

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING: JUNE 27, 2023

The Howard County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 4:02 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included Council President John J. Roberts, Council Vice President Daryl Maple, Council Members Bryan Alexander, Tim Cuthbert, Martha J. Lake, Brett Sanders, Frank Faulkner, County Auditor Jessica Secrease, and County Attorney Alan Wilson. The meeting was called to order and conducted by Council President Roberts.

Councilwoman Lake led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilmen Cuthbert offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the regular meeting held on May 23, 2023, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Councilman Faulkner. Councilwoman Lake seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-HCCO-23 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Auditor Jessica Secrease read Ordinance No. 2023-HCCO-23 – Additional Appropriations one time, and the ordinance was acted upon as follows:

Additional Appropriations and Reductions		Requested	Approved
<u>1000</u>	<u>COUNTY GENERAL FUND:</u>		
<u>0005</u>	<u>Sheriff:</u>		
11100	Elected Official	10,314.00	10,314.00
<u>0068</u>	<u>Commissioners:</u>		
31200	Contract Services	150,000.00	150,000.00
	<u>TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND:</u>	160,314.00	160,314.00
<u>9131</u>	<u>DRUG COURT GRANT FUND:</u>		
30001	Special Projects & Incentives	2,500.00	2,500.00
32641	Drug Screens	4,500.00	4,500.00
32645	Family Inclusion	3,000.00	3,000.00
	<u>TOTAL DRUG COURT GRANT FUND:</u>	10,000.00	10,000.00
<u>9524</u>	<u>MENTAL HEALTH PSC GRANT FUND:</u>		
23749	Incentives – MHC	2,500.00	2,500.00
32144	Travel & Training – MHC	3,000.00	3,000.00
32642	Drug Testing – MHC	4,500.00	4,500.00
	<u>TOTAL MENTAL HEALTH PSC GRANT FUND:</u>	10,000.00	10,000.00
	<u>TOTAL ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR ALL FUNDS:</u>	180,314.00	180,314.00

1000 County General Fund | 0380 Jail:

Sheriff Jerry Asher requested to appropriate a salary increase for his salary that is State-mandated. Sheriff Asher also submitted a copy of the balance of the Commissary Fund to the Council.

1000 County General Fund | 0068 Commissioners:

Commissioner President Brad Bray requested an additional appropriation to cover attorney fees that are not covered by insurance.

9131 Drug Court Grant Fund:

Judge Matthew Elkin requested to appropriate their State grant funding.

9524 Mental Health PSC Grant Fund:

Judge Brant Perry requested to appropriate their State grant funding. Judge Perry also announced his resignation that will take place at the end of this year.

The additional appropriations were approved on a motion made by Councilman Faulkner to approve Ordinance No. 2023-HCCO-23 – Additional Appropriations. Councilman Alexander seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER RESOLUTION NO. 2023-HCCR-10 – TRANSFERS:

Auditor Jessica Secrease read Resolution No. 2023-HCCR-10 – Transfers one time, and the ordinance was acted upon as follows:

	Transfer From		Transfer To	Requested	Approved
	<u>1114 LIT – SPECIAL PURPOSE FUND:</u>				
	<u>0380 Jail:</u>				
11906	Correctional Officer	12008	Part-Time Correctional Officer	20,000.00	20,000.000
11906	Correctional Officer	12200	Overtime – Correctional Officer	150,000.00	150,000.00
	<u>1170 LIT – PUBLIC SAFETY FUND:</u>				
12300	Dispatcher	12305	Overtime – Dispatcher	30,000.00	30,000.00
	<u>8910 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS GRANT FUND:</u>				
32620	Professional Fees	12705	School Health Liaison	52,179.00	52,179.00
32620	Professional Fees	15120	FICA	4,100.00	4,100.00
32620	Professional Fees	15220	PERF	7,500.00	7,500.00
32620	Professional Fees	15230	Insurance	15,000.00	15,000.00
	<u>9212 JDAI GRANT FUND:</u>				
11700	Part-Time	20000	Supplies	7,150.00	7,150.00
15210	FICA	20000	Supplies	250.00	250.00

1114 LIT – Special Purpose Fund | 0380 Jail:

Sheriff Jerry Asher requested a transfer to cover additional part-time work that is needed to cover overtime.

1170 LIT – Public Safety Fund:

Sheriff Jerry Asher requested a transfer to cover overtime in dispatch.

8910 Public Health Crisis Response Grant Fund:

Health Department Administrator James Vest requested a transfer to create a full-time position for the School Health Liaison.

9212 JDAI Grant Fund:

Community Supervision Director Dustin DeLong requested a transfer to expend the rest of the JDAI grant funding.

Councilwoman Lake made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-HCCR-10 – Transfers as read. Councilman Maple seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE. NO. 2023-HCCO-24 – SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS:

Auditor Jessica Secrease, read Ordinance No. 2023-HCCO-24– Salary Ordinance Amendments one time, and the ordinance was acted upon as follows:

	Salary Amendments		Requested	Approved
	<u>1000 COUNTY GENERAL FUND:</u>			
	<u>0005 Sheriff:</u>			
11100	Elected Official		10,314.00	10,314.00
	<u>1114 LIT – SPEACIAL PURPOSE FUND:</u>			
	<u>0380 Jail:</u>			
11906	Correctional Officer		(170,000.00)	(170,000.00)
12008	Part-Time Correctional Officer		20,000.00	20,000.00

12200	Overtime – Correctional Officer	150,000.00	150,000.00
<u>1170 LIT-PUBLIC SAFETY FUND:</u>			
12300	Dispatcher	(30,000.00)	(30,000.00)
12305	Overtime – Dispatcher	30,000.00	30,000.00
<u>8910 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE GRANT FUND:</u>			
12705	School Health Liaison	52,179.00	52,179.00
15120	FICA	4,100.00	4,100.00
15220	PERF	7,500.00	7,500.00
15230	Insurance	15,000.00	15,000.00
<u>9212 JDAI GRANT FUND:</u>			
11700	Part-Time	(7,150.00)	(7,150.00)
15210	FICA	(250.00)	(250.00)

Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-HCCO-24 – Salary Ordinance Amendments as read; Councilman Faulkner seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:

2023 Pay 2024 Form CF-1- MB Real Estate Leasing, LLC

Auditor Jessica Secrease submitted the 2023 Pay 2024 Form CF-1- MB Real Estate Leasing, LLC abatement. This abatement has already been approved; this is just a renewal. The abatement was approved on a motion made by Councilman Faulkner. Councilwoman Lake seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

2023 Pay 2024 Form CF-1- Merrell Bros., Inc.

Auditor Jessica Secrease submitted the 2023 Pay 2024 Form CF-1- Merrell Bros., Inc abatement. This abatement has already been approved; this is just a renewal. The abatement was approved on a motion made by Councilman Faulkner. Councilwoman Lake seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Councilman Faulkner thanked Auditor Secrease for scheduling him for a training session he recently attended. Councilwoman Lake stated that it was a great conference and had lots of great information on property taxes. President Roberts complimented State Senator Buck on his presentation on freedoms and liberties.

*There being no further business to come before the Council at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. on a motion made by Councilman Faulkner.
Councilman Alexander seconded the motion, and the motion carried.*

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL:

JOHN J. ROBERTS, PRESIDENT

DARLY MAPLE, VICE PRESIDENT

BRYAN ALEXANDER, COUNCILMAN

MARTHA J. LAKE, COUNCILWOMAN

FRANK FAULKNER, COUNCILMAN

TIM CUTHBERT, COUNCILMAN

BRETT SANDERS, COUNCILMAN

ATTEST:

JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

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