

## **HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: APRIL 17, 2023**

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, April 17, 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 Lieutenant Todd Prifogle 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 April 3, 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 NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

##### ***Resurfacing Project Advertising***

Highway Superintendent Amber Tolle requested to advertise for their Community Crossings Matching Grant program. The Highway Department was awarded almost \$1,000,000.00 to do their resurfacing program from this grant, and the project now needs to be advertised. The advertising for the Community Crossings Matching Grant program was approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Lipinski. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

##### ***Small Structure Reconstruction***

Highway Superintendent Amber Tolle requested an approval for the proposal of Milestone Contractors to reconstruct a small structure on 500 N. The cost of replacing this small bridge is estimated at \$153,462.52 with the additional cost of guard rails. The Milestone Contractor estimate was approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Lipinski 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 April 06, 2023, in the amounts of \$951,469.32 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 April 06, 2023, in the amounts of \$951,469.32 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 April 17, 2023, in the amount of \$2,232,284.23 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lipinski, and the motion carried.
4. **Monthly Reports:** Auditor Jessica Secrease presented the following reports to be received into the record:
  - a. Weights & Measures Monthly Report for March 2023

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

County Attorney Alan Wilson presented the executive session meeting minutes from March 30, 2023. The minutes were 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:**

President Bray spoke on the recent passing of Rick Abresch. Mr. Abresch served a combined total of 64 years throughout Howard County in several different capacities. The County Commissioners would like to thank Rick for his service and dedication to Howard County.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time,  
the meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Lipinski.  
The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dodd, and the motion carried.*

**HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

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R. BRAD BRAY, PRESIDENT

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JACK W. DODD, VICE PRESIDENT

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JEFF S. LIPINSKI, MEMBER

**ATTEST:**

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JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

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