

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING APRIL 27TH, 2004

The Howard County Council met Tuesday, April 27th, 2004 at 7:00 p.m., in Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those present were Council President Richard Miller, Council Vice President James Papacek and Council Members Dwight Singer, Stanley Ortman, Jeffrey Stout, Leslie Ellison and Ronald Gilman. Also present were County Attorney Larry Murrell, Personnel Administrator Wanda McKillip, and Auditor Martha Lake.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Marshall Talbert and conducted by President Richard Miller.

The minutes of the March 23rd, 2004 Regular Meeting, having been previously reviewed, were approved as submitted on a motion made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Stout, and carried.

Councilman Leslie Ellison graciously thanked the Council Members for the acts of kindness extended to him in the in days following the passing of his wife.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2004-HCC-13 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Ordinance No. 2004-HCC-13 was read in full for the first time by Auditor Martha Lake, and read in full for the second time by President Richard Miller. Ordinance No. 2004-HCC-13 was presented and acted upon as follows:

APPROPRIATION ADDITIONS REQUESTED:

	<u>REQUESTED:</u>	<u>APPROVED:</u>
002 <u>HOWARD COUNTY AUDITOR’S OFFICE:</u>		
1116 Second Deputy Auditor	\$ 17,018.00	\$ 17,018.00
Total Auditor’s Office:	\$ 17,018.00	\$ 17,018.00

(See page 1, March 23rd, 2004, minutes, “In the Matter of Ordinance No. 2004-HCC-09 Additional Appropriations – Line Item 1117 in Account 002”, for related discussion. Also see page 4, attached, Appropriation Reductions for Account 004 in the Howard County General Fund)

Because of the County’s fiscal circumstances, the Council reduced the amount of part-time money in all departments for the 2004 calendar year. Due to workload in her office, Auditor Martha Lake submitted a request in March 2004 for additional part-time funds. There was still some money available in the part-time account; therefore the Council tabled the request at the March 23rd, 2004 meeting. In the interim, the County Recorder advised that modern technology has eliminated much of the workload in the Recorder’s Office causing the department to become overstaffed. Since the employees in both the Auditor’s Office and Recorder’s Office perform some similar duties, the Recorder suggested transferring one full time employee to the Auditor’s Office. This could be done instead of appropriating additional money for part time help.

The PAC reviewed the issue and recommended approval of transferring the employee based on information that the Recorder’s Office was overstaffed and the job responsibility in the Auditor’s Office is similar to the job being performed in the Recorder’s Office.

Mr. Papacek made a motion to appropriate \$17,018.00 to Line Item 1116 in Account 002. Mr. Stout seconded the motion, and it carried.

003 <u>HOWARD COUNTY TREASURER’S OFFICE:</u>		
2360 Supplies	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 1,175.00
3212 Postage	\$ 8,325.00	\$ 8,325.00
Total Treasurer’s Office:	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,500.00

County Treasurer Ann Wells explained that according to Senate Bill 1, Section 79, the State Legislators issued a directive that each county Treasurer shall send the following statement to all homestead owners in their individual county, which means 22,799 homes in Howard County need to be notified:

“Your assessing officials completed a general reassessment of all real property in the County first effective for property taxes payable in 2003. The reassessment was necessary to comply with Indiana Law. The Indiana General Assembly has increased the property tax replacement credit and made other changes to the property tax system to substantially reduce the effects that this reassessment may have on your property tax liability. Due to the Indiana General Assembly’s action, the average 2004 property tax bill for homeowners in Howard County was approximately 49% lower than it would have been.” (Each Indiana County has an individualized percentage rate of savings)

This statutory requirement has become very controversial due to a lack of understanding in regard to the purpose, questionable realistic savings issues, unfunded processing costs, and software inadequacies. Mrs. Wells commented that tax bills in Howard County were reduced somewhat, but not as much as 49%. In order to save on costs, Mrs. Wells initially requested permission from the Department of Local Government Finance to print the statement on separate postcards. However, the Department of Local Government Finance advised that the state statute stipulates the statement must be sent with the 2004 tax bills. Rather than extend the property tax deadline while waiting on a written declaration from the Department of Local Government Finance and software changes, the 2004 tax statements were mailed without the statement.

