

## **HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING APRIL 22, 2014**

The Howard County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 22, 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 Stan Ortman, Les Ellison, Jeff Stout, John Roberts and Dwight Singer. Also in attendance were County Attorney Larry Murrell and Auditor Martha Lake.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Ortman and President Miller offered a word of prayer. The official meeting was called to order by Sheriff Steve Rogers.

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the March 25, 2014, Regular Meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mr. Papacek.

The minutes of the April 16, 2014, Joint Executive Session were submitted. Those present at the meeting were Commissioners Paul Wyman, Tyler Moore, and Brad Bray; Councilmen Dick Miller, Stan Ortman, Jeff Stout and John Roberts; Auditor Martha Lake; and County Attorney Larry Murrell. The purpose of the meeting was for discussion of strategy with respect to the "initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing". A motion was made by Mr. Ortman to approve the April 16, 2014 Joint Executive Session as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Singer and carried.

### **IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2014-HCCO-12 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

Auditor Martha Lake read through Ordinance No. 2014-HCCO-12 – Additional Appropriations one time and it was acted upon as follows:

		<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED:</b>	<b>APPROVED:</b>
<b><u>1138</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County Cumulative Capital Development Fund</u></b>		
<b><u>001</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County Information Systems</u></b>		
03121.01	GIS Coordinator	\$ 33,500.00	\$ 33,500.00

This request is for the contracted GIS Coordinator for all GIS mapping systems in several departments of Howard County. The contract for this position is between Howard County and The Schneider Corporation.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Singer and carried to approve the request of \$33,500.00 to line item 03121.01, GIS Coordinator.

<b><u>1154</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County Recorder Enhanced Access Fund</u></b>		
03121.00	Contract Services (Fidlar Enhanced Access)	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00

Recorder Brook Cleaver submitted the request in order to pay the vendor their portion of the enhanced access fee.

A motion was made by Mr. Ortman to approve the request of \$4,000.00 to line item 03121.00, Contract Services. The motion was seconded by Mr. Papacek and carried.

<b><u>1222</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County Statewide 9-1-1 Fund</u></b>		
04720.00	Equipment - InterAct Partial Payment	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00

Sheriff Steve Rogers requested the appropriation of \$85,000.00 to the Equipment line item as a partial payment for the InterAct System that replaces the current Cisco system. This money was receipted in the 911 fund from the Sheriff Commissary and Technology funds for this purpose. This is a joint project with all emergency agencies in the county.

A motion was made by Mr. Singer to approve the request of \$85,000.00 to line item 04720.00, Equipment as an InterAct Partial Payment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried.

<b><u>2100</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County Supplemental Adult Probation Fund</u></b>		
01112.02	Probation Officer	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00

Chief Probation Officer Dustin Delong informed the Council that additional money is needed for the Officer newly employed by Howard County from Marion County. She has 12 years of experience and had to come in at a higher pay grade than what was originally budgeted. Mr. Rogers asked for additional clarification and Mr. Delong responded.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts to approve the request of \$3,800.00 to line item 01112.02, Probation Officer, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Singer and carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2014-HCCR-10-TRANSFERS:**

Auditor Martha Lake read Resolution No. 2014-HCCR-10 – Transfers through one (1) time and it was acted upon as follows:

<b><u>1000</u></b>	<b><u>Transfer From:</u></b>	<b><u>To:</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>ALLOWED:</u></b>
<b><u>010</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County General Fund</u></b>		<b><u>REQUESTED:</u></b>	
	<b><u>Howard County Assessor's Office</u></b>			
01113.03	Trending Deputy	01118.00 Overtime	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
03251.00	Personal Property Support	01113.02 1 <sup>st</sup> Dep Level III	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
01521.00	FICA	01113.04 Trend Dep Level II/III	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00

On behalf of County Assessor Jamie Shepherd, copies of her letter were distributed to the Council members for her explanation for the transfer requests.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve the transfers as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ortman and carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2014-HCCO-13 – AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2014:**

<b><u>1000</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County General Fund</u></b>	<b><u>REQUESTED:</u></b>	<b><u>APPROVED:</u></b>
<b><u>010</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County Assessor's Office</u></b>		
01113.02	1 <sup>st</sup> Deputy Level II / III Pay	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
01113.04	Trending Deputy Level II / III Pay	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
01118.00	Overtime	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
01113.03	Trending Deputy	\$ -4,000.00	\$ -4,000.00

A motion was made by Mr. Stout, seconded by Mr. Ortman and carried to approve Salary Ordinance No. 2014-HCCO-13 – Amending Salary Ordinance for 2014.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT:**

President Miller opened the floor for Public Comment as follows:

**Grace Aprill, 12765 E. County Road 100 N., Greentown IN:** Ms. Aprill spoke against the Wildcat Wind Turbine Farm, phases I, II, and III. She began by introducing Mr. Dan Brock, Grant County Councilman; Mr. Joe Van Bibber, Tipton County Commissioner; two members of the Winger Family Farms. Ms. Aprill asked that the Council rescind the motion to approve the Amended SB-1 for the Wildcat Wind Farm Phase II and III that was previously approved at the final Budget Session on September 4, 2013.

**Debra Winger, member of Winger Family Farms:** Ms. Winger's family had a lease agreement with Horizon for a wind turbine. When Horizon was bought out by E.ON, E.ON did not contact the family and the family rescinded their contract with Horizon. The family does not want wind turbines in Eastern Howard County.

The following also spoke or answered questions asked by Council Members.

**Dan Brock, Grant County Councilman** – Grant County did not vote to extend the original existing Abatement for E.ON. He feels that wind turbines are harmful to his constituents.

**Jane Garr, 3234 N. County Road 600 E., Kokomo**  
**John Garr, 1350 E. County Road 3710 N., Greentown**

Susie Cox, 308 Holiday Drive, Greentown  
Joe Van Bibber, Tipton County Commissioner  
Ed Petty, 3176 N. County Road 800 E., Kokomo  
Christa Tharp, 9691 W County Road 00 N.S.  
Ted Otis, Marion County, Indiana  
Susie Randolph, 400 N. County Road 1000 East, Greentown  
Nancy Carney, 606 Jane Dr., Sharpsville  
Laura DeCarlo, 4705 Bramoor Drive, Kokomo  
Cari Laugenstiner, Tipton County

Several Council Members gave comment at this time.

*There being no further business to come before Council at this time,  
the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m. on a motion  
made by Mr. Singer and seconded by Mr. Ortman.*

**HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL:**

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RICHARD H. MILLER, PRESIDENT

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JAMES T. PAPACEK, VICE PRESIDENT

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STAN ORTMAN, MEMBER

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LESLIE ELLISON, MEMBER

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JEFF STOUT, MEMBER

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JOHN ROBERTS, MEMBER

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DWIGHT V. SINGER, MEMBER

**ATTEST:**

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MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR  
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