

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING JUNE 1, 2020

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, June 1, 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. Sheriff Asher was not in attendance.

The meeting was called to order and conducted by President Paul Wyman. President Wyman led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of May 18, 2020, regular meeting having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Mr. Bray. Mr. Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

INFORMATION SYSTEMS:

IT Director Jeremy Stevens addressed the council with the request for approval and signature on an agreement with Granite Government Solutions. Mr. Stevens explained that the alarm and elevator phone lines are currently with Comcast and that he would like to switch to Granite Government Solutions in order to save the county approximately \$5,400.00, annually. He stated that although the agreement would allow for Granite Government Solutions to provide POTS lines, the agreement does not hold the county for any period of time and would allow for a switch back to Comcast, should the county so desire. Mr. Bray made a motion to approve the agreement as submitted and authorize President Wyman to sign on behalf of the board. Mr. Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS:

MAINTENANCE:

Superintendent Bill Stonestreet addressed the bids for the phase II roofing at the jail that were received and taken under advisement at the prior Commissioner's meeting on May 18, 2020. Superintendent Bill Stonestreet, having reviewed the bids, submitted the contract for the lowest bidder to the board. Global Building Solutions LLC bid came in at \$146,449.15 and with the addition of 100 sq. ft. of substrate in the sum of \$450.00, as a contingency, the total bid is \$146,899.15. Mr. Stonestreet would like to utilize the cum cap building repair account for this expenditure. He stated that Global Building Solutions requires a signature on their purchase order to begin work.

Mr. Dodd made a motion to approve the agreement with Global Building Solutions LLC, from the cum cap building repair account, as presented in the sum of \$146,899.15. 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 for payment on June 5, 2020, in the amount of \$800,317.83, were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray. Mr. Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims paid June 1, 2020, in the amount of \$1,881,213.52, were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Mr. Bray. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dodd, and the motion carried.

COUNTY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

County Attorney Alan Wilson presented the settlement agreement and release in connection with the final piece of property on the Judson Road Project. He stated that the settlement has been reached and is now ready for final court

approval; however, requires the signatures of the board. Mr. Bray made a motion to approve the agreement, as presented. Mr. Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Wilson presented the documents related to the Isolation Center. He stated that the commercial lease agreement and the Community Howard Provisions of Healthcare Services Agreement have both been signed and require ratification by the board. As well, the Memorandum of Understanding with C.A.M., providing supervision of the isolation center site requires signature and ratification by the board.

Mr. Dodd made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with C.A.M., as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Bray made a motion to approve the agreement with Community Howard for medical assistance. Mr. Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Dodd made a motion to approve the 6 month lease agreement for 625 N. Union Street, Kokomo, for the location of the Isolation Center, as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

President Wyman thanked County Attorney Alan Wilson for all of his work with the isolation center and documents required. He as well, thanked HR Director Debbie Lorenz.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Howard County resident Rhonda Wagner, located at 3383 N. 650 W., Kokomo, Indiana, addressed the Board with questions and concerns. Ms. Wagner stated that she had concerns about the location being proposed for the “Valley of Grace”. President Wyman stated that any proposed location for a business would have to go through the proper channels before being established. President Wyman stated that the proposed location would be a public process as before.

Ms. Wagner also asked if it would be possible to have the Board of Zoning Appeals/Plan Commission make their agenda and meeting minute’s public. President Wyman informed her that the records are public; however, believes she was asking about the records being on the website. As well, he stated that he would discuss the uploading of the Board of Zoning Appeals/Plan Commission agenda and meeting minutes with IT in order to upload these to the county website.

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. Dodd, seconded by Mr. Bray, and carried.

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

ROBERT B. BRAY, VICE PRESIDENT

JACK W. DODD, MEMBER

ATTEST:

MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR

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