County Attorney Larry Murrell commented that the State Legislature might not understand the mechanical problems regarding how to separate out those homeowners having escrow accounts, and how to alleviate questions or confusion. Although Mr. Wells is skeptical, she proposes to send out duplicate tax bills to the homestead owners containing the printed statement along with a message stating, “Do not pay this bill; this statement is for information only”. Mr. Wells anticipates this project to be completed by July 2004.

At this time there are no penalties or retribution for failing to send out the statement as required. However, it was the consensus of some of the Council members that the best course of action would be to follow the guidelines of the law. The method of how to send out the statement would be a matter of interpretation of the statute.

In conclusion, Mr. Papacek made a motion, seconded by Mr. Singer, to appropriate \$9,500.00 to the Line Items listed above in Account 003. When the vote was taken, Mr. Gilman, Mr. Singer, and Mr. Papacek voted "Aye". Mr. Ellison, Mr. Ortman, and Mr. Stout voted "Nay" resulting in a tie vote. Mr. Miller yielded with a vote of "Aye", which broke the tie and resulted in split vote of four (4) in favor of and three (3) opposed. Mr. Stout clarified his "Nay" vote by stating he was hoping this would be tabled for this month which would allow more time to review and understand the basics of the requirement.

008 HOWARD COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT II:

1113	Court Reporter	\$ 3,721.62	Tabled
1114	Bailiff	\$ 3,477.12	Tabled
Total Superior Court II:		\$ 7,198.74	-0-

Superior County II Judge Stephen Jessup was ill and unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Papacek made a motion to table the requests. Mr. Ellison seconded the motion, and it carried.

014 HOWARD COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT I:

3112	Translators	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Total Superior Court I:		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00

Judge Michael P. Krebs explained the need for the new Translator is to accommodate the services of his court. Mr. Stout made a motion to approve an additional appropriation of \$500.00 to Line Item 3112 in Account 014. Seconded by Mr. Ellison, the motion carried.

Total General Fund:	\$ 34,216.74	\$ 27,018.00
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002 HOWARD COUNTY MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND:

14523	Group Insurance	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 95,000.00
22371	Hardware & Tools	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
22372	Salt	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
22430	Bituminous	\$ 579,000.00	\$ 579,000.00
24323	Other Garage Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Total Highway Fund:		\$ 686,000.00	\$ 686,000.00

Howard County Highway Engineer/Superintendent Ted Cain briefed the Council in regard to the requested needs which are self explanatory by the line item names in the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund.

Mr. Papacek made a motion to approve the requests of additional appropriations to the line items in the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund for a total amount of \$686,000.00. Mr. Singer seconded the motion and it carried.

006 HOWARD COUNTY CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND:

32250	Repairs by Contract	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
33703	B--601 Harrison Street	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
33704	B--159 CR 320S 720W	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
33711	B-- 13 CR 250S 720W	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
33719	B--157 CR 125N 1170W	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
Total Cumulative Bridge Fund:		\$ 410,000.00	\$ 410,000.00

Mr. Cain said some of the money in the Cumulative Bridge Fund is used to supplement the paving program by paving the approaches to bridges. Three (3) structures were scheduled for repair last year but priorities were revised as a result of the flood in July 2003. Mr. Cain hopes to complete the repair work to Bridge 13 (250 South 720 West) and Bridge 601 (Harrison St.) during the summer months when the schools are closed. Bridge 157 needs to be totally replaced.

Mr. Papacek made a motion to approve additional appropriations to the line items as read in the Howard County Cumulative Bridge Fund, for a total amount of \$410,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Ortman, the motion carried.

007 HOWARD COUNTY LOCAL ROAD & STREET FUND:

23754	Bituminous	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 39,000.00
33757	200W 250S to 200S	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Total LR&S Fund:		\$ 114,000.00	\$ 114,000.00

Mr. Cain gave a brief update on the paving projects for 2004. He said the next phase of the Dixon Road Project for the section between 250 South and Greentree Lane will be let in July 2004.

Mr. Papacek inquired about the status of the repairs to the bridge located at 200 South, east of State Road 19. Mr. Cain reported the repair work is scheduled for completion this summer.

