

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JUNE 24, 2014

The Howard County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 24, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Richard Miller, Vice President James Papacek, and Members Les Ellison, Stan Ortman, John Roberts, and Dwight Singer. Also present were County Attorney Larry Murrell and Auditor Martha Lake. Councilman Jeff Stout was not in attendance.

Sheriff Steve Rogers opened the meeting and President Miller led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Prayer was offered by Councilman Singer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the May 27, 2014 Regular Meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Singer and seconded by Mr. Roberts.

The minutes of the May 28, 2014 Joint Executive Session of the Howard County Board of Commissioners and the Howard County Council were submitted. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss records classified as confidential by state statute. A motion was made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Singer and carried to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2014 Joint Executive Session as submitted, and to authorize the President to sign on behalf of the County Council.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNCIL COMMENT:

Mr. Miller opened the floor for Council comment as follows:

Councilman Les Ellison: Mr. Ellison thanked everyone for their prayers during his recent medical issue.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2014-HCCO-17 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Auditor Martha Lake read Ordinance No. 2014-HCCO-17 – Additional Appropriations in full one time and it was acted upon as follows:

<u>1000</u>	<u>Howard County General Fund</u>	AMOUNT REQUESTED:	APPROVED:
<u>023</u>	<u>Howard County Commissioners (Personnel) Dept.</u>		
01121.00	Part-Time Personnel	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
02352.00	Medical Supplies & Immunizations	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00

Because Personnel Director Wanda McKillip had to be out of the office earlier in the year, due to a broken arm, and the number of projects and additional duties have increased, Ms. McKillip needs to supplement the Part-Time line item through to the end of the year. She also needs additional funds in the immunizations line item for the Hepatitis B shots and increased employee drug testing due to changes in the Personnel Handbook.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve the request of \$5,000.00 to line item 01121.00, Part-Time Personnel, and \$1,000.00 to line item 02352.00, Medical Supplies & Immunizations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ortman and carried.

TOTAL GENERAL FUND:	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
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<u>1212</u>	<u>Howard County CASA Department</u>		
01115.00	Part-Time	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00

CASA Director Katina Silver informed the Council that her office has increased the Volunteer Coordinator's hours to twenty-eight (28) to meet recruiting and training needs. There is enough money in the CASA Fund, but it does need to be appropriated to the part-time line item. Ms. Silver fielded a funding question from Councilman Ortman, reminding the Council that CASA's funding comes from Howard County Circuit Court (fee based), the State CASA Office through a matching grant, The United Way, and fundraising (donations).

A motion was made by Mr. Ortman to approve the request of \$5,000.00 to line item 01115.00, Part-Time. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried.

TOTAL ADDITIONAL REQUESTS ALL FUNDS:	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
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IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2014-HCCR-13 – TRANSFERS:

Auditor Lake read Resolution No. 2014-HCCR-12 – Transfers through in full one time and it was acted upon as follows:

	TRANSFER FROM:	TO:	AMOUNT REQUESTED:	APPROVED:
<u>4913</u>	<u>Howard County Functional Family Therapy Fund</u>			
03213.00	Travel and Training	04722.00 Computers	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00

Kinsey Youth Center Director Jeff Lipinski reminded the Council that they approved a previous request to purchase computers (*please refer to page two, “In the Matter of Ordinance 2014-HCCO-15 – Additional Appropriations, Howard County Functional Family Therapy” of the Regular Meeting minutes dated May 27, 2014*). This transfer request is to put the money for the approved computer purchase into the correct line item. This fund currently has a \$113,000.00 balance.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve the transfer request of \$5,500.00 from line item 03213.00, Travel and Training, to line item 04722.00, Computers. The motion was seconded by Mr. Singer and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2014-HCCO-18 – AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2014:

Auditor Lake read Salary Ordinance No. 2014-HCCO-18 – Amending Salary Ordinance for 2014 through one time and it was acted upon as follows:

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<u>023</u>	<u>Howard County Commissioners (Personnel) Dept.</u>		
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<u>1212</u>	<u>Howard County CASA Department</u>		
01115.00	Part-Time	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Roberts and carried, to approve Salary Ordinance No. 2014-HCCO-18 – Amending Salary Ordinance for 2014 as submitted.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS:

At the May 27th meeting Councilman Stout suggested “...in light of the opinions expressed here, that the President set an Executive Session for discussion of these issues” (*please refer to page four, “In the Matter of Public Comment”, of the Regular Meeting dated May 27, 2014*). Mr. Papacek confirmed that an Executive Session was held and that the Councilmen in attendance found, after reviewing the contract with e.ON, that everything was in order and e.ON is not in violation of the contract. The Council can take no action at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Miller opened the floor for public comment as follows:

John Garr, 1350 E. County Road 3710 North, Greentown, IN: Mr. Garr is concerned about the procedure of changing the current moratorium on wind farms in all parts of Howard County except the Eastern Wild Cat Wind Farm. County Attorney Murrell confirmed that the moratorium cannot be arbitrarily terminated; it requires a Public Hearing. Mr. Garr does not support the wind farm in Eastern Howard County and submitted a magazine article pertaining to the 2013 expiration of government subsidies for wind farms.

In answer to a question posed to Commissioner Wyman, Mr. Wyman commented that he met with several current lease holders who wanted out of their contracts, and relayed their concerns to e.ON, as their representative on the Board of Commissioners.

There being no further business to come before the County Council at this time

*the meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m. on a motion
made by Mr. Papacek and seconded by Mr. Ortman.*

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL:

RICHARD H. MILLER, PRESIDENT

JAMES T. PAPACEK, VICE PRESIDENT

STAN E. ORTMAN, MEMBER

LESLIE W. ELLISON, MEMBER

JEFF A. STOUT, MEMBER

JOHN J. ROBERTS, MEMBER

DWIGHT V. SINGER, MEMBER

ATTEST:

MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR

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