

**HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 24, 2015**

The Howard County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 24, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Richard Miller, Vice President Jim Papacek, and members Stan Ortman, Leslie Ellison, Jeff Stout, John Roberts, and Dwight Singer. Also in attendance were County Attorney Larry Murrell and Auditor Martha Lake.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the October 27, 2015, Regular Meeting minutes, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Stout, seconded by Mr. Ellison, and carried.

At this time Mr. Ellison lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Ortman offered a word of prayer.

**COUNCIL OPENING COMMENT:**

Mr. Miller opened the floor for Council comment as follows:

**Councilman Ortman:** Mr. Ortman briefly mentioned several ideas for the 2017 budget process.

**Councilman Miller:** Mr. Miller mentioned a recent Kokomo Tribune editorial having to do with TIF Districts.

**IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2015-HCCO-39 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

Auditor Martha Lake read Ordinance No. 2015-HCCO-39 – Additional Appropriations through one time and it was acted upon as follows:

		<b>AMOUNT</b>	
		<b>REQUESTED:</b>	<b>APPROVED:</b>
<b><u>1000</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County General Fund</u></b>		
<b><u>005</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County Sheriff Dept.</u></b>		
01119.07	Overtime Deputy	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00

Sheriff Steve Rogers is requesting additional over-time money to cover some additional overtime, as well as vacation buy back issues.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve an additional \$40,000.00 to line item 01119.07, Overtime Deputy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stout and carried.

<b><u>009</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County Coroner’s Office</u></b>		
03263.02	Autopsy / Lab	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00

Coroner Jay Price requested an additional \$30,000.00 for Autopsy / Lab to cover autopsy expenses through the end of the year. His office has currently done one hundred six (106) autopsies. He also informed the Council that Community Howard is eliminating their purchasing department. That means that Mr. Price will no longer be able to order supplies through the hospital. The hospital board is considering allowing autopsy supplies to be kept on hand for the Coroner’s purchase, but, if the Board denies that request the County will have to order supplies through another venue.

A motion was made by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Ellison, and carried to approve the request of \$30,000.00 to line item 03263.02, Autopsy / Lab.

**TOTAL ADDITIONALS FOR COUNTY GENERAL** **\$ 70,000.00** **\$ 70,000.00**

<b><u>1120</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County Jail &amp; Juvenile COIT Fund</u></b>		
<b><u>025</u></b>	<b><u>Sheriff’s Department</u></b>		
03263.00	Medical & Hospital	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
03340.00	Meals for Prisoners	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00

Sheriff Rogers needs additional money to carry these line items through to the end of the year. There has been a slight increase in jail population in the third quarter. Several long term medical issues account for the additional request in the Medical & Hospital line item.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve the request of \$60,000.00 to line item 03263.00, Medical & Hospital, and \$60,000.00 to line item 03340.00, Meals for Prisoners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Singer and carried.

**TOTAL ADDITIONALS FOR JAIL & JUVENILE COIT FUND** \$ **120,000.00** \$ **120,000.00**

**1168** Howard County Local Health Maintenance Fund

01111.01	PT Immunization Nurse	\$	3,694.00	\$	3,694.00
01521.00	FICA	\$	306.00	\$	306.00

**1206** Howard County Health Department Trust Fund

01111.01	PT Immunization Nurse	\$	11,082.00	\$	11,082.00
01521.00	FICA	\$	918.00	\$	918.00

Health Department Director Kent Weaver submitted the additional requests in fund 1168 and fund 1206 to cover the costs of an employee on FMLA. These requests have been approved by the State of Indiana.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts to approve the request of \$3,694.00 to line item 01111.01, PT Immunization Nurse, and the request of \$306.00 to line item 01521.00, FICA. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ortman and carried.

**TOTAL ADDTNLS FOR HOWARD CO LOCAL HEALTH MAINT** \$ **4,000.00** \$ **4,000.00**

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried to approve the additional request of \$11,082.00 in line item 01111.01, PT Immunization Nurse, and the request of \$918.00 in line item 01521.00, FICA.