Mr. Papacek made a motion, seconded by Mr. Singer, to appropriate \$114,000.00 to the line items listed above in Account 007 Howard County Local Road & Street Fund. The motion carried.

104 HOWARD COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT – SUPPLEMENTAL JUVENILE PROBATION FUND:

4721	Copy Machine	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Total Supplemental Juvenile Probation Fund:		\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00

Chief Juvenile Probation Director Don Travis stated that the current copy machine is eight years old, is very close to wearing out, and needs to be replaced. He has sufficient funds to pay for the replacement.

Mr. Ortman made a motion to appropriate \$8,000.00 in Line Item 4721 in Account 104 as requested. Seconded by Mr. Ellison, the motion carried.

150 HOWARD COUNTY CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND:

000 HOWARD COUNTY INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:

4305	Jail Repair	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
4320.01	Building Repair – Haven Home	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
Total CCD Fund:		\$ 47,000.00	\$ 47,000.00

At previous meetings Sheriff Marshall Talbert discussed the issue of the high inmate population at the Criminal Justice Center. (*See page 5, March 23rd, 2004 minutes, “In the Matter of Sheriff Department Issues”, Item 5, for related discussion*) Captain Harold Vincent suggested that a quick feasible solution would be to install double bunking in Unit 6, which would add 14 beds.

Commissioner Raver previously expressed concerns with the sewage treatment plant at Howard Haven. Initially there were only six residents at the facility. The facility is currently filled to capacity having 18 residents, plus the staff. New sanitary sewers are being installed across the street from Howard Haven on the south side of West Boulevard for Cobblestone Village Subdivision. This development opens an opportunity to connect Howard Haven to the City’s sanitary sewer system. The Commissioners requested Mr. Jerry Williams, Professional Engineer with Gove and Associates, to provide an engineering estimate for the project. The amount recommended is \$32,000.00.

Mr. Papacek made a motion to appropriate \$15,000.00 in Line Item 4305 and \$32,000.00 in Line Item 4320.01 in Account 150 as outlined by Mr. Raver. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stout, and it carried.

169 HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPT. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE EXCISE TAX FUND:

3215	Vehicle Lease	\$ 721.95	\$ 721.95
Total Controlled Substance Excise Tax:		\$ 721.95	\$ 721.95

The money in this fund is generated when people possessing controlled substances are arrested and tax is charged on the amount of money that the drugs represent. The money is placed in a fund in Indianapolis. Sheriff Talbert applied for Howard County’s share of the money and it has been received. The money is earmarked to prevent drug use. This appropriation request would accommodate paying the lease on a vehicle to be used by the County Drug Task Force.

Mr. Singer made a motion to appropriate \$721.95 to Line Item 3125 as requested by the Sheriff. Mr. Ellison seconded the motion, and it carried.

510 HOWARD COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT FUND:

1121	Part-time	\$ 219.51	\$ 219.51
Total Community Corrections Grant Fund:		\$ 219.51	\$ 219.51

Communications Director Steve Maus explained this is a matter of correcting an accounting error in coordination with the reduction in Line Item 1117. (*See page 4, Line Item 1117 in Account 090 - attached, for further discussion*)

Mr. Papacek made a motion to allocate \$219.51 in Line Item 1121 in Account 510. Seconded by Mr. Stout, the motion carried.

514 HOWARD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUND:

3210	Phase I – Imaging	\$ 24,000.00	Withdrawn
Total Tobacco Settlement Fund:		\$ 24,000.00	-0-

Executive Health Department Director Kris Conyers explained that she is currently working on preparing the Request for Proposals for Imaging, which are due in May 2004. The Health Department is not ready to move forward without knowledge of the amount of money needed to fund the project. Mrs. Conyers withdrew the request until further notice.

215 HOWARD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – MASTER TOBACCO FUND:

3594	Project Access – Contribution	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Total Master Tobacco Fund:		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00

Mrs. Conyers gave a brief summary of Project Access, a program that initially started in North Carolina in 1996 to provide medical care for the totally uninsured. Approximately sixty area physicians adopted and are promoting the program. The Master Tobacco Settlement money is designated to be used for direct services to medically serve the community. The Health Department Board agreed to donate \$20,000.00 of the Master Tobacco Fund to the Project Access Program (i.e.: the local Clinic of Hope).

