

## **HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING DECEMBER 15, 2014**

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, December 15, 2014, at 8:30 a.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 D. 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 December 1, 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 DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

#### **MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:**

Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Bill Stonestreet would like to purchase a new floor scrubbing machine for the Courthouse. Their current machine is fourteen years old and is usable, but it does have a streaking problem and on the dark floors of the courthouse it is very noticeable. He would like to purchase a floor model from R. D. Filip, in the amount of \$8,900.00. Maintenance was able to test the machine and it worked very well. Mr. Stonestreet will pay for the machine from his Institutional Account in County General. If this purchase is approved, the current machine will be used at the Government Center. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the purchase of the new Floor Scrubbing Machine from R. D. Filip, in the amount of \$8,900.00 to be paid from the County General Fund, Institutional line item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

#### **911 DISPATCH:**

911 Coordinator Gary Bates submitted an Annual Renewal Service Agreement with Williams Electronics for the Communication Equipment. The monthly charge is \$1,496.00 and Attorney Larry Murrell has reviewed the agreement. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Renewal Agreement with Williams Electronics, in the amount of \$1,496.00 monthly, and authorize President Wyman to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. President Wyman vacated the chair in order to second the motion and the motion carried. Commissioner Bray abstained from the vote.

#### **PROSECUTOR:**

Due to the absence of Prosecutor Mark McCann, this request will be addressed at the December 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT:**

Personnel Director Wanda McKillip introduced Mr. Ryan Hartzler, from Patriot, who spoke to the Board of Commissioners concerning the Worker's Compensation Renewal. Mr. Hartzler began by reminding the Board that this year's Worker's Compensation plan was a new venture. The plan is working well and so far the County has saved over \$143,000.00 from the previous year. Mr. Hartzler reviewed the plan with the Commissioners and fielded questions. Ms. McKillip likes working with a local agency, Downey Public Risk Insurance as representatives of Patriot Insurance. Auditor Lake also replied that it is good to be able to track weekly the amounts of the Worker's Compensation payments. Mr. Wyman thanked Mr. Hartzler and Patriot Insurance, and Downey Public Risk for taking such good care of Howard County. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Third Party Administration Agreement between Public Risk Underwriters, LLC and Howard County Board of Commissioners, and authorize Commissioner Wyman to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

Ms. McKillip will prepare paperwork for Commissioner Appointments so the Commissioners can address them at the December 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **KINSEY YOUTH CENTER:**

KYC Director Jeff Lipinski was not able to attend the meeting today so he will be added to the December 29<sup>th</sup> agenda to submit several contracts. Mr. Wyman did sign the Renewal Agreement for Residential Treatment Services Provider Contract with the Department of Child Services, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

Attorney Murrell asked that the Commissioners ratify the President's signature. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to ratify the signature of President Wyman on the Department of Child Services contract. The remaining contracts will be addressed at the December 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF A REQUEST TO USE THE COURTHOUSE ROOF:**

Mr. Wyman received a request from Ms. Susan Alexander of the Downtown Initiatives, Greater Kokomo Economic Development Alliance. The request was to use the Courthouse rooftop to display fireworks on December 31, 2014. They will be using the same vendor as in previous years, and did include an Insurance Certificate. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to authorize the use of the Courthouse rooftop for a fireworks display on December 31, 2014. 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:** Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime claims payable December 19 and December 24, 2014, in the amount of \$394,673.98 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 \$365,465.78, were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.
3. **Monthly Reports:** Ms. Lake submitted the Treasurer's Report for the month ending November 30, 2014. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending November 30, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

At this time Auditor Lake thanked the Commissioners and the Personnel Department for the "wonderful" Christmas party, last Wednesday.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

Commissioner Wyman congratulated County Attorney Larry Murrell for the recognition received at the Bar Association, for fifty (50) years as an Attorney, twenty-two (22) of those years as the Attorney for Howard County. Mr. Murrell replied that he has enjoyed working with Howard County and its employees. Mr. Murrell also recognized the attendance of Assistant County Attorney Alan D. Wilson.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:**

##### **COMMISSIONER MOORE:**

Mr. Moore congratulated the Personnel Department and all their efforts to make the Employee Christmas Party a success. He wished all a "Blessed Merry Christmas".

##### **COMMISSIONER WYMAN:**

The Small Business Grant Committee met and have recommended approval to Mr. Don Ridenour, MS, who is moving his business to the downtown area. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for a Small Business Grant to Mr. Don Ridenour, MS, subject to the review of County Attorney Murrell, and authorize the President to sign the MOU on behalf of the Board of Commissioners when it is completed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

*There being no further business to come before the Board at this time,  
the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 a.m. on a motion made by  
Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.*

**HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

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PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

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TYLER O. MOORE, VICE PRESIDENT

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ROBERT B. BRAY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR

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