

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MAY 24, 2016

The Howard County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, May 24, 2016, 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, Les 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 Council President Richard Miller. Council members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Singer led in a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the April 26, 2016 Regular Council Meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as submitted, on a motion made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Stout and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2016-HCCO-16 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Auditor Martha Lake read Ordinance No. 2016-HCCO-16 – Additional Appropriations through one (1) time and it was acted upon as follows:

		AMOUNT	
		REQUESTED:	APPROVED:
<u>1169</u>	<u>Howard County Local Road & Street Fund:</u>		
23754.00	Bituminous	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00
<u>1176</u>	<u>Howard County Motor Vehicle Highway Fund:</u>		
22430.00	Bituminous	\$ 330,000.00	\$ 330,000.00

Highway Engineer / Superintendent Ted Cain informed the Council that both requests are to go toward the annual summer paving projects. Mr. Cain also spoke about the Special LOIT funds received from the State, and their designation for road projects. He will receive more information soon.

A motion was made by Mr. Ortman to approve the Appropriation requests in the Howard County Local Road and Street Fund and the Howard County Motor Vehicle Highway Fund, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Singer and carried.

<u>1222</u>	<u>Howard County 911 Fund:</u>		
03564.00	Rental A T & T Fees	\$ 344,242.00	\$ 344,242.00
04720.00	Equipment – Digital Voice Logging System	\$ 61,628.00	\$ 61,628.00

911 Coordinator Gary Bates submitted this request in order to fund the newly updated backbone phone system through A T & T. This backbone purchase was put out to bid at the expiration of the ten-year contract. That process enabled Howard County to save money decreasing quarterly payments from \$39,986.00 to \$20,862.00. This time they signed a five (5) year contract because technology is changing so quickly. The request for Equipment is for the new P-25 Radio System.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve the additional request of \$322,242.00 to line item 03564.00, Rental A T & T Fees; and the request of \$61,628.00 to line item 04720.00, Equipment – Digital Voice Logging System. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stout and carried.

TOTAL 911 FUND		\$ 405,870.50	\$ 405,870.50
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<u>4930</u>	<u>Howard County Law Enforcement Fund:</u>		
01113.09	Deputy Prosecutor	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,000.00
01521.00	FICA	\$ 1,836.00	\$ 1,836.00
01522.00	PERF	\$ 2,688.00	\$ 2,688.00
01523.00	Insurance	\$ 2,568.60	\$ 2,568.60

On behalf of Prosecutor McCann, Ms. Lake commented that this is a housekeeping issue in conjunction with a previous agreement to fund an additional Deputy Prosecutor from the Law Enforcement Fund in lieu of the County General Fund.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve the Additional requests in the Howard County Law Enforcement Fund as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Singer and carried.

TOTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND	\$ 31,092.60	\$ 31,092.60
TOTAL ADDITIONALS ALL FUNDS:	\$ 876,963.10	\$ 876,963.10

APPROPRIATION REDUCTIONS:

<u>1000</u>	<u>Howard County General Fund</u>		
<u>034</u>	<u>Howard County Adult Probation</u>		
01121.02	Juvenile Probation Officer	\$ -36,951.39	\$ -36,951.39

Chief Probation Officer Dustin Delong explained that the reduction request is the result of a position being lost through attrition. Mr. Delong then gave a brief overview on the status of the Probation Department and the services they give to the county. Councilman Roberts expressed appreciation to Mr. Delong and his department.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts to accept the reduction of \$36,951.39 from line item 01121.02, Juvenile Probation Officer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried.

<u>036</u>	<u>Howard County Prosecutor IV-D</u>		
01112.05	Investigator	\$ -8,700.00	\$ -8,700.00

On behalf of Prosecutor Mark McCann Auditor Martha Lake clarified that this reduction request is because the duties of their Investigator do not include Title IV-D.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve the reduction request of \$8,700.00 in line item 01112.05, Investigator. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ortman and carried.

TOTAL REDUCTIONS ALL FUNDS:	\$ -45,651.39	\$ -45,651.39
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IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-HCCR-11 – TRANSFERS:

Auditor Martha Lake read Resolution No. 2016-HCCR-11 – Transfers through one time, and it was acted upon as follows:

	TRANSFER FROM:	TO:	REQUESTED:	APPROVED:
<u>1000</u>	<u>Howard County General Fund:</u>			
<u>016</u>	<u>Howard County Election Board</u>			
03241.00	Printing	02371.00 Other Supplies	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00

On behalf of County Clerk Kim Wilson, Auditor Lake confirmed the request as additional supplies needed for the new Vote Centers.

A motion was made by Mr. Ortman, seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried to approve the transfer of \$15,000.00 from line item 03241.00, Printing, to line item 02371.00, Other Supplies.

