

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING OCTOBER 7, 2019

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, October 7, 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 Commissioner Moore offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

SEPTEMBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

Corporal Tami Mears was nominated for September's employee of the month. Tami has gone above and beyond in her duties supervising inmates and staff, documenting all inmate activities, conducting inspections, and more. Staff would rate her as their favorite supervisor as she is friendly, fair and consistent with her duties with inmates and staff. She is always willing to assist anyone when needed. Tami was recently promoted from Corporal to Sergeant. It was with great honor that the Commissioners extended congratulations and a 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 September 16, 2019, regular meeting having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Mr. Moore. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

KINSEY CENTER:

Director Jeff Lipinski requested permission from the Board to purchase a dry well food table for the Kinsey Center at the cost of \$13,916.70. Mr. Lipinski stated that last November his department applied for a grant for kitchen equipment. The 2019 National School Lunch Program Equipment Grant will be utilized to purchase this item. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the purchase of the dry well food table as presented in the sum of \$13,916.70; to allow allocation of the grant funds in the sum of \$14,876.00 and authorize President Wyman to sign on behalf of the Board, if required. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

SHERIFF'S DEPT.:

Sheriff Jerry Asher requested permission to purchase a new front door x-ray machine in the sum of \$22,500.00 from Autoclear. The second quote was from Smith's Detection in the sum of \$24,027.53. He would like to utilize the cum cap equipment fund 1138 for this purchase. The old machine is 13 years old and will be traded in. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the purchase of the new x-ray machine in the sum of \$22,500.00 from Autoclear, as submitted. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Sheriff Asher explained to the Board that his office submitted a claim to the Auditor's Office and he is now requesting the Board's permission to pay this claim in the sum of \$24,827.02. The intention was for J&J Electric to upgrade the outside lighting to LED at the Sheriff's Department in phases in the sum under \$5,000.00; however, the company invoiced the projects together in the sum of \$24,827.02. Sheriff Asher stated that these funds would come from the cum cap fund 1138.32510 and not from Bill's account. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the purchase from J&J Electric for the lights as presented by Sheriff Asher in the sum of \$24,827.02. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

MAINTENANCE DEPT.:

Maintenance Director Bill Stonestreet requested the Board's permission to purchase 16 pallets of winter salt from R.D. Filip in the sum of \$7,056.00. It is his intent to utilize the LIT special purpose fund 1114.32510 to purchase this item. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the purchase of salt as submitted in the sum of \$7,056.00. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Stonestreet addressed the Board requesting to purchase two soft-starter VFD's (Variable Frequency Drives) and a new lift station pump for Howard Haven. The VFD's and pump will be purchased from Tipton Engineering and installed by J&J Electric. The cost of the two drives, pump and installation is \$3,250.00.00. The VFD's are to protect the pump from any damage from overloads to breakers. He would like to utilize the cum cap building repair fund 1138.47241 for this purchase. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the purchase of the pump and VFD's, not to exceed the sum of \$3,250.00. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Stonestreet addressed the request for the emergency back-up power to the highway department. The EMA generator has been installed and he would like to feed power from this generator to the highway department since their generator is out of commission. J&J Electric has quoted the cost to run the electric from the generator in the sum not to exceed \$3,557.00. The generator has the capacity to provide service to both departments. Mr. Stonestreet would like to utilize the cum cap building upgrades fund 1138.47243. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the emergency backup generator electrical work at the highway department by J&J Electric in the sum of \$3,557.00, 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 October 11, 2019, in the amount of \$835,798.26, 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 October 7, 2019, in the amount of \$2,173,151.67 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 August 2019 Report.

The Auditor expressed to the Board that the new ACH process will affect the date of the payment of claims; thus moving the date to the day after the Commissioner's meetings.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

Mr. Moore brought before the Board, the appeal of Ms. Kirby and the decision of the Howard Center Township Trustee. It was found that the decision was upheld upon the finding that the Township Trustee followed the Eligibility Standards and Guidelines for Township Assistance applicable to the case. Having heard the testimony, Mr. Moore made a recommendation and motion that the Board uphold the Trustee's recommendation as submitted. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Attorney Alan Wilson discussed the public works project for both the Administrative Center Prosecutor's fourth floor renovation and the Morgue addition. He would like for the Board to approve letting of the Bid process of these projects subject to his final approval. Mr. Moore made a motion to allow for the bid letting subject to Attorney Wilson's final approval, as submitted. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Rhonda Wagoner addressed the Board with concerns about the potential location of the Valley of Grace. She is not opposed to the program but to the location. She expressed concerns with the lack of communication and the paperwork in this process. President Wyman stated that the concern of the case # is now a moot topic. Since the Valley of Grace pulled the special exception, the case # she is referring to is now closed. The special exception required for the Valley of Grace to purchase the property and build at this location is now no longer an option; making the purchase of property no longer valid for this purpose.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by President Wyman, 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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