**TOTAL ADDITIONALS HOWARD CO HEALTH DEPT TRUST FUND** \$ **12,000.00** \$ **12,000.00**  
**TOTAL ADDITIONALS ALL FUNDS** \$ **206,000.00** \$ **206,000.00**

**IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2015-HCCR-25-TRANSFERS:**

Auditor Martha Lake read Resolution No. 2015-HCCR-25 – Transfers in full one time and it was acted upon as follows:

	<b>Transfer From:</b>	<b>To:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>	<b>Allowed:</b>
<b>1000</b>	<b><u>Howard County General Fund</u></b>			
<b>005</b>	<b><u>Howard County Sheriff Dept.</u></b>			
01121.00	Longevity	01128.00 OT Community Policing	\$ 35.93	\$ 35.93
<b>1120</b>	<b><u>Howard Co. Jail &amp; Juvenile COIT Fund</u></b>			
<b>025</b>	<b><u>Sheriff Department</u></b>			
01125.04	Staff Nurse	01125.01 Assistant Nurse	\$ .44	\$ .44

Sheriff Rogers is requesting transfers in County General and Jail & Juvenile COIT fund to balance his accounts.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve the transfer of \$35.93 from line item 01121.00, Longevity, to line item 01128.00, Community Policing; and to approve the transfer request of .44 from line item 1120-025-01125.04, Staff Nurse, to line item 1120-025-01125.01, Assistant Nurse.

<b>018</b>	<b><u>Howard Co. Maintenance Dept.</u></b>			
02336.00	Institutional Supplies	04721.00 Equipment	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00

Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Bill Stonestreet is transferring money into the Equipment line item in order to purchase a walk-behind commercial grade snow blower.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Ortman and carried to approve the transfer request as submitted.

<b>023</b>	<b><u>Howard Co. Commissioners</u></b>			
01116.00	Projects Manager	01119.00 Personnel Director	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00

Commissioner Paul Wyman is requesting to transfer \$4,000.00 into the Personnel Director line item to aid in the transition between Personnel Directors.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried to approve the transfer request of \$4,000.00 from line item 01116.00, Projects Manager, to line item 01119.00, Personnel Director.

Mr. Wyman introduced Personnel Director Debbie Lorenz to the County Council and the Council President Miller welcomed to County Government.

Mr. Wyman took this opportunity to explain the amendment to the 2015 Salary Ordinance. The salary of the Personnel Administrator, 1000-023-01119.00 needs to be amended to read \$39,000.00.

<b><u>1119</u></b>	<b><u>Howard Co. Clerk Perpetuation Fund</u></b>				
03253.00	Equipment Repair	04721.00	Equipment	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00

On behalf of Howard County Clerk Kim Wilson, Auditor Lake explained the transfer is needed to pay for an overdue invoice for a computer and printer in the Clerk’s Office.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve the transfer of \$3,000.00 from line item 03253.00, Equipment Repair, to line item 04721.00, Equipment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ortman and carried.

<u>035</u>	<u>Kinsey Shelter Care</u>				
03220.00	Utilities	04723.00	Vehicles	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 4,750.00

<u>037</u>	<u>Kinsey Residential Care</u>				
03220.00	Utilities	04723.00	Vehicles	\$ 3,990.00	\$ 3,990.00

<u>038</u>	<u>Kinsey Secure Care</u>				
03220.00	Utilities	04723.00	Vehicles	\$ 10,260.00	\$ 10,260.00

Kinsey Youth Center Director Jeff Lipinski began his request by first commenting on repayment of the loan to Russiaville by the County. Last week Mr. Lipinski submitted a check from Russiaville to Auditor Martha Lake and Commissioner Wyman in the amount of \$70,000.00, to pay half of the \$140,000.00 loan for the Community Center. He also informed the Council that Russiaville was able to sell their water utility to a for-profit company. So far the water bills have not increased. Russiaville is creating a TIF District to help their small town. Councilman Stout commended Mr. Lipinski and the Russiaville Town Council for their hard work in these matters. The transfer requests are to support the replacement of one of Kinsey’s vehicles.

