

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MARCH 24, 2015

The Howard County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 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 Leslie Ellison, Stan Ortman, 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 Miller.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the February 24, 2015 Regular Meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Ortman, seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried.

At this time Vice President Papacek led all in the Pledge of Allegiance and President Miller offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF OPENING COUNCIL COMMENT:

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

Mr. Papacek: Councilman Papacek recognized the attendance of Girl Scout Troop #230.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2015-HCCO-09 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Auditor Martha Lake read Ordinance No. 2015-HCCO-09 – Additional Appropriations through in full one time and it was acted upon as follows:

		AMOUNT REQUESTED:	APPROVED:
<u>1120</u>	<u>Howard County Jail & Juvenile COIT Fund</u>		
01521.00	FICA	\$ 72,512.31	\$ 72,512.31

Auditor Martha Lake submitted this request as a housekeeping item from when the budget was approved by the State. The State had not approved the total budget request until they could ascertain there were enough Jail & Juvenile COIT funds to support the total budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve the request of \$72,512.31 to line item 01521.00, FICA. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stout and carried.

<u>1138</u>	<u>Howard County Cumulative Capital Development Fund</u>		
04000.00	Equipment Commissioners	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 140,000.00

Commissioner Paul Wyman submitted the request to assist the Highway Department in the purchase of a new Pay Loader. This request was addressed by Mr. Wyman at the February Council meeting as part of a five year Equipment Plan for the Highway Department (*please refer to page two, “In The Matter of the Highway Department’s 5-year Equipment Plan”, of the Regular Meeting minutes dated February 24, 2015*). At the time the request was advertised, we did not know the total amount so \$140,000.00 was advertised. The final invoice came in at \$137,037.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Ortman to approve the request of \$140,000.00 to line item 04000.00, Equipment Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Papacek and carried.

TOTAL ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS ALL FUNDS		\$ 212,512.31	\$ 212,512.31
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IN THE MATTER OF THE STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS:

Mr. Miller invited Commissioner President Paul Wyman to give the State of the County address at this time. He respectfully asked that all applause be held until the end of the address. Mr. Wyman stepped to the podium and delivered the Address, beginning with appreciation to Commissioner Tyler Moore and Commissioner Brad Bray for all their work as fellow Commissioners for Howard County. “2014 was a very good year for Howard County Government and for our community. We saw the completion of many significant projects in which we provided leadership and resources and we continued to

provide strong conservative fiscal management on behalf of the tax payers.” Mr. Wyman continued to report the special efforts of the Highway Department, Maintenance Department, Sheriff Department, Kinsey Youth Center, Administrative Offices, and Veterans Service Office. Mr. Wyman also reported on community projects the Howard County Government has supported. At the close of the Address, Mr. Wyman thanked the Howard County Council for their support of worthy projects, and for being willing to work with the Board of Commissioners as they look forward to future growth and development, as well as continuing to successfully carry out our primary responsibilities as County Government.

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2015-HCCO-10 – AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2015:

Auditor Lake read through Salary Ordinance No. 2015-HCCO-10 – Amending Salary Ordinance for 2014 one time, and it was acted upon as follows:

		REQUESTED:	APPROVED:
<u>1120</u>	<u>Howard County Jail & Juvenile COIT Fund:</u>		
01521.00	FICA	\$ 72,512.31	\$ 72,512.31

Salary Ordinance No. 2015-HCCO-10 – Amending Salary Ordinance for 2015 was approved as submitted on a motion made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Singer and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE IN THE SHERIFF PENSION PROGRAM:

Investment Advisor Representative from Liberty Financial Advisors, Mr. Craig Dunn, submitted a change in the Howard County Sheriff Pension Program. SAI, Inc. is currently being used by the Howard County Police Retirement and Benefit Plan for investment management services. Mr. Dunn was advised that SAI Inc. will not be providing money management services after May, 2015. After reviewing other service providers, Mr. Dunn made the recommendation to employ Sigma for investment management services for the Howard County Police Retirement and Benefit Plan. Sigma offers similar investment strategies and performance, and there will be no need to change Trustees, or make any changes regarding reporting or payment of benefits. Mr. Dunn submitted an Authorization Letter for Mutual Bank to sign transfer papers, to be signed by Sheriff Steve Rogers. He then fielded questions from the Council members. A motion was made by Mr. Ortman to approve the change in investment management services from SAI, Inc. to Sigma, and to authorize Sheriff Rogers to sign the Authorization Letter on behalf of the County Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF 2014 / 2015 ENCUMBRANCES:

Auditor Martha Lake submitted a 2014/2015 Encumbrance Listing for all funds, and copies were distributed to the Council members. She reviewed this report with the council members. Mr. Miller commented that because of the fine job of the Department Heads and Elected Officials we once again have an unspent balance in the County General Fund, from the 2014 Approved Budget. The 2014/2015 Budget Listing was accepted on a motion made by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2015-BCCR-6:

Auditor Lake read Resolution No. 2015-BCCR-6 in full, one time, a resolution of the Howard County Board of Commissioners adopting a final Capital Improvement Plan for the Calendar Years 2014-2015. This Resolution was approved by the Board of Commissioners at their March 16, 2015 meeting, and has to be approved and appropriated by the County Council. A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve and appropriate Resolution No. 2015-BCCR-6, as read. The motion was seconded by Mr. Singer and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Mr. Jerry Paul, President of the Howard County Veteran Memorial Corp. at Darrough Chapel Park: Mr. Paul submitted an update to the Veteran Memorial project monument and the monies collected so far. He thanked Commissioner Wyman and the Board of Commissioners, the County Council, the City of Kokomo and trustees for their support. This is a \$300,000.00 project and Mr. Paul hopes to have the monument ready and installed in time for the Viet Nam Veterans Memorial weekend in September.

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Sheriff Rogers submitted and distributed copies of the February Jail Commissary Fund for the month ending January 31, 2015. The balance as of February 28, 2015 is \$184,808.12.

There being no further business to come before the County Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned a 4:48 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Ellison and 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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