

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 5th, 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. *The Highway Department -- Amber Tolle*
 - i. Irrevocable Real Estate Agreement
 - B. *Human Resources -- Kari Rennaker*
 - i. Health Services Agreement
 - C. *Howard Haven -- Jennifer Brower*
 - i. New Resident
 - D. *Plan Commission -- Greg Sheline*
 - i. Subdivision
 - a. Case 7-CP-24
 - (1) Moyer's Subdivision 1 lot at 9915 E 100 S Kokomo
 - ii. Subdivision
 - a. Case 8-CP-24
 - (1) Scott Junior Addition Subdivision 1 lot at 5481 S 800 W Kokomo
- 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: JULY 15TH, 2024

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, July 15th, 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.

The meeting was called to order by Lieutenant Todd Prifogle 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 1st, 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

Bridge 56 Consultant Contract Award

Highway Superintendent Amber Tolle awards the County Rd 1250 Project for Bridge 56 to E&B Paving with a bid of \$516,917.05. A motion to approve the Bid was made by Commissioner Lipinski. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

INDOT Signing Authority

Highway Superintendent Amber Tolle presents she would like to give signing authority to President Dodd as he is the sitting president of the Commissioners and legal binding authority for signing INDOT and Federal Grants as needed. A motion to approve President Dodd as the signing authority was made by Commissioner Bray. Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Jail Hot Water Mixing Valve Replacement

Maintenance Superintendent Bill Stonestreet presents the that the hot water mixing valve needs replaced because it is worn out, this will cost \$7,058.34 and be paid from Cumm Cap Building Repair 1138.47243. A motion to approve the replacement of a Hot Water Mixing Valve was made by Commissioner Bray. Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

EMA Berkley Garage Furnace and A/C

Maintenance Superintendent Bill Stonestreet presents the EMA Berkley Garage Furnace and A/C, it's an older R22 unit that needs replaced, to do inhouse replacement for the equipment price of \$5,500 and be paid from Cumm Cap Building Repair 1138.47243. A motion to approve the EMA Berkley Garage Furnace and A/C replacement was made by Commissioner Lipinski. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Jail Heat Pump Update

Maintenance Superintendent Bill Stonestreet presents the Jail Heat Pump Update, Mr. Stonestreet would like Commissioners to take the Heat Pump project under advisement. A motion to approve taking the Jail Heat Pump project under advisement was made by Commissioner Lipinski. Commissioner Bray 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 12th, 2024, in the amounts of \$1,090,563.74, as well as for July 15th 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 12th, 2024, in the amounts of 1,090,563.74 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 July 8th, 2024, in the amount of \$3,454,645.96 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Highway Superintendent Amber Tolle makes a statement saying, "Over the weekend we did have five of our warning street signs taken off their posts one of those being a stop sign, they not only cost the safety to public they are a funding cost for the highway department as well.

Resident Daryl Blasius 115 N Hickory Lane, Kokomo Indiana 46901 comes to the Commissioners to discuss a problem with a neighbor of Mr. Blasius. This neighbor has an abundance of farm animals (chickens, turkeys, ducks, pigs, etc). these animals escape the owner's property very often and affect the residence in the area. Mr. Blasius is very worried about the property value dropping. His main question to this situation is what can they do about it?

Resident Jim Thomas 115 N Hickory Lane, Kokomo Indiana 46901. He is the next-door neighbor with the neighbor in question. Mr. Thomas is going to get his property appraised now after all his neighbor has done, in order to see if it is indeed lowering the property value.

Resident Jake Iseminger on Sycamore Rd 3672 W 80 N. He is about four houses down from the neighbor in question. His biggest complaint is the neighbor has added roosters and are disturbing the peace. He does include in his statement that there are other neighbors who have farm animals, but their animals have proper shelters and do not cause problems.

President Dodd responds to the matter after hearing all the community members out. He offers the floor to the Health Department, Drainage Surveyor, and the Planning Commission. He believes these departments would be able to help the community members with their situation. President Dodd continues by stating, "we started with our Health Department going out there after the complaints. Some testing was done and some issues are being found. So, that is being looked at. Dye testing is being done. So, the reason I'm taking time to explain all this is I wanted all the neighbors here to know that many of our departments are working on this, and it is not going unnoticed".

Planning Commission Director Greg Sheline comes up to state He does not issue permits for fencing but there are standards that they have to follow. If that fence is not put up yet, I suppose if we put a letter together we could ask about the fencing but there are stages that they would have to follow when they put a fence up.

Resident Clee Oliver 5768 West 00 North South has questions about State Road 26 and that there are still signs up on that road but nothing is going on. He was wondering as to what is going on.

Highway Superintendent Amber Tolle responds to the question with "yes, there is some embankment work going on, the road is closed per INDOT".

Resident Brad Semon of Eastern Howard County has questions regarding a Road Agreement, a Drainage Agreement, and a Decommissioning Agreement for Emerald Green Solar Company.

Commissioner President Dodd answers Mr. Semon's question by explaining how an agreement is passed through the government.

Resident Brad Semon of Eastern Howard County continues with a discussion on Solar panels and how he feels it will affect the community negatively.

Resident Clee Oliver 5768 West 00 North South asks about if the Ordinance can be posted for the public to see before it gets passed.

President Dodd assures Mr. Oliver the information will be made public before it is passed.

***There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time
the meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Lipinski.
The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.***

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

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ATTEST:

JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

Howard County Commissioners' Meeting: July 15th 2024

Signature Page for Howard County Payroll Expense Docket

Date 07/26/2024

Gross Payroll \$ 1,082,557.41

Total Amount of Payroll Expense Docket \$ 1,082,557.41

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 July 26, 2024.

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

Clerk	\$	23,779.05		Co. Gen Total	\$	734,889.17	
Auditor	\$	22,824.59					
Treasurer	\$	8,284.45			Health	\$	50,700.02
Recorder	\$	8,044.49			Highway	\$	63,766.74
Sheriff	\$	334,842.35			CASA	\$	7,433.92
Surveyor	\$	12,635.35			Recycling	\$	10,816.00
Coroner	\$	7,696.00			GCC	\$	9,381.77
Co. Assessor	\$	8,630.93			Howard Haven	\$	10,831.72
Prosecutor	\$	68,651.92			IT	\$	10,460.22
Co Agent	\$	5,451.15			Magistrate	\$	3,507.46
Veterans Svcs	\$	7,152.81			Kinsey	\$	89,812.43
Center Assess	\$	6,438.62			Juv Probation	\$	23,064.56
HR	\$	4,591.04			Comm Corr	\$	67,893.40
Council	\$	3,435.11					
Commissioner	\$	12,876.80					
Museum	\$	5,731.89					
Superior I	\$	7,235.40					
Superior II	\$	7,235.40					
Superior III	\$	9,384.03					
Adult Probation	\$	47,919.52					
Superior IV	\$	7,235.40					
Circuit Court	\$	12,522.52					
Public Defender	\$	66,913.37					
EMA	\$	6,423.96					
Weights & Measures	\$	2,303.62					
Maintenance	\$	24,489.95					
Soil & Water	\$	2,159.45					
Sub-Total	\$	734,889.17		TOTAL	\$	1,082,557.41	

**Witness my Hand and Seal of the
Board of Commissioners, Howard County, On: August 5, 2024**

Jack W. Dodd, President

R. Brad Bray, Vice-President

Jessica Secrease, Auditor

Jeff S. Lipinski, Member