

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, OCTOBER 6, 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. *Assessor – Mindy Heady*
 - i. Purchasing of new copier
 - B. *Planning Commission – Greg Sheline*
 - i. Rezone the property 11620 W 350 N – Ordinance No. 2025-BCCO-35
 - ii. Rezone the property 124 N 750 W – Ordinance No. 2025-BCCO-36
 - iii. Rezone the property 4233 N 600 E – Ordinance No. 2025-BCCO-37
 - iv. Rezone the property 2262 S 700 W – Ordinance No. 2025-BCCO-38
 - v. Jarvis Subdivision 1 lot – 11620 W 350 N
 - vi. Crumley Crossing subdivision 1 lot – 124 N 750 W
 - vii. Starlight Lodge Subdivision 1 lot – 7099 E 100 N
 - viii. Bailey Estates Subdivision 1 lot – 4233 N 600 E
 - ix. Promise Wedding Estates Subdivision 1 lot – 2874 S 1150 E
 - C. *Clerk - Debbie Stewart*
 - i. Pay Gov Agreement
- V. New Business
 - A. *David Baird – Petition to Vacate Easement*
 - B. *Paul Wyman – Petition to Vacate*
- VI. Claims & Reports
 - A. Salary Claims
 - B. Payroll Expense
 - C. Operating Claims
 - D. Ratify Claims
 - E. Monthly Reports
 - i. Weights & Measures Monthly Report
 - F. Grants
- VII. County Attorney Issues
- VIII. Commissioner Issues

A. Township Appeal

IX. Public Comments

X. Adjourn

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

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, September 15, 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 Major Gary Cook 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 SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECONGINTION:

Employee of the Month

Commissioner Bray awarded the employee of the month to Bethany Winger for consistently demonstrating exceptional dedication, creativity, and leadership across multiple high impact projects that have served both our organization and the broader community.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the September 2, 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:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

New Fund

Health Department Administrator James Vest requested a new fund number for a grant that we have been receiving and depositing the money into another grant fund. The State Board of Accounts has stated that the grant money needs to be in two separate accounts due to them both having separate CFDA numbers. The new fund number is 8911. Commissioner Lipinski made a motion to approve the new fund. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Supplemental Agreement for On-Call Professional Services

Highway Superintendent Amber Tolle presented the agreement for USI Consultants for an extension thru 12-31-2027. The agreement is the same that it was from the beginning, they would just like to extend. Commissioner Lipinski made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Approval to Proceed

Highway Superintendent Amber Tolle presented an approval to proceed agreement for USI Consultants to move forward with the design of two bridges for future projects. Commissioner Lipinski made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

MAINTENANCE

Highway Electrical for Dry Storage

Maintenance Administrator Bill Stonestreet presented a quote to install power for lights and receptacles. The maintenance department will complete the install. Commissioner Lipinski stated due to the low cost, there is no need for a motion.

American Elevator Labor Agreement

Maintenance Administrator Bill Stonestreet presented an agreement for American Elevator to fix the problems we have been having with our lifts. He has not received the agreement yet but he will forward it to County Attorney Alan Wilson as soon as he gets it. The Commissioners agreed to table the agreement until it is reviewed by Alan.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:

Maintenance Bill Stonestreet presented a request to purchase a new transfer switch for the jail generator. They will also be purchasing a new safety suit for the maintenance team. J& J will install. Commissioner Lipinski made a motion to approve the purchase. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

County Auditor Jessica Secrease presented a plat book agreement for services to rebind some of our plat books that are falling apart. Commissioner Lipinski made a motion to approve the agreement. 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 September 5 2025, in the amounts of \$1,134,402.73 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 September 8, 2025, in the amounts of \$1,134,402.73 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 September 15, 2025, in the amount of \$1,802,442.30 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 a contract for Public Private Agreement for Jail Constriction with Garmong. Commissioner Lipinski made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

County Attorney Alan Wilson presented the new Ordinance for the vacation of the right of way in Reindeer Estates with the proper dates. The new Ordinance number is 2025-BCCP-32. Commissioner Bray made a motion to approve the new ordinance. Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

County Attorney Alan Wilson requested to table the hearing for the Bledsoe Property.

County Attorney Alan Wilson requested to have the Commissioners approve the new appointee Tracy Martino to the Howard County Plan Commission. Commissioner Lipinski made a motion to approve the new appointee. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

Commissioner Lipinski wanted to make note and let the public know that they are changing the October 20th Commissioner meeting to October 16th at 8:30am.

The public asked why the change.

Commissioner Dodd stated if they don't change it, they won't have a quorum.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

Stan Oyler from Eastern Howard County asked where the county is at on the ordinance for battery storage?

Commissioner Dodd stated that have asked for examples from other Indiana counties that have them.

Oyler asked Commissioner Dodd if they would get the Chief of the Fire Department of Howard County for input and surrounding counties.

Commissioner Dodd agreed that he plans on getting inputs on departments in close proximity.

Oyler also recommended that at their next executive session, he would like to be included so he can give his inputs on what he thinks should be included on the ordinance.

Oyler then proceeded to ask Superintendent Amber Tolle if the road agreement includes 1100 East from 22 South, correct?

Superintendent Amber Tolle said he was correct.

Oyler then stated, South of 200 South. He gets a lot of traffic from SR 18 to 22, a lot of pickup trucks. They have signs up and he is assuming they are going to start bringing semi-trucks down that road.

Superintendent Amber Tolle stated the signs are a broad requirement that they have to have them in the area.

Callahan Beatty, Howard County resident wanted to know if the Garmoning agreement would be on the website.

County Attorney Alan Wilson stated it will not be on the website but he could submit a request on the website for a copy.

***There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time
the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 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: October 6th, 2025