A motion was made by Mr. Stout to approve the transfer request of \$4,750.00 from line item 035-03220.00, Utilities, to line item 03723.00, Vehicles; \$3,990.00 from line item 037-03220.00, Utilities, to line item 04723.00, Vehicles; \$10,260.00 from line item 03220.00, Utilities, to line item 04723.00, Vehicles. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried.

<b><u>025</u></b>					
01116.00	Board of Review	01521.00	FICA	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00

County Assessor Mindy Heady moved a couple of payroll positions to the Reassessment Fund and needs to transfer more money into the FICA line item.

A motion was made by Mr. Ortman to approve the transfer of \$1,000.00 from line item 01116.00, Board of Review, to line item 01521.00, FICA. The motion was seconded by Mr. Singer and carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2015-HCCO-40 – AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2015:**

Ms. Lake submitted Salary Ordinance No. 2015-HCCO-40 – Amending Salary Ordinance for 2015 was read in full one time and acted upon as follows:

		<b>AMOUNT</b>	
		<b>REQUESTED:</b>	<b>APPROVED:</b>
<b><u>1000</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County General Fund</u></b>		
<u>005</u>	<u>Sheriff's Department</u>		
01119.07	OT Deputies	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
01121.00	Longevity	\$ (35.93)	\$ (35.93)
01128.00	OT Community Policing	\$ 35.93	\$ 35.93
<u>023</u>	<u>Commissioners</u>		
01116.00	Projects Manager	\$ (4,000.00)	\$ (4,000.00)
01119.00	Personnel Director	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
	From \$37,804 to \$39,000 – Oct., 2015		
<b><u>1120</u></b>	<b><u>Howard Co Jail &amp; Juvenile COIT</u></b>		
<u>025</u>	<u>Sheriff Department</u>		
01125.04	Staff Nurse	\$ (.44)	\$ (.44)
01124.01	Assistant Nurse	\$ .44	\$ .44
<b><u>1168</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County Local Health Maintenance Fund</u></b>		
01111.01	PT Immunization Nurse	\$ 3,694.00	\$ 3,694.00
01521.00	FICA	\$ 306.00	\$ 306.00
<b><u>1188</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County Reassessment Fund</u></b>		
01116.00	Board of Review	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (1,000.00)
01521.00	FICA	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b><u>1206</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County Health Department</u></b>		
01111.01	PT Immunization Nurse	\$ 11,082.00	\$ 11,082.00
01521.00	FICA	\$ 918.00	\$ 918.00

A motion was made by Mr. Ortman, seconded by Mr. Papacek, and carried to approve Salary Ordinance No. 2015-HCCO-40 – Amending Salary Ordinance for 2015 as submitted.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE 2016 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE:**

Auditor Martha Lake submitted the proposed 2016 Council Meeting Schedule and it was reviewed by the council members. Discussion ensued concerning changing Budget Session Dates as follows: change September 6 & 7 dates to September 7 & 8, 2016. Change September 13 date to September 14, 2016. A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve the 2016 Council Meeting Schedule as amended. The motion died for a lack of a second. The Schedule will be amended and submitted at the December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT:**

Councilman Ortman informed the Council members that Mr. Alan Girton has expressed an interest in serving on the Kokomo/Howard County Library Board replacing Mr. Gill Hendrickson, whose term expires December 31, 2015. A motion was made by Mr. Ortman to approve the appointment of Mr. Alan Girton to the Kokomo/Howard County Library Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried.

*There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Papacek and seconded by Mr. Singer.*

**HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL:**

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RICHARD H. MILLER, PRESIDENT

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JAMES T. PAPACEK, VICE PRESIDEDNT

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STANLEY E. ORTMAN, MEMBER

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LESLIE W. ELLISON, MEMBER

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JEFFREY A. STOUT, MEMBER

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JOHN J. ROBERTS, MEMBER

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DWIGHT V. SINGER, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR  
Howard County Council Meeting November 24, 2015