

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING AUGUST 4, 2014

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, August 4, 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 Wyman. Mr. Bray led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Moore offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the July 21, 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 SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

At this time a video recording was showcased, that had been made by the employees of the Howard County Sheriff Department. It included singing and choreography and was made to encourage people to give to the Martin Luther King monument project. President Wyman congratulated the Sheriff's Department for their obvious talent in the making of this project.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT:

- 1) Sheriff Steve Rogers informed the Commissioners that the vehicle bids received at the July 21st meeting were not responsive (*please refer to page two, "In The Matter of Departmental Issues: Sheriff Department", of the Regular Meeting minutes dated July 21, 2014*). It is Sheriff Roger's recommendation that all bids be rejected and the bid process begin again. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to reject all the pursuit vehicle bids received and re-bid the project.
- 2) Sheriff Rogers reported that the parking lot re-paving project and the exterior painting project have been completed. There are now less water issues in the parking lot, and the exterior of the Criminal Justice Center looks very nice.

MAINTENANCE:

- 1) Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Bill Stonestreet informed the Commissioners that Goudy Brothers has the lowest most responsive bid for the replacement of the boiler, in the amount of \$93,000.00. This replacement will be covered by our insurance. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the purchase of the boiler from Goudy Brothers, in the amount of \$93,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.
- 2) J & J Electric will be replacing the back-up generator at the Administration Center for the cost of \$33,800.00. The first \$31,963.55 will be paid from County General Fund, Information Systems Equipment (1000-031-04722.00), from a grant received earlier in the year. The remaining \$1,916.45 will be paid from the Jail & Juvenile COIT Equipment Repair line item (1120-018-03253.01). A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve the purchase of the new back-up generator from J & J Electric, to be paid from County General, Information Systems and the Jail & Juvenile COIT Fund.
- 3) The Courthouse Security Committee has requested that additional security electronics be installed in the Courthouse for inmate related security at the. The equipment will be provided by NetTech, in the amount of \$5,066.40, to be paid from the Jail & Juvenile COIT Fund (1120-018-03253.01). A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the recommendation of NetTech for the additional security equipment, in the amount of \$5,066.40, to be paid from the Jail & Juvenile COIT Fund. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

HOWARD HAVEN COUNTY HOME:

Superintendent Jennifer Vary submitted an Admission Application to Howard Haven on behalf of Elmer Williams. Mr. Williams is a Howard County resident and will be assisted by ARCH. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Admission Application of Mr. Elmer Williams with the usual 90-day probationary period. The

motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried. Ms. Vary was congratulated on the donated food from the Howard County Fair, and for the fountain installed at their location.

PLAN COMMISSION:

Plan Commission Director Greg Sheline submitted Resolution No. 2014-BCCR-15, a resolution adopting the Howard County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan was prepared by Christopher B. Burke Engineering, for Howard County Board of Commissioners, the town of Greentown, the town of Russiaville, and the City of Kokomo, Indiana. If approved by the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Sheline will need a letter of approval. The plan will then be taken to both towns and the City of Kokomo, for their approvals. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve Resolution No. 2014-BCCR-15, and to authorize President Wyman to sign an approval letter to Ms. Jan Crider, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

PERSONNEL:

Personnel Director Wanda McKillip submitted a Records Scanning Agreement between Howard County and Information and Records Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$16,833.60. This imaging project will be paid from the Commissioners' Contract Services line item (1000-023-03120.00). A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve the Records Scanning Agreement with Information and Records Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$16,833.60, and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

TREASURER:

Treasurer Ann Wells submitted an Invoice Cloud Agreement as a way to re-vamp the current tax payment process for ACH deposit and credit card. We are the beta site for this project and Ms. Wells will work with our current Thomson Reuter/Manatron Software to make sure all is compatible. Ms. Wells also has contracts from Chase Manhattan Bank for their payments to First Farmers in Kokomo. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Invoice Cloud contract, subject to the Treasurer's confirmation of Manatron's approval, and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, and authorize the Treasurer to sign other required documents from Chase Payment Tech. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

KINSEY YOUTH CENTER:

- 1) On behalf of the employees of the Kinsey Youth Center, Director Jeff Lipinski thanked the Board of Commissioners for the bonuses to full-time and part-time employees, in July. His employees greatly appreciate it.

- 2) After the Criminal Justice Center's parking lot re-paving project was completed, E & B Paving was able to complete a section at Kinsey Youth Center. The cost was \$4,163.09 and Mr. Lipinski will pay that from the FFT Fund. The work needed to be done before the commencement of this meeting so Commissioner Moore signed the needed paperwork. His signature will need to be confirmed by the Board of Commissioners. As of July 31, 2014 the FFT services have brought \$945,907.00 back to the County. A motion was made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Wyman and carried to confirm and ratify Commissioner Moore's signature on the E & B Paving work order.

- 3) Mr. Lipinski submitted some vehicle quotes to the Commissioners, with the intent to address them at the next Commissioner Meeting.

Mr. Wyman congratulated Mr. Lipinski and the Russiaville Town Council on the success of their festival this past weekend.

