

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING JUNE 7, 2010

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, June 7, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 338 of the Administration Center. Those in attendance included President David Trine, Vice President William Thompson and member Tyler Moore. Also in attendance were County Attorney Larry Murrell and Auditor Ann Wells.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Marshall Talbert and conducted by President Trine. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Moore.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Four sets of meeting minutes were addressed as follows:

The minutes of the Administrative Meeting held May 24, 2010 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moore.

The minutes of the May 24, 2010 Executive Session were submitted and reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2010 Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

The minutes of the May 18, 2010 Special Called Session were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moore.

The minutes of the May 17th Regular Meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moore.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Highway Engineer / Superintendent Ted Cain submitted the following issues for the Board's information and approval:

1. **New Grandson:** Mr. Cain announced the birth of his grandson, Ryan, born May 30th. Mr. Cain's wife will be having surgery on Friday.
2. **Boulevard Project:** US 31 Freeway project paperwork should be ready for signature the 21st of this month, and ready for an August letting. Mr. Cain would still like the letting to be pushed back to the end of this year or the beginning of next year. He cannot finalize the paving program until this issue is settled.
3. **Weekend Storms:** Surprisingly, there was no major storm damage, no trees down and no major flooding in Howard County due to weekend storms.
4. **School Bus Turn Around:** A request for a School Bus Turn Around for Northwestern Schools was submitted by President Trine. The location is 12421 West County Road 200 North, owned by Gene & Ruth Thompson. Mr. Cain informed the Board that this location is on a State Road and it has been the Highway Department's policy not to locate a School Bus Turn Around on a State Road, due to liability issues. Mr. Cain will review this request with Northwestern.

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Sheriff Marshal Talbert submitted the following issues for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Jail Population:** The current inmate population is three hundred twenty-three (323) with forty-seven being female. This is a decrease even considering that forty-one people were booked in over the weekend.
2. **Fallen Officer Blood Drive:** The Fallen Officer Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, June 22nd from noon until 6:00 p.m. It will be held at the First Church of the Nazarene located 2734 South Washington St., here in Kokomo. The Sheriff's Department has prepared an information insert concerning the Blood Drive and seeks approval to distribute them to the employees through the payroll, this Friday. A motion

was made by Mr. Thompson to approve the insert and its distribution through the payroll department. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

3. **Emergency Lighting:** Emergency lighting has been installed at the Criminal Justice Center by the Maintenance Department, and Sheriff Talbert expressed appreciation to the Maintenance Department for their assistance.
4. **Officer Acknowledgement:** Commissioner Trine asked Sheriff Talbert to please extend the Board's appreciation to the Officer that assisted in lifesaving efforts on the child that was mauled by a family pet, and then passed away later in the week. Sheriff Talbert informed the Board that the officer is Deputy John Cipriano. As a Police Officer, Mr. Trine knows firsthand how an incident like that can affect an officer. Sheriff Talbert expressed appreciation to the Humane Society and Terry Bryant for their assistance during the investigation and quarantine of the animal.
5. **Ordinance No. 2010-BCCO-17:** E911 Coordinator Nick Capozzoli submitted Ordinance No. 2010-BCCO-17, an Additional Appropriation Request for \$20,000.00 to line item 01523.00, Employee Insurance in fund 146. Fund 146 is the Wireless Fee fund. Fund 145 is the land-line fee fund and it is decreasing because of the decrease in use of land lines. Mr. Capozzoli would like to pay for the employee insurance from the wireless fund to help decrease the burden in fund 145. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried to approve the appropriation of \$20,000.00 to line item 01523, Employee Insurance in fund 146.

The Citizen's Committee for Consolidation Board has asked that Mr. Capozzoli prepare an ideal budget for a combined dispatch center. He and Major Rogers will be meeting tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. with the CCC and city officials. Copies of the information packet he prepared for that meeting he now submits to the Commissioners. The packet includes a proposed budget and fund projections as well as a study done by APCO, specifically for consolidation dialogue.

