

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MAY 6, 2019

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, May 6, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Vice-President Tyler Moore, Member Brad Bray, County Attorney Alan Wilson, and County Auditor Martha Lake.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Jerry Asher and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Bray led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Vice President Moore offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

The Commissioners congratulated county employee Renae Adams, Howard County Auditor's Finance Office, for her outstanding service in the Auditor's Office. The nomination read, "I've been very impressed with my "outside the auditor's office" vision of the work performed by Renae Adams." "I'm sure she had a steep learning curve to manage, since her relatively recent hire as a Howard County employee." "It is my perception Renae practically "hit the floor running", assuming her role and responsibilities." "Whether assisting face-to-face, via email, or via the telephone; Renae always conducts herself professionally." "Renae has a great, caring attitude!" "She is always very willing and pleasant, and seeks to find the best way to accurately assist resolving finance issues in an efficient, and trustworthy manner." "I would bet money, even though I don't gamble; our Auditor is very pleased to have been able to land Renae as a member of her Finance team." "Renae has been a constant, reliable source of accurate information." "For these reasons, I believe Renae is a great candidate for Howard County Employee of the Month." It was with great honor that the Commissioners extended congratulations and the memento from Kokomo Opalescent Glass to her." Pictures were taken, and congratulations were given by all.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of April 15, 2019, regular meeting having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Mr. Moore. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

***COUNTY HIGHWAY:**

County Highway Engineer Ted Cain submitted the sealed and only bid received for the Community Crossing Matching Grant Paving Program to the Board. Mr. Moore opened the bid received for the Community Crossing Matching Grant Paving Program, submitted by E&B Paving. Mr. Moore made a motion to receive the bid, take it under advisement and make a recommendation prior to the close of the meeting. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HOWARD HAVEN HOME:

Director Jennifer Brower submitted two applications for residency at the Howard Haven Home. Applications were submitted for approval by the Board of Commissioners for Jeffrey Campbell and Danney Smith. These approvals will follow the standard 90-day probationary period. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the applications and to allow Jeffrey Campbell and Danney Smith residency to Howard Haven, as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Plan Commission Director Greg Sheline submitted Ordinance No. 2019-BCCO-11 – Case 2-CZ-19, rezoning of (3) three lots from Agricultural to Rural Residential for the Commissioners consideration. The residential parcels totaling 6.65 acres, are located at 12900, 12850 & 12778 W. 00 NS more or less, and owned by John J. & Peggy L. Martino.

There was no remonstrance to this request and it received a "favorable" recommendation from the Planning Commission. Having reviewed Ordinance No. 2019-BCCO-11, Mr. Moore made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-BCCO-11 – Case 2-CZ-19, as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Sheline submitted Case 3-CP-19 for approval of the Plat showing the rezoning of the 3 lots in Ordinance No. 2019-BCCO-11. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve Case 3-CP-19, the Plat showing the rezoning of the 3 lots in Ordinance No. 2019-BCCO-11, owned by John J. & Peggy L. Martino, 6.65 acres more or less. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:

Maintenance Superintendent Bill Stonestreet submitted the “Scope of Work” agreement with Kemna Restoration and Construction, Inc. for repair of the brick on the Howard County Administration Building, in the sum of \$28,000.00. Howard County Attorney Alan Wilson has reviewed the “scope of work” agreement. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the “scope of work” agreement by Kemna Restoration and Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$28,000.00, as presented, and authorize President Wyman to sign on behalf of the Howard County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Stonestreet stated that the Simplex Dialing System at the courthouse has a redundant phone dialing system and only one line is currently working. Mr. Stonestreet would like to install a cellular device, replacing the landline and allowing for a secondary method of notification of the alarm system in the event the current phone line malfunctions. Mr. Stonestreet submitted the Commercial Monitoring and Alarm Services Agreement with Koorsen Fire & Security for the installation and monitoring of the fire alarm system at the Howard County Courthouse. The contract provides for the installation of the Cell/IP unit as an initial fee of \$500.00, and a monitoring fee of \$60.00/month. The term of the contract is a period of (5) five years; to expire May of 2024. County Attorney Alan Wilson has reviewed the contract. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the (5) five-year contract by and between Koorsen Fire & Security and Howard County as presented, and authorize President Wyman to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

