

## **HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING APRIL 25, 2017**

The Howard County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 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, Jeff Stout, Stan Ortman, John Roberts, and Dwight Singer. Also in attendance were County Attorney Larry Murrell, Assistant County Attorney Alan Wilson, and Auditor Martha Lake.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Steve Rogers and conducted by President Richard Miller. Mr. Papacek led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Miller offered a word of prayer.

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

The minutes of the March 28, 2017, Regular Meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as submitted on a motion made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Ellison, and carried.

### **IN THE MATTER OF COUNCIL COMMENT:**

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

**Councilman Ortman:** Mr. Ortman asked that the Agenda for the May Council meeting include discussion concerning legislation for the Innkeepers' Tax.

### **IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-HCCO-14 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

Auditor Martha Lake read through Ordinance No. 2017-HCCO-14 – Additional Appropriations one time and it was acted upon as follows:

<b><u>1000</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County General Fund</u></b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED:</b>	<b>APPROVED:</b>
<b><u>0005</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County Sheriff Department</u></b>		
12300	Dispatcher	\$ 5,928.00	\$ 5,928.00
12301	Communications Director	\$ 312.00	\$ 312.00
12302	IDACS Coordinator	\$ 312.00	\$ 312.00
12303	Shift Supervisor	\$ 936.00	\$ 936.00
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS COUNTY GENERAL</b>		<b>\$ 7,488.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,488.00</b>
 <b><u>1114</u></b>	 <b><u>LIT – Special Purpose Fund</u></b>		
<b><u>0380</u></b>	<b><u>Sheriff's Department</u></b>		
12504	Staff Nurse	\$ 32,497.20	\$ 32,497.20
11913	Assistant Cook	\$ 24,159.20	\$ 24,159.20
11346	Jail Staff Sergeant	\$ 936.00	\$ 936.00
11711	Captain	\$ 312.00	\$ 312.00
11712	Lieutenant	\$ 312.00	\$ 312.00
11906	Corrections Officer	\$ 11,865.00	\$ 11,865.00
11911	PREA Sergeant	\$ 312.00	\$ 312.00
11912	Training Sergeant	\$ 312.00	\$ 312.00
11914	Sergeant 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	\$ 624.00	\$ 624.00
11915	Jail Sergeant	\$ 936.00	\$ 936.00
11916	Jail Corporal	\$ 1,872.00	\$ 1,872.00
12009	Road Gang Supervisor	\$ 312.00	\$ 312.00
11410	Maintenance Jail Sergeant	\$ 312.00	\$ 312.00
12191	Field Training Officers	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00
12192	Armed Corrections Officers	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
12193	Sign On / Referral	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00

Sheriff Steve Rogers commented that requests for both County General and LIT-Special Purpose funds are to address the shortage of officers being experienced at this time. He and his team have been working with Councilman Papacek to create a strategy of increases to attract and maintain quality and experienced workers for the Sheriff Department. Councilman Papacek explained the listing of changes, including the extending of longevity benefits to Corrections Officers.

Commissioner Wyman spoke about offering Sign On and Referral bonuses, and confirmed that this plan is given a favorable recommendation from the Board of Commissioners.

A motion was made by Mr. Ortman to approve the County General Fund and LIT-Special Purpose Fund Additional requests as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried.

<b>TOTAL LIT-SPECIAL PURPOSE FUND</b>	<b>\$ 96,861.40</b>	<b>\$ 96,861.40</b>
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<b><u>1176</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County Highway Fund</u></b>		
23751	Bituminous	\$ 440,000.00	\$ 440,000.00

<b><u>1169</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County Local Road &amp; Street</u></b>		
23751	Bituminous	\$ 410,000.00	\$ 410,000.00

Highway Engineer / Superintendent Ted Cain confirmed that the requests in 1176 and 1169 were to appropriate the 2016 surplus money to the line items in both funds, in order to assist in repair work being done on the roads this year.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve the request of \$440,000.00 in line item 23751, Bituminous, in the Howard County Highway Fund; and approve the request of \$410,000.00 in line item 23751, Bituminous, in the Howard County Local Road & Street Fund. The motion was seconded by Mr. Singer and carried.

<b>TOTAL ADDITIONALS ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 954,349.40</b>	<b>\$ 954,349.40</b>
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**IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2017-HCCR-07 – TRANSFERS:**

Auditor Martha Lake read through Resolution No. 2017-HCCR-07 – Transfers one time and it was acted upon as follows:

	<b>Transfer From:</b>	<b>To:</b>		<b>Requested:</b>	<b>Approved:</b>
<b><u>1188</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County Reassessment Fund</u></b>				
11700	Part-Time Clerical	11800	Overtime	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00

Howard County Assessor, Mindy Heady, is requesting to transfer money within her fund in order to pay out an employee's compensation time.

A motion was made by Mr. Ortman, seconded by Mr. Roberts and carried to approve the transfer of \$1,000.00 from line item 11700, Part-Time Clerical, to 11800, Overtime.

**IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2017-HCCO-15 – AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2017:**

Ms. Lake read through Salary Ordinance No. 2017-HCCO-15 – Amending Salary Ordinance for 2017 one time and it was acted upon as follows:

		<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED:</b>	<b>APPROVED:</b>
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12304	Part-Time Dispatcher – Hourly Increase from \$15.00 to \$15.15 per hour		
<b><u>1114</u></b>	<b><u>LIT-Special Purpose</u></b>		
12504	Staff Nurse	\$ 32,497.20	\$ 32,497.20
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12193	Sign on / Referral	\$	8,000.00	\$	8,000.00
12008	Part-Time Corrections Officers – Hourly Increase from \$15.00 to \$15.15 per hour				

**1188 Howard County Reassessment Fund**

11700	Part-Time Clerical	\$	(1,000.00)	\$	(1,000.00)
11800	Overtime	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00

Salary Ordinance No. 2017-HCCR-15, Amending Salary Ordinance for 2017 was approved as submitted on a motion made by Mr. Stout, seconded by Mr. Singer and carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

- 1) At this time Mr. Miller submitted a previously approved Official Appointment sheet, certifying that Mr. James Papacek has been appointed to the Economic Development Commission that needed the Councilmembers' signatures.
- 2) Sheriff Rogers reminded the Council members that Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, is the Annual Jail Inspection for our Criminal Justice Center. Council members will be receiving an invitation for the event.
- 3) The week following the Annual Jail Inspection, a contingent of officers will be attending the National Police Memorial in Washington, DC. Deputy Carl Koontz's name will be added to the memorial wall.

*There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting  
was adjourned at 4:32 p.m. on a motion made by  
Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Roberts and carried.*

**HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL:**

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RICHARD H. MILLER, PRESIDENT

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JAMES T. PAPACEK, VICE PRESIDENT

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LESLIE W. ELLISON, MEMBER

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STANLEY E. ORTMAN, MEMBER

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JEFFREY A. STOUT, MEMBER

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JOHN J. ROBERTS, MEMBER

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DWIGHT V. SINGER, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR  
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