

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING JANUARY 7, 2014

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Tyler Moore, Vice President Paul Wyman, 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. Commissioner Brad Bray led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Wyman offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF RE-ORGANIZING BOARD OFFICERS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore to appoint Commissioner Paul Wyman as President of the Howard County Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried. Mr. Wyman is President of the Howard County Board of Commissioners.

A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to appoint Commissioner Tyler Moore as Vice President. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried. Mr. Moore is Vice President of the Howard County Board of Commissioners.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the December 30, 2013 Executive Session were submitted. Those in attendance were Commissioners Tyler Moore, Paul Wyman, and Brad Bray. County Attorney Larry Murrell was also in attendance. The minutes of the December 30, 2013 Executive Session were approved as submitted on a motion made by Mr. Bray and seconded by Mr. Moore.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 30, 2013, were tabled until the January 21, 2014 meeting, on a motion made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Bray.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

President Wyman expressed appreciation to the Sheriff and his department, Ted Cain and the Highway Department, Emergency Management Agency, Kinsey Youth Center, Kokomo Fire Department, Kokomo Police, and Attorney Larry Murrell for all their teamwork and assistance during the recent blizzard in Howard County. The Highway Department is working on making all county roads passable by the end of the evening. Mr. Wyman thanked the citizens of Howard County for their patience.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

JUVENILE PROBATION:

Assistant Chief Probation Officer / Juvenile Probation Chris Biehn submitted Grant Agreement EDS#D12-4-014, an agreement between Howard County Board of Commissioners and the Indiana Department of Correction (DOC), in the amount of \$71,500.00. This grant was awarded for use in support of local efforts to implement the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI). Mr. Rob Pruitt is the JDAI Coordinator and \$34,500.00 of the grant will be applied to his salary. \$37,000.00 will be applied to the Reduce Recidivism Project (\$10,000.00 to Home Detention and \$5,000.00 will be applied to the Business Intelligence Software). This grant agreement is written in the same manner as the former JDAI grant agreement. Mr. Murrell has not reviewed the current agreement but is comfortable with it since it is so similar to last year's agreement. The Board of Commissioners approved the grant on consensus and signed the Grant Agreement Paperwork as submitted.

KINSEY YOUTH CENTER:

KYC Director Jeff Lipinski submitted an Amendment to the Agreement for Shelter and Residential Care Services with the Department of Child Services. Mr. Murrell has not reviewed this document at this time. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve the amendment to the Shelter Care and Residential Care Agreement with the Department of Child Services, subject to the review and approval of Mr. Murrell, and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT:

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

Redevelopment Commission: Attorney Larry Murrell recommends that the Commissioners appoint Mr. Dale E. Etherington, Mr. Philip E. Wise, and Mr. Larry Hinesley to the Howard County Redevelopment Commissioner for a one-year term. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to appoint Mr. Dale E. Etherington, Mr. Philip E. Wise, and Mr. Larry Hinesley to the Howard County Redevelopment Commission, for a term of one year.

Public Defender Board, Alcoholic Beverage Commission Board, and Community Corrections Board: These appointments will be tabled until the January 21st Commissioner Meeting.

Commissioner Committee Appointments: The Commissioners approved by consensus the Commissioner Committee Appointments as listed. A complete listing is available in the Personnel Office.

Highway Engineer / Superintendent: A motion was made by Mr. Moore to appoint Mr. Ted Cain as the Howard County Highway Engineer / Superintendent for a term of one year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

Buildings & Grounds Superintendent: A motion was made by Mr. Moore that the Board of Commissioners **not** re-appoint Mr. Scott Reed as the Buildings & Grounds Superintendent for the year 2014, noting that Mr. Reed's final day of employment for purposes of payroll and benefits will be Tuesday, January 7, 2014, and effective January 3rd, Assistant Superintendent Bill Stonestreet be appointed as interim Buildings & Grounds Superintendent pending further actions of this Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

Auditor Martha Lake submitted Claims and Reports for the Commissioners' information and approval as follows:

