

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING JULY 7, 2014

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, July 7, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the 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 and Auditor Martha Lake.

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the June 16, 2014, Regular Meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Bray.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SWEARING-IN OF A NEW DEPUTY:

Sheriff Steve Rogers informed the Commissioners that a Merit Deputy had retired earlier in the year. The process of selection of a replacement began in March and Sheriff Rogers introduced the officer chosen, Mr. Andrew Doran. Chief Deputy Clerk Debbie Stewart took Mr. Doran, joined by his parents, through the swearing-in process. Officer Doran spoke to the Board of Commissioners, informing them that he was born and raised in Kokomo and is a graduate of Taylor High School. Officer Doran attended IUK and while there, worked for the University Police Department, receiving his Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice. He has already graduated from the Police Academy and is ready to begin as a Deputy for Howard County. Officer Doran thanked Howard County for this opportunity. He was congratulated by the Board of Commissioners.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT:

1) Sheriff Rogers needs to replace one of the washing machines at the Criminal Justice Center. He believes it is an original piece of equipment. Maintenance Supervisor Bill Stonestreet continued the request, informing the Board that his department tried to repair the machine but were unable to complete the repair. Because of the current footprint of the placement of the washers, he can replace the old washer with a new sixty-five (65) pound washer for \$9,315.00, from UniMac. It will be paid from Jail & Juvenile COIT (1120-025-04721.00). A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve the purchase of a 65lb. washer, from UniMac, in the amount of \$9,315.00. Mr. Stonestreet informed the Commissioners that he plans on replacing the other two washers in 2015, and has included the cost in his 2015 Budget Request.

2) Lieutenant Jerry Asher submitted a check, in the amount of \$20,623.25, from the Insurance Company for the Detective pick-up truck that had been totaled in an accident. He submitted three quotes for a new pick-up truck as follows:

Erik Chevrolet	Chevy Pick-up	\$32,775.00
Button Motors	Chrysler Pick-up	\$28,238.00
Greentown Ford	Ford Truck	\$30,229.00

All pick-up trucks quoted would meet the requirements of the Sheriff's Department and Lieutenant Asher recommended the purchase of the Chrysler Pick-up Truck from Button Motors as the lowest, most responsive quote, in the amount of \$28,238.00. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve the purchase of the Chrysler pick-up truck from Button Motors, in the amount of \$28,238.00, and to accept the insurance check in the amount of \$20,623.25. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

1) Highway Department Engineer / Superintendent Ted Cain submitted a Local Public Agency Bridge construction inspection agreement with Butler, Fairman and Seufert, in the amount of \$69,300.00, for Bridge #64. This project is scheduled to be let in November with construction work to be done in April, 2015. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve the Local Public Agency Consulting Contract between Howard County and Butler, Fairman & Seufert, for construction inspection services for Bridge 64, Lafountain Street over Kokomo Creek, in an amount not to exceed \$69,300.00, and authorize the President to sign paperwork on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

2) Mr. Cain has prepared specifications to quote a single axle dump truck in the near future. The purchase will be made from Highway funds. Mr. Cain also spoke of future equipment purchases in the next five years that may require help from the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Cain will also submit Additional Appropriations requests to the Council for several bridge repairs.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY:

On behalf of Director Janice Hart, Stormwater Coordinator Greg Lake submitted a request to dispose of an unused vehicle. As part of preparation for the upcoming MS-4 Audit, Mr. Lake has asked that the abandoned 1999 Crown Victoria, formerly used for repair parts for other vehicles, be disposed of because it is no longer being used. He is asking that the Board of Commissioners declare the vehicle has “no value” and authorize EMA to dispose of it. Ms. Hart is asking that EMA be allowed to retain any proceeds from the disposal. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to declare the 1999 Crown Victoria to have “No Value” and authorize the Emergency Management Agency to dispose of the vehicle, with any proceeds to go back to EMA, and authorize the President to sign the title, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

JUVENILE PROBATION:

Assistant Chief Probation Officer / Juvenile Chris Biehn submitted the continuing JDAI Grant, in the amount of \$92,000.00, from July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015. This is to support the salaries and services of the JDAI Coordinator and part time officers to reduce recidivism as an alternative to detention. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve the 2014-2015 JDAI Grant for the funding of JDAI initiatives.

KINSEY YOUTH CENTER:

KYC Director Jeff Lipinski reminded the Commissioners that in 2013 they allowed him to replace gymnasium lighting. Outdoor standing lighting has been replaced for about \$600.00, from Kinsey funds, but the “Walpacs” located on the building need replacement. Seven of the seventeen (17) walpacs are not operational and he would like to replace them with LED lighting. The cost will be \$7,497.00 and is eligible for a \$2,040.00 rebate from Duke Energy at the completion of the project. He is asking that half of the funding would come from the FFT Fund and half from the Commissioners line item in the Cumulative Capital Fund (1138-04000), and that all of the rebate be put back into the FFT Fund. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the outdoor walpac light replacement project at Kinsey Youth Center, in the amount of \$7,497.00, half to be paid from the FFT Fund and half to be paid from the Commissioners Equipment line item in the Cumulative Capital Fund (1138-04000). The rebate will be split between the two funds, after it has been received. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:

Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Bill Stonestreet submitted an agreement with Waste Management for trash removal services. This three year agreement will consolidate services into one account that will include the Criminal Justice Center, Kinsey Youth Center, Howard County Home, and the Highway Department. This will not include the 30 yard roll-off located on Berkley Street, which is where the downtown offices are currently dumping into. The County will see a savings of about \$6,000.00 per year. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the three year Waste Management Proposal of Consolidated Services of the dumpsters located at the Criminal Justice Center, Kinsey Youth Center, Howard County Home and the County Highway Department, in the amount of \$1,402.00 monthly, and subject to the final review of the contract by County Attorney Murrell. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

At 4:35 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to recess the Regular Meeting in order to open a Public Hearing for an unsafe property located at 4447 East County Road 400 South.

