NOTICE OF AND AGENDA FOR: HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HOWARD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER 220 NORTH MAIN STREET, ROOM 338 (3RD FLOOR) TUESDAY, MARCH 26TH, 2024, AT 4:00 P.M.

- I. Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer
- II. Opening of the Regular Meeting and Approval of Minutes
- III. Additional Appropriations Ordinance No. 2024-HCCO-11
 - A. Public Defender's Office Andrew Vandenbosch
 - i. County General Fund Public Defender: 1000.0271
 - B. Sheriff's Office Jerry Asher
 - i. LIT Special Purpose Fund Jail: 1114.0380
 - C. Family Service Association Rob Pruett
 - i. Drug Free Community Fund: 1148
 - D. Stormwater District Greg Lake
 - i. Stormwater Management Operation Fund: 1197
 - E. Board of Commissioners Jack Dodd
 - i. Opioid Restricted Fund: 1237
 - ii. Opioid Unrestricted Fund: 1238
 - iii. Meijer Opioid Settlement Fund: 1239
 - F. Community Supervision Dustin DeLong
 - i. Supplemental Adult Probation Fund: 2100
 - ii. County User Fee Fund Alcohol & Drug: 2501
 - G. Circuit Court Judge Lynn Murray
 - i. Family Recovery Court Grant Fund: 2528
 - H. Superior Court I Judge Matthew Elkin
 - i. Drug Court Grant Fund: 9131
 - ii. Reentry Court Grant Fund: 9132
- IV. Transfers Resolution No. 2024-HCCR-06
 - A. Board of Commissioners Jack Dodd
 - i. ARP Grant Fund: 8975
- V. Salary Ordinance Amendments Ordinance No. 2024-HCCO-12
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
 - A. 2023 Rainy Day Fund Emergency Transfers Report
 - B. Public Defender's Office Salary Compliance Ordinances Andrew Vandenbosch
 - i. Ordinance No. 2024-HCCO-09 Appropriation Ordinance for Deputy Public Defender FTE Salary Compliance
 - ii. Ordinance No. 2024-HCCO-10 Appropriation Ordinance for Chief Public Defender & Chief Deputy Public Defender Salary Compliance
- VIII. Other Council Business
 - IX. Public Comments
 - X. Adjournment of Regular Meeting

BRYAN ALEXANDER, COUNCILMAN MARTHA J. LAKE, COUNCILWOMAN FRANK FAULKNER, COUNCILMAN TIM CUTHBERT, COUNCILMAN BRETT SANDERS, COUNCILMAN

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING: FEBRUARY 27, 2024

The Howard County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 4:05 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included Council President John J. Roberts, Council Vice President Daryl Maple, Council Members Martha J. Lake, Bryan Alexander, Frank Faulkner, Tim Cuthbert, Brett Sanders, County Auditor Jessica Secrease, and County Attorney Alan Wilson. The meeting was called to order and conducted by Council President Roberts.

Councilman Faulkner led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilwoman Lake offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the regular meeting held on January 23, 2024, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Councilman Faulkner. Councilwoman Lake seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Councilman Faulkner stated that he is not locked in on Baker Tilly and that there are other companies that the Council can look at for a financial advisor. He did not want people that read the minutes from the January 23rd meeting and think that he is only willing to work with Baker Tilly being their financial advisor.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024-IICCO-06 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRITIONS:

Auditor Jessica Secrease read Ordinance No. 2024-HCCO-06- Additional Appropriations one time, and the ordinance was acted upon as follows:

	Additional Appropriations	Requested	Approved
<u>1000</u>	COUNTY GENERAL FUND:		
<u>0007</u>	Coroner:		
11316	Secretary	\$3,083.70	\$3,083.70
<u>0235</u>	Probation:		
11503	Assistant Probation Officer	\$834.00	\$834.00
11715	Juvenile Probation Secretary	\$834.00	\$834.00
	TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND:	\$4,751.70	\$4,751.70
1114	LIT - SPECIAL PURPOSE FUND:		
<u>0380</u>	<u>Jail:</u>		
23350	Institution & Medical Supplies	\$4,105.27	\$4,105.27
	TOTAL LIT - SPECIAL PURPOSE FUND:	\$4,105.27	\$4,105.27
<u>8910</u>	PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE GRANT FUND:	A A A A A A A A A A	# 2 000 00
15220	PERF	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
15230	Insurance	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
23710	Other Supplies	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
32620	Professional Fees	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
47210	Equipment	\$70,639.00	\$70,639.00
	TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE GRANT FUND:	\$165,639.00	\$165,639.00
<u>9110</u>	JUVENILE PROBATION- MAYOR'S COUNCIL FUND:		
23710	Other Supplies	\$500.00	\$500.00
32600	Dues & Subscriptions	\$3,254.05	\$3,254.05
	TOTAL JUVENILE PROBATION- MAYOR'S COUNCIL FUND:	\$3,754.05	\$3,754.05
	TOTAL ADDITIONAL ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION AND THE PRINCE	0150 350 03	6150 250 02
	TOTAL ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR ALL FUNDS:	\$178,250.02	\$178,250.02

On behalf of Coroner Dr. Steven Seele, Auditor Jessica Secrease requested an additional appropriation to cover a month's worth of a Secretary's salary for the purposes of training a new Secretary.

County General Fund 1000 | Probation Location 0235

Chief Probation Officer Dustin DeLong requested an appropriation to accommodate last year's raises for two employees.

LIT - Special Purpose Fund 1114 | Jail Location 0380

Sheriff Jerry Asher requested to appropriate money they received in 2023 to use in their 2024 budget.

Public Health Crisis Response Grant Fund 8910

Health Department Administrator James Vest requested to appropriate the remainder of their awarded grant funding.

Juvenile Probation - Mayor's Council Fund 9110

Chief Probation Officer Dustin DeLong has requested to appropriate money they were awarded in 2019 towards supplies and assisting youth in the community.

Councilman Faulkner made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2024-HCCO-06 – Additional Appropriations as read. Councilwoman Lake seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER RESOLUTION NO. 2024-HCCR-04 - TRANSFERS:

Auditor Jessica Secrease read Resolution No. 2024-HCCR-04 ·· Transfers one time, and the ordinance was acted upon as follows:

	Transfer From		Transfer To	Requested	Approved
1000 0006	COUNTY GENERAL FUND: Surveyor:				
11304	First Deputy	11358	Field Technician	\$52,094.00	\$52,094.00
<u>0009</u>	Prosecutor:				
11437	Deputy Prosecutor - Magistrate Court	11323	Deputy Prosecutor - Superior Court III / Magistrate Court	\$50,204.00	\$50,204.00
11437	Deputy Prosecutor - Magistrate Court	31200	Contract Services	\$994.00	\$994.00
35650	Office Allowance	11332	Deputy Prosecutor	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
<u>2511</u>	COUNTY USER FEE - PRETRIAL DI			45.155.00	AT 177 00
15240	Employee Service Bonus	11332	Deputy Prosecutor	\$7,177.00	\$7,177.00

1000 County General Fund | 0006 Surveyor

Surveyor Greg Lake requested a transfer to cover the salary of a Field Technician.

1000 County General Fund | 0009 Prosecutor

Prosecutor Mark McCann requested a transfer to cover the salary of a full-time deputy.

2511 County User Fee - Pretrial Diversion Fund

Prosecutor Mark McCann requested a transfer to cover the salary of a full-time deputy.

Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-HCCR-04 – Transfers as read. Councilman Maple seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE. NO. 2024-HCCO-07 – SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS:

Auditor Jessica Secrease, read Ordinance No. 2024-HCCO-07 - Salary Ordinance Amendments one time, and the ordinance was acted upon as follows:

