

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING AUGUST 1, 2016

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, August 1, 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 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 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the July 18, 2016 Regular Meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as submitted on a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1) Several weeks ago Mr. Jerry Paul attended the annual "Pop Tab on the Circle" event in Indianapolis. It is the goal to collect 10 million tabs in three hours. This year the Guinness World Record representatives were in attendance for a twenty-four hour period. Over 6,400,000 tabs were collected, and of the over 6 million collected 3,234,660 were from Howard County. On behalf of the program, One Veteran One Child One Million Tabs, Mr. Paul presented the Board of Commissioners with the eighth (8th) plaque to the Riley Kids of Howard County. The Commissioners accepted the Plaque and expressed gratitude to Mr. Paul for his work in this endeavor. Mr. Paul was given a round of applause.

2) Commissioner Moore announced the Employee of the Month, from Kinsey Youth Center, Ms. Galar McGee. As Ms. McGee was making her way to the podium, Mr. Moore read the letter submitted by Kinsey Youth Director Mr. Jeff Lipinski, citing that Ms. McGee not only works in the kitchen, but she is also willing to go wherever she is needed, even cleaning the restrooms. Ms. McGee is the "Ultimate Team Player". Ms. McGee was presented with a plaque from the Kokomo Opalescent Shop, a Gift Certificate from Jamie's Soda Fountain, and an Employee of the Month Certificate. Pictures were taken and congratulations were given.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

PLAN COMMISSION:

1) Plan Commission Director Greg Sheline submitted Case 7-CP-16, a one lot subdivision, Wilson Way, located at 6111 East County Road 100 North. There is no remonstrance to this request. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the one subdivision Wilson Way, Case 7-CP-16 located at 6111 East County Road 100 North. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

2) Mr. Sheline submitted Ordinance No. 2016-BCCO-28, an ordinance to re-zone property located at 6111 East County Road 100 North from AG (Agricultural) to RR (Rural Residential). A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve Ordinance No. 2016-BCCO-28, the re-zone request, from AG (Agricultural) to RR (Rural Residential) for the property located at 6111 East CR 100 North. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

3) Bids for the demolition of unsafe property located at 2367 S CR 465 West were submitted and opened as follows:

Rice Demolition	\$ 7,300.00
City of Firsts Excavating & Demolition LLC	\$12,900.00
Merritt & Son Excavating	\$ 7,500.00
Alliance Excavating & Demolition, INC.	\$ 9,880.00
Vincent Concrete	\$13,658.00

A motion was made by Mr. Moore to receive the bids submitted and take them under advisement for further review by Mr. Sheline. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF WORK RELEASE DISCUSSION:

Mr. Wyman commented that at last week's Council Meeting, the County Council did not approve a \$1 million dollar Renovation Project Proposal of the Old Jail facility for the purpose of a Work Release Center. At the end of the Council Meeting, the Howard County Council passed a motion asking the Board of Commissioners to consider constructing a new facility for the Work Release program. There has been discussion between the Council members and Commissioners to re-visit this matter at the next Council Meeting, but that will not happen.

Commissioner Moore commented that the need for the program exists and has been discussed for the last twenty years. It is not the Board of Commissioners intent to build a new facility with taxpayer money. The plan to use the Old Jail Facility has been a collective effort of the Community Corrections Advisory Board, Superior Court Judges, the Board of Commissioners, the Sheriff's Department, and several Council members. It makes sense to use a building the County already has.

Commissioner Bray added to the discussion, saying that experts have seen the building and commented that it would work fine for a Work Release Center. He believes renovating and using the Old Jail Facility is the best option.

Mr. Wyman opened the floor for comment as follows:

Superior Court III Judge Douglas Tate: Judge Tate thanked all who were involved with this plan to place Work Release in the Old Jail Facility. He still hopes that the Council will reconsider their decision.