Mr. Papacek made a motion to appropriate \$20,000.00 to Line Item 3594 in Account 215 for the contribution to the Project Access Program. Mr. Ellison seconded the motion, which carried.

<u>515 HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT MISDEMEANANT GRANT FUND:</u>			
3726	Service Contracts	\$ 8,136.00	\$ 8,136.00
4720	Equipment	\$ 6,943.75	\$ 6,943.75
Total Misdemeanant Grant Fund:		\$ 15,079.75	\$ 15,079.75

Sheriff Talbert presented the above requests for additional appropriations. The \$8,136.00 in Line Item 3726 is to pay for a service contract submitted from NEC Solutions (America), Inc. for the Automatic Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) at the Criminal Justice Center. The maintenance services will cover Monday through Friday for the period of May 1st, 2004 to April 30th, 2005. The Sheriff plans to pay for the service contract out of the Misdemeanant Grant Fund for the 2004-year and then include the cost in a line item when preparing the budget for 2005.

The Sheriff believed that the appropriation request for \$6,943.75 in Line Item 4720 Equipment would be used to pay for updating and licensing of the CISCO Software package.

Mr. Papacek made a motion to appropriate a total of \$15,079.75 to the Line Items listed above in Account 515. Mr. Singer seconded the motion, and it carried.

TOTAL ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS			
ALL FUNDS:		\$1,359,237.95	\$1,359,237.95

APPROPRIATION REDUCTIONS:

001 HOWARD COUNTY GENERAL FUND:

<u>004 HOWARD COUNTY RECORDER’S OFFICE:</u>			
1114	Second Deputy Recorder	-\$ 16,718.00	-\$ 16,718.00
1116	3 rd Deputy Recorder	-\$ 300.00	-\$ 300.00
Total Recorder’s Office:		-\$ 17,018.00	17,018.00

This reduction request was made in correlation with the appropriations that were previously approved in Account 002 Howard County Auditor’s Office for the transfer of a full time employee from the Recorder’s Office to the Auditor’s Office.

Mr. Papacek made a motion to approve a total reduction of \$17,018.00 in the line items listed above. Seconded by Mr. Stout, the motion carried.

Total General Fund:		-\$ 17,018.00	-\$ 17,018.00
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090 HOWARD COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS CTP PER DIEM FUND:

1117	Part-time	-\$ 219.51	-\$ 219.51
Total CTP Per Diem Fund:		-\$ 219.51	-\$ 219.51

Mr. Papacek made a motion to approve a reduction of \$219.51 from Account 090 in the Howard County Community Corrections Fund as listed above coordinating with the additional appropriations previously approved in fund 510. Mr. Singer seconded the motion and it carried.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION REDUCTIONS			
ALL FUNDS:		-\$ 17,237.51	-\$ 17,237.51

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2004-HCC-10 -- TRANSFERS:

Resolution No. 2004-HCC-10 addressing requested transfers was presented and read in full for Council information and review. The following actions were taken:

TRANSFERS:		AMOUNT:	
FROM:	TO:	REQUESTED:	ALLOWED:
<u>001 HOWARD COUNTY GENERAL FUND:</u>			
<u>014 HOWARD COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT I:</u>			
2330	Transcripts	3593	Exam of Psychotic Persons\$ 800.00
			\$ 800.00

Judge Michael P. Krebs explained more psychiatric examinations were ordered for defendants by the court than anticipated when the 2004 Budget was initially proposed.

Mr. Singer made a motion to approve a transfer of \$800.00 from Line Item 2330 to Line Item 3593 as requested. Mr. Ellison seconded the motion, which carried.

090 HOWARD COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS CTP PER DIEM FUND:

3500	LSI-R	2060	Vehicle Supplies	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
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Communications Director Steve Maus explained that grant money in Line Item 3500 LSI-R (Level of Service Inventory Revised) needs to be transferred into Vehicle Supplies to pay for some fuel.

