

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 2019

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, February 18, 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 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:

5 Years:	Scott Stewart
10 Years:	Stephen Kline
25 Years:	Yolanda Phillips, Earnest Shirey, Peggy Andrews
30 Years:	Ted Cain

FEBRUARY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

The Commissioners congratulated county employee Laura Johnson on a job well done in the Auditors Office. Auditor Lake acknowledged Laura as the GIS Director and Chief Deputy in the Auditors Office and that she is an excellent employee. Vice-President Moore acknowledged Laura from working with her in his title search business and stated that she has been a gem to work with. Pictures were taken, and congratulations were given by all.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of February 4, 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:

Howard County Sheriff, Jerry Asher submitted the Doctor Contract for the Jail. In the past, the Jail had ACH and although they were satisfied with their service, the contract has gone up from \$48,000.00 to \$78,000.00. The current contract submitted by Sheriff Asher is with Quality Correctional Care which has been reviewed by Attorney Wilson. The Contract is good for 4 years and will expire December 31, 2022. Fifty-three other counties currently use Quality Correctional Care. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the healthcare service contract between Quality Correctional Care and Howard County Commissioners on behalf of the Sheriff as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion and, the motion carried.

MAINTENANCE:

County Maintenance Director William Stonestreet requested money for custom cabinetry for the Records Office from Hearn Construction in the sum of \$2,150.00. Mr. Stonestreet would like to install the cabinetry in order to save approximately \$800.00 for the county. Mr. Stonestreet would pay for the cabinetry from the Cumulative Capital Building Fund account 1138.47241.000.0000. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the cabinets from Hearn Construction in the amount of \$2,150.00, to be paid for out of Cumulative Capital Building Fund 1138.47241.000.0000 and installed by the Maintenance Department as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion and, the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Steven Ray from NCIRPC submitted the Financial Settlement Expenditure Report for the close out of the Workforce Development Grant. The two documents submitted to the Board for signature include the grant portion that was utilized and the document reflecting the correctness of all paperwork submitted. Mr. Moore is the representative of the North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council and would be required to sign the Administrative Closeout Documents. Mr. Moore made

a motion to approve the Financial Settlement and Expenditure Report to close out the CBD Grant and sign on behalf of the Board and as the representative of North Central Regional Planning Council. Mr. Bray seconded the motion and, the motion carried.

VETERANS' SERVICE:

Veterans' Service Officer Ross Waltemath submitted the Howard County Veterans Service Monthly Report to the Board. Mr. Waltemath recapped the report stating that last year the return per capita and return on investment averages \$6.00.

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 March 1, 2019, in the amount of \$834,311.03 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 February 18, 2019, in the amount of \$2,061,672.95 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. **Ratify of Claim:** A claim payable to the First Famers Credit Card for Probation in the amount of \$2,015.83 was submitted and ratified on a motion made by Mr. Bray. Mr. Moore seconded the motion and, the motion carried.
4. **Monthly Reports:** The following reports were received into record: Treasurer's Monthly Report, Weights and Measures Monthly Report and Veterans' Service Report.
5. **Grants:** There are no grant updates; however, the grants are being put into a spreadsheet for the annual report.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Tim Hinton requested assistance from the Board to implement high speed internet in his area of Howard County. Mr. Hinton currently has no access at his residence which poses challenges. He stated that he is willing to obtain signatures on a petition if needed and assist to the Board in order to get high speed internet.

Mr. Hinton stated that there are numerous accidents at the intersection of 200 S. and State Road 19, and he would like the Board to consider installing solar powered lights similar to those on State Road 213.

Mrs. Sherry Hinton brought forth an issue of pot holes on a five mile stretch east on State Road 26. She does not want chip and seal again this year. She has asked that the Board address the issue of pot holes in that area.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

Mr. Wyman stated that there is a company that has obtained \$50,000,000.00 to build infrastructure for high speed internet where there currently is no access. They are currently in discussion to bring efforts to the Howard County area.

Mr. Moore stated that as a member of the North Central Regional Planning Council, they are talking with Purdue which is undergoing a study within the region including Howard County, and are working with companies to bring high speed internet to areas with no access.

President Wyman addressed the issue of the pot holes by stating that the low temperatures are a contributing factor and that warmer weather will allow for the repairs.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners
at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 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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