

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 26, 2021

The Howard County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday January 26, 2021, at 4:00 PM in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included Council President Jamie L. Bolser, Council Vice-President James T. Papacek, Members Bryan Alexander, Leslie G. Fatum, John J. Roberts, Martha J. Lake and Daryl Maple. Also, in attendance was County Attorney Alan Wilson and County Auditor Jessica Secrease. The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Jerry Asher and conducted by President Jamie L. Bolser.

Council President James Papacek led the Pledge of Allegiance and Council President James Papacek presented a reading, I Am An American.

REORGANIZATION OF THE HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL 2021:

County Attorney, Alan Wilson, opened the reorganization of the Howard County Council for 2021. Nomination for the Howard County Council President was opened with a motion by Councilman Roberts nomination for Councilwoman Jamie L. Bolser as President of the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander. There being no further nominations, a motion to close the nomination for President was made by Councilwoman Fatum and seconded by Councilwoman Lake. The Council all voted in favor of Councilwoman Jamie L. Bolser as President of the Howard County Council for 2021.

The nomination for Vice-President of the Howard County Council was opened with a motion by Councilman Roberts in favor of Councilman James T. Papacek as Vice-President and seconded by Councilman Alexander. All the Council was in favor of Councilman James T. Papacek as Vice-President of the Howard County Council for 2021.

Council President Jamie L. Bolser, welcomed Auditor Jessica Secrease also Councilman Maple and Councilwoman Lake to the Council.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the regular Council meetings on November 24, 2020 and December 4, 2020 meetings, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Councilman Alexander. Councilwoman Fatum seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ORD. NO. 2020 HCCO-1-ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2021:

Auditor Jessica Secrease read Ordinance No. 2020-HCCO-1– Additional Appropriations one time, and the ordinance was acted upon as follows:

		Requested	Approved
<u>1000</u>	<u>HOWARD COUNTY GENERAL FUND:</u>		
<u>0005</u>	<u>Howard County Sheriff Department:</u>		
11100	Elected Official	\$ 1,995.00	Denied
	<u>Total Howard County - General Fund:</u>	\$ 1,995.00	
<u>1114</u>	<u>HOWARD COUNTY LIT SPECIAL FUND:</u>		
<u>0380</u>	<u>JAIL DEPT</u>		
11116	Sheriff	\$ 1,995.00	Denied
	<u>Total LIT Special Purpose Fund:</u>	\$ 1,995.00	
<u>1159</u>	<u>HOWARD COUNTY HELATH DEPARTMENT FUND:</u>		
11142	PT Health Office	\$ 2,730.00	\$ 2,730.00
11317	Administrator	\$ 4,329.00	\$ 4,329.00
11425	Register	\$ 2,857.00	\$ 2,857.00
11506	Environmental Health Coordinator	\$ 3,723.00	\$ 3,723.00
11607	Environmental Health Specialists (3)	\$ 6,096.00	\$ 6,096.00
11608	Part-Time Environmental Health Specialist	\$ 1,153.00	\$ 1,153.00

