

## **HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING JUNE 2, 2014**

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, May 19, 2014, at 8:30 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 May 19, 2014 Regular Session, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Bray.

The minutes of the Joint Executive Session of the Howard County Board of Commissioners and the Howard County Council, held on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, were submitted. Those in attendance were County Commissioners Paul Wyman, Brad Bray, and Tyler Moore; County Councilmen Dwight Singer, John Roberts, and Dick Miller; Auditor Martha Lake; County Attorney Larry Murrell; and State Board of Accounts Auditor Sandra Gerlach. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss records classified as confidential by state statute. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2014 Joint Executive Session.

### **IN THE MATTER OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR KEYSTONE REALTY:**

At the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting the Board of Commissioners approved a small business grant for Keystone Realty, in the amount of \$5,000.00 (*please refer to page two, item one, "In The Matter of Commissioners Issues: Commissioner Wyman" of the Regular Meeting minutes dated May 19, 2014*). The Memorandum of Understanding between Howard County and the Greater Kokomo Economic Development Alliance, on behalf of Keystone Realty, in the amount of \$5,000.00 was submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray and seconded by Mr. Moore, 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 June 6 and 13, 2014, in the amount of \$355,916.29 each, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray and seconded by Mr. Moore.
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims payable today, in the amount of \$568,393.54 were submitted. Auditor Lake informed the Commissioners that this docket includes payments for the poll workers for the Primary Election held in May. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve the Operating Claims, in the amount of \$568,393.54. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.
3. **Early Pay Claims:** Ms. Lake submitted two claims for early payment. They are both right-of-way claims submitted by the Highway Department in the amount of \$22,600.00 to Mr. Ralph A. Underwood, and \$32,500.00 to Mr. Randall T. Underwood. Both claims were approved for early payment on a motion made by Mr. Bray and seconded by Mr. Moore.
4. **Monthly Reports:** Ms. Lake submitted the Veterans Service Office report for the month of April, 2014; and the Treasurer's Report for the month ending April 30, 2014. Both reports were accepted on a motion made by Mr. Bray and seconded by Mr. Moore.

### **IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY ISSUES:**

County Attorney Larry Murrell submitted a Settlement Agreement between Mr. Kenneth Marschand and the Howard County Sheriff Department, by and through the Howard County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Marschand is a former Corrections Officer for Howard County, and was injured while on duty. In 2004 he was on Worker's Compensation for an extended period of time. Following that period of time there was discussion of entitlement to receive additional compensation due to an open ended statute affording coverage to corrections officers injured in the line of duty. This agreement puts a cap on the additional claim, and has been signed by Mr. Marschand. Mr. Murrell recommends the Board approve the agreement. Sheriff

Rogers and Commissioner Wyman also spoke. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Settlement Agreement between the Board of Commissioners and Mr. Kenneth Marschand, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the \$50,000.00 payment due in the first thirty (30) days of the agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:**

**COMMISSIONER MOORE:**

- 1) Mr. Moore extended condolences to Mr. Bob Krohl, Friends of Howard Haven, in the passing of his brother over the weekend.
- 2) There was a great ribbon cutting ceremony at the Open House of the Jackson Street Commons Veterans Housing Complex.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT:**

President Wyman opened the floor for public comment. Several citizens commented and distributed materials concerning the ill effects of wind farms. They are against the proposed wind farm in eastern Howard County:

**Grace April, 12765 E. County Road 100 N., Greentown, Indiana:** distributed copies of new information concerning Wind Farms, wind turbine noise, and population density of wind farms.

**John Garr, 1350 E. County Road 3710, Greentown, Indiana**

**Paula Hummer, 2616 N. County Road 1350 East, Greentown, Indiana:** distributed copies of an article written by Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

**Ed Petty, 3176 N. County Road 800 E., Kokomo, Indiana:** "...if we do have to spend money getting a lawyer I think we oughtta sue Howard County because they got us into this."

**Joe Russo**

**Alice Richey, Grant County**

**Tom Cornell, 3631 N. County Road 900 E., Greentown, Indiana:** Distributed copies of a letter penned by Mr. Ted Abdon, Sweetser, Indiana, that appeared in the July 12, 2013 Marion Chronicle.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time,  
the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m. on a motion made  
by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Bray.*

**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  
Howard County Commissioner Meeting June 2, 2014