

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING DECEMBER 27, 2018

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Thursday, December 27, 2018, at 12:00 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 SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS:

The Commissioners congratulated the following county employees, and Mr. Moore and Mr. Bray read their Employee Service Awards into the record.

Five Years:	Tammy Baker, Jeanine Faulkner
10 Years:	Michelle Harris
15 Years:	Jeremy Stevens
20 Years:	Laura Rood, Priscilla Shoffner, Sheila Swain

NOVEMBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

Rita Conner is the November Employee of the Month. Rita is an exceptional employee who goes above and beyond to make sure the secure detention unit is staffed properly. Rita works during the week and on weekends to cover staffing needs. Rita does transports to multiple counties. She has proven that she is a valuable asset to Kinsey Youth Center through her development of good relationships with judges, attorneys, and probation departments throughout the state. She is referred to as "Grandma Rita." Rita was nominated by Tracy Derrick. Kinsey Youth Center Director Jeff Lipinski also commended Rita on a job well done and Rita's 22 years of service. Rita stated that it has been her honor to work with the children and others at Kinsey. Rita also said that her nickname growing up was "Rita Go," which fits perfectly with her current work. This is a labor of love for Rita. Pictures were taken, and congratulations were given by all. Rita also received a memento from Kokomo Opalescent Glass.

DECEMBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

Jane McIntyre is the December Employee of the Month. Jane McIntyre works in public health nursing and does a lot of extra work to help the office run smoothly. Jane is the first to ask if she can help at anything. Jane is a valuable asset to the department. Jane thinks of others needs before herself and Jane has a servant's heart. Cathy Shaw recommended Jane. Jane has two days left to work. Jane thanked everyone for the amazing journey. Jane stated the county was a fantastic place to work. Mr. Moore congratulated Jane on her retirement. Pictures were taken, and congratulations were given by all. Jane also received a memento from Kokomo Opalescent Glass.

PILLAR OF THE COMMUNITY AWARD:

Sheriff Steven Rogers was recognized for his service to Howard County. Mr. Moore thanked Sheriff Rogers for his "lifetime of service" to Howard County. The award from Kokomo Opalescent Glass stated, "Sheriff Steve Rogers in recognition of dedicated service above and beyond the call of duty for the citizens of Howard County." The Pillar of the Community award was given by the Howard County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Wyman also noted Sheriff Rogers's lifetime of commitment to Howard County. Congratulations were given by all. Sheriff Rogers said that the people in this room and community support of law enforcement made the job worthwhile to be sheriff. Sheriff Rogers thanked everyone for their support of county government and law enforcement.

SERVICE AWARD:

Mr. Wyman summarized Ordinance No. 2018-BCCO-42 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF SERVICE WEAPON TO SHERIFF STEVE ROGERS UPON RETIREMENT. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2018-BCCO-42. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the December 17, 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 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 January 4, 2019, in the amount of \$796,285.11 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 27, 2018, in the amount of \$575,749.04 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 claims: Assoc. of Indiana Counties in the amount of \$120.00, United Way of Howard County in the amount of \$15,000.00, and Hollie Patton in the amount of \$250.00 signed by the president were ratified on a motion made by Mr. Bray as presented. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
4. **Monthly Reports:** The following monthly report received: Treasurer's Monthly Report for November 2018.

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Attorney Alan Wilson presented a contract between the Clerk's Office and Attorney Jeremy Peelle's Law office for collection of fines and fees. The terms are the same as the previous year. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the contract. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

1. Mr. Wyman stated that the county commercial insurance renewal was good news. The cost dropped by approximately \$30,000.00 due to low claims over the past several years. Environmental liability insurance has been added. Environmental liability insurance covers the cost of mold and other environmental issues. The cost of the environmental insurance is around \$14,000.00. The net cost reduction is around (\$15,000.00) for the commercial insurance renewal. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the commercial insurance renewal. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Mr. Moore made a motion to authorize the president to sign on behalf of the board subject to review of the contract terms by Attorney Wilson. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. Pam Isaac presented the following board appointments and they were voted on as follows:

Name	Board	Decision	Replacement For
Jeff Miller	Howard County Plan Commission	Approved	James Miller
Jeff Miller	Howard County Board of Zoning	Approved	James Miller
Greg Sullivan	Howard County Board of Zoning	Approved	Max Custer

- Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the board appointments beginning January 1, 2019, as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. E911 Director Gary Bates presented the system acceptance certificate from J & K Communications. The warranty date for the P-25 radio system began December 1, 2018. The certificate acknowledges the acceptance of the testing of the new radio system. The testing worked well with the recommendation of some additional equipment in the middle of some high schools. The equipment, testing, digital quality testing, DAQ documents, system acceptance testing, FCC licenses, and consent for surety of the bond for J & K Communications are included in this package. System updates throughout the warranty period are also included. The final payment has not been made. The money will be encumbered in 2018 for the final payment. Mr. Wyman acknowledged that the testing over the last 60 days has gone well. The radio committee, consisting of representatives from Kokomo Police Department, Kokomo Fire Department, Howard County Sheriff Department, Commissioners, and E911 Department unanimously voted to accept this system. Other counties and municipalities around the country have purchased this system. Mr. Wyman thanked Gary Bates, Pam Isaacs, and the Howard County Sheriff's Department for their work on the P-25 Radio System. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the system acceptance certificate from J & K Communications as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
 4. Mr. Bray and Mr. Moore wished everyone a happy New Year.
 5. Mr. Wyman recognized Howard County Council President Robert Miller for his years of service to Howard County.
 6. Mr. Wyman congratulated Clerk-Elect Debbie Stewart and Sheriff-Elect Jerry Asher.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners
at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 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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