

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING FEBRUARY 19, 2018

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday February 19, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Member Brad Bray, County Auditor Martha Lake, and County Attorney Alan D. Wilson. Vice-President Tyler Moore was absent.

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 Mr. Wyman 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 the record.

Ten Years: Jerry Creason, Sally Soupley, Karen Klein

JANUARY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD:

The Commissioners congratulated county employee Sue Warner on a job well done in the Recorder's office. Sue meets and greets customers, assists customers with document needs, reviews documents, works with other county offices to resolve issues with documents, and is precise on data entry. Sue has worked in the Recorder's office since 2006. Sue worked with a land surveyor for 30 years. She works in a knowledgeable, friendly, and efficient manner. She is reliable, takes initiative, and has a top notch work ethic. Sue was nominated by Recorder Brook Cleaver and Chief Deputy Recorder Karen Klein. Pictures were taken, and congratulations was given by all.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the February 5, 2018, regular meeting were accepted on a motion made by Mr. Bray as presented. Mr. Wyman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

COUNTY MAINTENANCE:

County Maintenance Director William Stonestreet asked the Board of Commissioners to approve a contract with Arab for pest control at the Work Release Center. This is a one year contract. Mr. Bray made a motion to accept the Pest Control Service Agreement with Arab at the Work Release Center with an initial cost of \$325.00 and a monthly service fee of \$85.00 and to authorize President Wyman to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Wyman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

TREASURER:

Auditor Martha Lake presented the tax bill contract with Worrell Corp. for County Treasurer Weston Reed. Worrell Corp. has on time billing, and printing and billing costs in line with last year. Mr. Bray made a motion to accept the contract as presented. Mr. Wyman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

RECORDER:

County Recorder Brook Cleaver presented a Laredo contract with DVG Team Inc. for short term access to county records. Mr. Bray made a motion to accept the Laredo agreement as presented. Mr. Wyman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:

Superior Court III Judge Doug Tate presented an agreement between the Community Corrections Advisory Board and the Judges to combine the two units of government into a community supervision unit. The Howard County Council has signed off on the agreement. Commissioner Paul Wyman has signed the agreement. Judge Tate asked that the Board of Commissioners to ratify Commissioner Wyman's signature. Judge Tate said that this agreement was well received at the state. This will maximize the employees and money available. It should help the probation department with probation officers without increasing the costs. If costs increase, it will be due to the nationwide opioid crisis. Mr. Wyman made a motion to

endorse the Community Corrections Board of Directors recommendation to combine the two units together. 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 February 23, 2018, and March 2, 2018, in the amount of \$396,512.19 each, were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray. Mr. Wyman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid February 19, 2018, in the amount of \$2,052,095.70 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray. Mr. Wyman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. **Monthly Reports:** The following departmental reports were submitted: February 16, 2018, Weights and Measure's Monthly Report, January Clerk's Monthly Report, and the January Treasurer's Report. The reports were received by the Board of County Commissioners.

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:

1. County Attorney Alan Wilson submitted a contract between CASA and Stacy Bentley for approval. Mr. Wyman made a motion to approve the contract between CASA services and Stacy Bentley. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. Attorney Wilson submitted a resolution reaffirming three easements that are maintained and recorded on microfilm for Howard County. Mr. Wyman read Part A of Resolution No. 2018-BCCR-3 reaffirming three easements, one time. Mr. Wyman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-BCCR-3 as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. Attorney Wilson presented a proposal between Choices Inc. and Robert J Kinsey Youth Center. Mr. Wyman made a motion to accept the proposal as presented, and to authorize Kinsey Youth Director Jeff Lipinski to sign. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Jerry Paul, President of the Howard County Veterans Memorial Corporation at Darryl Chapel Veterans Memorial Park, asked for support for Phase Two of the Women's Legacy Memorial in Howard County. Phase Two might be completed by the end of March. Mr. Paul asked for help paying the \$45,000.00 cost of Phase Two. Mr. Wyman said the Commissioners will take the request under advisement.

Four County Counseling Center Chief Operating Executive, Kari Cadwell, and Vice-President of Operations for Southern Region, Elizabeth Avery, gave an overview of Four County Counseling. Four County Counseling began in 1975 and opened in Howard County in 2015. Four County Counseling offers psychiatric services, outpatient therapy, inpatient services (in Logansport, Indiana), and community based youth and adult services. This year, Four County Counseling plans to add substance based services. Four County Counseling strives to provide service all individuals. Four County Counseling is partnering with Taylor Schools and Kokomo Center Schools. There will be free professional development for all county schools supporting students in trauma and suicide awareness. Mr. Wyman recognized Four County Counseling work in schools and System of Care.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Wyman, 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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