

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING OCTOBER 21, 2019

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, October 21, 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 Major Gary Cook 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 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of October 7, 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 DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

HIGHWAY:

County Highway Engineer Ted Cain presented the Board with his request to purchase a side delivery for a single axle dump truck from Lindco Equipment Sales, Inc. The cost of the equipment is \$16,093.00 plus the cost of freight. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the purchase of the equipment from Lindco as presented in the sum of \$16,093.00 plus the cost of freight. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Cain requested the Board to authorize the annual material bids for the calendar year 2020, with the due date of the bids being November 18th, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. The opening of said bids will be held at the Commissioners Meeting on Monday, November 18, 2019, shortly after 4:00 p.m. In lieu of the request, Auditor Lake confirmed that the bids would be advertised twice. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the notice of the annual operating bids for 2020, with bids due at 3:00 p.m. on November 18, 2019. The bids will be opened shortly after the opening of the Commissioners Meeting on Monday, November 18, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

RECORDER:

Recorder Jennifer Jack presented three Laredo agreements for remote online access to Howard County's Real Estate Records from the Etica Group, HWC Engineering, Inc., and Metropolitan Title. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the agreements 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 25, 2019, in the amount of \$871,573.47 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Moore. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid October 21, 2019, in the amount of \$2,648,124.58 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. **Ratify Claims:** Auditor Lake presented a claim for Competition Auto Body in the sum of \$5,212.15 for the Coroner's Office. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the claim as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
4. **Monthly Reports:** The following reports were received into record: Howard County Clerk's Office month ending September 30, 2019; the Treasurer's report ending September 30, 2019 and the Weights and Measures ending October 16, 2019.

Auditor Martha Lake presented a professional agreement with Schneider Geospatial dba qPublic.net to provide services on the Beacon website for receiving and processing homestead and mortgage deductions. Auditor Lake stated that the funds to cover the contract will be paid from the Ineligible Homestead Fund 1216 and that IT would pay for the maintenance fee in the sum of approximately \$700.00 annually. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the agreement by and between Howard County Indiana and Schneider Geospatial dba qPublic.net as presented and authorize President Wyman to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioner. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

Mr. Bray commented on his positive experience filing deed change and deduction paperwork in the Auditor's Office. He complimented the Deduction staff, stating that the process was made simple and efficient and that the staff was amazing.

Mr. Moore offered thoughts, prayers and condolences to the family of Trooper Peter "Bo" Stephan. He also thanked the Sheriff and Police department for all of their efforts and in honoring Trooper Bo Stephan.

Mr. Wyman thanked the Auditor's Office for their hard work in processing the recent Tax Sale.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 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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