

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING DECEMBER 16, 2019

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, December 16, 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:

DECEMBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

Mr. Moore read the nomination for December's Employee of the month. Brenda Huemmer was nominated by her supervisor and several employees in the auditor's office. In the nominations, there were many compliments regarding Brenda. The nominations read: Brenda is always at work and on time and will go above and beyond what is expected of her. Brenda genuinely cares about her work and the people around her. She is always positive and willing to help where needed and has worn many hats in the Auditor's office. She is an asset to the Auditor's Office. It was with great honor that the Commissioners extended congratulations and the 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 December 2, 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 Maintenance Director William Stonestreet stated that over the summer, the Sheriff's Department had the squad room floor coated with an industrial type epoxy called Gator Guard. The Sheriff's Department would now like to resurface three other areas. Mr. Stonestreet presented three quotes from Gator Guard to resurface floors with an epoxy anti-skid Gator Guard coating. Mr. Stonestreet would like to utilize the Cum Cap Building Upgrade Account Line 1138.47243.000.0000 in the total sum of \$14,099.00. The quotes for floor resurfacing are as follows:

Area for Resurfacing	Quote Amount
Kitchen	\$4,047.00
Admin Area / Evidence Room	\$1,656.00
Garage	\$8,396.00
Total	\$14,099.00

Having reviewed the quotes, Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the work as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HOWARD HAVEN:

Howard Haven County Home Director Jennifer Brower presented an application from Sabrina Mossburg for residency at Howard Haven. Mrs. Brower stated that the applicant would like to be in by Christmas and would be private pay. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the residency for Sabrina Mossburg with the usual 90-day probationary period, as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:

County Insurance Renewal

President Wyman stated that he received the 2020 annual insurance renewal from McGriff Insurance in the sum of

\$683,906.00. The renewal covers all 150 vehicles, the county structures and equipment. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the insurance renewal. 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 December 20, 2019, in the amount of \$825,140.32, 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 16, 2019, in the amount of \$2,531,561.22 were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Mr. Bray. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Resolution No. 2019-BCCR-19

County Attorney Alan Wilson presented Resolution No. 2019-BCCR-19, A Resolution of The Howard County Board of Commissioners Honoring Western High School Marching Panthers for their 17th State Championship. Having discussed the victory and achievements of the Panthers, President Wyman asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-BCCR-19. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-BCCR-19, as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Kokomo Humane Society Contract

County Attorney Alan Wilson presented a contract by and between Howard County and Kokomo Humane Society. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the contract for animal control and shelter services by Kokomo Humane Society in the sum of \$150,000.00, as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

CASA

CASA Director Katina Silver presented an agreement with Lucretia Olive, which contracts her to work 8 cases per month in the sum of \$800.00 per month. Director Silvers stated that the funds to contract another CASA worker were obtained from the golf outing earlier this year. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the contract services agreement by and between Howard County Board of Commissioners acting on behalf of CASA with Lucretia Olive and authorize President Wyman to sign on behalf of the Board. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Official Appointments

The Board of Commissioners discussed the new official appointments and re-appointments to various boards for the 2020 calendar year, as follows:

Name	Board	Appointment	Approved
Debbie Lorenz	Alcohol Beverage Commission	New	Yes
Stephanie Oden	Kokomo Howard County Public Library	New	Yes
Larry Murrell	Howard County Public Defenders Board	New	Yes
Jeff Himelick	Kokomo Howard County Plan Commission	New	Yes
Mike Ullery	Howard County Drainage Board	Re-appointment	Yes
Marie Lindskoog	Convention and Visitor’s Bureau	Re-appointment	Yes
Santos Salinas	Kokomo Howard County Plan Commission	Re-appointment	Yes

Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the appointments as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

Mr. Bray wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Moore thanked Debbie Lorenz and company for putting together a wonderful county employee party. He also acknowledged the Kokomo Police, Sheriff's Department and good fellows for the "Toys for Tots" Program. He stated that it was nice to be part of it on the morning of sharing with the kids.

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 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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