Mr. Ortman made a motion to transfer \$750.00 from Line Item 3500 LSI-R to Line Item 2060 Vehicle Supplies. Mr. Ellison seconded the motion, and it carried.

510 HOWARD COUNTY ADULT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS 2003-2004:

1200	Worker's Comp.	1500	FICA	\$ 1,035.00	\$ 1,035.00
1300	Unemployment Comp.	1500	FICA	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
1300	Unemployment Comp.	1580	PERF	\$ 1,054.00	\$ 1,054.00

Mr. Maus said the transfer requests were a matter of housekeeping at the end of the State fiscal year. The extra money in Worker's Comp and Unemployment Comp is needed for FICA and PERF.

Mr. Papacek made a motion to approve the transfers in the line items as requested in Account 510. Mr. Singer seconded the motion, which carried.

522 HOWARD COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT – JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT:

1520	Unemployment Comp.	1523	Insurance	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
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Chief Juvenile Probation Director Don Travis presented the above request to transfer \$500.00 from Unemployment Compensation to Insurance, due to the increase in health insurance premiums for 2004.

A motion was mad by Mr. Papacek to approve the transfer as requested in Account 522. Mr. Gilman seconded the motion, and it carried.

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2004-HCC-14 – AMENDING THE EXISTING SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2004:

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Singer, and carried to approve Amended Salary Ordinance 2004-HCC-14 as read. The amended salaries, any changed position titles and all other pertinent information is shown as follows:

	POSITION/NUMBER/SALARY	REQUEST:	APPROVED:	YTD:
002	<u>HOWARD COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE:</u>			
1116	Second Deputy Auditor 1 New @\$26,277 Effective May 10 th , 2004 Existing 7 @ \$26,277=\$183,589+\$17,018= \$200,607.00	+\$ 17,018.00	+\$ 17,018.00	\$ 17,018.00
004	<u>HOWARD COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE:</u>			
1114	Second Deputy Recorder 2 @ \$12,882=\$25,764	-\$ 16,718.00	-\$ 16,718.00	\$ 9,046.00
1116	3 rd Deputy Recorder 1 @ \$12,345	-\$ 300.00	-\$ 300.00	\$ 12,045.00
008	<u>HOWARD COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT II:</u>			
1113	Court Reporter 1 @ \$32,502	+\$ 3,721.62	Tabled	\$ 32,502.00
1114	Bailiff 1 @ \$30,367	+\$ 3,477.00	Tabled	\$ 30,367.00
090	<u>HOWARD COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS CTP PER DIEM FUND:</u>			
1117	Part-time	-\$ 219.51	-\$ 219.51	\$ 13,268.69
510	<u>HOWARD COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT FUND:</u>			
1121	Part-time 1 @ \$13,500	+\$ 219.51	+\$ 219.51	\$ 13,719.51

IN THE MATTER OF KINSEY YOUTH CENTER RESIDENTIAL CARE UNIT BECOMING A MEDICAID CERTIFIED PROVIDER:

Ms. Jan Weaver, Kinsey Center Director explained that Federal Funds recently became available that would make the facility's programs more marketable by reducing the cost for child placement from other counties and allowing some of the monies to be billed directly to Medicaid. In order to tap into this opportunity the Kinsey Youth Center would need to complete necessary steps to become a Medicaid Certified Provider. The Federal funds would ultimately bring more money into Howard County by way of additional monies generated with the facility's per diem. In order to be eligible for the funding, the Kinsey Youth Center must enter into a contract with a Psychiatrist and other providers to supply additional services for the children.

Ms. Weaver explained that the program's payment and billing process is a reimbursement type process, which means money would be paid out for services and then reimbursed by Medicaid. (Monies would be paid from and

reimbursed to the County General Fund.) This program is coordinated by Maximus, a company that provides analytical services which assists in calculations in regard to the claiming of reimbursement from the Family and Social Service Administration

The program's records and documentation will generate more responsibilities for the case manager. Ms. Weaver anticipates proposing a small salary increase for this employee in the near future.

