

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2016

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, October 3, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Vice President Tyler Moore, and Member Brad Bray. Also in attendance were County Attorney Larry Murrell, Assistant County Attorney Alan D. Wilson, and Auditor Martha Lake.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Steve Rogers and conducted by President Wyman. Commissioner Bray led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Vice President Moore offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the Regular Meeting dated September 18, 2016, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Sheriff Steve Rogers introduced Mr. Ezekiel Zimmerman and Mr. Joshua Meyers, to be sworn in, today, as Howard County Deputies.

Mr. Zimmerman has served Howard County as a 911 Dispatcher and Corrections Officer. He has served the towns of Atlanta, Galveston and Russiaville as a Reserve Officer. Mr. Zimmerman is looking forward to serving his community. "If I can just give a little bit of glimmer of hope to just one person in their darkest hour then I've done my job."

Mr. Myers has served for six (6) years with the United States Air Force, with a duty assignment of Security Forces - Investigations. He is currently enrolled at Wesleyan University. "After spending a couple of years abroad, away from home, I am more than excited to just come back and serve the people, the community, who helped mold me."

Sheriff Rogers commented that both gentlemen will begin their law enforcement career today, but will be reporting to the Law Enforcement Academy on November 7. Clerk Kim Wilson swore in both Deputies and Commissioner Moore held the Bible. The Deputies were joined by their families for pictures, congratulations, and applause.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

1) Highway Department Engineer/Superintendent Ted Cain submitted the Community Crossings Matching Grant, a Matching grant between Howard County and the Indiana Department of Transportation, Des No. 1601661, in the amount of \$548,199.95. This grant is for highway department eligible projects. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Community Crossings Matching Grant, Des No. 1601661, between the Indiana Department of Transportation and Howard County, in the amount of \$548,199.95, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

2) Mr. Cain submitted a Notice To All Bidders for Materials and Supplies for County Highway Department Year 2017. This Notice will be advertised and bids must be received no later than 3:00 p.m., Monday, November 21, 2016. The bids received will be opened at 4:15 p.m. on November 21, 2016, at the Regular Commissioners' Meeting. He asked that the signature page be signed by the Commissioners. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to authorize Mr. Cain to send out the Notice to Bid for Materials and Supplies for the Howard County Highway Department, year 2017. Bids are to be received no later than 3:00 p.m. on November 21, 2016, and opened at 4:15 p.m.

3) Mr. Cain submitted the Supplemental Agreement No. 1 between Howard County and Butler Fairman and Seufert. This supplemental agreement increases the original agreement by \$1,648.00 (county pays 20%), for the addition of inspection personnel to conduct the Underwater Inspections services needed. Also added is the Washington St. Bridge, and two other culverts / bridges in the county. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Supplemental Agreement No. 1, between Howard County and Butler Fairman and Seufert, Des No. 1383550, increasing the original amount of the agreement by \$1,648.00, to an amount not to exceed \$204,980.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried. Mr. Wyman publicly thanked Mr. Cain for his quick response to citizen concerns.

On a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried, the Regular Meeting was recessed for three minutes in order to allow photographs to be taken for the newly sworn-in Deputies.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

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, payable October 7 and 14, 2016, in the amount of \$365,836.19 each, were submitted, and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims, payable today, in the amount of \$486,622.42, were submitted, and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore, and carried.
3. **Early Paid Claims:** Ms. Lake submitted these early paid claims: Eastern Howard Baseball League and Eastern Howard Softball League, \$799.00 each; Howard Co. Health Dept., \$5,440.00; Indiana County Auditor's Association, \$800.00; Scared Rabbit, \$220.00; Howard County Automotive Heritage Hall of Fame, \$440.00; Justin Howard, \$125.00. A motion was made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried to ratify the signature of President Wyman on the early paid claims, as submitted.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

County Attorney Larry Murrell submitted the following issues for the Board's information and approval:

1. **Ratify Signature On Certification:** On September 22nd President Wyman signed an Acceptance Certificate as part of the services performed by A T & T for the E911 system. Mr. Murrell asks that the signature be ratified and accepted by the Commissioners. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to confirm Mr. Wyman's signature on the A T & T Acceptance Certificate.
2. **Open Bids for the Second Project Renovation of Hardest Hit Fund:** Plan Commission Director Greg Sheline submitted two (2) bids received for the excavation of the 2nd project in the Hardest Hit Fund, located at 4022 E. County Road 50 North, as follows:

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| Merritt & Son Excavating | \$10,100.00 |
| Vincent Concrete | \$18,758.00 |

A motion was made by Mr. Moore to receive the bids from Merritt & Son Excavating and Vincent Concrete and take them under advisement for Mr. Sheline's further review. Mr. Sheline appreciates the assistance of Sheriff Rogers and his department, in this project.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

COMMISSIONER BRAY:

Mr. Bray commented that it was a privilege to be a part of inducting former Commissioner Dave Griffey to the Automotive Heritage Museum Hall of Fame.

COMMISSIONER WYMAN:

1) Mr. Wyman submitted Resolution No. 2016-BCCR-28A, a resolution honoring former Commissioner Dave Griffey, and asked that the Board confirm its signatures dated September 22, 2016. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to confirm the Commissioners' signatures on Resolution No. 2016-BCCR-28A.

2) Mr. Wyman submitted a Joint Proclamation of the City of Kokomo and Howard County Board of Commissioners, recognizing Starbucks employees and other heroes in our community, as Community Heroes' Day, for their heroism during our recent tornados. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to ratify the Commissioners' signatures on the Joint Proclamation of the City of Kokomo and the Howard County Board of Commissioners, Community Heroes' Day. The event in which this proclamation was delivered, was sponsored by

General Motors. Many donations to our community relief efforts were made by individuals, organizations, and General Motors and the Morning and Noon Rotary Clubs. Many are resuming their lives as normal, after the tornados, but we need to remember those eighty-nine (89) families whose homes were totally destroyed, and those one thousand (1,000) plus homes who were affected by damage from the tornado, who continue to rebuild their lives.

3) Mr. Wyman asked if Mr. Moore and Mr. Bray would consider rescheduling the next Commissioner Meeting from October 17 to October 24, 2016. At the conclusion of discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to reschedule the second October Commissioners Meeting from October 17 to October 24, 2016. The time will still remain at 4:00 p.m. A Public Notice will be sent to the appropriate media and posted on the County's website.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Wyman opened the floor for public comment as follows:

Troy Beachy, President of the Greentown Youth Baseball and Tony Ayers, President of the Girls' Softball League: both gentlemen were in attendance to thank the Board of Commissioners and Howard County for the EDIT Fund contributions to the entities they represent. Greentown also works with Russiaville, Kokomo and Howard County to bring youth together to play sports. Both leagues have brought together about 980 kids and their families in baseball and softball.

Pam Isaac, Howard County Project Manager: Ms. Isaac thanked the Board of Commissioners and Sheriff Rogers for the opportunity to travel to the Dallas / Fort Worth Airport, in Texas, to view and gain more information on the radio system for the new P-25 Project being implemented for Howard County first responder and emergency agencies.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

TYLER O. MOORE, VICE PRESIDENT

ROBERT B. BRAY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR
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