KINSEY YOUTH CENTER:

Director Jeff Lipinski submitted a proposal from Jansen’s Asphalt Sealing for the resealing of the driveway and parking lot at the Kinsey Youth Center in the sum of \$6,898.00. Mr. Lipinski requested the board approve the proposal and authorize payment with ½ of the proposed amount to be paid from the Commissioners budget and ½ to be paid from Kinsey’s budget. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the proposal from Jansen’s Asphalt Sealing to reseal the parking lot and driveway at the Kinsey Youth Center in the sum of \$6,898.00, as presented with ½ of the amount from the Commissioners budget and authorize the President Wyman to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Lipinski, who is a member of the Town Board in Russiaville, gave an update on the New London/Russiaville Wastewater Improvement Project. Mr. Lipinski stated that the pressure testing is almost finished, and the old tank removed from the ground. The estimated completion date of the project is July 10, 2019.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS:

**Continuation -- County Highway Business (please see above)*

The bid for the Community Crossing Matching Grant Paving Program from E&B Paving having been reviewed was revisited by the Board at this time. County Highway Engineer Ted Cain recommended the approval of the bid from E&B Paving in the amount of \$2,144,346.10. Mr. Cain stated that \$1 million of the cost would be reimbursed to the county by the State Grant. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the bid for the Community Crossing Grant as presented in the sum of \$2,144,346.10 under the terms stipulated. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:

Kokomo Early History Learning Center’s Gil Porter gave the history of the center formed in Kokomo in December of 2017, and part of the background history of Howard County. The mission of the center is to promote outreach and education for students and the general public, for research, volunteer efforts and event sponsorships. Mr. Porter introduced John Zech, retired Howard county deputy sheriff and principal advisor to the center. Retired Deputy Zech’s knowledge in law enforcement and general history in Howard County has been a tremendous help in getting the center started. One of the first efforts of the center is updating the origin story of Kokomo and Howard County, coincident to the 175th anniversary of the founding of the county. The first commissioners meeting held in Howard County was June, 1844. May 15th is the legal start date for Howard County, and the date town founder, David Foster signed a title bond agreeing to donate 40 acres to establish the county seat. To help recognize this date, state representatives Mike Karickhoff and Heath VanNatter introduced House Resolution #81, highlighting the unique history of Howard County. Mr. Zech presented to the Board, a framed print of Resolution #81, which is part of the record of the 121st General Assembly.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

Howard County Auditor Martha Lake submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners’ information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners’ Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims to be paid May 10, 2019, in the amount of \$846,130.80 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners’ Operating Claims to be paid May 6, 2019, in the amount of \$1,059,462.00 were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Mr. Bray. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore, and the motion carried.
3. **Monthly Reports:** The following reports were received into record: Howard County Clerk’s report for January 31, 2019 and Weights and Measures for April 16, 2019.
4. **Grants:** The time extension, modification request of the New London/Russiaville Wastewater Project Grant #WW-17-104 was submitted to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the Letter from Howard County to the Office of Community and Rural Affairs for the New London/Russiaville Grant moving the completion date deadline to July 15, 2019, as submitted and authorize President Wyman to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Auditor Martha Lake submitted the New London/Russiaville Project request for payment from Mendenhall & Associates in the sum of \$4,000.00, and the request for payment from Davidson Excavating, Inc. in the sum of \$45,346.47, totaling \$49,346.47 payout from the grant fund. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the expense payment in the sum of \$49,436.47, as presented and authorize President Wyman to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

County Attorney Alan Wilson submitted a Coverdale Grant Application to send to the state to facilitate the purchase of equipment for the Coroner’s Office. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the request to submit a grant application to the State to pay for equipment for the Coroner’s Office. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

Mr. Moore discussed an event being held next Monday, May 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the Library for a presentation by Gil Porter and Sally Tuttle on the 175th Anniversary and historical findings of Howard County.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray, and carried.

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

TYLER O. MOORE, VICE PRESIDENT

ROBERT B. BRAY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR
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