

**NOTICE OF AND AGENDA FOR:**  
**HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING**  
**HOWARD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER**  
**220 NORTH MAIN STREET, ROOM 338 (3RD FLOOR)**  
**MONDAY, MAY 20TH, 2024, AT 4:00 P.M.**

- I. Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer
- II. Special Announcements / Recognitions
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes
- IV. Departmental Business & Reports
  - A. *Maintenance Department– Bill Stonestreet*
    - Highway flagpole lighting
    - Jail Heat pump project update
  - B. *Highway Department– Amber Tolle*
    - CCMG CR 1250 West Reconstruction Advertisement
    - Bridge 45 Overlay Advertisement
    - CCMG Resurface Project Award
  - C. *County Extension– Allison Hillis*
    - to introduce the new 4-H Educator Introduction.
  - D. *Community Supervision – Dustin DeLong*
    - Presenting the Postage Agreement
  - E. *Assessor – Mindy Heady*
    - PTABOA appointments
- V. New Business
- VI. Claims & Reports
  - A. Salary Claims
  - B. Payroll Expense
  - C. Operating Claims
  - D. Ratify Claims
  - E. Monthly Reports
  - F. Grants
- VII. County Attorney Issues
- VIII. Commissioner Issues
- IX. Public Comments
- X. Adjourn

JACK W. DODD, PRESIDENT  
R. BRAD BRAY, VICE PRESIDENT  
JEFF S. LIPINSKI, MEMBER

## HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: MAY 6, 2024

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included Commissioner President Jack Dodd, Commissioner Vice President Brad Bray, Commissioner Member Jeff Lipinski, County Attorney Alan Wilson, and County Auditor Jessica Secease.

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

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS / RECOGNITIONS

These selected individuals received a Certificate of Appreciation; William Baldwin (30yrs), Troy Strain (10yrs), Tisha Whitesell (5yrs), Kelly Carpenter (5yrs), Jennifer Young (1yr), Brian Pulsipher (1yr), Dakota Bess (1yr), Rosemary Hampton (1yr), Kaitlin Sparling (1yr), Sarah Washburn (1yr), Drake Edwards (1yr), Donald Mills Jr (1yr), Tanya Paquet (1yr), Alexander Campbell (1yr), Abigail Matlock (1yr), Ethan Sharp (1yr), Katie Kawiecki (1yr), Abigail Conner (1yr), Caitey Bowen (1yr), Blake Mendenhall (1yr), Janelle Hunley (1yr), Kameron Hill (1yr), Jason Neal (1yr), Austin Day (1yr), Kelsey Moss (1yr), Natasha Washington (1yr), Rebecca Camden (1yr), David Granger (1yr), Tara Hamilton (1yr), Jennifer Shaffer (1yr), Gopaul Kaushal (1yr), and William Baldwin (1yr).

President Dodd also mentioned that it is the beginning of national correction officer's week and we want to pay special recognition to our Correction Officers and what a valuable resource they are to our community. He asked if you see a corrections officer to say a special thank you to them this week.

### IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, regular meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Lipinski. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS & REPORTS:

#### **MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT**

##### ***Heat Pump Equipment Purchase***

Maintenance Superintendent Bill Stonestreet submitted a quote last meeting to replace the heat pumps at the Howard County Jail from Envelop Group in the amount of \$895,260.00. Mr. Stonestreet stated that this will include 69 new heat pumps, DOAS units, boilers, and pumps. He also stated that the new heat pumps would include the new 454B refrigerant. No motion was made but president Dodd asked Bill to get the commissioners the numbers behind doing the deal in bulk versus breaking it up into payments so they can save money on a deal if available.

*Resident Clee Oliver of 5768 W. 00 N.S., Kokomo, Indiana:* Mr. Oliver stated that he was listening to the state budgeting sessions and found that there were a few entities that were asking for money to do certain projects in their communities. Mr. Oliver wondered if there was a way to ask the state for money to go towards the heat pump project at the jail.

#### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

##### ***Resurfacing Project Advertisement***

Highway Superintendent Amber Tolle opened the bids for the CCMG Resurfacing Project. One bid was received. The bid was from E&B Paving LLC, the total bid was 1,970,742.61. A motion to approve the bid was made by Commissioner Lipinski. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

***R/W purchase for Bridge 56***

Highway Superintendent Amber Tolle presented purchasing right aways for the Bridge 56 projects. This project will hopefully be done at the end of this year, with this project we must purchase some right aways, which is under the umbrella of the existing contract. They have three Parcels that they need to purchase a right of way. These have been assessed through their existing designer and are ready for purchase. The three pieces of property total is \$12,100. A motion to approve the Bridge 56 purchase was made by Commissioner Lipinski. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried. A motion was made to approve President Dodd's signature made by Commissioner Lipinski. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

