

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING JANUARY 3, 2017

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Vice President Tyler Moore, and Member Brad Bray. 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 Wyman. Commissioner Bray led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Vice President Moore offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF BOARD RE-ORGANIZATION:

A motion was made by Mr. Bray to keep the Board organization the same as 2016 as follows:

Paul Wyman	President
Tyler Moore	Vice President
Brad Bray	Member

The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the December 19, 2016 Regular Meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

The minutes of the December 28, 2016 Regular Meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

PLAN COMMISSION:

1) Plan Commission Director Greg Sheline submitted Case 9-CP-16, one (1) lot in Journey's End Subdivision, located at 9987 East County Road 200 South, Greentown, Indiana. This received a favorable recommendation from the Plan Commission Board. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray, and carried to approve Case 9-CP-16, one lot in Journey's End Subdivision at 9987 East CR 200 South, as presented.

2) Case 10-CP-16 is one (1) lot in Frye Homestead Subdivision located at 1555 North County Road 400 West, Kokomo, Indiana. This request received a favorable recommendation from the Plan Commission Board. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve one lot in Frye Homestead Subdivision located at 1555 North CR 400 West, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

3) Mr. Sheline submitted Ordinance No. 2017-BCCO-01, the rezoning of property located at 1555 North County Road 400 West, Kokomo, from AG (Agricultural) to RR (Rural Residential). This request received a favorable recommendation from the Plan Commission Board, with no remonstrance. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve Ordinance No. 2017-BCCO-01, the re-zoning of property located at 1555 North CR 300 West, Kokomo, from AG (Agricultural) to RR (Rural Residential). The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

Auditor Martha Lake submitted the Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime claims effective January 6 & 13, 2017, in the amount of \$386,879.99 each. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve the Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime claims as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

County Attorney Larry Murrell submitted the following issues for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Vacation of Easement:** The Vacation of Easement for property located at 5485 West County Road 300 South, Russiaville, Indiana has not yet been closed (*please refer to page two, Issue one of the Public Hearing, of the regular meeting minutes dated November 21, 2016 and page three, item two, "In The Matter Of County Attorney Issues", of the Regular Meeting Minutes dated December 28, 2016*). Mr. Murrell has received a copy of the easement vacation Ordinance but is still waiting on additional documents. Until those are received, the vacation remains open.
2. **Employment Contract:** A motion was made by Mr. Moore to extend the Employment Agreements for County Attorney Larry Murrell and Assistant County Attorney Alan D. Wilson, through December 31, 2017. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

COMMISSIONER WYMAN:

Mr. Wyman reminded the Commissioners that at the December 7th Council Meeting the County Council approved to consent to Representative Karickhoff's filing of a bill authorizing the County Council to enact an Innkeepers tax not to exceed 8%. This included the additions and deletions penciled in by the Alliance, except that lines 35 through 40 on page 4 must remain in the bill and not be deleted. This proposed legislation does not change the way the Convention and Visitor's Bureau is run, but it will increase the rate of tax dollars coming in to Howard County. At the conclusion of ensuing discussion a motion was made by Mr. Moore to express support of the December 20, 2016 draft of legislation to increase the Innkeeper's tax from 5% to 8%. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m. on a motion made by
Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.*

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

TYLER O. MOORE, VICE PRESIDENT

ROBERT B. BRAY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR
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