

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, NOVEMBER 4TH, 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. *Auditor and Human Resources – Jessica Secrease and Kari Rennaker*
 - i. Time Keeping
 - B. *Purdue Extension Howard County – Allison Hillis*
 - i. Contractual services agreement for 2025
 - C. *Maintenance Department – Bill Stonestreet*
 - i. Jail Heat Pump Proposal
 - ii. Handicap door opener for Kinsey Youth Center and Howard County Jail
 - D. *Howard County Recorder – Torie Kelly*
 - i. 4 Laredo agreements
 - E. *Howard County Highway – Amber Tolle*
 - i. Highway Safety Policy Approval
 - ii. 2025 Annual Bid Opening
 - iii. BLN Contract
 - F. *Kinsey Youth Center – Kathy Cates-Cullison*
 - i. funds in my current budget to resurface our parking lot and drive
- 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: OCTOBER 21st, 2024

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, October 21st, 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, 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.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the October 7th, 2024, regular meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray to approve. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS & REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION

Demolition Request

Enforcement Authority is requesting a hearing date regarding an order on unsafe premises owned by David Bledsoe and located at 4648 W 250 S, West Middleton, IN. A motion to approve the public hearing date as December 2nd for demolition public hearing was made by Commissioner Bray. Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

2025 Howard County Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule

A motion was made by Commissioner Bray to approve the meeting schedule. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

2025 Howard County Holiday Schedule

Commissioner President Dodd requested the holiday Indigenous Peoples' Day to be changed to Columbus Day on the 2025 County holiday calendar. A motion made by Commissioner Bray to approve the holiday schedule. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB)

Sherri has come to the commissioners to present some of the key findings in their study on their Economic Impact Study they conducted on Howard County. They hired Certec Inc. which is a research firm that does tourism studies. One of the key findings is visitor spending, visitor spending is that money that's spent directly by visitors in our community. Overnight visitors are key as it demonstrates healthy tourism because they have the most spending. This also shows continued growth of the lodging sector is also a key to healthy tourism. Kokomo has had three new hotels open recently. Purchases include lodging, food & beverages, gas, admission fees, souvenirs, entertainment, and shopping. With the addition to the battery plant Kokomo can see growth and an increase in population and tourism.

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 Expenses for payment on October 4th, 2024, in the amounts of \$1,117,671.60, Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims Expenses for payment on October 11th, 2024, in the amounts of \$57,377.60, Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims for payment on October 18th, 2024, in the amounts of \$1,089,589.54, were all submitted and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Bray to approve. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Payroll Expenses:** The Commissioners' Payroll Expenses for payment on October 4th, 2024, in the amounts of \$1,117,671.60, Commissioners' Payroll Expenses for payment on October 11th, 2024, in the amounts of \$57,377.60, and Commissioners' Payroll Expenses for payment on October 18th, 2024, in the amounts of \$1,089,589.54, were all submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray to approve. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid on October 21st, 2024, in the amount of \$2,605,936.30 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dodd, 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 September 16th to October 15th 2024.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time
the meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Bray.
The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dodd, and the motion carried.*

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ATTEST:

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JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

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