IN THE MATTER OF PLAN COMMISSION ISSUES:

Plan Commission Director Glen Boise submitted the following issues for the Board's information and approval:

1. **Zoning Ordinance:** The new County Zoning Ordinance went into effect last week (June 1st). Mr. Boise distributed bound copies of the Ordinance for the Board and Auditor.
2. **Flood Mitigation Grant:** Mr. Boise is still waiting for word from the State concerning the Flood Mitigation Grant. He realizes that the State office is dealing with continuing disaster issues.
3. **US 31 Corridors Plans:** There has been a delay on the preparation of the corridors' plans. Our consultant plans to submit them to Mr. Boise by the end of the month.
4. **Unsafe Building Issues:** Mr. Boise has visited four unsafe properties on the West side of Howard County. All are properties that have been taken over by mortgage companies: they have recently been mowed and the homes secured. He has a listing of property complaints to visit on the East side.

IN THE MATTER OF THE NICKEL PLATE TRAIL CONNECTIVITY:

Mr. Larry Ives and Mr. Doug Eytcheson from the Governmental Coordinating Council submitted a video presentation concerning connectivity options to the Nickel Plate Trail. The trail needs to negotiate Highways 35, 31 and the new US 31 Freeway. At the conclusion of the presentation, and discussion of the options, Mr. Eytcheson and Mr. Ives recommended Option #5. Option #5 makes available State funding for redirecting away from the US 31 Freeway corridor, cutting 1100 feet from the railway trail, south, with an at-grade pedestrian crossing at State Road 35. Local right-of-ways are required for the 1100 feet needed. This is a safer and less expensive alternative to INDOT's original plan. The City of Kokomo is in support of this plan and Mr. Ives has asked for a letter of recommendation from the Board of Commissioners to Indiana Department of Transportation. At the conclusion on discussion a motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to author a letter of support for Option 5 for connectivity to the Nickel Plate Trail and forward it to the Indiana Department of Transportation.

***On a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried, the Regular Meeting
was recessed to hold a formerly scheduled Public Hearing
concerning the Unsafe Property located at 1001 East Alto Road.***

Plan Commission Director Glen Boise informed the Board of Commissioners that his office has been in contact with owner Michael Davis concerning his property located at 1001 East Alto Road. He has contracted with a local company to demolish the home, and the Suburban vehicle from the back yard was removed. Mr. Boise recommends that we continue this Hearing pending demolition action by the owner.

The floor was opened for public comment. There being no public comment at this time, a motion was made by Mr. Thompson to recess the Public Hearing until 9:00 a.m. on June 21, 2010. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

***A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to
continue the Public Hearing and reconvene the Regular Commissioner Meeting.
The Regularly scheduled meeting was reconvened.***

IN THE MATTER OF MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Buildings and Grounds Superintendent Scott Reed submitted the following issues for the Board's information and approval:

1. **Transformer Issue:** Duke Energy has worked on the transformer issue that caused several power outages to the Criminal Justice Center. Because of the outages, several air conditioning fuses blew and are being replaced. As a result of discussions with Information Systems Director Terry Tribby, Mr. Reed informed the Board that he and Mr. Tribby are considering a purchase of a generator specifically for the servers.
2. **Part Time Employee:** The Maintenance Department was given approval by the Council to hire a temporary part time employee to cover vacation time, this summer, as well as an employee who is on FMLA. Mr. Reed has hired someone for four to six weeks.

Mr. Reed expressed appreciation to the County Council and the CCC Board for their cooperation in moving meeting locations, May 25th, because of the power outage to the Administration Center.

IN THE MATTER OF PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Personnel Director Wanda McKillip submitted the following issues for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **On-Site Employee Health Clinic Proposals:** At the May 17th Regular Meeting the Board of Commissioners the Board voted to take the proposals under advisement to refer to the Evaluation Committee for review (*please refer to item one, page three, In The Matter Of Personnel Issues" of the Regular Meeting dated May 17, 2010*). Mr. Doug Heath, from Regions Insurance Co., reported on the Evaluation Committee made up of Commissioner Moore, Councilman Papacek, Auditor Wells, Ms. McKillip, and Mr. Heath. Proposals from CARE A.C.T., Novia Care Clinics, and Workplace Health Services, (Clarion) an affiliate of Howard Regional Health. A Radiology care proposal from Advanced Imaging was also reviewed (to be addressed in greater detail at a future date). At the conclusion of their review the Evaluation Committee unanimously recommended Novia Care Clinics based on criteria set out in the Invitation To Quote, including clinic experience, terms of contract, existing data exchange capabilities between Novia and Anthem Insurance, availability of generic medications, and the costs of the program. It was further recommended that the Board of Commissioners determine the location of the clinic with the assistance and/or the guidance of the Novia personnel on the type and size of the facility needed. The contract has been reviewed and tentatively approved by County Attorney Murrell. Commissioner Moore commended the Evaluation Committee for their review. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson to take the recommendation under advisement pending final implementation which would include, but not be limited to, site selection and review of final documents and details. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