<u>023</u>	<u>Howard County Commissioners</u>		
03374.00	Care of Individuals	04724.00 Law Books	\$ 700.00
			\$ 700.00

County Attorney Larry Murrell received new books, this year, in lieu of just the supplements. The additional funds are needed to supplement the Law Books line item.

A motion was made by Mr. Singer to approve the transfer request of \$700.00 from line item 03374.00, Care of Individuals, to line item 04724.00, Law Books. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2016-HCCO-17 – AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2016:

Auditor Lake read Salary Ordinance No. 2016-HCCO-17 – Amending Salary Ordinance for 2016 through one time and it was acted upon as follows:

		AMOUNT	
4930	<u>Howard County Law Enforcement Fund</u>	REQUESTED:	APPROVED:
*01113.09	Deputy Prosecutor	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,000.00
*01521.00	FICA	\$ 1,836.00	\$ 1,836.00
*01522.00	PERF	\$ 2,688.00	\$ 2,688.00
*01523.00	Insurance	\$ 2,568.60	\$ 2,568.60
	*Effective 06/06/2016		
1000	<u>Howard County General Fund</u>		
034	<u>Howard County Adult Probation</u>		
*01121.02	Juvenile Probation Officer	\$ -36,951.39	\$ -36,951.39
	*Effective 05/01/2016		
036	<u>Howard County Prosecutor Title IV-D</u>		
*01112.05	Investigator	\$ -8,700.00	\$ -8,700.00
	*Effective 06/06/2016		

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve Salary Ordinance No. 2016-HCCO-17 – Amending Salary Ordinance for 2016, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stout and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-HCCR-12:

Auditor Martha Lake read Resolution No. 2016-HCCR-12 in full. This Resolution authorizes the return of Revolving Loan Fund money for Drain Maintenance to the EDIT Fund. On April 23, 2013, the County Council adopted Ordinance No. 2013-HCCO-08, establishing a Revolving Loan Fund (4931) to provide a source of temporary funding to support immediate maintenance of identified county legal drains. This fund received money from the EDIT Fund, and was to be repaid to the EDIT Fund from annual maintenance assessments collected on each drain. The Surveyor has now collected enough assessment payments to repay the \$1,133,010.00 borrowed (\$66,990 in the RLF were unexpended). This Resolution allows the repayment to the EDIT Fund from the Revolving Loan Fund as follows:

McKay Dredge	\$663,486.00	2013
Deer Creek	\$363,594.00	2013
Wm Johnson	\$ 30,360.00	2014
Wm Hochstedler	\$ 37,422.00	2014
OP Hollingsworth	\$ 27,126.00	2014
Fairview	\$ 11,022.00	2015

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Singer and carried to approve Resolution NO. 2016-HCCR-12 as submitted.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-HCCR-13:

Auditor Martha Lake read Resolution No. 2016-HCCR-13 in full. The resolution authorizes the transfer of unobligated funds and cash balance of the returned \$1,200,000.00 in the EDIT Fund to the County Rainy Day Fund. This resolution also authorizes the transfer of the unobligated cash balance of \$444,501.16 from the Miscellaneous Clearing Fund (5365) to the County Rainy Day Fund (1186). A motion was made by Mr. Stout to approve Resolution No. 2016-HCCR-12 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF A REQUESTED CHANGE TO THE SHERIFF’S BENEFIT PLAN:

Sheriff Rogers reminded the Council members that in the early 1970s the Howard County Sheriff’s Retirement Plan was created, and engineered by McCreedy & Keene. At the time of its creation, and up until recently, the Department had not experienced an officer being killed in the line of duty. The recent death of Officer Carl Koontz has brought attention to the fact that the dependent benefit portion of the plan is not adequate. The original plan gives the surviving spouse \$200.00 per month and the dependent children \$30.00 per month, per child. Sheriff Rogers requested a study be done to determine the cost of increasing the monthly benefit of dependent children from the \$30.00 per month, per child, to a flat \$1,000.00 for the family, per month, until the last child reaches age 18. Also amended is the definition from “killed in the line of duty” to “death in the line of duty” to include a natural death. Sheriff Rogers and the Merit Board have approved this change. Sheriff Rogers introduced Mr. Stan Brown, to review the change to the Benefit Plan with the Council members. The plan effective

date is retroactive to January 1, 2016. Discussion ensued with Mr. Brown fielding questions from the Council members. At its conclusion it was the consensus of the Council, that while they agree with this important step, they would like to table approval for further review of submitted paperwork.

*There being no further business to come before the Council at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m. on a motion made by
Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Ortman and carried.*

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL:

RICHARD H. MILLER, PRESIDENT

JAMES T. PAPACEK, VICE PRESIDENT

STAN E. ORTMAN, MEMBER

LESLIE W. ELLISON, MEMBER

JEFFREY A. STOUT, MEMBER

JOHN J. ROBERTS, MEMBER

DWIGHT V. SINGER, MEMBER

ATTEST:

MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR
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