Salary Ordinance Amendments

Requested

Approved

<u>1000</u> <u>C</u>	COUNTY GENERAL FUND:		
0006 S	urveyor:		
11304 F	irst Deputy	(\$52,094.00)	(\$52,094.00)
11358 F	ield Technician	\$52,094.00	\$52,094.00
<u>0007</u> C	Coroner:		
11316 S	ecretary	\$3,083.70	\$3,083.70
<u>0009</u> P	rosecutor:		
11323 D	Deputy Prosecutor - Superior Court III / Magistrate Court	\$50,204.00	\$50,204.00
11332 D	Deputy Prosecutor - Superior Court IV	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
11437 D	Deputy Prosecutor - Magistrate Court	(\$51,198.00)	(\$51,198.00)
<u>0235</u> P	robation:		
11503 A	ssistant Probation Officer	\$834.00	\$834.00
11715 Ju	uvenile Probation Secretary	\$834.00	\$834.00
<u>2511</u> C	COUNTY USER FEE - PRETRIAL DIVERSION FUND:		
15240 E	imployee Service Bonus	(\$7,177.00)	(\$7,177.00)
11332 D	Deputy Prosecutor	\$7,177.00	\$7,177.00
<u>8910 P</u>	UBLIC HEALTH CRISI RESPONSE GRANT FUND:		
15220 P	ERF	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
15230 In	nsurance	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

Councilwoman Lake made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2024-HCCO-07 – Salary Ordinance Amendments as read; Councilman Sanders seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:

Turning Point 2023 Review

Dr. Matt Oliver, CEO of Turning Point, presented the Council with their 2023 review. Dr. Oliver thanked the Council for funding Turning Point and supporting the Commissioners. He stated that they could not have done what they did last year without the support of the County. He stated that the Recovery Stabilization Center was fully operating in 2023 and offered 24/7 services to the community for crisis stabilization and rapid access to detoxing services. Dr. Oliver stated that they served around 2,000 people last year in the community. He stated that they are growing rapidly and forming new relationships in the community with places like schools and hospitals. Dr. Oliver discussed how the overdose rate has decreased over the last couple of years in Howard County.

Councilman Alexander thanked Dr. Oliver for all Turning Point does.

Councilman Maple also thanked Dr. Oliver for presenting.

Councilman Roberts stated that Turning Point seems very busy based off of the current population Howard County. He asked Dr. Oliver if numbers presented were normal. Dr. Oliver stated that with the population growing, there will likely be an increase and they need to look at the data more closely. Councilman Roberts thanked Dr. Oliver for his presentation.

Public Defender Report

Chief Public Defender Andrew Vandenbosch presented the Council with his 2023 Q4 reimbursement request that was submitted to the Public Defender's Commission.

2023-2024 Encumbrances Report

Auditor Jessica Secrease presented the 2023-2024 Encumbrances Report to the Council.

Resolution No. 2024-IICCR-03

Attorney Alan Wilson presented the Council with Resolution No. 2024-IICCR-03 — Authorizing an Emergency Transfer of Funds. This resolution allows the Council to authorize a temporary loan from the rainy-day fund for emergency cash flow purposes. Councilman Fulker made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-HCCR-03 — Authorizing an Emergency Transfer of Funds. Councilman Alexander seconded the motion and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Councilman Faulker discussed an event that the Association of Indiana Counties is putting on in March. He stated that Howard County is located in the northwest district of Indiana.

Councilwoman Lake state that they can go to any one of the Association's events. She also stated that LIT – Special Purpose Fund had an issue with its 2024 levy due to an error on the State's end, but it has since been corrected.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Anthony Walker of 725 N. Courtland Ave., Kokomo, Indiana: Mr. Walker asked the Council why they do not have a public comment section for the Council while there is one for the Commissioners. Councilman Roberts stated that he is sure they can add one.

Mr. Walker asked the Council why they wanted to hire a financial consultant. Councilman Roberts stated that they do not have to have a financial consultant and that some of the council members are suggesting hiring one. He stated that they attended a conference where it was recommended to hire one. Councilman Roberts stated that the Council is made up of people from many different backgrounds. Mr. Walker asked if the Council has reached out to other counties such as Tippecanoe to see if they also have hired a financial consultant. Councilman Maple stated that other counties in the state have hired financial consultants. Councilwomen Lake stated that the main reason for hiring one is to help them look at future projects and to ensure that they are not surprised by anything that may come up. She stated that it is not something that they would need all the time. Councilman Roberts stated that he does not want Mr. Walker to have the wrong impression of the council by the word surprise and that they are a very well-run group and very organized.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m. on a motion made by Councilwoman Lake.

