

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING NOVEMBER 7, 2016

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, November 7, 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 County Attorney Larry Murrell, Assistant County Attorney Alan D. Wilson, and Auditor Martha Lake.

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

IN THE MATTER OF A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

At this time Kinsey Youth Center Director Jeff Lipinski informed the Commissioners of the death of employee Ron Kendall on Sunday, November 6. Mr. Kendall had worked at the Youth Center for fourteen (14) years and was dedicated, loyal, and hardworking. He was a versatile and caring team player and was willing to do whatever needed to be done. Mr. Lipinski continued to list several instances of Mr. Kendall's versatility and the many ways he "stepped in" to help where needed. Mr. Lipinski asked that the Commissioners keep the Kendall family in their prayers, and pray for the Kinsey Youth Center family, as well. Mr. Kendall will be greatly missed.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the October 24, 2016, Regular Meeting had been previously submitted and reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Wyman vacated the chair in order to second the motion and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

- 1) Highway Department Engineer/Superintendent Ted Cain submitted the title sheet for Bridge 508 and asked that the Commissioners sign it as this project had been previously approved.

- 2) Mr. Cain needs to purchase a new Hot Box. Southeastern Equipment Co. Inc. has submitted a quote for a 2 ton towable diesel hot box from KM International in the amount of \$18,600.00. Mr. Cain has enough money in this year's budget to purchase the hot box, and asks that the Commissioner's approve an amount up to \$19,000.00, if needed. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve the purchase of a new hot box from Southeastern Equipment Co. Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$19,000.00. Mr. Wyman vacated the chair to second the motion. The motion carried.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT:

- 1) Sheriff Rogers submitted an amendment to the original contract with Caliber, to include new medical software for the Dispatch Department, in the amount of \$7,215.00. Mr. Wyman vacated the chair in order to make a motion to approve the Amendment to the Caliber Agreement for new medical software for the Dispatch Department, in an amount of \$7,215.00, and authorize the President to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

- 2) Sheriff Rogers submitted Ordinance No. 2016-BCCO-40 for the Commissioners' consideration. The Sheriff's Department is retiring their first Reserve Deputy. A Reserve Deputy can retire after ten (10) years of service, and, by Howard County Sheriff Policy and Indiana law, is considered a "full power" police officer like the Merit Deputy. A Reserve Deputy also carries the same service revolver throughout his career. Ordinance No. 2016-BCCO-40 specifies that a Reserve Deputy will also receive their service revolver upon retirement after at least ten (10) years of service. The first retired Reserve Deputy with honors, is Steve Seele, and Sheriff Rogers commented that he was not paid for his time as a Reserve Deputy, and that he served admirably. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve Ordinance No. 2016-BCCO-40, the transfer of a service revolver to a retiring Reserve Deputy. Mr. Wyman vacated the chair in order to second the motion and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS:

Commissioner Wyman submitted the following Resolutions for Commissioner approval:

1) Resolution 2016-BCCR-31 is a proclamation of the Howard County Board of Commissioners commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War and was read into record by Commissioner Wyman as follows:

Resolution No. 2016-BCCR-31

A Proclamation of the
Howard County Board of Commissioners
Commemorating the 50th Anniversary
of the Vietnam War

WHEREAS, our Nation’s Vietnam War Commemoration gives us the opportunity for all Americans to recognize, honor and thank our Vietnam Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifices during the Vietnam War from November 1, 1955 – May 15, 1975; and

WHEREAS, over 9,000 organizations across America have jointed with the Department of Defense as a Commemorative Partner to honor our Nation’s Vietnam Veterans, including General James Cox Chapter, National Society Daughters American Revolution, Kokomo; and

WHEREAS, this commemoration includes nine million Americans, with approximately 7.2 million of them living today, and makes no distinction who served in-country, in-theater, or were stationed elsewhere during those 20 years – all answered the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, Veteran’s Affairs Secretary Robert A. McDonald previously designated March 29, 2016, as a day to honor those who have “borne the battle” during the Vietnam War era, and to extend gratitude and appreciation to them and their families;

WHEREAS, THEREFORE, with gratitude and appreciation, the Howard County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim Tuesday, November 8, 2016 as “**WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERAN’S DAY**” in Howard County, Indiana.

