

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING DECEMBER 21, 2020

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, December 21, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Vice-President Brad Bray, Member Jack Dodd, 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 the in Pledge of Allegiance, and Commissioner Wyman offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of December 7, 2020, regular meeting having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray, Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

MAINTENANCE:

Jail Engineering Invoice and Agreement (Roof Phase III) NLEC Proposal:

Maintenance Superintendent Bill Stonestreet presented the contract for the Jail Engineering Invoice and Agreement (Roof Phase III) NLEC Proposal, Steven Woolridge is his person of contact. Mr. Stonestreet would like to use the funds from the Cumulative Capital Building Repair Line 1138.47241.000.0000. Commissioner Dodd made a motion to approve the Jail Engineering Invoice and Agreement (Roof Phase III) NLEC Proposal in the sum of \$12,000.00 as presented. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

SHERIFF'S DEPT.:

Purchase of Used Vehicle:

Sheriff Asher requested to purchase a used 2018 Traverse from Erik's Chevrolet in the amount of \$26,745. This vehicle will be used by the Jail staff to travel to training, meetings, etc. He would like to pay for this from the Jail's Misdemeanor Grant Fund. Commissioner Bray made a motion to approve the purchase of a used 2018 Traverse from Erik's Chevrolet in the amount of \$26,745 as presented. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Updated Employee Policy Handbook:

Today on behalf of Mrs. Debbie Lorenz, Human Resource Director, County Attorney Alan Wilson presented for adoption the Updated Employee Policy Handbook as approved by legal. The Ordinance Number is 2020-BCCO-57. Some revisions include personal days will now start on the first day of employment, and Bereavement time and Holiday time will now be calculated into the hours worked, which can go into someone's time calculation if they work overtime in that same week. Commissioner Dodd made a motion to approve the Ordinance 2020-BCCO-57 as presented. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

CLERK'S OFFICE:

CSI Contract:

Howard County Clerk Debbie Stewart presented the CSI Contract to be signed. CSI is the previous Clerk's case management system that is needed to be used with the newer Odyssey system. Carrying forward this contract allows the Clerk's employees to retrieve previous historic information like that of child support, judgments, etc. The CSI System can go back as far as 1985. The cost of the Contract is \$4,000 and will be paid from the Clerks Perpetuation Fund. Commissioner Dodd made a motion to approve the CSI Contract as presented. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Howard County Clerk Debbie Stewart requested prayers for one of her employees. Mrs. Stewart was informed last night that her employee's husband had passed. Commissioner Wyman expressed condolences and stated the Board would say prayers for the employee and her family.

Commissioner Wyman congratulated Mrs. Stewart and her staff on a job well done during the 2020 Fall Election. He stated that the Clerks staff always does a fantastic job!

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 for payment on December 31st, 2020, for the January 1st 2021 pay date, in the amount of \$906,580.30 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid December 21st, 2020, in the amount of \$2,609,280.82 were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.
3. **Ratify Claims:** Auditor Martha Lake presented claims for a Verizon in the amount of \$278.21; a CDW claim in the amount of \$2,754.25; and, a claim for Best Buy in the amount of \$529.99. These claims were submitted and ratified on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and carried.
4. **Monthly Reports:** Auditor Martha Lake presented the following reports to be received into the record: Clerk's Office Report for the month ending November 30th, 2020, and Weights and Measures Report through December 16th, 2020.

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Attorney Alan Wilson, presented the Contract with Crowe to provide Consulting Financial Assessment Services. A motion was made by Commissioner Bray to approve the contract with Crowe Consulting with the starting date of December 21, 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dodd, and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS' ISSUES:

Poor Relief Appeal Hearing:

Commissioner Dodd held a Poor Relief Appeal hearing on December 18, 2020 regarding a denial of assistance by the Center Township Trustee for Christopher L. Campbell. Commissioner Dodd's recommendation was to uphold the findings of the Center Township Trustee. Commissioner Dodd made a motion to uphold the findings of the Center Township Trustee. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Personal Services Agreement:

Commissioner Wyman presented a personal services Agreement with Stella Doan. Ms. Doan will be a temporary, independent contractor for the Social Media Support pretraining to COVID-19. She will be paid by CARES Act Money. A motion was made by Commissioner Dodd to approve the contract with Stella Doan for approximately three months. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.

Appointments:

Commissioner Wyman presented Appointments:

The following are reappointments: Marie Lindskoog to the Convention and Visitor's Bureau; Napoleon Leal to the Howard County Community Correction Board; Kathy Stover to the Kokomo Howard County Public Library Board; and Debbie Lorenz to the Alcohol Beverage Commission. One new appointment to the Convention and Visitor's Bureau was Jeff Griffin. Commissioner Dodd made a motion to approve the new appointment and reappointments as presented. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Grant Received by Turning Point:

Commissioner Wyman announced that a five-million-dollar grant through the Community Foundation has been approved for Turning Point of Howard County. He thanked the other Commissioners and everyone in the community who have been involved to help secure this funding. He stated “for Eli Lilly to have the confidence in Turning Point to distribute this five-million-dollar grant, which will greatly impact three counties, is tremendous and speaks volumes regarding the work being done here”. Greg Aaron and his team at the Community Foundation have been a huge help doing the grant paperwork, etc. This award shows that the community takes Mental Health and Drug Addiction seriously. There have been many agencies involved in this approval for Howard County, such as The Valley of Grace, Sober Living, etc., and all are in partnerships with Turning Point. The Sheriff’s department as well as the Mayor’s Office, City Government, County Government, Township Trustees, the Medical Community and the private sector have supported obtaining this grant from the beginning. Commissioner Wyman stated that the staff at Turning Point has worked hard and is very well deserving of this grant. Commissioner Dodd added he would like to thank everyone at Turning Point for their accomplishments. Auditor Martha Lake stated that Turning Point was started three years ago and it has been nurtured and tested and it is one of the best things that has happened in/to our Community. Commissioner Wyman also thanked the courts, probation and both hospitals.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Dodd, seconded by Mr. Bray, and carried.

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

ROBERT B. BRAY, VICE PRESIDENT

JACK W. DODD, MEMBER

ATTEST:

MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR
Howard County Commissioner Meeting December 21, 2020