

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MARCH 21, 2016

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, March 21, 2016, at 5:10 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 and Auditor Martha Lake.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Steve Rogers and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Brad Bray led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Vice President Tyler Moore offered a word of prayer, asking God to be close to the family of Deputy Carl Koontz, and the families of Randy Hainlen and John (Jack) Harbaugh. He expressed appreciation to all three men who faithfully served Howard County.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the March 7, 2016, Regular Meeting, having been previously submitted, reviewed, and amended, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

PLAN COMMISSION:

Plan Commission Director Greg Sheline submitted a plat for Dollar General Store at 604 West Main Street, Greentown, Indiana. This has received approval from the Plan Commission Board. As a Plan Commission Board Member, Mr. Moore commented that at the Plan Commission Board meeting for this issue a Petition was received in opposition to this request. Seven names have been added since it was first received. The concern was that certain restrictions associated with the plan be followed and enforced. There was also the concern over what this would do to the existing Dollar Store and grocery store in town. Property owner Katie Regan who had attended the Plan Commission Board Meeting also had these concerns but was not able to speak at the meeting. Mr. Wyman opened the floor for public comment as follows:

Alysa A. Mossburg, 419 North Carter, Greentown, Indiana: Ms. Mossburg cited seven (7) Zoning Ordinance violations concerning this request, and asks that the vote be taken by rollcall. Citizens can't support the request because of the violation issues.

Mr. Wyman and Mr. Moore spoke to this concern. A portion of this issue has to do with previous drainage issues. Both the Board of Commissioners and the current property owner have agreed to financially assist the Surveyor's Office with addressing and reconciling those concerns. The Dry Detention area on the plan will actually help with the current run-off issue. Other violations have also been addressed. Mr. Moore believes the greatest push-back is from Greentown citizens and their loyalty to the existing stores.

Mr. Sheline also responded to the issues voiced by Ms. Mossburg. He reiterated that his office has gone over the plans, just like they do for any other zoning request, and believes that the original violations have been corrected. More time has been spent on this project than has been spent for most projects, trying to make sure zone restrictions have been followed. Variances have been given in the areas of parking and to the lot coverage. Appropriate notices have been given for all public hearings. The Plan Commission office will enforce the buffer yard restrictions. The current Zoning Ordinance basin restrictions do not apply to dry basins. He also reminded all that the Howard County Zoning Ordinance does not apply to Highway 35/22 because it is a State Highway, when speaking to the closeness of the driveways. INDOT has given their approval to the distance between driveways.

Mr. Wyman confirmed that the owners of the proposed Dollar Store have already sent a request to the City of Greentown that they be annexed into the city.

At the conclusion of discussion a motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the plat for Dollar General Store project, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Highway Engineer/Superintendent Ted Cain had sent Invitations to Quote for a ¾ Ton 4X4 Pick-up truck, to Brad Howell Ford, Tipton Ford, and Button Dodge. On behalf of Mr. Cain, Mr. Moore submitted the only quote received, by Brad Howell Ford, as follows:

Brad Howell Ford

2016 Ford F250

\$32,487.30, including a \$500.00 trade-in value

Mr. Cain would recommend the purchase of the 2016 Ford F250 for the total amount of \$32,487.30, including the \$500.00 trade-in value of the 1994 Chevrolet 2500 4X4. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the purchase of the 2016 Ford F250, in the amount of \$32,487.30, including the \$500.00 trade-in value, to be paid from Highway funds. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT:

On behalf of Captain Jerry Asher, Commissioner Bray submitted three quotes for a Training Vehicle pick-up truck for the Sheriff's Department as follows:

Eriks Chevrolet	Chevy Silverado	\$34,608.85
Button Dodge	Greentown Ford	\$34,723.00
Brad Howell Ford	Ford F150	\$33,510.44

Captain Asher confirmed that the Ford F150, in the amount of \$33,510.44, would meet the needs of the department. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve the purchase of the Ford F150 from Brad Howell Ford in Greentown, in the amount of \$33,510.44, to be paid for the Sheriff Vehicles line item in the Cumulative Capital Fund. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