2. **Copier Purchase Request:** The Personnel Department requested to purchase a new copy machine (10 years old) for the Personnel Office. Ms. McKillip has received quotes from the following vendors:

Beckley Office Equipment	\$4,654.00	30 copies per minute
Shearer	\$4,460.00	28 copies per minute
	\$5,064.00	36 copies per minute

After reviewing the quotes, Ms. McKillip would recommend the Shearer 28 copies per minute copier, in the amount of \$4,460.00. She reminded the Board that the Personnel Office does make copies of Employee Policy Handbooks for all offices, as well as various other reports and paperwork for all Departments, County Council and the Board of Commissioners. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to approve the purchase of a Biz Hub 283 Copier at 28 copies per minute, from Shearer, in the amount of \$4,460.00 and the service program in the amount of \$463.50, to be paid from the Cumulative Capital Fund (150-04000.00).

IN THE MATTER OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Information Systems Director Terry Tribby submitted the following issues for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Assessment Certification Project:** The County is now on live integration between Assessor, Auditor, Treasurer and Recorder information. Mr. Tribby appreciates our software provider, Proval, for accomplishing this over the weekend in lieu of making the departments shut down during business hours. The IS Department tested the software, this morning and within a half hour, all systems were go. Our Certification Testing will be this Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Howard County will be the 6th County in the State to complete Certification before the June 30th deadline.
2. **Dispatch Connectivity:** Mr. Tribby submitted photographs of network wiring in the Dispatch office, between servers and network stations. If any of the wires were connected incorrectly it could take the whole system down. Mr. Tribby and his staff have decided to use a Smart Switch or Managed Switch system, a device that communicates between the servers and the work stations, enabling the IS staff to view the switch on-line to pinpoint potential or existing problems. Mr. Tribby thanked the technicians who installed the device.
3. **Comcast Contracts:** We have been negotiating a contract with Comcast for service at the Courthouse and at Howard Haven. This contract will save us \$130.00 per month from our current provider. That will be enough to allow us to service Howard Haven. We had negotiated to include claim payment language to reflect our statutory claims procedure. Mr. Tribby and Mr. Murrell were notified that Comcast WILL NOT re-negotiate their standard contract. They have, however, put the cable in at the Courthouse, which previously we were told we would have to have it installed at our own expense. The contract shows the \$3400.00 install costs, but then writes it off. The Howard Haven contract will include television cable services, twenty-two channels for \$495.00 per month (covers three set-ups). Personal cable services in the resident rooms are available but have to be paid by the resident. Mr. Murrell advised the Board that practicality outweighs legality, in this instance, and the County needs to decide whether or not to remain with this vendor. He would recommend approval of the contracts for the Courthouse and Howard Haven, as the contract is written. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the contracts between Comcast and Howard for service to the Courthouse and Howard Haven, and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried.
4. **Server Room At Kinsey Youth Center (Juvenile Probation)** – Kinsey Youth Director Brent Kelley and Chief Probation Officer Don Travis joined Mr. Tribby in this request to vent the server room at Kinsey Youth Center. The server room at Kinsey is very small and is overheating. This could damage the equipment and take the network down. Mr. Travis and Mr. Kelley presented a solution for the Board to consider. The server room was originally built to house one server, so no outside ventilation was required. Presently it houses two servers and a personal computer. In the morning temperatures can be in the 80's or low 90's. Presently there is an exhaust fan type device that helps but cannot handle the all the heat generated. Mr. Travis and Mr. Kelley propose the installation of a cooling unit installed on the mezzanine. Mr. Kelley has spoken with Benchmark Mechanical, whom we currently have an HVAC

contract with. They submitted a quote for a cooling unit and installation in the amount of \$4,950.00. Benchmark is a local business. The Board of Commissioners asked that Mr. Kelley and Mr. Travis obtains two more quotes, and submit the request at the next meeting.