Councilman Faulkner seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

JOHN J. ROBERTS, PRESIDENT
DARYL MAPLE, VICE PRESIDENT
BRYAN ALEXANDER, COUNCILMAN
MARTHA J. LAKE, COUNCILWOMAN
FRANK FAULKNER, COUNCILMAN
TIM CUTHBERT, COUNCILMAN
BRETT SANDERS, COUNCILMAN

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL:

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JESSCIA SECREASE, AUDITOR

Howard County Council Meeting: February 27, 2024

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-HCCO-11 - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the 2024 annual budget, now therefore

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Howard County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the taxing unit, the following additional sums on money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

	Additional Appropriations	Requested	Approved
1000 0271 11341 11363	COUNTY GENERAL FUND: Public Defender: Deputy Public Defender (17) CHINS Deputy (2)	\$ 52,976.00 \$ 7,566.00	
11303	TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND:	S 60,542.00	
0380	LIT - SPECIAL PURPOSE FUND: Jail:		
11906	Correctional Officer (45) TOTAL LIT - SPECIAL PURPOSE FUND:	\$ 235,495.00 \$ 235,495.00	
<u>1148</u> 31000	DRUG FREE COMMUNITY FUND: Prevention & Education	\$ 10,000.00	
32000	Intervention & Treatment TOTAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY FUND:	\$ 20,000 00 \$ 30,000.00	
<u>1197</u> 31200	STORMWATER MANAGEMENT OPERATION FUND: Contract Services	\$ 1,000,000 00	
	TOTAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT OPERATION FUND:	\$ 1,000,000.00	
<u>1237</u> 30000	OPIOID RESTRICTED FUND: Other Services & Charges	\$ 797,241 89 \$ 797,241.89	
1238	TOTAL OPIOID RESTRICTED FUND: OPIOID UNRESTRICTED FUND:	3 /9/,241.09	
30000	Other Services & Charges TOTAL OPIOID UNRESTRICTED FUND:	\$ 178,704 43 \$ 178,704.43	
<u>1239</u> 31115	MEIJER OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND: Donations	\$ 7,500 00	
31125	Donation Administration TOTAL MEIJER OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND:	\$ 2,100.00 \$ 9,600.00	
2100	SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION FUND:	Ø /2.046.00\	
11252	Probation Officer (CC) TOTAL SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION FUND:	\$ (3,965.00) \$ (3,965.00)	
<u>2501</u> 11255	COUNTY USER FEE FUND - ALCOHOL & DRUG: Probation Officer (KR)	\$ (23,650 00)	
a sah	TOTAL COUNTY USER FEE FUND - ALCOHOL & DRUG:	\$ (23,650.00)	
2528 30000 30001	FAMILY RECOVERY COURT GRANT FUND: Other Services & Charges Special Projects & Incentives	\$ 3,000 00 \$ 2,500 00	
30005 30006	Participant Housing Participant Transportation	\$ 2,000 00	
31110 32000	Continuing Education	\$ 2,500 00 \$ 4,000 00 \$ 500 00	
32640	Drug Screens	\$ 2,500 00	
	TOTAL FAMILY RECOVERY COURT GRANT FUND:	\$ 17,000.00	
<u>9131</u> 11800	DRUG COURT GRANT FUND: Overtime	\$ 45,500,00	
15210		\$ 2,103.76 \$ 3,079.65	
15220 23747		\$ 3,079.63	
30001	Special Projects & Incentives	\$ 3,079.65 \$ 300.00 \$ 3,500.00 \$ 10,000.00 \$ 3,600.00	
32641 32645	Drug Screens Participant Needs		
	TOTAL DRUG COURT GRANT FUND:	\$ 68,083.41	
9132	REENTRY COURT GRANT FUND:	\$ 48,000.00	
11253 11800	Home Detention Supervisior (ME) Overtime	\$ 48,000 00 \$ 49,500.00	

