

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MARCH 5, 2018

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday March 5, 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 Mr. Moore offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

FEBRUARY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD:

The Commissioners congratulated county employee Diane Howard on a job well done in the Sheriff's office. Ms. Howard is the widow of Officer Don Howard. She has worked as a Correction's Officer, an E911 Dispatcher, and a Civil Process Server. She has always helped where there was a need. She worked as a kitchen manager even though it was not her assigned position. She has worked many weekends assisting with inmate visitation. She has assisted deputies in the following: traveling for prisoner extraditions, directing traffic, securing crime scenes, looking for fleeing prisoners, apprehension of suspects, and helping out with emergencies. She is the founder of the Carl Koontz Scholarship Fund and the organizer of the Carl Koontz Golf Outing. She has served with a strong work ethic, honor, and integrity. Pictures were taken, and congratulations were given by all.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the February 19, 2018, regular meeting were approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray as presented. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. Planning Commissioner Greg Sheline presented a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission for case 1-CP-18, a single lot subdivision at 11802 West 500 North. There was no remonstrance. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve Case 1-CP-18, for Meadowbrook Acres Subdivision as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. Mr. Sheline presented a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission for case 2-CP-18, a single lot subdivision at 7376 West 220 South. There was no remonstrance. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve Case 2-CP-18, for Newton Estates as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. Mr. Sheline presented a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission for rezoning from Agricultural to Rural Residential in ordinance 2018-BCCO-7 (case 1-CZ-18, a single lot subdivision). There was no remonstrance. Mr. Sheline also presented a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission for rezoning from Agricultural to Rural Residential in ordinance 2018-BCCO-8 (case 2-CZ-18, a single lot subdivision). There also was no remonstrance. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-BCCO-7 (rezoning case 1-CZ-18) at 11802 West 500 North and Ordinance 2018-BCCO-8 (rezoning case 2-CZ-18) at 7376 West 220 South. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

COUNTY HOME:

County Home Director Jennifer Brower presented an application for Kimberly L. Brown to be accepted as a resident to Howard Haven Home. Kimberly is a Howard County Resident and an ARCH recipient. This will follow the standard 90 day probation period. Mr. Moore made a motion to accept the application as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:

1. Attorney Conrad Maugans presented a petition to vacate right-of-way easement and parallel 25 foot minimum building line on behalf of Connie J. Maus on lot number 1 in Kuhn Minor Subdivision. Mr. Moore made a motion

to set a public hearing on the petition to vacate the right-of-way at 1538 North 880 West on Monday, April 2, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

2. North Central Indiana Region Planning Council Executive Director Stephen Ray presented the September 2017 Regional Economic Development Plan. He presented the following highlights: 33 grants applied for, 29 grants awarded, one grant outstanding, topped two million in grant funds, including Greentown Community Crossing Grant, and Russiaville Community Crossing Grant. This created a return of seven dollars for every dollar Howard County has committed. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) was recognized by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as a high quality plan. The process is to place a copy of the plan in the Howard County Auditor's Office, open it up for public comment, and ask the Commissioners for approval if there are no public comments.
3. Mr. Ray also requested a time extension to take advantage of the entire grant from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs. At the beginning, the program was intended for incumbent workers only. Now the program has been opened for all workers. Mr. Moore made a motion to extend the time frame. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
4. Chief Probation Officer Dustin Delong presented a contract to allow for the collection of fees by an attorney for Howard County Adult Probation. There is no cost to the county for this service. The contract has been reviewed by County Attorney Alan Wilson. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the contract between the Probation Department and Attorney Brian L. Oaks to collect delinquent probations fees. 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 March 9, 2018, and March 16, 2018, in the amount of \$396,495.08 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 March 5, 2018, in the amount of \$1,525,930.60 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. **Approve Claims:** The following early paid claims: Kokomo Humane Society for \$66,950.00, and Jim Allen Maintenance for \$20,514.00 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Moore. Mr. Bray seconded the motion and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

1. Mr. Bray asked for prayers for Mike Nielson's family. Officer Nielson, Boone County Deputy, was killed in action last week.
2. Mr. Moore noted that the Weights and Measure's Monthly Report from January 16 to February 15, 2018, was received by the Board of Commissioners.
3. Mr. Moore also submitted a Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement for his work with Moore Title & Escrow, Inc. that he had filed on January 17, 2018 with the Clerk of Howard County. Mr. Wyman made a motion to approve Commissioner Tyler Moore's Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement. Mr. Bray seconded the motion. A vote was called. Mr. Wyman voted aye. Mr. Bray voted aye. Mr. Moore abstained. The motion was carried.
4. Mr. Wyman noted that the Howard County Commissioners received a thank you letter from First United Methodist Church of Greentown for money pledged toward their sidewalk project.
5. Mr. Wyman noted that employee bonuses will be paid out in the week during the switch to a biweekly payroll. This will help employees during the transition period. April 6, 2018 the bonus will be paid. Mr. Moore made a motion to pay employee bonus on April 6, 2018, for employees of record as of January 1, 2018. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Personnel Administrator Debbie Lorenz and Auditor Lake brought up the discussion of paying employee bonuses for employees of record on March 1, 2018 in order to make calculations current. Mr. Moore amended his motion to be paid to employees on record as of March 1, 2018. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
6. There is an empty seat on the Community Corrections Advisory Board. Tracy Martino has been nominated to fill the vacancy for victim advocate. Tracy Martino is the president of the Family Services Association. Ms. Martino has agreed to fill the vacancy. Mr. Moore made a motion to appoint Tracy Martino to the Community Corrections Advisory Board. 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 permission to hang posters at all Howard County facilities for a fund raiser. Carol Wills from Hog Heaven has agreed to donate money from sales to: Howard County Veterans Memorial, DAV Chapter 28, and the Military Foundation. Mr. Wyman asked Mr. Paul to coordinate posters with Howard County Maintenance Supervisor Bill Stonestreet. The middle statute for a female fighter pilot is based on Lieutenant Colonel Shawana Rochelle Kimbrell from Creech Air Force Base. Ms. Kimbrell gave permission to use her story with the memorial.

Vice President of Russiaville Town Board Don Parvin thanked the County Commissioners for their work in the community and thanked Mr. Wyman's for his work in the Russiaville area. First Baptist Church Pastor Ned Sutherland and Mr. Parvin are trying to organize churches and business in Russiaville to find out the needs in Russiaville. On Wednesday, April 6, 2018, a meeting will be held at the church to talk about opioids and needs in Russiaville.

*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. Moore, 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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