5. **Out Of Town Connection For Judge Menges:** Judge Menges, from Superior Court I, was in Boston, Massachusetts, last week. Judge Menges was able to conduct a video meeting with Superior Court I while in Boston. It took the whole IS Department's cooperation, as this was engineered originally as a Pandemic emergency plan. It worked, as engineered by the Information Systems Department, and we now have verification. All was for a total cost of \$25.00. Mr. Tribby thanked the IS Department employees.

IN THE MATTER OF PROPOSALS FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICE FURNITURE:

Health Department Coordinator Kent Weaver submitted proposals from five different office furniture vendors at the last Commissioner meeting. The Board of Commissioners took the proposals under advisement and Mr. Weaver was advised to come back to the next Board meeting to inform them of the State's determination and whether to reject all proposals or give recommendation as to which proposal to approve (*please refer to page five, "In The Matter of Request For Proposals For Health Department Office Furniture", of the Regular Meeting minutes dated May 17, 2010*). Because the H1N1 program did not create the expense first expected, there are funds left from the grant that can be used for other Health purposes. Howard County was invited to consider improvements to infrastructure using surplus grant funds. Mr. Weaver submitted a proposal to the State and it was rejected. He is asking the Board of Commissioners to reject all quotes. The State did approve a portion of the proposal (\$38,873.00) choosing what would be acceptable, line by line. All funds have to be expended and inventory received by July 31, 2010. At the conclusion of ensuing discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Thompson to reject all the office furniture proposals. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried to authorize Mr. Weaver to prepare another Request for Proposals for office furniture, to submit to the same vendors no later than June 14, 2010. Mr. Weaver will bring the new proposals to the June 21st meeting, for action by the Board at that time.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPERTY PURCHASE REQUEST BY THE LIBRARY:

The Board of Commissioners met in executive session met with the Kokomo / Howard County Library Board, the County Council and the City of Kokomo regarding the request to purchase the County's lot located on the corner of Mulberry and Market Street (*please refer to page six, "In The Matter Of The Purchase Request By The Library", of the Regular Meeting minutes dated May 17, 2010*). Mr. Henderson, representing the Library Board, assured the Board of Commissioners that the library board desired to finalize its offer to purchase. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to accept the Library's offer as submitted. Mr. Murrell suggested the following housekeeping issues and that the purchase request could be approved, subject to the following changes, and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners:

- a) Correct the legal description of the lot
- b) Paragraph 3, suggest Howard County pay for the title insurance – would like to change to splitting the costs 50 /50 between Howard County and the Public Library
- c) Paragraph 4; correct the tax exempt status of the lot
- d) Paragraph 8; change the closing date to "when all conditions are met"
- e) Paragraph 9, subject to IC36-1-11-8

Mr. Moore withdrew his motion. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson to table the offer and authorize Mr. Murrell to work with the Library Board's attorney, Brian Oaks, concerning the five revisions, and bring to the June 21st meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF GCC CONTRACTS:

Mr. Larry Ives, Director of the Government Coordinating Council submitted the following contracts for the Board's approval:

1. **Traffic Count Contract:** This contract is between Howard County & the Governmental Coordinating Council for use of Metropolitan Planning Funds in the amount of \$2,500.00, paid by the GCC, for the County's surveillance service for Traffic Counts. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by

Mr. Moore and carried to approve the Supplement to the Agreement between Howard County Government and Howard County Governmental Coordinating Council for Traffic Counts.

2. **Leased Office Space Contract:** This contract is for leased office space in the Government Center. The GCC plans to vacate the office space in November, 2010, and has included the following clause in Section 2.01 as follows:

“Provided, however, Tenant may terminate this Lease upon thirty (30) days notice at anytime if its federal funding grants are terminated, tenant’s funds are otherwise exhausted, or other facilities are available and approved by the KHC GCC Policy Board.”

