

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING APRIL 2, 2018

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday April 2, 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 Vice-President Tyler Moore offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING:

Mr. Bray made a motion to recess the Commissioner Meeting in order to have a Public Hearing on vacating a right of way. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Attorney Connie Maugans presented a petition to vacate the right of way for the Connie J. Maus property at 1538 N. 880 W., Kokomo, IN 46901. Attorney Maugans stated that he published notices. Attorney Maugans also received approval from all of the utilities. Duke Energy verified that it would not affect the highway right-of-way on the south side. There was no public comment. Attorney Alan Wilson reviewed the document. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve ordinance number 2018-BCCO-11 as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion. Mr. Wyman abstained. The motion carried. Attorney Maugans will publish Ordinance number 2018-BCCO-11.

Mr. Bray made a motion to close the Public Hearing and reopen the Commissioner Meeting. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD:

The Commissioners awarded Center Township Assessor First Deputy Lisa England March Employee of the Month. Mr. Moore read Center Township Assessor Sheila Pullen's recommendation letter for Ms. England into the record. Ms. England is very dedicated, hard-working, and always willing to help. Her work is excellent. She is a knowledgeable, friendly, and a pleasant employee. Pictures were taken, and congratulations were given by all.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM RECORDER:

Commissioner Paul Wyman commended former Howard County Recorder Brook Cleaver on a job well done. Mr. Wyman also congratulated Ms. Cleaver on her new position at Western School Corp. Since the current Chief Deputy Recorder does not live inside Howard County, she is unable to step up and become the Interim Recorder. Under these circumstances the statute gives the Commissioners authority to appoint an Interim Recorder. Mr. Moore made a motion to appoint Jennifer Jack as the Howard County Interim Recorder. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Superior Court IV Judge George Hopkins swore Jennifer Jack in as Interim Howard County Recorder.

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' Bonus Claims to be paid April 6th, 2018, in the amount of \$194,800.00; and, the Commissioners' first pay bi-weekly pay period (changed from weekly to biweekly starting for March 24th thru April 6th) to be paid April 13th, for Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims, were 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 April 2nd, 2018, in the amount of \$958,446.09 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

3. **Ratify President's Signature:** The president's signature on an early paid claim for Data Pit Stop, Inc. in the amount of \$10,000.00 was submitted and ratified on a motion made by Mr. Bray. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

Mr. Wyman presented a request from CASA to use the west side of the Courthouse for sidewalk chalk drawing during the First Friday event on April 6th. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the use of the west side of the Courthouse for the CASA organization. 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 Darrough Chapel Veterans Memorial Park, presented a poster to the Commissioners regarding an April Fundraiser sponsored by Hawg Heaven benefitting Howard County Veterans Memorial, DAV Chapter 28, and Military Foundation.org.

Commissioner Tyler Moore announced the appointment of Jeremy Stevens as the new Information Systems Director for Howard County. Former Information Systems Director Terry Tribby recently retired.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:18 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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