

**HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JULY 25, 2017**

The Howard County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, 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 Alan Wilson and Auditor Martha Lake.

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

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

The minutes of the June 27, 2017 Regular meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as submitted on a motion made by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Stout, and carried.

At this time Mr. Stout led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Roberts offered a prayer.

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNCIL COMMENT:**

President Miller opened the floor for public comment as follows:

**Councilman Stan Ortman:** Mr. Ortman was not in attendance at the June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, former County Attorney Murrell’s final meeting, but he did want to offer the following tribute:

“My first recollection of Larry Murrell was when a mutual contact mentioned what a nice guy he was. When informed he was the County Attorney, I had no idea Howard County had an attorney, much less why, or what the county attorney did. Obviously, that was many years ago prior to my entering local government. A few years after that I had an occasion to dialogue with Larry and found him to be fair, impartial, and well intentioned. After being elected to the Council, our relationship developed further. He always had the County’s best interest at heart and at the forefront, as long as we stayed legal. His research was impeccable; no smoke was ever blown when he gave us the facts. As the years went by he became a sounding board, confidante, and one who I considered a true friend; all the while, maintaining a professional relationship within the work place. I thank him, profusely, for the service he has given Howard County and he set the bar, unintended, high. I wish him the best as he moves on; he and Sue deserve it. Best Always.”

**President Miller:** Mr. Miller gave public appreciation to former County Assessor Jamie Shepherd for her “poetic tribute” to Larry Murrell at his last council session on June 27, 2017. He also thanked the Auditor’s Office for including the poem in the minutes.

**IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-HCCO-28 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

Auditor Martha Lake read Ordinance No. 2017-HCCO-28 – Additional Appropriations through one time, and it was acted upon as follows:

		<b>AMOUNT</b>	
		<b>REQUESTED:</b>	<b>APPROVED:</b>
<b><u>1159</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County Health Fund</u></b>		
23770	Vaccine Supplies	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
32440	Contract Services – Vaccine Billing	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00

Auditor Martha Lake informed the Council that this is a housekeeping issue. The Auditor’s Office learned that the Vaccine money put into the Vaccine fund 4916 is really to be put into Health Fund 1159. The current balance of fund 4916 will be transferred into 1159 and future monies will be receipted into fund 1159. The Auditor’s office asked the Health Department to pay Vaccine supplies and billing services from 1159, as well. Health Dept. Director Kent Weaver and Nurse Jennifer Sexton also gave further clarification.

A motion was made by Ortman to approve the additional request of \$150,000.00 to line item 23770, Vaccine Supplies; and the request of \$12,000.00 to line item 32440, Contract Services – Vaccine Billing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellison, and carried.

<b><u>1200</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County Supplemental Public Defender Fund</u></b>		
11341	Deputy Public Defender (4)	\$ 19,700.00	\$ 19,700.00

15210	FICA	\$	1,550.00	\$	1,550.00
15220	PERF	\$	2,800.00	\$	2,800.00
15230	Insurance	\$	2,350.00	\$	2,350.00

Investigator Scott Comfort spoke on behalf of Public Defender Steve Raquet concerning the need to transfer four Part-Time Deputy Public Defenders to a full-time position. In order to do this Mr. Raquet would like to pay them from the Supplemental Fund through December of 2017 and from County General in 2018. He has included this in his 2018 Budget Request. Having the four part-time positions become full-time positions will help relieve the current court burden. Because the workload has drastically increased, several full-time Deputies have a higher work load than allowed. If this continues we could lose our current 40% reimbursement by the State. Mr. Comfort fielded questions from the Council members.

A motion was made by Mr. Stout to approve the additional requests as listed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Papacek and carried.

**TOTAL ADDITIONALS ALL FUNDS** **\$ 188,400.00** **\$ 188,400.00**

**IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2017-HCCR-16 – TRANSFERS:**

Ms. Lake read through Resolution No. 2017-HCCR-16 – Transfers one time, and it was acted upon as follows:

	<b>Transfer From:</b>	<b>To:</b>	<b>AMOUNT:</b>	<b>ALLOWED:</b>
<b><u>1000</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County General Fund</u></b>			
<b><u>0271</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County Public Defender’s Office</u></b>			
11340	Deputies	11341 Deputy Public Defender	\$ 69,165.00	\$ 69,165.00

Auditor Martha Lake said this is a housekeeping issue for the move of four (4) deputies from part-time to full-time until the end of December, 2017.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve the transfer requests as read. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ortman and carried.

<b><u>9601</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County Information Systems Dept.</u></b>			
11240	Network Tech	11241 Network & Database Admin	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
11240	Network Tech	11800 Overtime	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00

Information Systems Department Director Terry Tribby clarified that these requests are to clean up the Network & Database Administrator line item after the Administrator left employment, and his remaining vacation and compensatory time were paid out. The Overtime line item needs to be increased to account for the extra time needed before the vacated position was filled. Mr. Tribby introduced their new employee, Dean Whisenant, who is a graduate of Purdue in Technology.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Singer, and carried, to approve the transfer request of \$1,600.00 from line item 11240, Network Tech, to 11241, Network & Database Admin; and \$3,000.00 from 11240, Network Tech, to line item 11800, Overtime.

**IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2017-HCCO-29 – AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2017:**

Ms. Lake read Salary Ordinance No. 2017-HCCO-29 – Amending Salary Ordinance for 2017 through one time, and it was acted upon as follows:

		<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>APPROVED:</b>
		<b>REQUESTED:</b>	
<b><u>1000</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County General Fund</u></b>		
<b><u>0006</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County Surveyor’s Office</u></b>		
11170	Part-Time Clerical change Hourly Rate of pay from 12.34 to 12.50		\$ 12.50
<b><u>0271</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County Public Defender’s Office</u></b>		
11340	Deputies (4)	\$ (169,165.00)	\$ (69,165.00)
11341	Deputy Public Defender	\$ 69,165.00	\$ 69,165.00

<u>9601</u>	<u>Howard County Information Systems Department</u>			
11240	Network Tech	\$	(4,600.00)	\$ (4,600.00)
11241	Network & Database Admin	\$	1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
11800	Overtime	\$	3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
<u>1200</u>	<u>Howard County Supplemental Public Defender Fund</u>			
11341	Deputy Public Defender	\$	19,700.00	\$ 19,700.00
15210	FICA	\$	1,550.00	\$ 1,550.00
15220	PERF	\$	2,850.00	\$ 2,850.00
15230	Insurance	\$	2,350.00	\$ 2,350.00

A motion was made by Mr. Ortman to approve Salary Ordinance No. 2017-HCCO-29 – Amending Salary Ordinance for 2017 as listed. 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 4:36 on a motion made by  
Mr. Ortman, seconded by Mr. Papacek, and carried.*

**HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL:**

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RICHARD H. MILLER PRESIDENT

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JAMES T. PAPACEK, VICE PRESIDENT

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LESLIE W. ELLISON, MEMBER

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STANLEY E. ORTMAN, 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  
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