

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, APRIL 7, 2025, 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. *Coroner – David Grainger*
 - i. Bio-Tech X Ray Contract
 - B. *Health – James Vest*
 - i. New Fund Number for H5N1 Grant
 - C. *Community Corrections – Dustin Delong*
 - i. Approval of DOC grants
 - D. *Planning Commission – Greg Sheline*
 - i. Rezoning for Property 6506 W 400 N – Ord. No. 2025-BCCO-11
 - ii. Approval of Plat -- 1 Lot Subdivision at 6506 W 400 N
 - E. *Maintenance – Bill Stonestreet*
 - i. Plumbing Repairs for the Jeff Stout Government Center
 - F. *Kinsey – Kathy Cullison*
 - i. CPI Instructor Training
 - G. *Highway – Amber Tolle*
 - i. Bid Opening - CCMG 2025-1 Resurfacing Project
 - H. *Howard Haven – Jennifer Brower*
 - i. New Admission
 - I. *Sheriff – Jerry Asher*
 - i. Purchase of New Mower
- V. New Business
 - A. Honoring Jerry Paul
- VI. Claims & Reports
 - A. Salary Claims
 - B. Payroll Expense
 - C. Operating Claims
 - D. Ratify Claims
 - E. Monthly Reports
 - i. County Treasurer's Monthly Report for February 2025

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: MARCH 17, 2025

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, March 17, 2025, 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 Secrease.

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.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the March 03, 2025, 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 NEW BUSINESS:

HIGHWAY

LPA Contract

Highway employee Steven Osborne presented for Highway Superintendent Amber Tolle and requested approval of LPA contract for Bridge 30 in the amount of \$298,000. Commissioner Lipinski made a motion to approved the LPA contract. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

TAYLOR REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

Seat on the Board

Brock McVeigh requested approval for the them to fill the 5th seat of the board with resident Luke Jacobs.

Commissioner Dodd asked if Luke Jacobs filled all the requirements to be able to be on the Board.

Brock McVeigh stated that he did meet the requirements.

Commissioner Bray made a motion to approve Luke Jacobs as the 5th board member for Taylor Regional Sewer District. 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 March 07, 2025, in the amounts of \$1,132,618.33 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 March 07, 2025, in the amounts of \$1,132,618.33 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 March 17, 2025, in the amount of \$1,774,197.60 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Lipinski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.

4. **Monthly Reports:** Auditor Jessica Secrease presented the following reports to be received into the record:
 - a. Treasurer's Monthly Report for January 2025
 - b. Weights & Measures Monthly Report for February 16, 2025 thru March 16, 2025

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Ordinance No. 2025-BCCO-10

County Attorney Alan Wilson requested approval of Ordinance number 2025-BCCO-10 for the creation of the new fund 9137 for the Court Reform Grant that Judge Blake Dahl presented at the March 3, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Lipinski made a motion to approved Ordinance Number 2025-BCCO-10. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

INDOT

County Attorney Alan Wilson requested an ordinance number for authorization of the INDOT Agreements. Commissioner Lipinski made the motion to approved Ordinance Number 2025-BCCR-06. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

RFPQ Approval

County Attorney Alan Wilson requested approval to accept the recommendation from Envoy to move forward with Garmong as the developers for the new jail. Commissioner Lipinski made a motion to approved Garmong as the developers for the new jail. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

Commissioner Lipinski asked County Attorney Alan Wilson if he had heard back from the attorney or property owner of the Bledsoe property in West Middleton.

County Attorney Alan Wilson stated that they have not heard from the property owner or the attorney so at this time we are assuming they are failing to cooperate with getting an inspector into the property to evaluate if it is unsafe. He believes it is time to move forward with getting a warrant to move forward with the process of demolishing the unsafe property.

Commissioner Lipinski wanted to state to the other commissioners and the public that they all agree that the county needs a nuisance ordinance and action needs to be taken.

Commissioner Dodd agreed and stated he went to a property that was next door to a property that had a back yard with a chicken and a rooster coop. He stated the noise coming from the chickens and roosters was very loud and the resident stated they are that loud all the time and throughout the night. He understands that people move out to the county to be able to do what they want with their property but you still have to be mindful of your neighbors.

***There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time
the meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Bray.
The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lipinski, and the motion carried.***

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

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ATTEST:

JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

Howard County Commissioners' Meeting: April 7, 2025