

**HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 2016**

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, February 15, 2016, 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, and Member Brad Bray. Also in attendance were Assistant County Attorney Alan D. Wilson and Auditor Martha Lake.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Steve Rogers and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Brad Bray led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Vice President Tyler Moore offered a word of prayer.

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

The minutes of the February 1, 2016 Regular Meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as submitted on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**SHERIFF DEPARTMENT:**

Captain Jerry Asher submitted quotes for five new patrol vehicles as follows:

Eriks Chevrolet	5 2016 Pursuit Vehicles	\$177,000.00
Button Dodge	5 2016 Pursuit Vehicles	\$128,485.00
Brad Howell Ford	5 2016 Pursuit Vehicles	\$147,950.90

All quotes include the value of the trade-in vehicles. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to receive the quotes listed and take them under advisement for further review from the Sheriff's Department. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

**KINSEY YOUTH CENTER:**

On behalf of Kinsey Director Jeff Lipinski, Auditor Lake submitted two copies of the Professional Services Contract between the Indiana State Department of Health and Howard County d/b/a Kinsey Youth Center. This contract is for diagnostic STD testing at a rate of \$15.23 per test and billing will be on a quarterly basis. The contract has been reviewed by Attorney Murrell and approved as legally acceptable. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Professional Services Contract #15378, with the Indiana State Board of Health, and authorize the President to sign and submit through e-signature, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

**PROJECT MANAGER:**

Project Manager Pam Isaac submitted a Memorandum of Understanding with the Greater Kokomo Economic Development Alliance for the Small Business Grant awarded to Biz & Ink, LLC, in the amount of \$5,000.00. It will be located at 102 North Main Street. This grant was approved by the Small Business Grant Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Howard County and the Greater Kokomo Economic Development Alliance for the \$5,000.00 Small Business Grant for Biz & Ink, LLC.

**HOWARD HAVEN:**

1) Howard Haven Superintendent Jennifer Brower informed the Board of Commissioners that the Family Social Service Administration has received permission to increase the ARCH rates to \$40.75 per day. In order to comply with this FSSA Contract, the county must increase the Private Pay rate. Ms. Brower recommends the Private Pay rate be increased to \$41.00 per day, and recommended that the effective date for this increase be April 1, 2016. When the amended contract is received by Ms. Brower, she will have Attorney Murrell review it for legal approval, then submit to the Board of Commissioners for their signature. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the increase of the FSSA daily Arch rates to \$40.75 per day, and the Private Pay rate to \$41.00 per day, effective April 1, 2016, subject to the receipt of the amended contract and the review by County Attorney Larry Murrell. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

2) Ms. Brower submitted an Admission Application on behalf of Mr. Steven McVety. Mr. McVety is a resident of Howard County and will be a private pay resident. He meets all the criteria needed to be a resident at Howard

Haven. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Admission Application for Mr. Steven McVety with the usual 90-day probation period. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

### **IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:**

Auditor Martha Lake submitted the following issues for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime claims, paid February 19, 26, and March 4, 2016, in the amount of \$368,406.92 each, were approved as submitted on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims, payable today, in the amount of \$319,831.05 were submitted, and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore, and carried.
3. **Ratify Signature:** Ms. Lake submitted an early paid claim for the Treasurer's Association dues, in the amount of \$250.00, and asked that President Wyman's signature be ratified. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to ratify President Wyman's signature on the early paid claim. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.
4. **Monthly Reports:** Ms. Lake submitted Monthly Reports as follows: Clerk Monthly Report for the month ending December 31, 2015; Clerk Monthly Report for the month ending January 31, 2016; Veterans Service Office monthly reports May – December, 2015; Veterans Service Office 2015 Year Roll-up. Veterans Service Office Ross Waltemath stepped to the podium to give a brief review of his reports. At the conclusion of the review a motion was made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried to accept the reports as submitted.

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

#### **COMMISSIONER BRAY:**

Commissioner Bray recently visited the Howard Haven County Home and reported that he was impressed with the facility. "It's clean; they're fed well".

#### **COMMISSIONER MOORE:**

- 1) Commissioner Moore submitted the Emergency Management Agency February Calendar and event listing and the January re-cap. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to accept the EMA calendars and event listing as submitted.
- 2) On Friday, February 12, 2016, Mr. Moore was the Hearing Officer for the Township Assistance Appeal Hearing for Ms. Cherrelle L. Gibson, Center Township. The Township Trustee's Office representative worked with Ms. Gibson for the potential for more assistance, and Mr. Moore expressed appreciation to the Trustee's Office for their willingness to work with the client. Unfortunately, the client was not able to get the needed information together. Mr. Moore made a motion to uphold the denial of the Township Trustee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.
- 3) Mr. Moore submitted a request from the Kokomo Rescue Mission to use the east side of the Courthouse grounds and sidewalk for the National Day of Prayer event. This event will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2016, from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. An application to the City of Kokomo to close Main Street between Walnut Street and Sycamore Street, has been submitted. A Certificate of Liability was included in the request and will be filed in the Auditor's Office. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the request for use of the grounds on the east side of the Courthouse for the May 5<sup>th</sup> National Day of Prayer Event. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.
- 4) Howard County received a Notice of Public Hearing from 40<sup>th</sup> Parallel, of the Public Hearing of the County Drainage Board on February 15 (today) at 5:30 p.m. This Hearing is to consider giving approval to the Sycamore View Subdivision and possible drainage concerns. The land is located near 775 West County Road 680 South, Kokomo, Indiana.

A Notice from 40<sup>th</sup> parallel was also received for tonight's Drainage Board meeting for the consideration of approval of McKean Subdivision located at 1383 North County Road 700 West, Kokomo, Indiana. The meeting is for

drainage concerns or positive drainage testimony. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to receive the notice. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

**COMMISSIONER WYMAN:**

1) Mr. Wyman submitted Ordinance No. 2016-BCCO-08, an ordinance amending personnel policies handbook to modify vacation, sick, and personal day benefits for full-time employees. The policy changes were approved at the December 21, 2015 Commissioner meeting, effective January 1, 2016. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve Ordinance No. 2016-BCCO-08 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

2) Mr. Wyman submitted thank-you letters received by the Board of Commissioners:

YMCA	EDIT Donation to their new facility construction
Purdue Extension	EDIT Donation to a new 4-H program
The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King J. Memorial	EDIT Donation to Memorial

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.*

**HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

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PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

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TYLER O. MOORE, VICE PRESIDENT

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ROBERT B. BRAY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR  
Howard County Commissioner Meeting February 15, 2016