***Plan Commission***

Plan Commission Executive Director Greg Sheline submitted Ordinance No. 2024-BCCO-20 for the rezoning of the property located at 2202 N. Philips St., Kokomo, Indiana from C1 to RR. There was a favorable recommendation by the Board. There was no remonstrance. With the rezoning request having been heard, Commissioner Lipinski made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2024-BCCO-20 as presented. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

***HOWARD HAVEN***

Jennifer presented the New Resident applications for Tamara Petty and Jennifer Ostler to get them approved to reside at Howard Haven. They have been assessed and they meet the criteria for residency. A motion to approve the new residents was made by Commissioner Lipinski. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:**

***Congressional School Interest Loan***

Auditor Jessica Secrease presented the congressional school loan report and states, "I Jessica Secrease Auditor of Howard County certify that this report corrects statement of the condition of school funds of the County as shown by the records on file in this office in the amounts \$22,477.77". A motion to approve Congressional School Loan report was made by Commissioner Lipinski. Commissioner Bray 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in the amounts of \$1,058,822.22, as well as for May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, in the amount of \$1,087,418.80 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Bray. Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Payroll Expenses:** The Commissioners' Payroll Expenses for payment on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in the amounts of \$1,058,822.22 and for May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, in the amount of \$1,087,418.80 were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray. Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in the amount of \$1,317,898.17 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lipinski, and the motion carried.

4. **Monthly Reports:** Auditor Jessica Secease presented the following reports to be received into the record:
  - a. Weights and measure, date end April 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Treasurers monthly report ending 3/31/24  
A motion made by Commissioner Bray. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lipinski, and the motion carried.
  
5. **Grants:** Jennifer Brower presented the following grants she would like to pursue:
  - a. RCAP Grant for \$24,500  
A motion to approve the Grant was made by Commissioner Lipinski. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*Resident Brad Semon of 10954 E. 100 S., Greentown, Indiana:* Mr. Semon stated that he noticed at the last commissioner meeting that the commissioners passed a resolution to protect water from leaving the county. Mr. Semon stated that they protected water from leaving the county but did not do the same when it came to his water. He stated that there should have been more time taken on the ordinance that was done for the solar project in eastern Howard County. He stated that he is worried about water contamination and that the EPA is now weighing in on PFOS. Mr. Semon stated that the EPA says that it is the owners and the county's responsibility for clean up if there is contamination. He states that there should be a moratorium so they can make some amendments to the original ordinance that was done for the solar project. Mr. Semon stated that it seems like the people who are making large campaign donations are the ones who get listened to and not concerned citizens.

*Resident Clee Oliver of 5768 W. 00 N.S., Kokomo, Indiana:* Mr. Oliver stated that the two representatives from Granger and Liberty were awarded three million dollars for a South Bend Sports Complex through the state budgeting session. Mr. Oliver is confused why they would not give money towards the county's jail project, but they would give money towards a sports complex. He stated that they might be too late to submit something, but it is worth a try.

*Resident Tim Hinton of 7380 E. 400 S., Kokomo, Indiana:* Mr. Hinton stated that he has spoken to a resident who lives on 700 E whose house was purchased so that 700 E can be widened. Mr. Hinton stated that he believes the gentleman that is starting the rock quarry in Tipton County is who purchased the resident's home. He stated that he spoke with another resident who lives on 700 E and state that they said the property across the street from them has been purchased by Martin Maricetta. Mr. Hinton stated that he wants to know what kind of protection the county is going to offer to protect people's wells. He stated that he is going to have his water tested so that he has record if the well were to go bad. Mr. Hinton asked where the county prefers he gets his well-tested from. He stated that there is a lot of work going on out where he lives, and the county doesn't seem to be aware of any of it. He was told that the road was going to be widened because they are expecting around three hundred dumb trucks a day. He stated that he just wants his and his neighbors well protected.

Commissioner Dodd asked Mr. Hinton how deep his well is. Mr. Hinton stated that it is 60 ft deep. Commissioner Dodd stated that he spoke with the Commissioners in Tipton County and expressed his concerns about the rock quarry in Tipton. Mr. Hinton stated that the one Martin Maricetta's quarry is the one that he is concerned about. Commissioner Dodd stated that he is going to have County Highway Superintendent Amber Tolle talk about what is going on where Mr. Hinton lives.

Mrs. Tolle stated that the entity in Tipton County is out of their control because it is in another county, but they have gone through the proper steps to be in Tipton. She stated that the company has reached out to them about using 500 S, which is maintained by Howard County, to enter and exit their quarry. She stated that she has not been approached by Martin Maricetta but is aware that there has been some digging equipment on those properties. Mrs. Tolle stated that the equipment is on private property and there is nothing they can do about it. She stated that once they do approach them that they can step in and do something about it.

Mr. Hinton stated that they are not trying to get the quarry stopped and that they just want their well protected. Commissioner Dodd stated that Mr. Hinton is taking good proactive steps. Mr. Hinton stated that they want it on record of what is going on and are concerned.

