

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 23, 2019

The Howard County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President James Papacek, and Council Members Stanley Ortman, John Roberts, Jeffrey Stout, Leslie Fatum and Brian Alexander. Also, in attendance were County Attorney Alan Wilson and Auditor Martha Lake. Council Vice-President Dwight Singer was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Jerry Asher and conducted by President James Papacek.

At the opening of the meeting, President Papacek requested that a moment of silence and remembrance be held to honor Council Vice President Dwight Singer, who passed away on April 16th, 2019. He will be sincerely missed as a friend and financial leader in Howard County Government.

President Papacek led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Alexander led in a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the March 26, 2019 meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Councilman Roberts. Councilman Stout seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2019-HCCO-09 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2019:

Auditor Martha Lake read Ordinance No. 2019-HCCO-09-Additional Appropriations one time, and the ordinance was acted upon as follows:

	Additional Appropriations	Requested	Approved
<u>1000</u>	<u>HOWARD COUNTY GENERAL FUND</u>		
<u>0204</u>	<u>Howard County Superior Court IV:</u>		
31110	Continuing Education	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
	<u>Total Superior Court IV:</u>	<u>\$1,200.00</u>	<u>\$1,200.00</u>
<u>0068</u>	<u>Howard County Commissioners Dept.:</u>		
35120	Building and Vehicle Insurance	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00
	<u>Total Commissioners Dept.:</u>	<u>\$80,000.00</u>	<u>\$80,000.00</u>
	<u>TOTAL GENERAL FUND:</u>	<u>\$81,200.00</u>	<u>\$81,200.00</u>
<u>1138</u>	<u>Howard County Cumulative Capital Development Fund:</u>		
47241	Building Repair	\$130,994.00	\$130,994.00
47246	Jail Booking Area Renovation	\$223,000.00	\$223,000.00
	<u>TOTAL CUM. CAP. DEV. FUND:</u>	<u>\$353,994.00</u>	<u>\$353,994.00</u>
<u>1159</u>	<u>Howard County Health Fund:</u>		
23770	Vaccine Supplies	\$6,739.00	\$6,739.00
	<u>TOTAL HEALTH FUND:</u>	<u>\$6,739.00</u>	<u>\$6,739.00</u>
<u>1181</u>	<u>Howard County Plat Book Fund:</u>		
11291	Hourly Wages Part-Time	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
15210	FICA	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>

TOTAL PLAT BOOK FUND: **\$22,000.00** **\$22,000.00**

TOTAL ALL FUNDS: **\$463,933.00** **\$463,933.00**

SUPERIOR COURT IV:

Judge Pate addressed the Council with a request for Additional Appropriations for his staff's continuing education with the Odyssey software. Judge Pate offered receipts and information to support the additional appropriations request of \$1,200.00. Councilwoman Fatum made a motion to approve the additional appropriations in account line 1000.31110.000.0204 in the sum of \$1,200.00, as presented. Councilman Alexander seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS/AUDITOR – GENERAL FUND:

Auditor Lake addressed the Council with the request for additional appropriations for the building and vehicle insurance premiums which have increased above the amount originally appropriated. Councilman Stout made a motion to approve account line 1000.35120.000.0068 in the sum of \$80,000.00, as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roberts, and the motion carried.

SHERIFF/AUDITOR – CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND:

Preliminarily, Sheriff Jerry Asher presented the Jail Commissary Report to the Council.

Sheriff Asher addressed the request for an additional appropriation in the Cumulative Capital Development Fund, Account Line 47246, Jail Booking Area Renovation, in the amount of \$223,000.00. This amount should cover the jail renovation as the quote was originally \$222,179.00. According to Sheriff Asher, DLZ is securing all materials for the renovation so as to avoid any further delays once the project has started. He believes the project should be underway in the next month.

Auditor Lake stated that the sum of \$130,994.00 in the Cumulative Capital Development Fund was reduced by the DLGF when the 2019 Budget was approved due to inadequate funding. On Jan. 1, 2019, due to a 2018 unspent budget balance, there is money available to appropriate the additional funds as originally requested.

Councilman Stout made a motion to approve account line 1138.47241.000.0000 in the sum of \$130,994.00 and account line 1138.47246.000.0000 in the sum of \$223,000.00, as presented. Councilman Roberts seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Sheriff Asher thanked the Council and Mr. Stout for the support given to his family.

HEALTH DEPT/AUDITOR.:

Auditor Lake requested an additional appropriation for the Health Department in the amount of \$6,739.00. The DLGF cut the requested budget by this amount when the 2019 Budget was approved. There being sufficient funds available at this time, she requested that the amount be appropriated back into the 2019 budget. Councilman Roberts made a motion to approve account line 1159.23770.000.0000 in the sum of \$6,739.00, as presented. Councilwoman Fatum seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

AUDITOR:

Auditor Lake addressed the Council with the request for additional appropriations which will provide for part time wages for the Deduction Office staff; thereby freeing up funds in the Ineligible Homestead Fund to pay for the new Claim Scanning Project in the Finance Department. Councilwoman Fatum made a motion to approve in the Plat Book Fund, 1181.11291.000.0000 the sum of \$20,000.00, and in account line 1181.15210.000.0000 the sum of \$2,000.00, for a total of \$22,000.00, as presented. Councilman Alexander seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2019-HCCO-10-AMENDING SALARY ORD. FOR 2019:

Auditor Martha Lake read Ordinance No. 2019-HCCO-10-Amending Salary Ordinance one time, and the ordinance was acted upon as follows:

Salary Amendments	Requested	Approved
<u>1181 HOWARD COUNTY PLAT BOOK FUND</u>		
11291 Hourly Wages Part-Time	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
15210 FICA	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
TOTAL PLAT BOOK FUND:	<u>\$22,000.00</u>	<u>\$22,000.00</u>

Councilman Stout made a motion to approve Salary Ordinance No 2019-HCCO-10 Amending Salary Ordinance for 2019 as presented. Councilman Roberts seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:

President Papacek stated that Commissioner Wyman would be giving a State of the County address at Business Luncheon Meeting at Continental Ball Room on Wednesday afternoon, April 24, 2019. All Council members are invited to attend.

President Papacek stated that the legislation for the magistrate was passed; however, not yet signed into law. Auditor Lake stated that she spoke with Judge Tate and the budget for the magistrate has been set for \$48,662.00.

President Papacek stated that an Executive Session would follow this Council meeting at 5:15 p.m.

President Papacek requested the approval from the Council body for him to represent the Council at the Mediation Hearings regarding Judge Menges’ mandate for salary increases, and to approve an agreement if reached by both parties. Councilman Roberts moved to approve President Papacek to represent the Council at the Mediation Hearing and agree to a settlement if reached by both parties. Councilwoman Fatum seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

*There being no further business to come before the Council
at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. by President Papacek.*

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL

JAMES T. PAPACEK, PRESIDENT

STANLEY E. ORTMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

LESLIE W. FATUM, MEMBER

DWIGHT V. SINGER, MEMBER

JEFFREY A. STOUT, MEMBER

JOHN J. ROBERTS, MEMBER

BRYAN ALEXANDER, MEMBER

ATTEST:

MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR
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