The Renewal of existing lease of Real Estate between Howard County and the Governmental Coordinating Council was approved on a motion made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Thompson.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR COUNTY MATCHING FUNDS FOR RADIOS FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS:

At the May 17th meeting the Board of Commissioners were asked to pay for the County portion(\$149,000) of the match involved in a grant awarded to the City of Kokomo for new mobile radios for the Volunteer Fire Departments (*please refer to page six, “In The Matter Of a Request For County Contribution Toward the Purchase of New Radios For Volunteer Fire Department”, of the Regular Meeting minutes dated May 17, 2010*). Because the Volunteer Fire Departments are under the jurisdiction of the Township Trustee, all the Howard County Township Trustees were invited to come. It was brought to the Commissioners’ attention that 45% of Howard County is serviced by townships outside of Howard County (Burlington, Young America and Galveston), and they are not represented at today’s meeting. President Trine invited the Township Trustees to give their comment at this time.

Diane Kuntz, Taylor Twp. Trustee: Would have liked to have been notified in advance. They do not have this proposed purchase in the budget and they do not have a need for new radios. Taylor Twp. Fire Chief had spoken to Brad Bray one time and informed him that they have all the radios they need. He feels it would be irresponsible to ask for the money to be spent when he doesn’t have a dire need. His present radios are comparable with the current Dispatch system.

Nick Capozzoli, E911 Coordinator: Assured all the VFD’s that Dispatch would not be changing their communications system. It will remain the MA-Com System, so their present radios will always be compliant.

Kokomo Fire Chief O’Neill: The grant in question was applied for last year and is a regional grant. It can be altered as needed, to encompass just the City of Kokomo.

Virginia Marner, Howard Township Trustee: Wishes the township would have been notified. Howard Township is a divided township with fire protection from Greentown and Galveston. She has spoken with both towns’ Fire Chiefs and they have confirmed that they do not need new radio equipment at this time. If they would need the radios, they would have to meet with their Township Boards and it would have to be included in next year’s budget.

Mark Michael, Burlington Township VFD, Carroll County: They have what radios they need, at this time. Are using LP200’s, from the Sheriff’s Department, and those work better than the old radios Burlington had.

David Reeser, Monroe Township Trustee: Has Fire Protection contracts with Russiaville and Burlington. They have what they need; anything other purchase would require their Board’s permission and inclusion in the budget.

Landon Bartley, Russiaville Fire Chief: Russiaville has need of new radios. Russiaville received radios from the Sheriff’s Department during the re-banding project. The radios they have that are not re-banded are 800 radios and were purchased by the Board of Commissioners in 2001. He believes they should be replaced by the Board of Commissioners.

Brent Aarons, Chief of Galveston Fire Department: When he received the e-mail concerning this meeting, Mr. Aarons contacted E911 Assistant Coordinator Gary Bates. Mr. Bates informed him that he shouldn’t have received the e-mail because he is not in Howard County. He believes that the trustees that he services should not have to pay for radios that Galveston will not be receiving. They did receive re-banded mobile radios through the Nextel Re-banding project. The portable radios they now have work but are obsolete. He will need new portables in the near future and he will have to ask the Howard County trustee that he services, for funding.

Randy Morris, Director of Operations for the City of Kokomo: This opportunity is to purchase the latest technology of radio for \$.20 on the dollar. It's a very good investment.

Paul Wyman, County Councilman: An option could be that the County would pay for the radios, now, and offer a no-interest or low-interest loan to the townships that need the new radios. That would give them the ability to budget the expense in future budget years to pay back the loan. This is a good opportunity to replace obsolete radios for a very low price.

Terry Tribby, Director of Howard County Information Systems: Part of the grant language is the provision to update Dispatch technology. E911 Dispatch could use this grant to bury fiber cable from the Dispatch Center to the Emergency Tower.

At the conclusion of ensuing discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Thompson to recommend to the County Council to fund the matching grant as they see fit and submit to the Council a copy of the Grant and the breakdown of the share of costs. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Jerry Paul, 1326 South Webster Street, Kokomo, IN: Mr. Paul is President of the Howard County Veterans' Memorial Corporation, in response to an article in the Kokomo Tribune. He began his presentation by introducing the veterans that sit on the Board. As part of the Beautification project for Downtown Kokomo, the Board of Commissioners gave their support for a veteran's monument, but it would have to be self-funded as they were committed to not using tax payer funded money for the project (*please refer to page six, "In The Matter Of Public Comment" of the Regular Meeting minutes dated August 3, 2009*). Mr. Paul informed the Board that the Howard County Veterans' Memorial Corporation will be assuming the Veterans Memorial project from the Downtown Beautification Project so that they can build a more complex monument in a timely manner; something to be proud of. They would also like to dedicate the monument to families of veterans. The Veteran's Memorial Corporation will be meeting on Thursday and Mr. Paul will contact the Board of Commissioners on Friday.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS & REPORTS:

