

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING APRIL 1, 2019

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, April 1, 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.

APRIL EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

The Commissioners congratulated county employee Teresa Keller from the County Extension Office. Her department members stated that they were blessed to have Teresa working with them. It is with great honor that the Commissioners extended congratulations and the memento from Kokomo Opalescent Glass to her. Pictures were taken, and congratulations were given by all.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of March 18, 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'S DEPT. / DIRECT 911 COMMUNICATIONS:

E911 Director, Gary Bates presented contracts for a 36 month period with AT&T for a direct Ethernet line for the E911 system. The contracts presented are for AT&T's managed internet service pricing schedule and AT&T FlexiwareSM pricing schedule at a cost of \$1,020.00 per month. This expense was budgeted for last year. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the two contracts with AT&T as presented and to authorize President Paul Wyman to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Director Bates requested the Board of Commissioners to approve Resolution No. 2019-BCCR-07 – A Resolution of the Howard County Board of Commissioners Declaring The Week of April 14-20, 2019 National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. This week is set aside to recognize 911 dispatchers throughout the country and Howard County as first true responders. The dispatchers responded to 176,000 phone calls, 112,000 calls for service, and 5,132,000 total radio transmissions.

Mr. Bray made a motion to approved the Resolution and read Resolution No. 2019-BCCR-07 into the record. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

SHERIFF:

Sheriff Jerry Asher requested the purchase of two kitchen steamers for the jail at a cost of \$13,698.82. Sheriff Asher stated that he has already taken this matter to Council. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the purchase of the kitchen steamers for the jail, as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HIGHWAY:

Highway Engineer Ted Cain presented the request for approval to advertise the bid process for the Community Crossing Grant. The Grant is a one million dollar equal matching grant for Howard County. Mr. Cain stated that he would like to open the bids at the May 6th Commissioner's Meeting. He would then take them under advisement during the meeting and have the Commissioner's approval prior to the close of the same meeting, if at all possible. Mr. Moore made a motion to authorize the advertisement for the bids of the Community Crossing Pavement Program Matching Grant, as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Cain presented four agreements for the Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grants by and between the Howard County Commissioners and INDOT. The contracts are in total of \$1,000,000.00. Each contract is for various areas

inspected by Mr. Cain and are in need of preventive maintenance. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the four agreements: #A249-19-KG190070 in the amount of \$341,439.16; #A249-19-LG190071 in the amount of \$313,640.05; #A249-19-LG190072 in the amount of \$220,116.86; and #A249-19-LG190073 in the amount of \$124,803.93, for a grand total of \$1,000,000, by and between Howard County and INDOT and to authorize President Paul Wyman to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Cain presented the LPA Consulting Contract between Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc. and Howard County regarding a Right-of-Way Services for the Howard County Bridge #503 which is located at McCann Street over Wildcat Creek in the sum of \$11,570.00. This project is expected to be begin in November of 2020. Mr. Cain requested signature on these agreements by President Wyman on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the LPA Consulting Contract Designation #1401817 between Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc. and Howard County for Right-of-Way for Bridge #503 in the sum of \$11,570.00, as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

MAINTENANCE:

Building Superintendent Bill Stonestreet discussed the contract the County entered into two years ago with Indiana Gas & Electric which has not resulted in any benefit to the county taxpayer. Mr. Stonestreet recommended that Attorney Alan Wilson draft a letter to Indiana Gas & Electric stating that the county will not renew the contract. Mr. Stonestreet stated that he will contact NIPSCO to resume service for the county. Attorney Wilson agreed he would draft a letter to Indiana Gas & Electric.

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 April 12, 2019, in the amount of \$829,828.92 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 April 1, 2019, in the amount of \$421,831.63 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. **Monthly Reports:** The Weights and Measures Report for February 16, 2019 to March 16, 2019 was submitted to the Board of Commissioners. The Clerk submitted the month end report of December 31, 2018. The report was delayed due to the recent conversion to the Odyssey Software System.
4. **Grants:** Auditor Lake presented the Contractor's Application for Payment from Davidson Excavating, Inc. for the New London Project/Russiaville Grant in the sum of \$77,659.51.
Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the Contractor's Application for Payment on the New London Project #18065 in the amount of \$77,659.51, and authorize President Wyman to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

County Attorney Alan Wilson presented a contract from DLZ for the Howard County Security Center Intake Booking Renovation. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the contract with DLZ for the Howard County Security Center Intake-Booking Renovation in the sum of \$222,179.00 performed by Monroe Construction Group, LLC. Mr. Moore amended his motion to include that President Wyman be authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Attorney Alan Wilson presented the second contract with DLZ for the Howard County Interiors Renovation and Coroner Addition.

President Wyman discussed the contract with DLZ which is a proposal to assist Howard County in the partial interior renovation of the Howard County Courthouse, the Howard Government Center and the Howard County Administration Center as well as an addition to Howard County Governor Center for a Coroner's Office area. President Wyman stated that in the next 30 days DLZ should have a report and give a presentation to identify the

offices that will move and the renovations that will be done. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Debbie Edwards addressed the Board of Commissioner's with an issue near her residence on Hillsdale Drive. Ms. Edward's commented that a property owner in her area is burning asphalt, commodes, tubs and other household items at 4707 Ridge Road, Kokomo. She believes the trash is from possible house renovations. She informed the Board that other individuals have observed dumping at the same location. She stated that she has been in contact with the Fire Department, the Sheriff's Department and the State Fire Marshall and has received no response. The individual in question, does have a burn permit, but it does not allow for the type of burning he is doing. She asked that the Board address this situation as the burned debris has now overflowed into the creek.

Planning Commission Director Greg Sheline has been working with Attorney Alan Wilson on this and a certified letter has been sent to the individual. Attorney Wilson will address this issue further from a legal standpoint if there is no response or action by this individual.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 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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