

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING JANUARY 02, 2018

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, January 2, 2018, 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, Member Brad Bray, County Auditor Martha Lake, and County Attorney Alan D. Wilson.

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 SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Mr. Moore and Mr. Wyman wished a happy belated birthday to Mr. Bray.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the December 28, 2017, regular meeting were requested to be tabled on a motion made by Mr. Moore. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REORGANIZATION:

Mr. Moore made a motion to leave the Board of Commissioners as it was in 2017. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The Board continues in 2018 with Mr. Wyman as President; and Mr. Moore as Vice President.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

HIGHWAY:

County Engineer Ted Cain asked the Board of Commissioners to accept all of the 2018 Annual Bids except for Metal Culverts, Inc. Mr. Moore made a motion to accept the 2018 bids as listed, except for the bid from Metal Culverts, Inc. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Item #	Description	Company	Action
1	Precast and prestressed beams	Primco, Inc.	Accepted
2	Various grades of asphalt, emulsions, and tar	Mohr Construction (Div. of E & B Paving) Asphalt Materials, Inc.	Accepted
3	Bituminous coated aggregate asphaltic concrete binder & top	Mohr Construction (Div. of E & B Paving)	Accepted
4	Stone	Martin Marietta Materials Kokomo Gravel Inc. Irving Materials, Inc.	Accepted
5	Equipment rental	Primco, Inc.	Accepted
6	Diesel fuel	Ceres Solutions Co-Op	Accepted
7	Item not requested	Metal Culverts, Inc.	Denied

HOWARD HAVEN:

Howard Haven Director Jennifer Brower requested acceptance of residency applicant Cary Higginbotham. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve Mr. Cary Higginbotham's application to Howard Haven subject to the probationary period. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Wyman recognized Honorable County Councilman James Papacek as present.

Sheriff Steve Rogers announced that there were a load tests of both generators at the Jail. He submitted the results. Both generators passed the test, however, there were change recommendations. Mr. Moore made a motion to show the reports as received. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion 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 to be paid January 5, 2018, and January 12, 2018, in the amount of \$373,993.89 each, were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:

County Attorney Alan Wilson submitted minutes of the executive session of the Board of Commissioners held on December 18, 2017, and minutes of the joint executive session held on December 15, 2017. Mr. Moore made a motion to accept minutes from the Executive Session of the Board of Commissioners on December 18, 2017 and the Joint Executive Session on December 15, 2017. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

Mr. Bray thanked the Board of Commissioners for working together in 2017, and he is looking forward to working together in the future.

Mr. Wyman announced the commissioners’ intention to change from a weekly payroll to a biweekly payroll during the first or second quarter of 2018. He also stated that the bonus for 2018 would be moved up and be paid out on the Friday that would have been the regular pay period. This was a collective decision between the Auditor, Council, and Commissioners. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the collective recommendation for a biweekly pay period, to make the transition date effective according to the Auditor’s office discretion, and to pay the bonus during the week of the transition period. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Wyman updated everyone on the progress at the work release facility. January 16, 2018, is the targeted date to place individuals in the work release facility. Mr. Wyman thanked Hearn Construction for all their work on the facility. Mr. Moore thanked Sheriff Rogers for all of his help on the facility. Sheriff Rogers thanked the board for its help as well.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Speidel, formerly of Butler, Fairman and Seufert Engineering Solutions, thanked the commissioners for working together with him in the past, and is looking forward to working with them in the future.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore, and carried.

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

TYLER O. MOORE, VICE PRESIDENT

ROBERT B. BRAY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR
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