Auditor Ann Wells submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** Commissioners' Salary, Hourly and Overtime claims payable June 11 & 18, 2010, in the amount of \$346,484.04 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moore.
2. **Operating Claims:** Commissioners' Operating Claims payable today, in the amount of \$1,184,940.70 were submitted. Ms. Wells informed the Board that the amount of claims for this pay period is so high because of the primary election workers' claims. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson to approve the Operating Claims as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report for the month ending April 30, 2010, was submitted and accepted on a motion made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moore.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

County Attorney Larry Murrell submitted the following issues for the Board's information and approval:

1. **Amendment To Animal Control Contract:** At the May 3rd meeting the Commissioners approved a change in shelter hours for the Humane Society (*please refer to page four, "In The Matter Of A Change In Shelter Hours For The Humane Society", of the Regular Meeting minutes dated May 3, 2010*). Mr. Murrell now submits an Amendment to the 2010 Animal Control Contract, reflecting the change in Shelter hours. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried to approve the Amendment to the 2010 Animal Control Contract. Mr. Murrell will forward a signed copy to the Humane Society.

2. **Barnes & Thornburg Invoice:** Mr. Murrell submitted an invoice from Barnes & Thornburg for services rendered through April 30, 2010, for Delphi Bankruptcy matters and Chrysler Corporation matters, in the amount of \$11,038.20. The invoice was approved for payment on a motion made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Thompson.
3. **Grant Writer / Administrator:** Mr. Murrell has received the fourth turn-down for a Grant-writer Administrator. He is still looking for other possibilities.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

Commissioner Moore: The last time Howard County held a Commissioners' Sale was in 2001/2002. Since then the laws have been changed. The Board of Commissioners is allowed to take certificate to a property in lieu of a title of ownership. A property becomes eligible for the Commissioners' Tax Sale when it is delinquent from the Tax Sale. SRI performs Commissioners' Sales and Mr. Moore would like a representative from SRI to meet with the Board of Commissioners and review with them the new laws.

Mr. Van Taylor from the Kokomo Rescue Mission is interested in obtaining property located next to the Mission at 321 West Mulberry Street. The Mission operates the Open Arms Outreach for women and children, at 929 North Main Street. They would like to have the vacant lot to construct a shelter and volleyball area and small park for the families of Open Arms. The City has to mow the lot and Mr. Taylor has been assured by the owner that they do not want the property. There are back taxes and several liens have been placed on the property by the City of Kokomo and Howard County. Ms. Wells informed the Board that the City and the County both have to agree to remove the liens. Mr. Morris, City of Kokomo, replied that the City would be willing to remove their liens from the property in question. At the conclusion of discussion it was the consensus to contact the SRI consultant and inform Mr. Taylor of the date and time.

Commissioner Thompson: Invited everyone to attend the next CCC meeting. They are informative and well run. He appreciates the Committee's president, Isobel Chism.

Mr. Thompson thanked the Veterans who accompanied Mr. Paul. He also thanked the Volunteer Firemen for their attendance to today's meeting.

Commissioner Trine: Mr. Trine submitted the Weights and Measures Report for the month of April 16 – May 15, 2010. The Weights & Measures report was accepted on a motion made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Thompson.

The EMA June Calendar and Activities list was submitted and accepted on a motion made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moore.

Mr. Trine submitted Notices from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management regarding Confined Feeding Operations Approval Renewal for the following:

Mr. Paul Bennett	Mr. Howard C. Eller
Mr. Larry J. Jackson	Mr. Dennis Maple
Mr. Steve Maple	Mr. Charles Spangler
Mr. Bret A. Kirkendall	

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to accept all the notices as listed.

There being no further business to come before Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moore.

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

DAVID A. TRINE, PRESIDENT

WILLIAM THOMPSON, VICE PRESIDENT

TYLER O. MOORE, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN WELLS, AUDITOR

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