Brad Bagwell, Chairman of the Community Corrections Advisory Board: He thanked all involved and commented that he was shocked by the Council decision. There is still an issue of over-crowding at the present jail facility. Before a judge mandates expansion, he believes that other options for the Work Release could exist and should be explored.

Pam Beckem, 1524 West Jefferson Street, Kokomo: Ms. Beckem would not be in favor of raising taxes to build a new facility for Work Release. She also talked about the consequences of losing the \$1.1 million grant.

Discussion ensued and questions were asked, and at its conclusion a motion was made by Mr. Moore to reject the Council recommendation to build a new Work Release Center in Howard County. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF HOWARD COUNTY PROJECTS:

1) Projects Manager Pam Isaac submitted a Memorandum of Understanding between Howard County and the Greater Kokomo Economic Development Alliance for a Rent Abatement Grant to Superior 5 LLC Corp., a restaurant opening October 1, 2016 on 400 West Superior Street. The Rent Abatement Committee has reviewed and approved the application. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Superior 5 LLC, Corp, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

2) Projects Manager Pam Isaac submitted a Community Development Block Grant Program Planning Grant Fund, EDS #A192-16-PL-15-027. This Planning Grant is from the State of Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Howard County Commissioners are acting as the lead applicant for this planning grant, in the amount of \$29,500.00, that will be used to study the New London Wastewater Project. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the OCRA Community Development Block Grant Planning Grant, EDS#A192-16-PL-15-027, in the amount of \$29,500, and authorize President Wyman to sign on behalf of Howard County. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

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

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims, dated August 5 & 12, 2016, in the amount of \$369,320.26 each, were submitted, and approved 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 \$1,327,603.93, were submitted, and approved for payment on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

3. **Early Paid Claim:** Ms. Lake submitted an early paid claim to William W. Bassett Revocable Living Trust and Sharon S. Bassett Revocable Living Trust, in the amount of \$1,120.00, for the purchase of right-of-way property, and asked that Mr. Wyman's signature be ratified. A motion was made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore, and carried to ratify the signature of Mr. Wyman on the early paid claim.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

COMMISSIONER MOORE:

Mr. Moore submitted the EMA Monthly Report for July, 2016, and the June, 2016 recap. The EMA Monthly Report was received on a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

COMMISSIONER WYMAN:

Mr. Wyman thanked Councilmen Jeff Stout, Jim Papacek, and Stan Ortman, for their work on the Work Release Project. He also thanked Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Bray, and Larry Murrell for their work on the project, as well.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Wyman opened the floor for Public Comment as follows:

Jerry Paul, Kokomo, Indiana: Mr. Paul is working on his final War Memorial (Women's Legacy Memorial) and has asked to take measurements at the southwest corner of the Courthouse Lawn, as he would like to install the monument there. Discussion ensued and Commissioner Wyman commented that he could take measurements, but that was not to be construed as permission to place the monument at that location. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to direct Mr. Paul to call Mr. Wyman on the day he would like to take the measurements so that the Maintenance Department knows, or he can stop in the Maintenance Office before taking the measurements.

Derrick Glass, 5896 North CR 600 E, Windfall: At the June 6th Public Hearing for Unsafe Property, Mr. Glass asked permission to purchase the unsafe property located at 1250 East CR 350 South, Greentown. It was his plan to renovate the property and occupy the property. The Board of Commissioners agreed to the plan as long as Mr. Glass would secure the property by thirty (30) days, would come back to the Board of Commissioners in sixty (60) days, and show the progress of the renovations. They also would like Mr. Glass to have the house occupied in a year's time (*please refer to page 2, Public Hearing, of the Commissioner Meeting minutes dated June 6, 2016*). Mr. Glass now submits pictures of the progress that has been made on the property, for the Commissioners' review. The Commissioners were impressed with the progress made.

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

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

TYLER G. MOORE, VICE PRESIDENT

ROBERT B. BRAY, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR
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