

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: MARCH 6, 2023

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Brad Bray, Vice President Jack Dodd, Member Jeff Lipinski, County Attorney Alan Wilson, and County Auditor Jessica Secrease.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Jerry Asher and conducted by President Brad Bray. President Bray led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Commissioner Lipinski offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of February 20, 2023, regular meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd, Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS & REPORTS:

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

New Deputy Introduction

Sheriff Jerry Asher introduced the department's newest deputy, Jason Neal, to the Commissioners.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Replace Concrete at the Seiberling Mansion & Government Center

Maintenance Superintendent Bill Stonestreet submitted a quote to replace the concrete of the driveway on the west side of the Administrative Building at the Seiberling Mansion from Perfection Concrete in the amount of \$17,475.00. He also submitted a quote to replace the concrete of the north and east approaches to the Government Center from Perfection Concrete in the amount of \$17,500. Both projects will total \$34,975.00. Mr. Stonestreet requested to pay these from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (line item 1138.47241.000.0000). A motion was made by Commissioner Dodd to approve the quotes to replace the concrete at the Seiberling Mansion and the Government Center by Perfection Concrete in the amount of \$34,975.00 and to be paid out of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (line item 1138.47241.000.0000) as presented. Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Highway Barn Repairs

Maintenance Superintendent Bill Stonestreet submitted a quote to assist the Highway Department in repairing their barn in the amount of \$5,000.00. Mr. Stonestreet requested to pay this from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (line item 1138.47241.000.0000). A motion was made by Commissioner Lipinski to approve the quote to repair the highway barn in the amount of \$5,000.00 and to be paid out of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (line item 1138.47241.000.0000) as presented. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

Howard County Auditor Jessica Secrease submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims for payment on February 24, 2023 in the amount of \$935,922.68 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Payroll Expenses:** The Commissioners' Payroll Expenses for payment on February 24, 2023, in the amounts of \$935,922.68 were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid March 6, 2023, in the amount of \$546,070.08 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lipinski, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Resolution No. 2023-BCCR-3 – Renaming or Renumbering Precincts

Attorney Alan Wilson presented Resolution No. 2023-BCCR-3 – Renaming or Renumbering Precincts. Resolution No. 2023-BCCR-3 – Renaming or Renumbering Precincts was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Lipinski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dodd, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

Virtual Meeting Attendance

Commissioner Jack Dodd requested Attorney Alan Wilson to draw up a policy that matches state statute to allow the Commissioners to attend meetings virtually if determined necessary by the board. Attorney Wilson stated he will have something prepared for the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Resident Clee Oliver of 5768 W. 00 N.S., Kokomo, Indiana: Mr. Oliver stated that he thought that having board members come virtually would be a great idea. He also would like all of the County’s ordinances to be uploaded to the County website. Information Systems Director Jeremy Stevens stated he has been working with the Auditor’s Office to get the ordinances uploaded to the website.

Resident Stan Oyler of 1877 N. 1100 E., Greentown, Indiana: Mr. Oyler stated the Commissioners have exactly five days, per state statute, to present his attorney with the documents from the BZA meeting. He needs these documents in order to appeal the BZA’s ruling if he choose to do so. Attorney Alan Wilson stated that he has been in communication with their attorney on this matter.

***There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd.
The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lipinski, and the motion carried.***

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

R. BRAD BRAY, PRESIDENT

JACK W. DODD, VICE PRESIDENT

JEFF S. LIPINSKI, MEMBER

ATTEST:

JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR
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