

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING JANUARY 22, 2019

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at 3:00 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 Jerry Asher and conducted by President Paul Wyman.

Commissioner Brad Bray led 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. Moore and Mr. Bray read their Employee Service Awards into the record:

Five years:	Torie Kelley
Ten years:	Karen Johnson
Fifteen years:	Teresa Keller
Thirty-five years:	Laura Johnson

JANUARY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD:

The Commissioners congratulated county employee Ross Waltemath, Howard County's Veterans' Service Officer, for his outstanding service in referring services to veterans, their dependents, and their survivors. Mr. Waltemath sets a great example and often goes above and beyond to help those who served the country. He works overtime and often extends his assistance to those outside the county. It is with great honor that the Commissioners extended congratulations and the memento from Kokomo Opalescent Glass to him. Pictures were taken, and congratulations were given by all.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of January 7, 2019, regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion made by Mr. Bray. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

SHERIFF:

Sheriff Jerry Asher introduced Carl Moss from DLZ. Mr. Moss is working on the Howard County Security Center Intake-Booking Renovation Plans. The renovation will include demolition and remodel of the entire intake area, flooring, ceiling, LED lighting, booking counter, interlock area between sally port, intake counter, and breathalyzer area. It will provide for three stations for Intake, Nursing/Medical, and ADA. The remodel will not include any cell areas. The full body scanner is not part of this particular project. A motion to place the renovation project out for bid was made by Mr. Moore. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray, and the motion carried.

MAINTENANCE:

Maintenance Supervisor Bill Stonestreet presented information on the Greentown and New London radio towers and the need for a professional service contract since the warranty has expired. A favorable recommendation for Evapar for the Tower Generator Contract was presented as being least expensive of the two quotes received. The second quote was received from Caterpillar. The maintenance contract from Evapar will be renewable for five years, in the sum of \$840.00 per tower, for a total of \$1,680.00 annually. Mr. Stonestreet stated that he would pay the contract from his Maintenance/Service account under the General Fund. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the contract and for President Wyman to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

COUNTY HOME:

County Home Director Jennifer Brower had submitted to the Board an application for Robert Miller, who is self-pay, to be accepted as a resident to Howard Haven. This will follow the standard 90-day probation period. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the application and to allow Mr. Miller residency to Howard Haven as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. Planning Commissioner Greg Sheline presented a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission for case 1-CZ-19, a single lot subdivision at 5451 West 00 North South. There was no remonstrance. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve Case #1-CZ-19, for Raccoon Acres Subdivision as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. Planning Commissioner Greg Sheline presented a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission for case 1-CZ-19, a single lot subdivision at 3358 South 500 East. There was no remonstrance. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve Case#1-CZ-19, for Plainview Farm Subdivision as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. Planning Commissioner Greg Sheline presented a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission for case 1-CZ-19, Ordinance #2019-BCCO-01, recommending a change in zone classification from AG (Agricultural) to RR (Rural Residential) for a 6.38 residential lot located at 3358 S. 500 E. There was no remonstrance. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve Case#1-CZ-19, Ordinance 2019-BCCO-01 as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

RECESS OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING TO INITIATE BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING:

Howard County Treasurer Weston Reed requested recess of Board of Commissioner's Meeting and opening of the Howard County Finance Meeting as scheduled for 3:15 p.m. Mr. Moore made a motion to recess the Board of Commissioner's Meeting and open the Howard County 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 January 16, 2018, meeting minutes for approval. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the January 16th Board of Finance meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Wyman made a motion to retain the leadership as currently held for the Election of Officers for 2019. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Treasurer Reed highlighted the areas of improvement from 2017 to 2018 in the Treasurer's Office and identified reasons for growth and increase, which included a change to a new collection agency in 2018. The Treasurer's Office collected \$88,748,928.77 for a collection rate of 98%. In 2018 the number of citizens walking into the office to make payments was 6,184 more than in 2017, showing an increase of 15%; on site mail processing was down by 4,355 pieces, showing a decrease of 65%; payments made at local banks was 1,762, showing a decrease of 42%; invoice cloud increased by 4,253 payments, showing a percent of increase as 32%; and number of lender payments was 23,573, showing an increase of 18%. Tax sale revenue for 2018 was \$238,528.70, down 22%, which is the result of increased collections and efforts of the department as well. Treasurer Reed stated that he would much rather collect taxes than see properties move to tax sale. Personal property judgements increased as a direct result of the office staff and collection agency efforts in the sum of \$133,766.54, which is a 269% increase in collections. Through Treasurer Reed's staff and those efforts with the staff in the Assessor's office, this was made possible. Innkeeper's Tax collections were up 3% in the sum of \$638,115.47 for 2018. Total interest earned in 2018 increased 152% in the sum of \$672,703.99. Treasurer Reed contributes this to the increase in interest rates and laddering of the investments. The investment policy follows the past procedures subject to a change in the list of public depositories as 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. Wyman thanked Treasurer Reed and Auditor Lake and their staff for the work on the Commissioner's Tax Sale last week.

Mr. Moore made a motion to adjourn the Board of Finance Meeting and to reopen the January 22, 2019, Board of County Commissioners meeting. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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 February 1, 2019, in the amount of \$826,093.63, 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 22, 2019, in the amount of \$2,874,302.09, were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Mr. Bray. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. **Ratify Claims:** A claim for Verizon Wireless in the sum of \$436.46 was ratified as presented on a motion made by Mr. Bray. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
4. The Title to a 2012 Ford Fusion was discussed as a vehicle transfer from Kinsey Youth Center to the Probation Department. Mr. Moore made a motion to ratify the vehicle transfer from Kinsey Youth Center to the Probation Department. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
5. **Monthly Reports:** Auditor, Martha Lake presented the Weights and Measures Monthly Report.

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Attorney Alan Wilson presented a proposed order establishing voting precincts in relation to the Darrough Chapel Annexation which would make possible for the annexed citizens to vote in the 2019 city election. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the order establishing precincts as submitted. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and motion is carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

1. The Board of Commissioners requested Members of the Storm Water Board, Greg Lake and Sarah Brichford, to draft a letter to the Indiana Association of Counties in regard to proposed legislation to update General Storm Water Permit requirements. The request is that the letter be written on the Commissioner's letterhead and signed by President Wyman. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and motion is carried.
2. Mr. Wyman thanked the Sheriff's Department, Howard County Highway Department, and Maintenance Department for their dedication working overtime to keep the roads clear during the recent snow storms.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Mr. Jerry Paul, President of Howard County Veterans Memorial Corporation at Darrough Chapel Veteran's Memorial Park, updated the board on the Women's Legacy Memorial and the completion of the first phase clay models in the sum of \$45,000.00. The first phase includes the first African-American Airforce Fighter Pilot, Shawna Rochelle Kimbrell. He stated that the artist paid extreme attention to detail in his artwork. Mr. Paul will be flying out to Boise, Idaho, to check on the project. Scott Pitcher will be providing the blue prints free of charge. The expected cost of the overall project is estimated at \$200,000.00. Mr. Paul is requesting support towards completion of this project.
2. Recorder Jennifer Jack presented Laredo's Real Estate Records Access Agreement between the Recorder and Etiquette Group in Avon to the Board for approval. Mr. Moore made a motion to accept the agreement as presented. Mr. Bray 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 3:37 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
Howard County Commissioner Meeting January 22, 2019