

## **HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MARCH 4, 2019**

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, March 4, 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 Deputy Stephen T. Prifogle 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:**

#### **MARCH EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:**

The Commissioners congratulated county employee Bill Stonestreet for going above and beyond the call of duty and on a job well done. The nomination by Debbie Lorenz, Personnel Administrator, read as follows: "Bill takes tremendous pride in the care and maintenance of the county facilities. He directs his employees in that manner as well and it shows. The county grounds are always well maintained, clean and are well presented each day for the taxpayers and the employees. Bill is always quick to respond and quick to help or provide assistance in any way he can. And most times, he does it with a smile and a chuckle. ☺ He always ends his conversation with, "if you need anything else, just let me know" and he means it. If selected, I'm sure Bill will be humble and say "my guys are the ones to credit" but they have to have a good leader and someone who leads by example and that is Bill."

It is with great honor that the Commissioners extended congratulations and presented a memento from Kokomo Opalescent Glass and a gift card. Pictures were taken, and congratulations were given by all.

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of February 18, 2019, regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion made by Mr. Moore. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

#### **COUNTY HOME:**

County Home Director Jennifer Brower submitted to the Board, applications for Johnathan Freeman and John Schook to be accepted as residents to Howard Haven. Both will follow the standard 90-day probationary period. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the applications and to allow residency for both individuals to Howard Haven as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

#### **MAINTENANCE:**

County Maintenance Director William Stonestreet discussed the bids received for the replacement of the Jail roof on Unit 6. The Cumulative Capital Building Fund Acct. 1138.47241.000.0000 will support the expenditure for this project. Director Stonestreet added that additional insulation would be required only in the event that there is water damage to the existing insulation. Upon discussion, it was determined that \$113,000.00 would allow for the repair and any additional insulation, if required. Director Stonestreet stated that Global Building would accept an email as confirmation of acceptance of the bid. Mr. Wyman stated that the email would serve as notice for acceptance; however, the final contract would be required from Global Building Solutions for the Board to sign on to and maintain a hard copy on file. Maintenance Director Stonestreet stated that the warranty by Global Building Solutions would be awarded upon completion of the work. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the bid of \$111,200.58 for the contract bid for repair of the roof on unit 6 at the Jail with an additional \$1,799.42, if needed for insulation, for a maximum total of \$113,000.00 for the project. Mr. Bray seconded the motion and, the motion carried.

#### **TREASURER:**

Treasurer Weston Reed presented the letter of authorization between Worrell Corporation, the Treasurer's Office and Howard County Board of Commissioners for the printing and mailing of the tax bills. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the letter of authorization from Worrell Corporation for printing and mailing of the tax bills as presented at a

\$13,561.76 estimated printing cost, and an estimated postage cost of \$14,905.06. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray, and the motion carried.

**SHERIFF:**

Lieutenant Stephen T. Prifogle of the Sheriff's department presented info to the Board for review of two vans purchased for inmate transport at the jail. Lieutenant Prifogle stated that in June of 2018 the Sheriff went to the Howard County Council and requested an \$80,000.00 additional appropriation be approved in the Misdemeanant Grant Fund for the purchase of two vans, which were received in December of 2018. Lieutenant Prifogle stated that the cost of the two vans was \$49,000.00 with an additional \$20,332.00 for the custom inserts, all totaling \$69,332.00. Mr. Moore made a motion to ratify the purchases of the two vans, equipped with coordinating custom inserts, by the Sheriff's Department, and authorize President Wyman to sign the certificates of titles for the trade-ins. Mr. Bray seconded the motion and, the motion carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS:**

President Wyman opened the bids for the remodel of the booking area (Unit 6) at the Jail. The bids read as follows:

Hearn Construction	\$252,800.00
Monroe Construction	\$222,179.00

Mr. Moore made a motion to take the bids under advisement for review and final selection. 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 March 4, 2019, in the amount of \$831,377.56 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Moore. Mr. Bray seconded the motion and, the motion carried.
2. Operating Claims: The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid March 4, 2019, in the amount of \$651,786.88 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. Ratification of Claim: Special ratification of claim as requested by Auditor Lake. A claim payable to Stout and Son in the amount of \$100.00 from Superior Court I Judge William Menges was submitted and ratified on a motion made by Mr. Bray. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and, the motion carried. To explain the background of this action: The claim was originally submitted to the Auditor for payment without an invoice. When an invoice was requested by the Auditor, a court order was provided by the Court instead, which is an exception to standard proper procedure. The Auditor requested the Board of Commissioners review this claim for payment due to the lack of the required accompanying invoice.

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:**

**IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2019-BCCR-06:**

Mr. Wyman submitted Resolution No. 2019-HCCR-06, a resolution of the Howard County Board of Commissioners Honoring Northwestern Lady Tigers Basketball Team.

Mr. Bray stated that he was an Alumni at Northwestern and was very proud of the Lady Tigers.

Mr. Moore addressed the passing of Commissioner Dan Wood who was a Commissioner from 1983 to 1989. Mr. Wood relinquished his position when he relocated to a different district. Mr. Moore commented that Mr. Wood was a good friend and mentor when he began in County Politics as well. Mr. Wood is his sister's father-in-law. Mr. Moore expressed his respect for Mr. Wood and sent his thoughts and prayers out to his family.

Mr. Wyman discussed Houston Electric installing two new signs; one stand-alone and one on the administrative building. Mr. Wyman stated that he spoke with Bill Stonestreet who was informed that Houston Electric was saving the county money by removing the old signage as well as installing the new signage at the cost of \$15,000.00. Mr. Wyman stated that this expense was approved last year and he would like to move forward with this project. Mr. Moore made a motion for the approval for Houston Electric to proceed with the installation of the two signs at the Administrative Center as submitted, and authorize President Wyman to sign the contract. 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 4:31 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray, and carried.*

**HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

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PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

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TYLER O. MOORE, VICE PRESIDENT

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ROBERT B. BRAY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR  
Howard County Commissioner Meeting March 4, 2019