*At 4:30 p.m. the Regular meeting was recessed in order to hold a
previously scheduled Public Hearing concerning Unsafe
Property located at 4447 E. County Road 400 South, Hemlock.*

Attorney Larry Murrell confirmed that this hearing is for property owned by Mr. Richard Rankin, located at 4447 East County Road 400 South, Hemlock, Indiana. On July 7th the Commissioners confirmed the Building Authority's order authorizing the demolition subject to a final hearing for today. At this time President Wyman opened the floor for public comment concerning the property. No public comment was given so Mr. Murrell proceeded with submitting Resolution No. 2014-BCCR-16. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve Resolution No. 2014-BCCR-16, granting final approval to the enforcement authority to demolish structures on property owned by Mr. Rankins at 4447 East County Road 400 South, Hemlock. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried. Mr. Murrell reminded the Board that this resolution authorized the Enforcement Authority to distribute an Invitation to Quote to at least three (3) demolition

contractors and present quotes received to the Board of Commissioners for their consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve the Invitation to Quote for demolition services.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray, and carried to close the Public Hearing and to reconvene the Regular Commissioner Meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS:

At this time Ms. Debra Winger, 13170 East County 400 North, Converse, Indiana, asked that the Commissioners would recognize the many citizens in attendance, who are opposed the proposed e.ON Wind Farm.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:

Howard County Veteran, Jerry Paul, presented a plaque to the Board of Commissioners, representing the Riley Kids of Howard County, and the achievement of the One Veteran – One Child – One Million Tabs Pop Tab Program, collecting over three million pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House near Riley Hospital. The plaque was presented at the “Pop Tab on the Circle” event in Indianapolis, and will be displayed on the 2nd floor of the Administration Center.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS & REPORTS:

Auditor Martha Lake submitted the following issues for the Commissioners’ information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners’ Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims, payable August 8 and August 14, 2014, in the amount of \$355,240.17 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 \$441,247.13, were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray and seconded by Mr. Moore. Mr. Moore abstained from the vote.
3. **Confirm Signature:** Ms. Lake submitted an early paid claim for SRI, in the amount of \$3,703.86, and asked that Mr. Wyman’s signature be confirmed. Mr. Wyman’s signature on the claim was confirmed on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.
4. **Monthly Report:** Ms. Lake submitted the Recorder’s Monthly Report for the month of July, 2014, and it was accepted on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF THE VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE UPDATE:

At the request of Commissioner Moore, Veterans Service Officer Retired Colonel Ross Waltemath stepped to the podium to give updated information concerning the activity of the Veterans Service Office. In the month of June the office averaged thirty-three (33) veteran visits a day. This amount is more than doubled from the year 2013. Through the Survivor Assistance Program the office has been able to assist twenty (20) spouses with obtaining Dependent Indemnity Compensation for the rest of their lives. All twenty of them stated that they would have never come in to the office for assistance without the VSO first reaching out to them. Mr. Waltemath will alerting the media of an agency in Kokomo that is charging veterans hundreds of dollars for filing for free benefits. The State Attorney General’s office has been alerted to this agency that has been working through nursing homes. Mr. Waltemath and his staff will be visiting nursing homes to give them the VSO packets and cards, alerting them to the free services they provide. Mr. Waltemath was commended by the Board of Commissioners for his continued service to this country by assisting our veterans and their families.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

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

1. **Barnes & Thornburg Invoice:** Mr. Murrell submitted an invoice from Barnes & Thornburg, in the amount of \$3,047.15, for legal services rendered for the period ending June 30, 2014. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve the Barnes & Thornburg invoice, in the amount of \$3,047.15.

2. **Moore Title Invoice:** Also submitted was an invoice from Moore Title and Escrow, in the amount of \$165.00. This invoice was for an ownership report for property located at 4022 E. County Road 40 N. The invoice was approved for payment on a motion made by Mr. Wyman, seconded by Mr. Bray, and carried. Mr. Moore abstained from the vote.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

COMMISSIONER BRAY:

Mr. Bray expressed appreciation to Mr. Greg Sheline and the Plan Commission Department for their quick response to Unsafe Property complaints.

COMMISSIONER MOORE:

Mr. Moore expressed appreciation to the Emergency Management Agency, the Sheriff's Department, and all those involved in the numerous events over the weekend.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Wyman opened the floor for public comment as follows:

Grace Aprill, 12765 E. County Road 100 N., Greentown, IN: Ms. Aprill distributed paperwork to the Board of Commissioners, and reminded them of the Amendment Changes submitted to the Board in 2013.

Joe Russo: Mr. Russo submitted a report concerning tax dollar amounts that the wind farm will bring into the County.

Kim McNeill, 1601 Bramoor Drive, Kokomo, IN

John Garr, 1350 E. County Road 3710 N., Greentown, IN: Has any one from Howard County had recent meetings with e.ON?

Mr. Wyman confirmed that the Board of Commissioners have been in continuing dialogue with e.ON.

Debra Winger, 13170 E. County Road 400 N., Converse, IN

Alice Richey, Swayzee, IN

Catherine Woodrick, 311 Holiday Dr., Greentown, IN

Jane Garr, 3234 N. County Rd. 600 E., Kokomo, IN

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 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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