Mr. Sheline stated that Commissioner Dodd and himself spoke with the maintenance supervisor at Martin Marietta on the phone and he did admit that they are doing some drilling and that as of now they have no plans to expand. Mr. Hinton stated that he is just looking to see if there is any protection from the state or the county on if his well is to get damaged.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Lipinski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.*

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**ATTEST:**

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JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

Howard County Commissioners' Meeting: April 15, 2024

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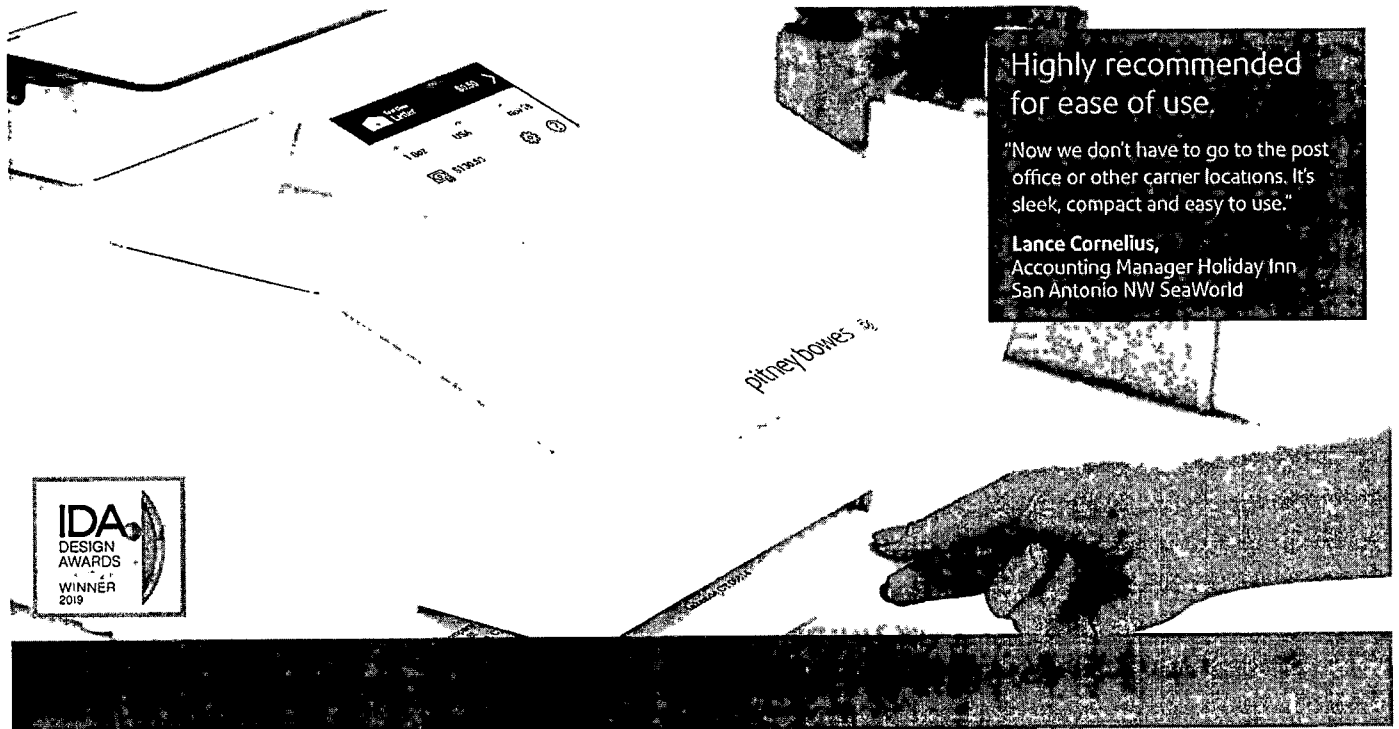
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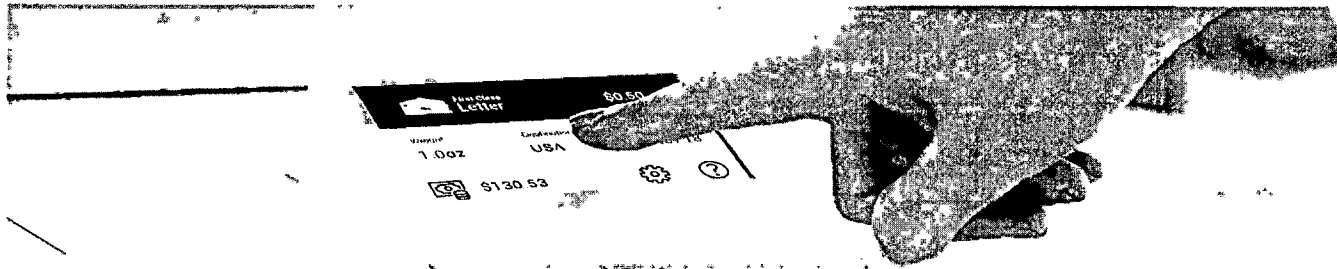


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