

**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, JULY 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. *Maintenance – Bill Stonestreet*
    - i. Parking Lot Sealing for 2025
  - B. *Howard Haven – Jennifer Brower*
    - i. New Admission
  - C. *Recorder – Torrie Kelley*
    - i. Laredo Agreements
- V. New Business
- VI. Claims & Reports
  - A. Salary Claims
  - B. Payroll Expense
  - C. Operating Claims
  - D. Ratify Claims
  - E. Monthly Reports
    - i. Weights & Measures Monthly Report – May 16, 2025 to June 15, 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: JUNE 16, 2025**

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, June 16, 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, and Commissioner Member Jeff Lipinski, County Attorney Alan Wilson, and County Auditor Jessica Secrease.

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

Commissioner Dodd stated if any of the residents have experienced flooding to please contact United Way. They will be tracking the damage caused by rain.

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the June 2, 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 DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS & REPORTS:**

#### **ASSESSOR**

##### ***PTABOA Appointees***

County Auditor Jessica Secrease presented for County Assessor Mindy Heady in requesting approval of reappointed Cheryl Duncan and Mark Hornstein for the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals. Commissioner Lipinski made a motion to approve the appointees. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, the motion carried.

#### **MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT**

##### ***Courthouse Masonry Repairs***

Superintendent Bill Stonestreet presented a quote to get the masonry at the courthouse repaired. There are separation joints that need to be re-caulked. Commissioner Bray made the motion to approve the maintenance on the courthouse. Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, the motion carried.

#### **COMMISSIONERS**

##### ***RFP for Compliance Monitoring for Solar Projects***

Project Manager Pam Isaac presented a request for proposals for the solar project that have the potential to come to Howard County. This person would come in and monitor the project for drains and highway ordinances. The proposals are due by July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Commissioner Lipinski made a motion to approve the request for proposals. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Brad Semone from Eastern Howard County asked who pays for the company to monitor the compliance of these ordinances.

Commissioner Jack Dodd stated the county pay for it.

#### **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

##### ***Purchase of Scheduling System***

Tabled.

### **IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:**

## **MAINTENANCE**

### ***Elevator Update***

Superintendent Bill Stonestreet requested approval for repairs to the elevator in the Administration Building. It needs new packing around the hydraulic piston. This does not make the elevator unsafe and is still operable but will only get worse over time. Commissioner Lipinski made a motion to fix the elevator. 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 June 13, 2025, in the amounts of \$1,161,471.24 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 June 13, 2025, in the amounts of \$1,161,471.24 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 June 16, 2025, in the amount of \$1,291,141.87 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Lipinski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.

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

County Attorney Alan Wilson presented Resolution No. 2025 BCCR-13 a resolution extending the moratorium on the issuance of any and all permits, licenses, or approvals for any property in Howard County for the establishment and use of battery energy storage systems. Commissioner Lipinski made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025 BCCR-13. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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

Commissioner Bray wanted to thank county highway, EMA, and everyone who was out in the storm keeping everybody safe.

Commissioner Dodd seconded what Commissioner Bray said.

## **IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Howard County resident Jeff Ely from Unshacked Hearts are trying to get the book policy for Work Release. They have been trying to get it since March.

Commissioner Dodd stated that they are in the process of hiring new leadership in Work Release. He apologized for the miscommunication.

Joe Resoe, Russiaville resident, had a question about economic development agreements that are signed or in play?

Commissioner Dodd stated there are some in play but nothing has been signed.

Clee Oliver, Howard County resident, requested a copy of Resolution No. 2025 BCCR-13 be emailed to him.

County Auditor Jessica Secrease stated she would email him a copy.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time  
the meeting was adjourned at 422 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Bray.  
The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lipinski, and the motion carried.*

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**ATTEST:**

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JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

Howard County Commissioners' Meeting: July 7, 2025