The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, December 17, 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 Steven 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 December 3, 2018, regular meeting 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:

INFORMATION SYSTEMS:

Howard County Information Systems Director Jeremy Stevens presented a contract with Indiana Fiber Network (IFN) for a high speed internet connection at 220 N. Main Street. Vendors and the state government are going to cloud-based production operations. Cloud-based operations do not work offline. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the contract between Indiana Fiber Network and Howard County as recommended by Mr. Stevens and to authorize the president to sign on behalf of the board. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Mr. Stevens and Auditor Martha Lake were both authorized to sign the attest statement by consensus of the board.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Howard County Highway Supervisor/Engineer Ted Cain recommended the following companies and items as listed below:

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<td>1. Precast &amp; Pre-stressed Beams</td>
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<td>2. Various Grades of Asphalt, Emulsions, &amp; Tar</td>
<td>Mohr Construction Company (A Division of E &amp; B Paving), Asphalt Material Inc.</td>
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<td>3. Bituminous Coated Aggregate Asphaltic Concrete Binder &amp; Top</td>
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<td>5. Equipment Rental</td>
<td>Primco, Inc.</td>
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<td>6. Diesel</td>
<td>Ceres Solution Co-Op</td>
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Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the recommendations by Highway Superintendent Ted Cain as listed above. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:

Building and Maintenance Supervisor William Stonestreet stated the highway department carpet has become a trip hazard, and the carpet is very worn after 25 years of use. Mr. Stonestreet has received nine bids for carpet replacement. The most responsive bid was from Walton Flooring. Mr. Stonestreet recommended the carpet tiles be paid for out of 1138.47241.000.0000 Cum Cap Building Repair. The cost of the carpet tiles are $5,475.45. Mr. Bray made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

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 December 21, 2018, in the amount of $835,767.69 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 December 17, 2018, in the amount of $1,987,473.47 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 monthly reports were received: Clerk Monthly Report ending October 1 (November 30), 2018, Weights and Measures November 16 through December 16, and EMA October Recap and November Calendar.

**IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:**

1. Attorney Alan Wilson presented an employment contract for Jennifer Brower at Howard Haven. Mr. Wyman expressed joy in Jennifer working for the county again. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the employment agreement between Howard County and Jennifer Brower as Howard Haven director. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

2. Attorney Wilson presented a resolution for transfer of property from Taylor Township to Howard County for a water tanker. Currently, the Howard County EMA tanker is from around 1981, and the tanker is on its last legs. Taylor Township has recently purchased a new tanker and was looking to sell their old tanker. This tanker meets the needs for EMA. Taylor Township and Howard County have worked out an agreement to purchase the tanker for $15,000.00. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-BCCR-28 A SUBSTANTIALLY IDENTICAL RESOLUTION JOINTLY ADOPTED BY HOWARD COUNTY AND TAYLOR TOWNSHIP REGARDING A TRANSFER OF PROPERTY as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

3. Attorney Wilson also presented a contract for Purdue University Extension Office and Howard County. This contract is for $116,105.00. Mr. Moore asked about the cost. Attorney Wilson explained that the cost is the same as last year. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the Extension Contractual Services Agreement between Howard County and Purdue University in regards to the Extension Office and its services, and to authorize the president to sign on behalf of the board. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:**

Mr. Moore invited everyone to the Howard County Sheriff’s Department on December 18, 2018, between 2:00-5:00 p.m. to celebrate the retirement of Matron Ree Moon and Sheriff Steven Rogers.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore, 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 December 17, 2018