

## **HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING JULY 16, 2018**

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, July 16, 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 the Pledge of Allegiance, and Vice-President Tyler Moore offered a word of prayer.

### **IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

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

The Commissioners awarded Kinsey Youth Manager Sarah Hobensack the Employee of the Month award for June. Mr. Moore read into the record the recommendation letter. The letter stated that Ms. Hobensack's primary responsibility is to provide direct supervision of Kinsey Center residents to enable a safe, secure, and structured environment. She coaches residents, monitors them, and represents to them a positive role model. Her responsibilities include maintaining a clean unit, transporting residents, completing daily paperwork, completing log notes on each child, and maintaining the overall care of each child. She has served both the county and the children since September 2002. She has done the work of two staff members. She never complains, is always on time, and has a positive attitude. Ms. Hobensack was awarded a memento from Kokomo Opalescent glass. Pictures were taken, and congratulations were given by all.

#### **EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS:**

Mr. Moore and Mr. Bray read the following service awards into the record. Congratulations were given to all.

<b>5 Years:</b>	Adam Whitfield, Keva Mezick
<b>10 Years:</b>	Jim Shoffner
<b>15 Years:</b>	Lynn Von Reuss, Keith Chesshir, Christina Thatcher
<b>20 Years:</b>	Rhonda Summers
<b>40 Years:</b>	Angela Foust

Mr. Moore made a motion to recess the Commissioner Meeting in order to open a Public Hearing. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING:**

Anthony Hansen of 400 Jeff Drive, Kokomo, Indiana, presented a petition to vacate a subdivision ROW (right-of-way) adjacent to 400 Jeff Drive. Mr. Hansen stated that this property has been maintained by various homeowners for 30 years. Also, there has been a shed and fire pit in the ROW adjacent to 400 Jeff Drive for years. Alison Beaudry of P.O. Box 38, Burlington, IN, appeared on behalf of Wagoner Farms Properties LLC. Ms. Beaudry's family owns the property bordering 400 Jeff Drive. Ms. Beaudry objected to the petition based on future development possibilities. Mr. Wyman asked if there were other access options available. Ms. Beaudry stated that there was a road already there. Ms. Beaudry didn't know about other access options or if permissions would be needed. Currently the Wagoner Farms property is accessed from State Road 22 for farming purposes. Ms. Beaudry supplied the commissioners with a map of the properties. She explained that Wagoner Farms Properties LLC own both properties directly north of the ROW adjacent to 400 Jeff Drive. The Hartmann family still owns the property to the west. Mr. Wyman pointed out that Ms. Beaudry's family would have a large amount of access points available to them. Mr. Wyman also stated that a new subdivision would probably want their own access point from a real estate point of view. No one else was present to object to the petition. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the petition to vacate the ROW adjacent to 400 Jeff Drive as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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

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

The minutes of the July 2, 2018, regular meeting minutes 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 DEPARTMENT:**

Howard County Sheriff Steve Rogers explained his need to transfer \$20,125.00 in the Cum Cap Development Fund, from Sheriff Vehicle line item to the Police Equipment Vehicle line item, to pay for the installation of video equipment in their newly acquired vehicles. The Board by consensus approved the transfer. Mr. Wyman thanked the sheriff for the information.

## **IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:**

Community Howard Behavioral Health Executive Director Matt Oliver introduced Community Howard Clinic Program Manager Carol Turner. Mr. Oliver presented the Community Howard Behavioral Health Report of Services Provided in Howard County for FY 2017. Mr. Oliver also stated that Community Howard Behavioral Health serves both Howard County residents and residents from surrounding areas. Mr. Oliver commented that Howard County money is important. One important use is to provide matching funds to facilitate the access of federal grant money. Community Howard Behavioral Health is charged with being a safety net for the community, providing services for serious mental illness, youth behavioral and emotional disturbances, and needed services that go beyond the standard doctor's care. The Health Center wants to expand in both school and home based youth services. Community Howard Behavioral Health is looking into working with groups who provide medical assistance/treatment. By participating at this level, the Center would have the ability to help individuals who have family issues and/or mental health issues that contribute to their substance abuse problems. Mr. Wyman gave Mr. Oliver contact information for a medical assistance provider. Mr. Moore commented that schools are in need of help to provide counseling for students.

Mr. Oliver invited the Commissioners to their quarterly advisory committee meetings, so that the County will know how its dollars are being spent. Mr. Wyman thanked Mr. Oliver and Ms. Turner for their work in this community.

## **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 July 20, 2018, in the amount of \$845,476.61 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 July 16, 2018, in the amount of \$1,966,543.75 were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Mr. Bray. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. **Monthly Reports:** The following reports were received into record: Weights and Measures June 16, 2018, thru July 16, 2018, Report, EMA July Calendar, and EMA June Recap.

## **IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:**

1. Howard County Attorney Alan Wilson presented a Letter of Engagement from LWG CPAs & Advisors (LWG) to assist the Auditor's office with TIF calculations for \$500.00. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the scope of services provided by LWG as presented and to authorize Mr. Wyman to sign on behalf of the County. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. Attorney Wilson submitted the MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD July 2, 2018. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes. 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 the county's financial support for the women's memorial. Mr. Moore stated that the County has done an in-kind donation of the land and maintenance and that the Commissioners are very excited about the memorial. Mr. Paul updated the commissioners on the progress of the memorial. Mr. Wyman said the Commissioners will firm up the monetary donation at the August 6, 2018, Commissioner Meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:**

Mr. Moore congratulated Mr. & Mrs. Wyman on their 50th birthdays on July 14<sup>th</sup>, and on celebrating by completing a half iron man race.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners  
at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:36 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 July 16, 2018