1. **Salary Claims:** Salary, Hourly and Overtime Claims payable January 10 & 17, 2014, in the amount of \$350,545.99 each, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray and seconded by Mr. Moore.
2. **Clerk's Monthly Report:** The Clerk's Monthly Report for the month ending December 31, 2013 was submitted by Ms. Lake, and accepted on a motion made by Mr. Bray and seconded by Mr. Moore.
3. **EDIT Encumbrance Requests:** Former President Tyler Moore signed an Encumbrance request as follows: To encumber for use in 2014 the 2013 monies appropriated to the EDIT Fund (1112): (1) Additional \$25,000 for Jackson Street Commons Project (Special Projects & Incentives Line Item): (2) Balance of Special Projects & Incentives Line Item toward the \$500,000 YMCA Pledge per agreement with the City of Kokomo as set forth in Resolution No. 2012-BCCR-38. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to confirm former President Tyler Moore's signature on the Encumbrance request, and to authorize current President Paul Wyman to sign the confirmation.
4. **Scanning Deduction Files:** US Imaging will be sending several employees to the Auditor's Office this Thursday to begin the Scanning of several thousand Deduction Records. They will be on-site for one week, working around the clock on the fourth floor of the Administration Center. They will not have keys but will have access to Ms. Lake's cell phone number and she will be available for any questions or issues.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

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

1. **Assistant Attorney's Attendance:** Mr. Murrell recognized the attendance of Assistant County Attorney Alan D. Wilson. Both county attorneys are serving the second year of the two-year term and Mr. Murrell appreciates the work Mr. Wilson does as the Assistant County Attorney. President Wyman and Vice President Moore also recognized the work of Attorney Wilson and continued in their condolences concerning the passing of Mr. Wilson's wife several months ago.

2. **Executive Session:** May it be noted for the record that the Executive Session scheduled for January 6, 2014, was cancelled and will not be rescheduled.
3. **Resolution No. 2014-BCCR-1:** Resolution No. 2014-BCCR-1 is an order modifying the Declaration of Emergency Within Howard County, due to the extreme cold and near-blizzard conditions. This modification includes the State of Emergency (Warning – Red) shall continue only in the unincorporated areas of Howard County until midnight January 6, 2014, to be downgraded to Watch – Orange. Incorporated areas of Kokomo, Greentown and Russiaville, the Declaration of Emergency is cancelled at Noon, today, and replaced by a Watch – Orange Status. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to re-affirm and approve Resolution No. 2014-BCCR-1, State of Emergency, amending the Original State of Emergency signed on January 5, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried. This information has been distributed to all available media venues.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

COMMISSIONER BRAY:

Commissioner Bray thanked all Emergency workers for the “fantastic” job they did this weekend. He also thanked our IT Department for the work they did, as well.

COMMISSIONER WYMAN:

Mr. Wyman expressed appreciation and thanks for the way the City and the County worked together during this weekend’s snowstorm. “It worked the way it was supposed to work.” Mr. Wyman also thanked Council President Mr. Richard Miller for his attendance at the emergency meetings.

President Miller replied that he wishes the Board of Commissioners the best in this New Year, and assured them they were in his prayers, both individually and collectively.

COMMISSIONER MOORE:

1) Kokomo High Schools College Coalition Group is spearheading a project of installing three traffic signs, and would like to partner with Howard County and the City of Kokomo for the purchase of these signs. Each of the three “partners” would purchase a sign in the amount of \$163.95. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the purchase of one traffic sign in the amount of \$163.95, from the Special Projects and Incentive line item in the EDIT Fund, for the College Coalition Group.

2) Mr. Moore submitted a letter from the Lt. Governor’s Office, acknowledging receipt of the Closeout Form 1 – Grantee Performance Report for the CDBG Grant DF-11-208. The letter was received on a motion made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Bray.

3) IDEM Notices were received as follows, on a motion made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Bray:

A. Notice of a Sanitary Sewer Permit Application from Mr. Rick Gunning, City of Kokomo, to construct a Sanitary Sewer for Cotswold Hills Septic Tank Elimination Project in Kokomo, Indiana.

B. Notice of Approval of a Permit Modification for the Chrysler Group LLC – Kokomo Transmission Plant / 067-33564-00078.

4) Mr. Moore expressed appreciation to all emergency workers, employees, volunteers and elected officials, during the events of this weekend. All food purchases while on the roads doing their jobs, will be reimbursed upon submitted receipts.

President Wyman took this opportunity to thank Mr. Moore for his leadership as President the last several years.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m. on a motion made by
Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Bray.*

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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