11716	Part-Time BIO/Pandemic Prep Specialist	\$ 1,088.00	\$ 1,088.00
11812	Public Health Nursing Coordinator	\$ 4,156.00	\$ 4,156.00
11920	Public Health Nurses(4)	\$ 8,942.00	\$ 8,942.00
11611	Project Coordinator	\$ 2,032.00	\$ 2,032.00
12014	Nursing Secretary/Clerk	\$ 1,515.00	\$ 1,515.00
12113	Vital Records Clerk	\$ 1,515.00	\$ 1,515.00
11800	Overtime	\$ (6,000.00)	\$ (6,000.00)
15240	Staff Bonus	\$ (91.00)	\$ (91.00)
15210	FICA	\$ 2,605.00	\$ 2,605.00
15220	PERF	\$ 4,142.00	\$ 4,142.00
35141	Professional Malpractice - Health Officer	\$ (14,000.00)	\$ (14,000.00)
	<u>Total Howard County Health Department Fund:</u>	\$ 26,792.00	\$ 26,792.00
<u>1176</u>	<u>HOWARD COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND:</u>		
11356	Engineer	\$ 2,042.00	\$ 2,042.00
	<u>Total Howard County Highway Fund:</u>	\$ 2,042.00	\$ 2,042.00
<u>1222</u>	<u>HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT:911 FUND</u>		
47210	Equipment	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
	<u>Total Howard County Sheriff Department:</u>	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
<u>8102</u>	<u>HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT: DUI GRANT</u>		
11305	First Deputy	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
11305	First Deputy(Admin)	\$ 975.00	\$ 975.00
	<u>Total Howard County Sheriff Department: DUI Grant</u>	\$ 15,975.00	\$ 15,975.00
<u>8107</u>	<u>HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT: OPERATION PULL OVER GRANT</u>		
11305	First Deputy	\$ 10,250.00	\$ 10,250.00
11305	First Deputy (Admin)	\$ 975.00	\$ 975.00
	<u>Total Howard County Sheriff Department: Operation Pull Over Grant</u>	\$ 11,225.00	\$ 11,225.00
<u>8139</u>	<u>HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT:NON-MOTORIST GRANT</u>		
11305	First Deputy Payroll	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
11305	First Deputy Payroll (Admin)	\$ 975.00	\$ 975.00
	<u>Total Howard County Sheriff Department: Non -Motorist Fund Grant</u>	\$ 5,975.00	\$ 5,975.00
<u>8903</u>	<u>HOWARD COUNTY COVID-HEALTH DEPARTMENT: LOCAL TESTING INITIATIVE</u>		
23640	Operating Supplies	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
32620	Contract Vaccinator Staff	\$ 60,640.00	\$ 60,640.00
47210	Equipment	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
	<u>Total Howard County COVID-Health Department: Local Testing Initiative</u>	\$ 80,640.00	\$ 80,640.00
	<u>TOTAL ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS ALL FUNDS:</u>	\$ 171,639.00	\$ 167,649.00

1000.0005– Howard County General Fund, Sheriff Department – Jerry Asher

Sheriff Jerry Asher is requesting additional appropriation of \$1,995.00 out of 11100 Elected Official funds to raise his salary to be in line with 80% of a Full Time Prosecutors salary. Half of Sheriff's salary is paid from County General (1000.0005) and the other half is paid from LIT Special Purpose (1114.0380).

1114.0380 – Howard County LIT Special Purpose, Jail – Jerry Asher

Sheriff Jerry Asher is requesting additional appropriation of \$1,995.00 out of 11116 Elected Official funds to raise his salary to be in line with 80% of a Full Time Prosecutors salary. Half of Sheriff’s salary is paid from County General (1000.0005) and the other half is paid from LIT Special Purpose (1114.0380).

Discussion and questions were asked by the Council members to Sheriff Asher in regards to his salary request. Legal advice from Alan Wilson was called upon regarding the legality of increasing an Elected officials’ salary within the year and not during a Budget Session. Councilman Roberts made a motion to table the additional appropriations for Howard County Sheriff Department from the County General Fund (1000.0005)in the amount of \$1,995.00 and from the LIT special Purpose Fund(1114.0380) in the amount of \$1,995.00 at this time, to gather some more information and legal advice regarding the state statue used to determine the Sheriff’s salary.

Councilwoman Lake seconded motion to table the additional appropriations from the County General Fund (1000.0005)in the amount of \$1,995.00 and from the LIT special Purpose Fund(1114.0380) in the amount of \$1,995.00. Council Vice-President Papacek stated that the Council has already had legal opinion from Attorney Wilson that in fact once the budget is set for Elected Officials for the budget year that the salaries can’t be adjusted. Council President Jamie L. Bolser ask for a vote from the council for the motion on the floor to table the additional appropriations for an increase in the 1000.0005 and 1114.0380 account lines. A unanimous vote was not received by all the council members, therefore Auditor Secrease took a roll call on the vote:

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| YAY: | NAY: |
| Councilman Roberts | Councilman Alexander |
| Councilman Papacek | Councilwoman Lake |
| Councilman Maple | Councilwoman Fatum |
| | Council President Jamie L. Bolser |

Since the previous motion failed, Councilman Alexander made a new motion to not grant the additional appropriations for Howard County Sheriff Department from the County General Fund (1000.0005)in the amount of \$1,995.00 and from the LIT special Purpose Fund(1114.0380) in the amount of \$1,995.00. Councilwoman Lake seconded the motion to deny the additional appropriations request for Howard County Sheriff Department from the County General Fund (1000.0005)in the amount of \$1,995.00 and from the LIT special Purpose Fund(1114.0380) in the amount of \$1,995.00. and the motion carried and all council members voted to decline the Additional appropriation request.

