

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING JANUARY 16, 2018

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, January 16, 2018, 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 Auditor Martha Lake, and County Attorney Alan D. Wilson.

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

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS:

The Commissioners congratulated the following county employees, and Mr. Bray read their Employee Service Awards into record.

Five Years:	Ross Waltemath
Ten Years:	Cheryl Davis
Fifteen Years:	Blake Harness, Mark Brackett
Thirty-Five Years:	Rita Berry

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the January 2, 2018, regular meeting and the minutes of the December 28, 2017, regular meeting were accepted on a motion made by Mr. Bray. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

COUNTY ASSESSOR:

County Assessor Mindy Heady asked the Board of Commissioners to accept all of the 2018 Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA) appointments. Mr. Moore made a motion to accept the nominations to the PTABOA board as presented by Ms. Heady. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

	Name	Board	Nomination	Action
1	Anne Harrigan	PTABOA	Reappointment	Accepted
2	Virginia Baker	PTABOA	Reappointment	Accepted

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Wyman submitted a request to purchase a copy machine from Beckley Office Equipment for the personnel office. Mr. Moore made a motion to accept the request as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Wyman noted that a tank was removed at Kinsey Youth Center last fall. The site had to be cleaned due to tank leakage at some point. The cost to clean the site and remove soil per Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) guidelines was \$21,866.00. There was \$18,784.85 left in the unsafe properties fund at the end of 2017. The remainder of the cost can be taken out of the unsafe properties fund for 2018. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the costs and payment sources as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

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 January 19, 2018, January 26, 2018, and February 2, 2018, in the amount of \$414,465.90 each, 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 January 16, 2018, in the amount of \$1,579,215.93 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- 3. Monthly Reports:** The following departmental reports were submitted: Recorder's Monthly Report, Treasurer's Monthly Report, Clerk's Monthly Report, and Weights and Measures Monthly Report. The reports were received by the Board of County Commissioners.

4. **100R:** Ms. Lake presented the 100R report which lists the amount paid to each employee for 2017. The report was received by the Board of County Commissioners.

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:

County Attorney Alan Wilson submitted Mr. Ron Metz's name for the Community Corrections Board At-Large position. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve Mr. Ron Metz's appointment to the Community Corrections Board with the term ending December 31, 2021. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Moore made a motion to recess the Howard County Board of Commissioners meeting and to open the Howard County Board of Finance Meeting. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF FINANCE:

Howard County Treasurer Weston Reed submitted the 2017 Board of Finance meeting minutes. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the January 17, 2017, Board of Finance meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Election of Officers for 2018: Mr. Wyman made a motion to retain the leadership as currently held. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Reed highlighted parts of the treasurer's report. The treasurer's office collected a little over \$88 million for a collection rate of 98 percent. Collections occurred via: 5,000 office, 12,000 mail, 3,000 local banks, 3,000 online, and over 19,000 escrow. The 2017 tax sale collected over \$307,000.00. Over \$621,000.00 was collected through Innkeeper's tax. The Innkeeper's Tax is a pass through account, and Howard County receives no money. Investment of monies resulted in \$266,861.10 earned in interest for 2017. The investment policy follows past procedures subject to the list of acceptable banks provided by the state. Mr. Moore made a motion to accept the investment policy as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Bray made a motion to adjourn the 2018 Board of Finance Meeting and to reopen the January 16, 2018, Board of County Commissioners meeting. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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 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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