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:** Ms. Lake submitted the Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime claims payable March 24 and April 1, 2016, in the amount of \$368,022.75 each; also submitted was the Employee Bonus claim payable March 18, 2016, in the amount of \$334,125.00. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve the payment of the Salary Claims dated March 24 and April 1, 2016; and the Employee Bonus claim payable March 18, 2016, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.
2. **Operating Claims:** Ms. Lake submitted the Commissioners' Operating Claims, in the amount of \$228,312.00, payable today. A motion was made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried to approve the Commissioners' Operating claims, payable today, in the amount of \$228,312.00.
3. **Ratify President's Signature:** The following claims were signed by Commissioner Wyman for early payment, and his signature needs to be ratified: Jessica Funk, submitted by Health Department, in the amount of \$125.00; Jeremy Andrus, from the Insurance Deductible Line item, in the amount of \$1,387.59. A motion was made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried to ratify President Wyman's signature on both early-pay claims.
4. **Tax Bill Postage Approval:** Treasurer Ann Wells asks that a claim be pre-approved for payment by the Board of Commissioners in order to immediately pay postage to Worrell Corporation for the mailing of the tax bills in April. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve the claim to Worrell Corporation, in the amount of \$15,684.36 for the immediate payment of postage for the mailing of the 2015/2016 tax bills. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.
5. **Monthly Report:** Ms. Lake submitted the Weights and Measures Report for the month of February 16 – March 15, 2016. The report was accepted on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

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

1. **A T & T Supplementary Schedule:** On behalf of 911Dispatch Coordinator Gary Bates, Mr. Murrell submitted the Supplementary Agreement between A T & T and Howard County, Indiana. This a supplemental equipment schedule to the A T & T Service Contract. Mr. Murrell has reviewed the agreement and it is ready for approval and signature. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the A

T & T Supplementary Schedule 2673900-002 as submitted, and authorize President Wyman to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

2. **Choices Contract:** On behalf of Kinsey Youth Center Director Jeff Lipinski, Mr. Murrell submitted a contract with Choices, a social service agency out of Indianapolis, Indiana, that places young adults in need of services with Kinsey Youth Center. Both the Master Agreement and the Exhibit has been reviewed and is in order. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Choices contract and Exhibit Addendum, and authorize President Wyman to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.
3. **Public Hearing Documents:** A Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. this evening, in the Russiaville Town Hall, to give interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed federally funded Community Development Block Grant for a Wastewater Utility Master Plan for the unincorporated community of New London. Mr. Murrell submitted Resolution No. 2016-BCCR-9, a resolution authorizing the President of the Board of Commissioners to execute any documents necessary to the application of this Planning Grant. This resolution commits the County to pay a matching portion of \$3,300.00. Mr. Murrell is also submitting Letters of Intent to apply for this Community Development Block Grant. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve Resolution No. 2016-BCCR-9, and to authorize the President to sign this resolution and the letters of intent on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

COMMISSIONER BRAY:

Commissioner Bray expressed his condolences to the Koontz family for fallen Deputy Carl Koontz. He also expressed hopes for Corporal Buckley's quick recovery.

COMMISSIONER MOORE:

Commissioner Moore also offered prayer for both families involved and for the Howard County Sheriff family and all brothers-in-arms. He expressed appreciation to first responders all over the state of Indiana and nationwide, for their support and concern.

COMMISSIONER WYMAN:

1) Commissioner Wyman expressed gratitude for the outpouring of concern from all over the nation, and referred to the Statement issued by the Board of Commissioners, supporting the families and the Howard County Sheriff Department.

2) Mr. Wyman referred to the \$6,000.00 grant to the Surveyor's Office from the EDIT Fund, Special Projects, in order to correct the drainage issue on property to be used by the Dollar General Store (*please refer to page one, PLAN COMMISSION under Departmental Reports, of these minutes*). A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to grant up to \$6,000.00 from the EDIT Fund for the J Loop Drain Project to correct the existing drainage issue. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray 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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