Sheriff Jerry Asher did provide the Council members with a packet of information including his 2019 Contract with the County.

Commissary Fund:-Jerry Asher

Sheriff Jerry Asher submitted the Commissary Fund for December 12/1/2020 thru 12/31/2020.

1159– Howard County Health Department – James Vest

Director of Howard County Health Department James Vest is requesting additional appropriation for his Health Department Staff salaries. The salary increase was approved for a total of \$26,792.00 in a PAC committee meeting during November 2020.

1176- Howard County Highway Department – Paul Wyman

Commissioner Paul Wyman is requesting additional appropriations for the Engineer line 11356 in the amount of \$2,042.00 to cover Superintendent Highway Amber Tolle’s salary to cover her full salary for 2021. The 2021 budget was presented and approved before Mrs. Tolle was hired as a Superintended of the Highway Department. No salary increase was requested, just the appropriations to pay her current 2021 salary.

1222- Howard County Sheriff Department:911 Fund- Jerry Asher

Sheriff Jerry Asher is requesting additional appropriations to the equipment line 47210 in the amount of \$25,000.00 to cover the cost of ten radios to equip the new deputies that were hired at the beginning of the 2021.

8102-Howard County Sheriff Department : DUI Grant – Justin Markley

Sargent Justin Markley is requesting additional appropriations from 11305 First Deputy in the amount of \$15,000.00 and line 11305 First Deputy (Admin) in the amount of \$975. This is the DUI grant fund, this is used for a yearlong DUI enforcement.

Sargent Justin Markley stated that he would like to recognize Deputy Kody Detamore for having 71 DUI arrest for 2019 as Deputy Detamore was working under the DUI grant, Deputy Detamore was also recognized at the state level for his accomplishments. Sargent Markley wanted to publicly thank the Auditor’s office and personally thank Gloria St. Clair (who is now retired from the Auditor’s Office) and Jessica and Martha for all their hard work and dedication to the CHRIP grant.

8107- Howard County Sheriff Department : Operation Pull Over Grant – Justin Markley

Sargent Justin Markley is requesting additional appropriations from 11305 First Deputy in the amount of \$10,250.00 and line 11305 First Deputy (Admin) in the amount of \$975.00. for a total of \$11,225.00. This is Click It TO Live It grant fund used for seatbelt patrols.

8139- Howard County Sheriff Department : Non- Motorist Grant – Justin Markley

Sargent Justin Markley is requesting additional appropriations from 11305 First Deputy in the amount of \$5,000.00 and line 11305 First Deputy (Admin) in the amount of \$975.00.This is the grant fund for the Foot or Bicycle patrols utilized during the year.

8903-Howard County COVID-Health Department: Local Testing Initiative- James Vest

Director of Howard County Health Department James Vest is requesting additional appropriation from 23640 Operating Supplies in the amount of \$10,000.00, 32620 Contract Vaccinator Staff in the amount of \$60,640.00, 47210 Equipment in the amount for \$10,000.00 for a total of \$80,640.00. The \$80,640.00 is additional grant funding the State has given to help the COVID-19 vaccination and testing site. Mr. Vest stated that the local vaccination site has been up and running and so far, and have vaccinated a little over 1200 people in the first two-weeks of operation.

Councilwoman Lake made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-HCCO-1, additional appropriations, as presented with the removal of the additional appropriations of \$1,995.00 from the County General Fund (1000.0005), and \$1,995.00 from the LIT special Purpose Fund (1114.0380).Councilwoman Fatum seconded the motion of the amended additional appropriations of the \$1,995.00 from the County General Fund(1000.0005), and \$1,995.00 from the LIT special Purpose Fund(1114.0380), that makes the total approved total for Additional Appropriations \$167,649.00 and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORD. NO. 2021-HCCO--2 AMENDING SALARY ORD. FOR 2021:

Auditor Jessica Secrease read Ordinance No. 2021-HCCO-2- Amending Salary Ordinance one time, and the ordinance was acted upon as follows:

	<u>Salary Amendments</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Approved</u>
<u>1000</u>	<u>HOWARD COUNTY GENERAL FUND:</u>		
<u>0005</u>	<u>Howard County Sheriff Department:</u>		
11100	Elected Official	1,995.00	00.0
<u>1114</u>	<u>Howard County LIT Special Fund:</u>		
<u>0380</u>	<u>Jail Dept</u>		
11116	Sheriff	1,995.00	00.0
<u>1159</u>	<u>HOWARD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND:</u>		
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11305	First Deputy(Admin)	975.00	975.00
<u>8107</u>	<u>HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT: OPERATION PULL OVER 8107</u>		
11305	First Deputy	10,250.00	10,250.00
11305	First Deputy (Admin)	975.00	975.00
<u>8139</u>	<u>HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT:NON-MOTORIST FUND</u>		
11305	First Deputy Payroll	5,000.00	5,000.00
11305	First Deputy Payroll (Admin)	975.00	975.00

Auditor Secrease explained that the salary amendment items were previously covered under the additional appropriations documents with the amendment of the Howard County Sheriff Department from the County General Fund(1000.0005) in the amount of \$1,995.00 and Howard County LIT Special Purpose Jail(1114.0380) in the amount of \$1,995.00 which the council previously approved. Councilman Roberts made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021 -HCCO- 2 Amending Salary Ordinance as read with the amendment for the Howard County Sheriff Department from the County General Fund(1000.0005) in the amount of \$1,995.00 and Howard County LIT Special Purpose Jail in the amount of \$1,995.00 (1114.0380)which the council previously approved. Councilwoman Fatum seconded the motion and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Wyman presented an update on the COVID Cares grant funds that have been received and used by the County.

Phase 1 of the Cares Act money, has been recently used for the work that is being done at the Work Release facility is to finish out the women’s bay, laundry room, locker room as this area has be used as a COVID isolation area during the COVID pandemic. The intention of the Commissioners is to use the facility as the Women’s Work Release program as soon as COVID is over and the county is no longer utilizing the space as an isolation center

The county has also received \$267,000.00 of Cares Act Phase 2 grant money. These funds were to be spent on masks for all Howard County Schools, a mobile RV to be used as mobile vaccination’s center, and COVID testing. The primary function of this phase of funding was for awareness and safety promotion.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:

Public Defender’s Office Annual Appropriation Ordinance:

Mr. Andrew Vandenbosch Public Defender’s Office submitted the Annual Appropriation Ordinance NO.2021- HCCO-3 this is known as the Supplemental Public Defender Services Fund. Auditor Secrease read the Annual Appropriation Ordinance NO. 2021 HCCO-3 for the record. A motion was made by Councilwoman Fatum to approve the Annual Appropriation Ordinance NO.2021-HCCO-3 as read, Councilman Roberts seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

CMHC Howard County SFY 2020 Report:

Chief Operating Officer Matt Oliver of Howard Community Behavioral Health presented the annual update on Mental Health programs and services that Howard Community Behavioral Health have provided to the Howard County community. Mr. Oliver states that during Fiscal year 2020 his organization has served 3,063 Howard County residents. Mr. Oliver stated that

Howard County funds have gone to help Community Behavioral Health with Addiction Services, Mental Health Services, and to help the homeless in the community.

Community Supervision Annual Report 2020:

Mr. Dustin Delong, Howard County Community Supervision Director, presented his annual report for the 2020 clients his Community Supervision team has served. The pretrial team has written nearly 500 presentence reports for court. Pretrial has supervised approximately 900 participants in 2020. For Juvenile Probation there were 804 Juveniles referred for services in 2020. For Adult Supervision they served approximately 2600 participants. In Home Detention there have been 347 participants supervised through home detention during 2020. Work Release we received 303 cases for supervision in 2020. Mr. Delong stated that he is at awe with his community supervision staff team and appreciative of how well they have adapted to many changes in the Community Supervision world because of COVID.

here being no further business to come before the Council

At this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m., on a motion made by Councilwoman Fatum. Councilwoman Lake seconded the motion and the motion carried.

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL

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HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 23, 2021