

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING JUNE 5, 2017

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, June 5, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman and Member Brad Bray. Also present were County Attorney Larry Murrell, Assistant County Attorney Alan Wilson, and Auditor Martha Lake. Vice President Tyler Moore was not in attendance.

In order to carry out the County's business in today's meeting, President Wyman vacated the chair in order make a motion or to second any motion made.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Steve Rogers and conducted by President Wyman. Commissioner Bray led in the Pledge of Allegiance and President Wyman offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

1. Sheriff Steve Rogers introduced Officer Allen Weimer. Officer Weimer will be sworn in today as a Sheriff's Deputy. Officer Weimer was a member of Sheriff Cadets in high school and, after college graduation, went on to work as a Corrections Officer in the Criminal Justice Center. He looks forward to serving as a Sheriff's Deputy for Howard County. Deputy Weimer was sworn in by Chief Deputy Clerk Debbie Stewart, surrounded by his family and fiancé. Pictures were taken and congratulations were given by all.

2. Mr. Wyman introduced Mr. Nick Osborne, Road Gang Supervisor at the Sheriff's Department, as the April employee of the month. Mr. Osborne is willing to help in all departments and he never disappoints. He is involved with several different projects, often without direction, and does them well. He has respect for the crew he supervises. Mr. Wyman commented "...I've seen you in action many a times and you're just a champ." Mr. Osborne received a round of applause as well as a small glass monument and a certificate. Pictures were taken before he left the podium.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the Regular Meeting dated May 15, 2017, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Wyman, and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Project Manager Pam Isaac submitted a Memorandum of Understanding between Howard County and the Greater Kokomo Economic Development Alliance, on behalf of a new Rent Abatement Grant to KNM Enterprises, "The Cellar." The Grant is for \$5,000.00, and the location is 113 E. Sycamore St., Suite B, Kokomo, Indiana. The Rent Abatement Grant has been approved by the Grant Committee and will begin in September. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Rent Abatement Grant awarded to The Cellar, KNM Enterprises. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray, and carried.

PLAN COMMISSION:

1) Plan Commission Director Greg Sheline submitted Case 2-CP-17, 13.92 acres and 5 lots in the Grandview Planned Unit Development. This is located at 6203 East County Road 100 North, Kokomo, and was given a favorable recommendation by the Plan Commission Board. A motion was made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Wyman, and carried to approve the Plat as presented.

2) Mr. Sheline submitted Case 4-CP-17, 11.66 acres and one (1) lot in Gingerich Acres Subdivision, located at 5260 East County Road 100 North, Kokomo, Indiana. The request was given a favorable recommendation by the Plan Commission Board. Case 4-CP-17 was approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Wyman, and carried.

3) Ordinance No. 2017-BCCO-21 was submitted as a re-zoning request for property located at 5260 East County Road 100 North, Kokomo, Indiana. The petition from Paul L. and Ruth Ann Gingerich requested the property be re-zoned from AG (Agriculture) to RR (Rural Residential) and received a favorable recommendation by the Plan Commission Board. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve Ordinance No. 2017-BCCO-21, the request to re-

zone property from AG (Agricultural) to RR (Rural Residential). The motion was seconded by Mr. Wyman, and carried.

RECORDER:

Howard County Recorder Brook Cleaver submitted Ordinance No. 2017-BCCO-22, an ordinance of the Howard County Board of Commissioners establishing the manner and form in which the Recorder may provide bulk form copies to a bulk user and change fees. If approved, this Ordinance will become effective July 1, 2017. The most recent Indiana Code allows the Recorder's Office to include the cost of a watermark or other protective features into their fee structure. The last increase to these fees was seventeen (17) years ago. Technology costs have greatly increased in the last seventeen years. The September, 2016 cost study showed that the Recorder's Office actually spends more than \$.20 per page for these copies and believes a raise from \$.10 to \$.13 is appropriate at this time. A motion was made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Wyman, and carried to approve Ordinance No. 2017-BCCO-22 as submitted.

IN THE MATTER OF RATIFYING VICE PRESIDENT MOORE'S SIGNATURE:

Mr. Wyman submitted a Letter of Commitment to participate as an active regional team member in the implementation of the Stronger Economics Together (SET) plan, as part of the North Central Indiana Regional Plan Commission. The letter was previously signed by Vice President Moore and Mr. Wyman asks that the signature be ratified. A motion was made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Wyman, and carried to ratify Vice President Tyler Moore's signature on the Commitment Letter to Mr. Steven Ray of the North Central Indiana Regional Plan Commission.

IN THE MATTER OF AN INVITATION TO BID FOR FIVE SHERIFF VEHICLES:

Captain Jerry Asher requested permission to send out Invitations to Bid for five (5) new Sheriff Patrol Vehicles. Captain Asher will bring the quotes back in a month. A motion was made by Mr. Wyman, seconded by Mr. Bray, and carried to approve the Request to send out Invitations to Bid for five (5) new Sheriff Patrol Vehicles.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

Auditor Martha Lake submitted the following issues for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime claims, payable June 9 and 16, 2017, in the amount of \$366,128.54 each, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Wyman, and carried.
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims payable today, in the amount of \$676,230.12, were submitted, and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Wyman, and carried.
3. **Monthly Reports:** Ms. Lake submitted the following monthly reports and they were receipted in the records: Treasurer's Report for the month ending April 30, 2017; Weights & Measures Report for the month of April 16 to May 16, 2017; Recorder's Report of Collections for April and May, 2017.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

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

1. **Green Acres Subdivision:** Mr. Murrell submitted a Non-Liability / Hold Harmless Agreement to indemnify and hold harmless Howard County, its Board of Commissioners, County Council, or any officer, agent or employee for any financial, administrative, operational, and maintenance obligation incurred as a result of the Green Acres Subdivision being added to the Taylor Regional Sewer District (*please refer to page two, "In The Matter of Petition To Amend The Taylor Regional Sewer District", of the Regular Meeting minutes dated May 15, 2017*). A motion was made by Mr. Wyman, seconded by Mr. Bray, and carried to approve and sign the Non-Liability / Hold Harmless Agreement.
2. **DLZ Indiana:** Mr. Murrell informed the Commissioners that DLZ Indiana has been asked to submit a Professional Services Agreement regarding the Renovation of the Howard County Old Jail into a Howard County Work Release. A copy of the proposal has not yet been received, but Mr. Murrell suggests that the

proposal be approved, and Mr. Wyman can sign the Services Proposal when it is received. Mr. Wyman informed those in attendance that they hope to have drawings at the next Commissioner meeting so they can move forward in beginning renovations before the end of July, 2017. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve the Professional Services Proposal between the Howard County Board of Commissioners and DLZ Indiana LLC for the renovation of the Old Jail Facility to a Work Release Center, and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, when the finished proposal is received. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wyman, and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

COMMISSIONER WYMAN:

Commissioner Wyman congratulated the Town of Russiaville on a successful Summer Fest, last weekend. The EMA volunteers were out to assist, as well as several Deputies.

*There being no further business to come before the Board at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m. on a motion made by
Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Wyman, 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
Howard County Commissioner Meeting June 5, 2017