Mr. Greg Sheline reported that he has not received any communication from the owner, Mr. Richard Shane Rankins, nor from either of the banks involved, for the property located at 4447 E. County Road 400 South, Hemlock, Indiana. The floor was opened for comment by President Wyman but no public comment was given.

County Attorney Murrell submitted Resolution No. 2014 BCCR-14, a resolution of the Howard County Board of Commissioners affirming the May 22, 2014 order on Unsafe Premises issued by the Howard County Enforcement Authority. This resolution also sets the final hearing on demolition for Monday, August 4, 2014, at 4:30 p.m. before the Board of Commissioners. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve Resolution No. 2014-BCCR-14 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

Mr. Sheline informed the Commissioners that in the last two days, his office has received seven (7) more complaints of unsafe properties. His office is beginning the process of investigation for those properties.

The Public Hearing was closed and the Regular Meeting reconvened on a motion made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Bray.

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, payable July 3, July 11, and July 18, in the amount of \$357,879.12 each, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray and seconded by Mr. Moore.
2. **Operating Claims:** Commissioner Operating Claims payable today, in the amount of \$864,987.33, were approved for payment on a motion made by Mr. Bray and seconded by Mr. Moore.
3. **Monthly Reports:** Ms. Lake submitted the following monthly reports: Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month ending May 31, 2014; Weights and Measures Monthly Report for May 16 – June 14, 2014; Recorder Monthly Report for month of June, 2014. All monthly reports were accepted as submitted on a motion made by Mr. Bray and seconded by Mr. Moore.
4. **SRI Contract:** This contract with SRI has been reviewed by Mr. Murrell, and is for Tax Sale support services. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the contract with SRI for the 2014 Tax Sale services. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.
5. **Employee Bonus:** Ms. Lake submitted the Distribution Report for the Employee Bonus to be paid July 11, 2014, in the amount of \$466,000.00. The Employee Bonus was approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray and seconded by Mr. Moore.
6. **Early Payment of Claims:** Ms. Lake submitted three claims that were paid early, on approval by signature of President Wyman: Howard County Community Corrections, \$11,275.00 and \$7,840.00; Nancy Joan Obermeyer & First Farmers Bank & Trust, \$112,600.00. Mr. Wyman's signature on the early pay claims was ratified and confirmed on a motion made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Bray.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY MATTERS:

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

1. **DLZ Invoice:** Mr. Murrell submitted an invoice from DLZ, Indiana, in the amount of \$1,250.00, for the Howard County Work Release Feasibility Study, through June 7, 2014. The invoice was approved for payment on a motion made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.
2. **Barnes & Thornburg Invoices:** Mr. Murrell submitted two invoices from Barnes and Thornburg as follows: for legal services for the period ending May 31, 2014, for the Kinsey Youth Center / Ruben Cable EEOC Matter, in the amount of \$192.00; General Finance Advice for the period ending May 31, 2014, in the amount of \$236.00. Both invoices were approved for payment as submitted on a motion made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Bray.
3. **Small Business Grants:** The Small Business Grant Committee has approved two grants. Mr. Murrell submitted a Memorandum of Understanding for Todd Rudicel d/b/a/ The District, and a Memorandum of Understanding for the Laugh House, LLC. Both grants were for \$5,000.00. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Howard County Board of Commissioners and the Greater Kokomo Economic Development Alliance for a Small Business Grant, in the amount of \$5,000.00 for The District. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Howard County Board of Commissioners and the Greater Kokomo Economic

Development Alliance, for a \$5,000.00 Small Business Grant. Mr. Wyman abstained from the vote for approval.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

COMMISSIONER MOORE:

1) Mr. Moore submitted two notices received for work done at the Speedway Gas Station located on the corner of Markland Avenue and Goyer Road. One concerns a Public Hearing at City Hall at the City Plan Commission Meeting, and the other is a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. tonight, at the Drainage Board Meeting. Both notices were received on a motion made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Bray.

2) A notice was received from Martin Marietta to locate a portable crushing plant at the Kokomo Stone facility at 2400 West County Road 50 South. That notice was received on a motion made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Bray.

3) Notices from Greentown Reynolds were received concerning continuing issues with power lines in Greentown. The notice was received on a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

4) Employee Service Certificates and Appreciation for the following employees:

5 Years:	Craig Dechert
10 Years:	Mary Tweed Darlene Heflin James Vest
15 Years:	Scott Waymire Mark Brubaker Teresa Lidy
20 Years:	William Roberson Pamela Martin Mark Rude
25 Years:	Carla Miller Lisa England Russell Gordon
35 Years:	Marcia Pierce
40 Years:	Richard Auler, Jr.

Thanks and appreciation to all those employees who have reached these milestones.

COMMISSIONER WYMAN:

Mr. Wyman thanked the community for an incredible Hanes Apperson festival, especially the County, City of Kokomo, and the record crowds.

Auditor Lake commended Mr. Wyman for the fantastic job he did for the festival.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Wyman opened the floor for Public Comment as follows:

John Garr, 1350 East County Road 3710 North, Howard County Indiana; spoke against proposed wind farm in eastern Howard County.

Alice Richey, Swayzee, Indiana: Spoke against the proposed wind farm in eastern Howard County.

Bill Gales, 804 Jeff Drive, Kokomo, Indiana: The current Smoke Ordinance does not take care of second hand smoke in the county. He asks that the Commissioners approve an Ordinance to stop illegal burning of yard waste.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m. on a motion made by
Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore 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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