DONE THIS 7TH day of November, 2016.

This proclamation will be presented at the November 8th celebration. Mr. Wyman vacated the chair in order to move to approve Resolution No. 2016-BCCR-31. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

2) Resolution No. 2016-BCCR-32, a Proclamation of the Howard County Board of Commissioners supporting the 2016 Military Appreciation Days in Howard County, was submitted and read into record by Mr. Moore as follows:

Resolution No. 2016-BCCR-32

A Proclamation of the
Howard County Board of Commissioners
Supporting the 2016 Military Appreciation Days in Howard County

WHEREAS, in 2012 the Military Foundation was organized in Kokomo with the express mission to assist local veterans through special projects and events; and

WHEREAS, since 2012 the Foundation has raised funds to help with the construction of Jackson Street Commons; helped the Disabled American Veterans obtain a transport van for doctor appointments; and initiated an annual “Military Appreciation Days,” which includes this annual ceremony we are privileged to attend here today; and

WHEREAS, during the 2016 Military Appreciation Days, over 100 area businesses are offering discounts to veterans on various items and services;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, on behalf of the citizens of Howard County, the Howard County Board of Commissioners affirms its support of Military Appreciation Days and commends the Military Foundation and all who work with the Foundation to make this worthy event possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board encourages all citizens of Howard County to express their appreciation to our veterans and their families whenever and wherever possible.

DONE THIS 7TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016

This was presented at City Hall, this morning, by Councilman Jim Papacek and Commissioner Moore. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve Resolution No. 2016-BCCR-32, a resolution of the Howard County Board of Commissioners supporting the 2016 Military Appreciation Days in Howard County.

3) Mr. Wyman submitted Resolution No. 2016-BCCR-33, a Resolution of the Howard County Board of Commissioners honoring Western High School Marching Panthers, and designating November 7, 2016 as “Marching Panthers’ Day in Howard County. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve Resolution No. 2016-BCCR-33.

IN THE MATTER OF THE RUSSIAVILLE TRAIL PLAN:

Russiaville Town Board President Jeff Lipinski thanked the Board of Commissioners for partnering with Russiaville in this Trail Project, and for other projects over the years. He introduced Mr. Rick Homkis and Ms. Laura Redding from the Russiaville Park and Tree Board and they came to the podium to speak about the trail. They began by thanking the Commissioners for the contribution of \$15,000.00. That money has allowed Russiaville to apply for a \$60,000.00 grant. Mr. Homkis reviewed the walking trail plan conceptual map with the Board, and at the conclusion of the presentation a motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the contribution of \$15,000.00 from the EDIT Fund (Special Projects) to the Town of Russiaville. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

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 November 10 and 18, 2016, in the amount of \$376,868.40 each, were submitted, and approved 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 \$555,442.90, were submitted, and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.
3. **Early Paid Claim:** Ms. Lake submitted an early paid claim in the amount of \$2,550.00 to Indiana Media Group, and asked that Commissioner Wyman’s signature be ratified. A motion was made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried to ratify Commissioner’s Signature on the early paid claim.
4. **Monthly Report:** Ms. Lake submitted the Recorder Monthly Report for month ending October 31, 2016. The report was received into record.
5. **2017 Schedules:** Auditor Lake submitted the 2017 Holiday Schedule and the 2017 Commissioner meeting schedule and asked that the Commissioners review the calendars for future approval.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

COMMISSIONER MOORE:

Mr. Moore appreciates the Committee for the Vote Early Coalition and the work they did in marketing and distribution of the information to the public. He and Mr. Wyman reported that at this time there have been 26,000 early votes.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. on a motion made by
Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.*

HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

TYLER O. MOORE, VICE PRESIDENT

ROBERT B. BRAY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR
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