15210 15220 23600 23747 30001 32641 32645	PERF Office Supplies Graduation Supplies Special Projects & Incentives Drug Screens	T FUND:	A 200.00	
	TOTAL ADDITIONAL APPROPRIA	ATIONS FOR ALL FUNDS:	\$ 2,496,282.10	
	appropriations were read in full for the secondary Council: s, President	cond time and adopted this 26th day of	March, 2024	
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Daryl Maple, '	Vice President		Frank Faulkner, Councilman	··········
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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-HCCR-06 - TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, the County Council may approve the transfer of money from one major budget classification to another within a department or office, if the transfer does not require the expenditure of more money than the total amount set out in the budget as finally determined and if the transfer is approved at a regular public meeting and by the proper ordinance.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Council of Howard County, that it is desired and deemed necessary that the following transfers be made within the accounts of the designated funds as set out below.

	Transfer From		Transfer To	Requested		Approved
8975 47243 47243 47243	ARP GRANT FUND: Building Upgrades Building Upgrades Building Upgrades	11341 15210 15220	Deputy Public Defender FICA PERF	\$ \$ \$	3,311 00 254 00 471 00	
	the Council of Howard County, Indiana and rear for the second time and adopted this 26th day of					
The Howard	d County Council:					
John J Robe	erts, President					
Daryl Maple	, Vice President		Frank Faulkner, Councilman			
Bryan Alexa	inder, Councilman		Tim Cuthbert, Councilman			
Martha J. La	ake, Councilwoman		Brett Sanders, Councilman			
Attest:						

Jessica Secrease, Auditor

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-HCCO-12 - SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

AN ORDINANCE amending and increasing staffing and salary authorization to be paid county employees for the calendar year effective January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, as originally approved for the year 2024, except where otherwise noted.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Howard County, Indiana that for the said fiscal year the following salary amendments are approved as additional changes to the basic salary ordinance for the same fiscal year. Necessary personal services appropriations have been approved previously to support the required expenditure of necessary funds.

	Salary Ordinance Amendments	F	Requested	Approve
<u>1000</u>	COUNTY GENERAL FUND:			
<u>0271</u>	Public Defender:			
11341	Deputy Public Defender (17)	\$	52,976.00	
11363	CHINS Deputy (2)	\$	7,566.00	
<u>1114</u>	LIT - SPECIAL PURPOSE FUND:			
<u>0380</u>	<u>Jail:</u>			
11906	Correctional Officer (45)	\$	235,495.00	
2100	SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION FUND:			
11252	Probation Officer (CC)		(3,965.00)	
<u>2501</u>	COUNTY USER FEE FUND - ALCOHOL & DRUG:			
11255	Probation Officer (KR)		(23,650.00)	
<u>8975</u>	ARP GRANT FUND:			
11341	Deputy Public Defender	\$	3,311.00	
15210	FICA	\$	254.00	
15220	PERF	_\$	471.00	
<u>9131</u>	DRUG COURT GRANT FUND:			
11800	Overtime	\$	45,500.00	
15210	FICA	\$	2,103.76	
15220	PERF		3,079.65	
<u>9132</u>	REENTRY COURT GRANT FUND:			
11253	Home Detention Supervisior (ME)	\$	48,000.00	
11800	Overtime	\$ \$ \$	49,500.00	
15210	FICA	\$	3,707.04	+
15220	PERF		7,123.33	
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. Roberts	, President			

Frank Faulkner, Councilman

Tim Cuthbert, Councilman

Daryl Maple, Vice President

Bryan Alexander, Councilman

Martha J. Lake, Councilwoman	Brett Sanders, Councilman
Attest:	
Jessica Secrease, Auditor	

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2023 Rainy Day Fund Emergency Transfers Report

The Howard County Rainy Day Fund was used to transfer emergency additional funding into the following line items in order to bring the accounts to a zero balance for calendar year-end financial reporting. Negative dollar amounts were determined as of December 31, 2023.

