

NOTICE OF AND AGENDA FOR:
HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING
HOWARD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER
220 NORTH MAIN STREET, ROOM 338 (3RD FLOOR)
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 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. *Project Manager – Pam Isaac*
 - i. Taylor Regional Sewer District – Ted Miller
 - ii. Agreement for Contract Services
 - iii. Amendment to Service Contract
 - iv. Solar Compliance Monitoring Contract
 - B. Planning Commission – Greg Sheline
 - i. Lynch Subdivision
 - ii. Durkes Homestead Subdivision
 - iii. Rezoning of Property – 7583 E 50 N – Ordinance No. 2025-BCCO-30
 - iv. Swisher Farms Subdivision
- V. New Business
 - A. 40th Parallel – Elaine Phelps - Right of Way Vacation Hearing
- 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: AUGUST 18, 2025

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, August 18, 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 August 4, 2025, regular meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray. Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:

SHERIFF

Swearing in of New Deputy

Sheriff Jerry Asher introduced Austin Day as the newest Deputy to join the Sheriff's Department. County Clerk Debbie Stewart swore in Austin Day. He will start his training this fall and be a full-time deputy early next year.

HIGHWAY

Salt Box Spreader and Snow Plow Purchases

Highway Superintendent Amber Tolle presented two quotes for two new plows and a salt box spreader. She planned on buying these this year and has the funds to do so. Commissioner Lipinski made a motion to approve all three purchases. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

MAINTENANCE

Primary 911 Tower Air Conditioners

Maintenance Administrator Bill Stonestreet presented a quote to replace the air conditioners. He looked into fixing them but they are so old it would be cheaper to just replace them because the current units are 20+ years old. Commissioner Bray made a motion to approve the purchase. 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 August 8, 2025, in the amounts of \$1,157,202.01 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 August 8, 2025, in the amounts of \$1,157,202.01 were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Lipinski. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid August 18, 2025, in the amount of \$2,189,002.92 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. **Ratify Claims:** The Commissioners' Ratified Claims to be paid on July 21, 2025 in the amount of \$30,195.68 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Lipinski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.
5. **Monthly Reports:** County Auditor Jessica Secrease presented the following reports to be received into the record:
 - a. Weights & Measures Monthly Report for July 16, 2025 thru August 15, 2025

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:

County Attorney Alan Wilson presented a contract with Northwind Clinical Blueprints to update our contract for prescription drugs for employees. Commissioner Bray made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

Commissioner Lipinski made a comment on thanking the Auditor's office on a job well done for the State Board of Accounts audit. He doesn't agree with the fact that it's a state mandated audit and the state charges us \$32,000.00 for it. The Auditor's office did a job well done.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time the meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Lipinski.
The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.*

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

JACK W. DODD, PRESIDENT

R. BRAD BRAY, VICE PRESIDENT

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ATTEST:

JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

Howard County Commissioners' Meeting: September 2, 2025