Ms. Weaver estimated the start up appropriation would be approximately \$100,000 annually. The Commissioners approved the Physician's Agreement, contingent on Council approval of funding, at their meeting held on April 5, 2004. Ms. Weaver advised she would request an appropriation of \$50,000 at the next Council meeting to implement the program for the remainder of the 2004-year.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY WEBSITE INFORMATION UPDATE:

Information Systems Director Terry Tribby advised that the following changes are being made to the Howard County Website (www.co.howard.in.us):

1. **Link to Attorney General's Website:** At the Attorney General's Office request, a link will be installed to their website due to the tornado damages that occurred in March 2004. The purpose of the website is for citizens to read and understand how to work with the contractors that are cleaning up following the disaster.
2. **Election Day Information:** A link has been established to the website designed to post election information and updates on the internet for the upcoming primary election on May 4th, 2004.
3. **Property Record Internet Access:** Initially, Mr. Tribby investigated the "Governmax Program" created by Manatron that is capable of posting tax and assessment information on the internet. However, it became apparent that this particular program would not be able to fulfill the expectations and a decision was made to look at other similar software programs. Mr. Tribby discovered a vendor by the name of NX Communications that produced a website for Grant County containing everything that Howard County would like to provide. Mr. Tribby conducted a demonstration of Grant County's website that posts tax and assessing information on the internet.

The posted data would be beneficial to the public, save on public terminal access costs, licensing, and would reduce the amount of walk-in traffic to county offices. Auditor Martha Lake commented that most counties in Indiana are putting their tax and assessment information on the internet. This accommodates the needs of those who research this type of information. Training would be provided to those who wish to become acclimated to the program. County Assessor Ann Harrigan was present to show support for the program.

On April 5th, 2004, the Commissioners authorized Mr. Tribby to proceed with implementation of the NX Communications website development activity at a cost of \$5,000.00 and a monthly hosting fee of \$1,200.00 per month. The cost of the program would be paid for with money that is already appropriated in the Reassessment Fund. NX Communications will begin working on the project tomorrow.

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Sheriff Marshall Talbert presented the following issues for Council information and approval:

1. **Commissary Report:** The Commissary Financial Report for the month of March 2004 was distributed to Council members.
2. **Indiana Department of Correction Holds:** Sheriff Marshall Talbert presented a check in the amount of \$16,415.00 to the County Auditor from the Indiana Department of Corrections for per diem for holding IDOC inmates.

IN THE MATTER OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – ORDINANCE NO. 2004-HCC-15:

Ordinance No. 2004-HCC-15, an Ordinance of the Howard County Council Approving Inter-Local Agreement for Weights and Measures Services was presented.

County Attorney Larry Murrell explained that for a number of years the County has been paying 45% and the City has paid 55% for the operation of the Weights and Measures Department. Recently it was discovered that no formal agreement could be found. The City is currently processing a similar resolution.

Mr. Papacek made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2004-HCC-15 as written. Mr. Stout seconded the motion, and it carried.

IN THE MATTER OF PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATOR ISSUES:

Personnel Director Wanda McKillip presented the following issue for Council information and approval:

1. **Appointment to PTBOA:** Indiana Code 6-1.1-28 states that the County fiscal body shall make two (2) of the four (4) appointments to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTBOA). One

appointment must be a Republican and the other a Democrat. At an earlier date, County Assessor Ann Harrigan provided a recommendation to appoint Ms. Marilyn Beroshok, a Level 2 Appraiser, 921 S. Locke Street, for the Democrat opening effective April 27th to December 31st, 2004.

Mr. Papacek made a motion to appoint Ms. Marilyn Beroshok to the PTBOA, effective April 27th to December 31st, 2004. Mr. Singer seconded the motion, and it carried.

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Council members took a moment to read and acknowledge a card from Councilman Ellison, thanking the Council for their expression of sympathy upon the passing of his wife, Mrs. Candace Ellison.

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There being no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Singer made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Papacek and carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL:

Richard H. Miller, President

James Papacek, Vice President

Ronald Gilman, Councilman

Dwight Singer, Jr., Councilman

Leslie Ellison, Councilman

Stanley Ortman, Councilman

Jeffrey Stout, Councilman

Attest:

MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR
County Council Minutes, April 27th, 2004