Account Number		Location Number		Amount	
	County General Fund: 1000				
12600	Drainage Board	0068	Commissioners	\$50.00	
11800	Overtime	0202	Superior Court II	\$864.43	
11261	PSC Coordinator	0235	Probation	\$236.82	
11267	Title IV-D Caseworker 03	0660	Prosecutor – Title IV-D	\$4.97	
	T	otal Transf	erred to County General Fund:	\$1,156.22	
	Supplement	al Adult Pro	obation Fund: 2100		
11800	Overtime	0000	N/A	\$22.42	
	Total Transferred to Supplemental Adult Probation Fund \$22.42				
Total Transferred from Rainy Day Fund: \$1,178.64					

Per Resolution 2024-HCCR-03, the funds listed above will reimburse the Rainy Day Fund within sixty (60) days in the exact amount that was originally transferred.

STATE OF INDIANA)
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COUNTY OF HOWARD)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2024-HCCO-09

WHEREAS, there has been established by Indiana Law (I.C. 33-40-5-2 and I.C. 33-40-5-4) a Public Defender Commission to develop and enforce guidelines and the Standards for Indigent Defense Services in Non-Capital Cases; and

WHEREAS, Indiana counties that choose to participate in the Public Defender Commission are eligible to participate in the reimbursement program; and

WHEREAS, that on December 20, 2004, Ordinance No. 2004-BCC-49, was established and Howard County elected to participate in the Public Defender Commission; and

WHEREAS, Standard G of the Standards for Indigent Defense Services in Non-Capital Cases mandate that the salaries and compensation of full-time salaried deputy public defenders shall be equivalent to the salaries and compensation provided to deputy prosecutors in the office of the Prosecuting Attorney; and

WHEREAS, failure to remain in compliance with Standard G will result in the Public Defender Commission suspending reimbursement until compliance is reestablished.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Common Council of Howard County that to maintain compliance with Standard G and with the Public Defender Commission, if any increase to the full-time deputy prosecutor salaries and compensation is approved by the Common Council of Howard County, and or any additional full-time deputy(s) is approved by the Common Council of Howard County, then, at the same time, the Common Council shall approve the equivalent increase to the full-time deputy public defender salaries and compensation. This approval shall not require review by the Howard County PAC.

FUTHERMORE, should the Howard County Auditor receive a request from the office of the Prosecuting Attorney to increase full-time deputy prosecutor salaries and compensation or to add an additional full-time deputy prosecutor(s), then the Howard County Auditor shall immediately provide those requested changes to the Howard County Chief Public Defender to ensure the appropriate budgetary paperwork is submitted as to not delay the actions mandated in this Ordinance.

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STATE OF INDIANA)
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COUNTY OF HOWARD)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2024-HCCO-10

WHEREAS, Indiana Law (I.C. 33-39-6) established minimum pay for full-time and part-time prosecutors and chief deputy prosecutors; and

WHEREAS, there has been established by Indiana Law (I.C. 33-40-5-2 and I.C. 33-40-5-4) a Public Defender Commission to develop and enforce guidelines and the Standards for Indigent Defense Services in Non-Capital Cases; and

WHEREAS, Indiana counties that choose to participate in the Public Defender Commission are eligible to participate in the reimbursement program; and

WHEREAS, that on December 20, 2004, Ordinance No. 2004-BCC-49, was established and Howard County elected to participate in the Public Defender Commission; and

WHEREAS, Standard G of the Standards for Indigent Defense Services in Non-Capital Cases mandate that the salaries and compensation of the Chief Public Defender and Chief Deputy Public Defender shall be equivalent to the salaries and compensation provided to the Prosecutor and Chief Deputy Prosecutor; and

WHEREAS, failure to remain in compliance with Standard G will result in the Public Defender Commission suspending reimbursement until compliance is reestablished.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Common Council of Howard County that to maintain compliance with Standard G and with the Public Defender Commission, when the State increases the salaries and compensation of the Prosecutor and Chief Deputy Prosecutor, then the Common Council shall increase the Chief Public Defender and Chief Deputy Public Defender salaries and compensation, in accordance with Indiana Law and Standard G, no later than January 1 following the Prosecutor increase. This approval shall not require review by the Howard County PAC.

	HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL	
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ATTEST:		
JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR		
DATED:		