

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING DECEMBER 29, 2014

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, December 29, 2014, at 12:00 noon, 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 Commissioner Moore offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the December 15, 2014 Regular Meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

KINSEY YOUTH CENTER:

Mr. Lipinski and the contracts for Kinsey Youth Center will be tabled until the January 5, 2015 meeting.

PROSECUTOR:

Howard County Prosecutor Mark McCann submitted a request to purchase three (3) Copy Machines as follows:

Drug Task Force (replacing the 2007 machine) - \$8,600.00 to be paid from the Law Enforcement Fund (4930).

Title IV-D Office (replacing the 2009 machine) – \$7,300.00 to be paid from Title IV-D (General) Equipment line item (036-04721.00); and \$1,300.00 to be paid from Pre-Trial Diversion Fund (2511-04102.00).

Criminal Copy Machine (replacing the 2009 machine) - \$7,945.00 to be paid from County General (012-04721.00); and \$655.00 to be paid from Law Enforcement Fund (4930).

The total purchase price for all three copiers is \$25,800.00. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the purchase of all three copiers for the Prosecutor's Office from the funds listed by Mr. McCann. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

PERSONNEL:

1) Personnel Director Wanda McKillip submitted the following Commissioner Appointments as follows:

A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the re-appointment of Mr. Ron Smith to the Howard County Drainage Board for a term of two (2) years that expires December 31, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the re-appointment of Mr. Matt Grecu to the Howard County Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a term of one (1) year, expiring December 31, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the re-appointments of Mr. Mike Imbler and Mr. James Miller to the Howard County Plan Commission for four (4) year terms that expire December 31, 2018. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

2) At this time the Board of Commissioners addressed the following Department Head appointments as follows:

Howard County Buildings & Grounds Superintendent: A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to re-appoint Mr. William (Bill) Stonestreet as the Howard County Buildings and Grounds Superintendent for a one year (1) term that expires December 31, 2015.

Howard County Highway Engineer / Superintendent: A motion was made by Mr. Moore to re-appoint Mr. Ted Cain as the Howard County Highway Engineer / Superintendent for a one year (1) term that expires December 31, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSIONERS' CERTIFICATE SALE:

This issue is tabled to the January 5, 2015 Regular Meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2015 INSURANCE PROPOSAL:

The 2015 Howard County Insurance Policy Proposal, for Buildings and Vehicles, was submitted and copies of the proposal were distributed to the County Officers. Mr. Wyman informed the Commissioners that although the policy is in line with the 2014 policy, there are additional EMA vehicles, and there is a slight increase in our property value. These two issues increase the premium by \$20,000.00 to \$499,966.00 for 2015. At the completion of review and comment, a motion was made by Mr. Moore to accept the 2015 Insurance Proposal for Buildings and Vehicles, dated December 31, 2014, in the amount of \$499,966.00, as submitted by Mr. Phil Thatcher, Regions Insurance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF HUMAN RELATIONS SOFTWARE PURCHASE:

Personnel Director Wanda McKillip submitted a request to purchase Sage Human Resource Software from BlytheCo. Her office and Information Systems Director Terry Tribby have researched the company and its product and visited another county that is currently using Sage. The Personnel Office is currently using software from the office's inception in 1997. There are no more updates for the software and it is in need of replacement. Ms. McKillip is asking the software to be purchased from the Cumulative Capital Fund. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the purchase of Sage Human Resources Software Program from BlythCo, in the amount of \$27,287.29 for the software, and Training Services in an amount not to exceed \$12,600.00, subject to the review and approval by the County Attorney, to be paid from the Cumulative Capitol Fund, and authorize the President to sign an early paid claim, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was 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:** Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime claims, payable January 2, 2015, in the amount of \$353,713.42, were 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 \$829,877.28, were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.
3. **Monthly Reports:** Ms. Lake submitted the following reports: Clerk's Monthly Report for the month ending November 30, 2014; Veterans' Service Office Report for the month of November, 2014; Weights & Measures Report for the month of November 16 – December 15, 2014. A motion was made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried to accept the three monthly reports as submitted.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

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

1. **Community Corrections:** Mr. Murrell submitted a Letter of Approval Fiscal Year 2015 – 2017 for a grant application by Community Corrections. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and approved to approve and sign the Letter of Approval for fiscal year 2015 – 2017.
2. **Small Business Incentive Grant:** The Small Business Incentive Grant Committee has approved the application from Morning Moon, LLC, and recommends the business to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Murrell has prepared the Memorandum of Understanding between Howard County and the Greater

by Kokomo Economic Development Alliance, for the Commissioners' consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Morning Moon, LLC as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

3. **MOU City of Kokomo:** As a Preliminary Item of the P25 Radio Project, Mr. Murrell submitted a Memorandum of Understanding between Howard County and the City of Kokomo. This MOU commits the City of Kokomo and Howard County to work together on this radio project, detailing how the project is implemented. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Howard County and the City of Kokomo for the P25 Radio Project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

4. **Ordinance No. 2014-BCCO-42:** Mr. Murrell submitted Ordinance No. 2014-BCCO-42, an ordinance revising the Personnel Policy Handbook regarding any claims against Howard County by Prosecutors and Public Defenders. This revision states, "While employed by Howard County, a prosecutor, chief public defender or any of the deputies shall not represent any client in pursuing a claim against Howard County or any of its elected officials, agents or employees. As used in this section, the term "pursuing a claim" includes, but is not limited to, demanding payment of compensation, filing a Notice of Tort Claim, or filing a complaint or suit with a court or with a state or federal administrative agency or commission." A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve Ordinance No. 2014-BCCO- 42.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

COMMISSIONER BRAY:

Mr. Bray thanked the Commissioners and Mr. Murrell for teaching him the "ins and outs of County Government". He wishes all a prosperous New Year.

COMMISSIONER MOORE:

Mr. Moore was the Hearing Officer for the Township Appeal of Ms. Cherrelle Gibson, Center Township, on December 24, 2014. After hearing testimony from the appellant and the Township Trustee's Office, and referring to the State Statute in place governing relief assistance, Mr. Moore recommended upholding the denial of the Township Trustee. He did affirm that out of compassion to the appellant, the Township Trustee's Office did reduce the wait time before applying for further assistance. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to Uphold the Denial of the Township Trustee in the Cherrelle Gibson Township appeal.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Moore opened the floor for public comment as follows:

Joe Russeau, 1348 North County Road 800 East: Wind Ordinance Issues

Jane Garr, 3234 North County Road 600 East: Wind Ordinance set back information

John Garr, 1340 East County Road 3710 North: Wind Ordinance Issues

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 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

ATTEST:

ROBERT B. BRAY, MEMBER

MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR

