

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING AUGUST 6, 2018

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, August 6, 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 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the July 16, 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:

INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT:

Howard County Information Systems Director Jeremy Stevens asked for authorization to purchase the equipment cabling parts needed to upgrade the County's network devices in preparation for the Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) project. Three quotes were obtained, two from CDW-G which offered two separate prices, one at \$60,365.31, and a lower one at \$49,001.29, which showed an \$11,364.02 reduction in price if all parts were ordered at once. The Intrasect quote came in at \$58,525.20. Mr. Stevens recommended the lowest price CDW-G quote as the best option for the county, being the lowest and most responsive. Mr. Bray made a motion to approve the equipment upgrade at the lowest price. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

CLERK'S OFFICE DEPARTMENT:

Howard County Chief Deputy Clerk Deb Stewart thanked Jeremy Stevens and the Information System Department for all of their work updating new computers for the Odyssey conversion. Ms. Stewart was informed that the County's current financial program will not work with Odyssey. Ms. Stewart visited Johnson County to observe their financial package. Ms. Stewart asked to purchase Wycom software for \$2,395.00, with an annual maintenance fee of \$359.25. Mr. Wyman stated that he was thankful that the conversion to Odyssey is happening so quickly. Howard County Auditor Martha Lake asked where the funds would come from to pay this bill. Ms. Stewart stated that they could pay it from the Clerk's contract line, including the yearly maintenance fee. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the Wycom Wypayments as presented by the Clerk's Office and to pay as stated. Mr. Moore amended his motion to include subject to review by Howard County Attorney Alan D. Wilson, and to allow the President to sign on behalf of the board. 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 August 3, 2018, and August 17, 2018, in the amount of \$806,797.65 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 August 6, 2018, in the amount of \$1,079,807.57 were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Mr. Bray. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. **Ratify Claims:** The following early paid claim: Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites for the Treasurer's Conference to be paid August 3, 2018, in the amount of \$417.00 was ratified as presented on a motion made by Mr. Moore. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
4. **Monthly Reports:** The following reports were received into record: Clerk's Monthly Report as of 06/30/2018 and Treasurer's Monthly Report as of 06/30/18.

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:

1. Howard County Attorney Wilson presented Resolution No. 2018-BCCR-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPTING A CAPITAL ASSET POLICY. Auditor Lake explained that the threshold of \$1,000.00 had already been set, but that the structure for capital assets needed to be put into

place. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-BCCR-18 establishing a capital asset policy. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

2. Attorney Wilson submitted an INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT for the services of Jennifer Brower to help train the Interim Director at Howard Haven. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT for Jennifer Brower and to authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

3. Attorney Wilson submitted bids on the demolition of the property at 2101 North Phillips Street, Kokomo, Indiana. The bids were as follows:

- a. Floyd Excavating & Demolition LLC \$17,250.00
- b. Goyer Excavating Inc. \$23,600.00

Mr. Moore made a motion to take both bids under review. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

1. Mr. Bray stated he was glad to be back in the United States, after a week of fishing in Canada.
2. Mr. Moore congratulated WWKI Radio Station on their 50th anniversary of being on the air.
3. Mr. Wyman stated that Kokomo Public Library employees and the Center Township Trustee Office employees are also on the Howard County Health Insurance plan. They are not currently paying the same rate as Howard County employees. A letter has been drafted notifying them of the changes to the insurance policy which bring everyone to the same level effective October 1, 2018. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the letter to the respective bodies. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENTS:

David Robertson, of 1431 South 5th Street, Richmond, Indiana, Assistant Director American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO (AFSCME) came before the Board of Commissioners asking about the sample resolution that was submitted to the Board on April 2, 2018. Mr. Robertson asked if the commissioners 1) have made any progress on a decision about a resolution to allow organizing public employees, and 2) if the Board had any questions. The commissioners stated that they had no questions at this time. Mr. Robertson gave his business card to the commissioners. Mr. Robertson commended Kokomo as a great city. Mr. Robertson stated that allowing people to organize is a not a bad thing. He also stated he will be coming to future commissioner meetings.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 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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