	4:00 p.m.
Monday, November 17 th	4:00 p.m.
Monday, December 1 st	4:00 p.m.
Monday, December 15 th	4:00 p.m.

The 2025 Howard County Commissioners' Meeting Schedule was adopted on October 21, 2024.

Note: For purposes of strict compliance with the Indiana Open Door Law, and to enable more than one Commissioner to attend and participate in meetings of the Howard County Council, notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners shall be considered duly convened in regular session at each session of the Howard County Council.

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