

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, September 3, 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 Attorney Alan Wilson, and County Auditor Martha Lake.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Jerry Asher and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Bray led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Mr. Moore offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Sheriff Jerry Asher introduced the new Sheriff Deputy, Trevor Richmond, who will attend Indiana Academy on September 16, 2019. He is a 2013 graduate of Northwestern High School and has attended college classes in Criminal Justice. He is a Marine reserve and served in Afghanistan. Trevor Richmond was sworn in by Clerk Debbie Stewart.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of August 19, 2019, regular meeting having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Mr. Bray. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:

Sheriff Jerry Asher addressed the Board with the request to purchase a new van. Back in March, Sheriff Asher stated that he approached the Council with the additional appropriation request of \$85,000.00 to purchase 2 new vans. Sheriff Asher is now asking for permission from the Board to purchase the second van in the sum of \$25,528.00 to replace the old 2007 van with over 150,000 miles. He would like to purchase the van from John Jones Auto Group and use the Misdemeanant Grant Fund. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the purchase of the new jail van, as presented. 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 September 13, 2019, in the amount of \$831,918.48, 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 September 3, 2019, in the amount of \$1,998,431.01, 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 following reports were received into record: Howard County Clerk's Office Monthly Report for July 2019.

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Attorney Alan Wilson brought to the Board the proposed ordinance adopting a procurement policy which was requested by the SBOA. This ordinance merges the purchasing policies of the county into one document and provides for a more uniform standard to be followed by various departments and entities within the county. Attorney Wilson stated that there are no changes to the policies within other than perhaps the state statutes that may have changed. Auditor Lake stated that the SBOA also addressed this concern with the Auditor's Office in a recent audit. SBOA would like to see all of the policies merged into one document. President Wyman would like the opportunity to read through the ordinance in its entirety prior to approving and asked that this item be tabled and placed on the September 16, 2019 agenda under old business. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Mike Hill a resident of Kansas with property located at 4020 N. 00 E.W. addressed the Board with a concern on the property across from his where there are walking trails and a rest area with outhouses. He would like to see the County/City purchase his ½ acre lot with an existing septic system. This would allow for a permanent and proper restroom facility with running water in place of the outhouses. He is not sure whether the city or county owns the property where the rest area is located.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners
at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:21 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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