

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 12, 2018

The Howard County Council met in Special Session on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, at 12:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Richard Miller, Vice-President James Papacek, and members Les Ellison, Stan Ortman. Also in attendance was Howard County Auditor Martha Lake. Councilmen John Roberts, Dwight Singer, and Jeffrey Stout were absent. Howard County Attorney Alan Wilson was also absent.

The meeting was called to order by and conducted by President Richard Miller.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDED BUDGET:

Auditor Martha Lake explained that Howard County's DLGF Budget Representative Judy Robertson had suggested that we have this special meeting to correct a mistake made by the Auditor when she submitted the 2019 budget work. Auditor Lake had inadvertently increased the levy on the Jail/Juvenile Fund (Number 1114) when the 2019 budget was submitted. The Jail/Juvenile Fund cannot receive a levy increase due to the way the legislation was adopted when the fund was created and established by the Indiana Legislature. Subsequently, during the State's approval process of Howard County's budget, the state lowered the Howard County levy by the amount of levy increase requested to be added to the Jail/Juvenile Fund which was \$122,000. Ms. Robertson advised Ms. Lake to request a levy increase to the General Fund levy for \$105,000 and to the Health Fund levy for \$17,000, to recoup the loss. Mrs. Lake assured the council members that the approved budgeted appropriations in the General Fund have not changed, however, the cash will be increased and we will not experience any significant levy loss. She apologized to the council for this error and for their inconvenience. Ms. Lake stated that council approval is needed in order to reinstate the denied levy. Councilman Stan Ortman made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Councilman Les Ellison seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Auditor Lake reminded the Council of the exit meeting with the State Board of Account for 2017 review meeting at 9:00 a.m. on December 20, 2018.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Mr. Ortman stated that it has been an honor and privilege to work with Mr. Ellison. Mr. Ortman enjoyed becoming personal friends with Mr. Ellison. Mr. Ortman recalled fun times together.
2. Vice-President James Papacek also stated that it has been an honor and privilege to serve together. Mr. Papacek remarked that even though opinions differed, everyone worked together. Mr. Papacek presented Mr. Ellison with a small token of the Council's appreciation for his service. Mr. Papacek thanked Mr. Ellison for his service.
3. Mr. Miller echoed the sentiment of working together.
4. Auditor Lake thanked Mr. Ellison for his service.
5. Mr. Ellison thanked everyone, and stated that he had enjoyed every minute.

*There being no further business to come before the Council at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m. on a motion made by
Mr. Ellison, which was seconded by Mr. Ortman, and the motion carried.*

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL:

RICHARD H. MILLER, PRESIDENT

JAMES T. PAPACEK, VICE PRESIDENT

LESLIE W. ELLISON, MEMBER

STANLEY E. ORTMAN, MEMBER

JEFFREY A. STOUT, MEMBER

JOHN J. ROBERTS, MEMBER

DWIGHT V. SINGER, MEMBER

ATTEST:

MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR
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