

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING APRIL 4, 2016

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, April 4, 2016, 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 D. Wilson, and Auditor Martha Lake.

The meeting was called to order by Captain Jerry Asher 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 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the March 21, 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 March 21, 2016 Public Hearing were submitted. The hearing was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Russiaville Town Hall located at 250 North Union Street, Russiaville, Indiana. Those in attendance included Commissioners Paul Wyman, Tyler Moore, and Brad Bray; County Attorney Larry Murrell and Auditor Martha Lake; Town Board President Jeff Lipinski; Tina Henderson with Mendenhall and Associates and Ethel Morgan, Hometown Engineering. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed federally funded Community Development Block Grant project. This project is a Wastewater Utility Master Plan for the unincorporated community of New London. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Special Session minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS / RECOGNITION:

The following Special Announcements / Recognition were commended as follows:

- A)** Commissioner Moore expressed appreciation to the Information Systems Department employees and Director Terry Tribby for the new microphone system for the Hearing Room in the Administration Center.
- B)** President Wyman informed all that the Board of Commissioners have instituted an Employee of the Month in appreciation of County employees. The first Employee of the Month is Ms. Rita Berry from Alcohol & Drug / Adult Probation Department. Ms. Berry was nominated by her coworkers and was introduced by Chief Probation Officer Dustin Delong. Ms. Berry was congratulated and received a certificate along with a gift.

IN THE MATTER OF PLAN COMMISSION ISSUES:

Plan Commission Director Greg Sheline submitted the following issues for the Commissioners' consideration:

1. **Ordinance No. 2016-BCCO-11:** Mr. Sheline submitted Ordinance No. 2016-BCCO-11, an ordinance to re-zone property located at 7050 West County Road 600 South, Russiaville, Indiana. The request is to change the zoning from AG (Agricultural) to RR (Rural Residential). This request received a favorable recommendation from the Plan Commission Board and Mr. Moore reported that there was no remonstrance. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve Case 1-CZ-16, the request to re-zone property located at 7050 West County Road 600 South from AG (Agricultural) to RR (Rural Residential).
2. **Case 2-CP-16:** This request is for one (1) lot in Sycamore View Subdivision, located at 7050 West County Road 600 South, Kokomo, Indiana. It 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 2-CP-16 as submitted.
3. **Case 1-CP-16:** This is for one (1) lot in McKean Subdivision, located at 1383 North County Road 700 West, Kokomo, Indiana. It received a favorable recommendation from the Plan Commission Board. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve Case 1-CP-16, one lot in McKean Subdivision. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2016-BCCO-12:

Commissioner Moore submitted Ordinance No. 2016-BCCO-12, an ordinance authorizing purchase of plaques and awards for a nominal sum. This ordinance applies not only to the Employee of the Month for county employees, but also authorizes expenditures for county citizens in recognition of notable achievements. Ordinance No. 2016-BCCO-12 was approved as submitted on a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

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 were submitted, payable April 8 & 15, 2016, in the amount of \$371,495.90 each. The Salary, Hourly, and Overtime claims were approved as submitted on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims, payable today, in the amount of \$614,557.56 were submitted. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve the Operating 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 Board's information and approval:

1. **Vote Center Agreement:** Mr. Murrell submitted an agreement between Howard County (Clerk Office) and Indiana Wesleyan University for the use of one (1) room at their Markland location, as a Vote Center. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Agreement with Indiana Wesleyan University and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.
2. **Blight Elimination Extension:** Mr. Murrell submitted a Request for Extension on the Blight Elimination Project, received from Grant Administrator Tina Henderson. This request will ask to extend the grant ending date from April 22, 2016. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Extension Request for the Blight Elimination Project, subject to legal review by Attorney Murrell, and authorize President Wyman to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

COMMISSIONER BRAY:

Mr. Bray expressed sincere appreciation to the thousands of people that honored fallen officer Deputy Carl Koontz during his visitation and funeral.

COMMISSIONER MOORE:

Mr. Moore also commented on the funeral and procession of Deputy Koontz, saying that it sent a message nationwide of the honor, respect, and appreciation this community has for those who "serve and protect". Prayers will continue for the family of Deputy Koontz and for the Howard County Sheriff's Department.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 4:21 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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