

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING AUGUST 19, 2019

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, August 19, 2019, 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 Attorney Alan Wilson, and County Auditor Martha Lake.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Jerry Asher and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Bray led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Mr. Moore offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

AUGUST EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

Mr. Moore read the nomination for August's Employee of the month. Kimberlee Atwell in Juvenile Probation was nominated by her Supervisor. She is an asset to the department; is sincere and caring and goes out of her way to assist others. She has multiple responsibilities including claims, payroll, assisting clients, probation officers and Kinsey Youth Center. She initiated a program for our youth so that when going to placement, their belongings are placed in luggage and not in trash bags. Kimberlee offers words of encouragement to others and puts others first. It was with great honor that the Commissioners extended congratulations and the memento from Kokomo Opalescent Glass to her. Pictures were taken, and congratulations were given by all.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of August 5, 2019, regular meeting having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Mr. Bray. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT. – DEPUTY JUSTIN MARKLEY:

Mr. Markley requested approval of the Board to apply for the C.H.I.R.P. (Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Program) Grant which combines and allows for Operation pull-over, D.U.I enforcement, Stop Arm Violation and Non-Motorist Grants. The grant is due August 30, 2019 at 12:00 noon. The Grant would require signature by the Howard County Sheriff and the Auditor. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the Sheriff's Department application for the C.H.I.R.P. Grant as requested. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HOWARD COUNTY RECORDER – JENNIFER JACK:

Recorder Jennifer Jack presented a Laredo agreement with Etica Group in Avon, Indiana. The agreement is for online access to Howard County Records. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the Agreement with Etica Group, as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk Debbie Stewart addressed the Board with a proposal, requesting an Ordinance for an Order of the Howard County Board of Commissioners Abolishing the Howard County Board of Voters Registration. This ordinance would allow for the registration of all county voters to fall under the supervision of the Clerk allowing for accountability and accuracy of registered voters within the county. Whereas, in 2011, I.C. 3-7-12-3 was repealed and I.C. 3-7-12-5.5 permits an order abolishing the board of voters' registration and allowing the designation of the circuit court clerk as the voter registration officer of the county to supervise the registration of the voters in the county. Clerk Stewart stated that out of 92 counties, there are currently only 9 counties with a separate voter registration office. Clerk Stewart stated that both party chairs gave their approval in writing and that this change will allow for better accountability with processes in the voting registration department. This allows the County Clerk to oversee the registration process and ensure registration records are processed correctly. Also, that the office is run efficiently with day to day oversight, including accountability to the State of Indiana.

Attorney Alan Wilson presented a proposed Ordinance for this request. Auditor Lake provided Ordinance No. 2019-BCCO-23 for the proposed ordinance. Mr. Bray made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-BCCO-23, as presented. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

Howard County 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 August 30th, 2019, in the amount of \$834,689.53, were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid August 19th, 2019, in the amount of \$2,338,122.14, were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Mr. Bray. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore, and the motion carried.
3. **Monthly Reports:** The following reports were received into record: Howard County Weights and Measures from July 16, 2019 to August 16, 2019 and the Howard County Treasurer's Monthly Report ending July 31, 2019.
4. **Ratification:** Five claims for Superior Court I, early pay by court order, were submitted in the amount of \$1,338.17, \$4,247.67, \$56.00, \$570.24 and \$3410.00, for a total of \$9,622.08.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Sean Smith, located at 320 E. College Street, Russiaville stated for the record that there were some Parvo issues he would like to address with the Board. He presented to the Board a printout on Parvo as well as the laws in accordance with Michigan State animal rights and public pet stores. Mr. Smith stated that he tried to save a puppy with Parvo not owned by him. He approached the pet store to discuss Parvo and the proper clean-up procedures and contacted several agencies which told him it was a civil matter. He is only interested in public education and proper facility cleaning measures of stores in order to eliminate and reduce the Parvo cases in Howard County. He would like an Ordinance addressing the pet stores and the proper cleaning of the facilities to ensure safe pet care and sales. Currently there are no laws in Howard County that Mr. Smith is aware of ordering the care or clean-up for Parvo.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray, 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
Howard County Commissioner Meeting August 19, 2019