

## **HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MAY 4, 2020**

(Due to COVID 19 restrictions, those who wished to view the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting were directed to do so livestream via – Howard county Indiana Facebook Page-.)

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, May 4, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Vice-President Brad Bray, Member Jack Dodd, 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 Wyman offered a word of prayer.

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of March 16, 2020, regular meeting having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Mr. Dodd. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **PURPOSE OF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING DURING THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY:**

President Wyman addressed the purpose of the Commissioner's Meeting during COVID-19, which is to address time sensitive needs of the Highway Department and the processing of financial items in the Auditor's Office. Mr. Wyman further stated that Howard County Government Offices will be open to the public by appointment beginning Monday, May 11, 2020.

### **IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

#### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:**

##### **Community Crossing Matching Grant - Paving Program for County Highway:**

Highway Superintendent Ted Cain addressed the Board with the bid for the Howard County Community Crossing Matching Grant. Bids were advertised and due on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> by 3:00 p.m. There being only one bid received, Mr. Cain presented the bid for opening by the Board of Commissioners. President Wyman opened and read the bid submitted by E&B Paving in the sum of \$1,988,041.17. Once the bid was reviewed by Mr. Cain, Mr. Dodd made a motion to approve the bid by E&B Paving in the sum of \$1,988,041.17. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Mr. Cain stated that the project is a \$2 million project, of which the State reimburses 50%.

##### **County Highway Road Inventory:**

Mr. Cain addressed the need to update the States Inventory list to include an additional 4.362 miles of Howard County roadway. The updated inventory is required in order for the county to collect the tax revenue for the 4.362 miles for county roadway maintenance. The inventory list was presented to the Board of Commissioner's for signatures.

##### **McCann Street Bridge Project:**

Mr. Cain presented the title page of the McCann Street Bridge Project for signatures by the Board.

### **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 paid April 10, 2020, in the amount of \$849,382.25, were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Dodd. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims paid April 24, 2020, in the amount of \$823,401.84, were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Dodd. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims to be paid May 8, 2020, in the amount of \$ 834,236.49, were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Dodd. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims paid April 6, 2020, in the amount of \$1,096,735.17, were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Mr. Dodd. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray, and the motion carried.

The Commissioners' Operating Claims paid April 20, 2020, in the amount of \$2,402,723.72, were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Mr. Dodd. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray, and the motion carried.

The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid May 4, 2020, in the amount of \$839,382.22, were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Mr. Dodd. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray, and the motion carried.

President Wyman stated that all salary and operating claims presented were budgeted items which did not require any additional appropriations by the Council.

3. **Ratify of Claims:** Claims for business forgivable loans, utilities, insurance and several departments in the total sum of \$102,922.93, were submitted and ratified on a motion made by Mr. Dodd. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
4. **Monthly Reports:** The following reports were received into the record: Clerk's office for the month ending March 31, 2020; Weights and Measures for the period of March 16, 2020 through April 16, 2020; Treasurer's office for month ending February 29, 2020.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:**

County Attorney Alan Wilson presented the following four Emergency Ordinances that were previously approved; however, are required to be formally submitted during the meeting for ratification by the Board of Commissioners.

Ordinance: 2020-BCCO-14; 2020-BCCO-15; 2020-BCCO-16; 2020-BCCO-17

President Wyman stated that the Emergency Ordinances were approved previously under emergency order and were posted and released publicly; moreover, the record will reflect the ratification of the four emergency ordinances and allow for the Boards' signatures, as needed. Mr. Bray made a motion to approve the ratification of Ordinance 2020-BCCO-14; 2020-BCCO-15; 2020-BCCO-16 and 2020-BCCO-17. Mr. Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

County Attorney Alan Wilson requested the ratification of the signed commercial lease agreement for opening of the grant funded isolation center. Mr. Bray made a motion to ratify the signed commercial lease agreement as presented. Mr. Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

County Attorney Alan Wilson presented an invoice for ratification for the purchase of furniture for the Prosecutor's Office. President Wyman explained that the purchase of furniture for the newly renovated area for the Prosecutor's Office was previously approved and the invoice is being ratified. Funds from the Title IV-D Fund, Law Enforcement Fund and Prosecutor's budgeted account lines were used to purchase the furniture, etc. for the Prosecutor's Office. Mr. Bray made a motion to approve the ratification of the invoice for the purchase of the furniture for the prosecutor's office. Mr. Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

Mr. Wyman thanked the citizens of Howard County for their incredible work over the last 8 weeks; the Board, IT, the Human Resources Director, and the Auditor and her staff for working behind the scenes the last 8 weeks.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Dodd, seconded by Mr. Bray, and carried.*

**HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

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PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

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ROBERT B. BRAY, VICE PRESIDENT

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JACK W. DODD, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR  
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