

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, September 21, 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 and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Bray led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Mr. Wyman offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

SEPTEMBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD:

The Commissioners congratulated Andrea Stonestreet as Howard County Employee of the Month. Andrea, nurse at the Criminal Justice Center, insures the inmates of Howard County are treated with the necessary prescribed treatments. It was noted that she took great care of the nursing staff, as well as the inmates, during the Covid-19 pandemic period. She was nominated by Sergeant First Class Sandy Baldwin. It is 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 September 8th, 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.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Howard Haven:

Jennifer Brower presented a resident application for Michael Dowling for approval. As a Howard County Haven resident, Mr. Dowling will be a RCAP recipient. His application was reviewed by the Commissioners in advance and a motion to approve his application for residency based on the successful 90-day probation period, was made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Dodd and carried.

Maintenance:

Bill Stonestreet presented 4 requests to the Board of Commissioners for approval:

The first request was for the installation of two handicap door openers on the North end of the Government Center, by Kokomo Lock and Key. One door would go on the exterior entrance and the other would go on the new Coroner Office hallway entrance, the amount for both being \$9,639.31. These purchases were pre-approved thru the CARES grant. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Dodd, seconded by Mr. Bray, and carried.

The second request was for the installation of new automated south employee entrance doors in the amount of \$20,036.00, which was also pre-approved thru the CARES grant. Hearn Construction will do the installation. The motion to approve was made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Dodd, and carried.

The third request made by Mr. Stonestreet was to purchase sidewalk and parking lot salt from RD Filips in the amount of \$7,497.00. Mr. Stonestreet's requested this be paid from the 1114 LIT Maintenance Dept. Budget. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Dodd, and the motion carried.

The fourth and final request made by Mr. Stonestreet was for funding to remodel the jail kitchen and ceiling with new LED lighting, by Hearn Construction in the amount of \$15,262.00, to be paid with Cumulative Capital Development Funding. The motion to approve was made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Dodd, and the motion was carried.

Health Department:

James Vest, Health Department Director, presented the Board of Commissioners with a grant agreement from the Indiana State Health Department for local health department IT needs in the amount of \$176,642.82, which must be spent by the year's end. The motion to approve was made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Dodd, and the motion was carried.

Information Systems:

Jeremy Stevens presented a contract approval for Indiana Intelligent Fiber Network for a new fiber connection between the Administration Center and the Criminal Justice Center. The funding was pre-approved during in the 2020 Budget. The contract has been reviewed and approved by County Attorney Alan Wilson. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Dodd, and the motion was carried.

Highway:

County consultant John Speidel, of Beam, Longest and Neff, requested an approval for engineering services for Bridge 56. The funding was pre-approved by the State of Indiana. Mr. Speidel requested signed and dated signatures from the Commissioners for an LPA Consulting Contract to be sent to back to the State. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Dodd, seconded by Mr. Bray, and 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 September 25, 2020, in the amount of \$843,938.59, 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 September 21, 2020, in the amount of \$3,301,248.73, were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Mr. Dodd. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray, and carried.
3. **Monthly Reports:** The following reports were received into record: Howard County Treasurer's Office for the Month Ending July 31st, 2020; Howard County Clerk of the Circuit Court in the month ending August 31, 2020; and, Howard County Weights and Measures between the dates of August 16th to September 16th, 2020.
4. **Auditor's Office:** Auditor Martha Lake presented Resolution No. 2020 BCCR-09, Corporate Resolution of the Howard County Board of Commissioners Authorizing the Sale of Land to The State of Indiana. Whereas, the Board of Commissioners would approve the sale of property located at 30 W. 400 S., Kokomo, IN 46902 for public highway improvement known as State Road 26, in the amount of \$2,100.00. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Dodd, and carried

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Attorney Alan Wilson presented an agreement between the City of Kokomo and Howard County to use the former Bell St. clinic site as the future Covid-19 testing site. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Dodd, and the motion was carried.

Attorney Alan Wilson presented a MOU between Howard County Community Regional Hospital and Howard County that would allow the County to use the CARES mobile for further Covid-19 testing. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Dodd, and seconded by Mr. Bray, and the motion was carried.

Attorney Wilson presented a request by the Howard County Health Department to purchase a vehicle using CARES Act funding from Button Motors in the amount of \$30,885. The bid would mark the second vehicle purchased with CARES Act funding. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Dodd, seconded by Mr. Bray, and the motion was carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 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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