

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JULY 26, 2005

The Howard County Council met Tuesday, July 26, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., in Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those present were Council President Richard Miller, Council Vice President James Papacek and Council Members Stan Ortman, Leslie Ellison, Jeffrey Stout and Joseph Pencek. Also present were County Attorney Larry Murrell and Auditor Ann Wells.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Marshall Talbert and conducted by President Richard Miller.

The minutes of the June 28, 2005 Regular Meeting, having been previously reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Stout and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2005-HCC-34 - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Ordinance No. 2005-HCC-34 was read in full by Auditor Ann Wells and acted upon as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTED:

<u>001</u>	<u>Howard County General Fund</u>	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<u>005</u>	<u>Howard County Sheriff</u>		
01122.00	Overtime Correction Officers	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
02335.00	Institutional & Medical Supplies	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
03263.00	Medical & Hospital Services	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
03264.00	Meals for Prisoners	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
	Total Sheriff Department	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00

Sheriff Talbert was in attendance to inform the Council of the needed additional appropriations. The need for additional funds is caused by increased jail population, which leads to increased payroll, medical and food expenses. Mr. Talbert submitted a check from the Department of Corrections, in the amount of \$29,330.00 to be receipted into County General funds, bringing the total to about \$206,000.00 receipted back into County General funds this year. During discussion, frustration was expressed toward the fact that an inmate's medical needs are fully paid for by the county during the inmate's incarceration. Sheriff Talbert responded that the state legislature is sponsoring an interim study committee that is trying to examine ways to reduce these costs for the counties in Indiana.

On a motion made by Mr. Stout and seconded by Mr. Ortman, the additional appropriations in the amount of \$50,000.00 in line item 01122.00, Overtime Correction Officers, \$75,000.00 in 02335.00 Institutional & Medical Supplies, \$100,000.00 in line item 03263.00, Medical & Hospital Services and \$75,000.00 in line item 03264.00, Meals for Prisoners in the Sheriff's Department, were approved with four yes and one no votes.

<u>013</u>	<u>Howard County Circuit Court</u>		
03590.00	Indigent Transcripts	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
03593.00	Psychiatric Examinations	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
	Total Circuit Court	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00

Circuit Court Judge Lynn Murray reminded the Council of the fact that the court must provide transcripts of court proceedings at the expense to the public, for the purpose of appeal. This is true in criminal cases, as well as juvenile cases involving the termination of parental rights. In criminal cases, the court must provide, at public expense, Psychiatric exams for those defendants who have a mental illness. Circuit Court has already had one case involving the need for a Psychiatric exam and usually averages two to three cases per year. She has a small amount of money left in the fund and does not have another case of this kind on the docket, at this time. She would be willing to withdraw the request and come back when the funds are needed, if that would help the county.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve the request of \$10,000.00 for line item 03590.00 Indigent Transcripts, and \$2,000.00 in line item 03593.00, Psychiatric Examinations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried.

	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
Total General Fund	\$ 312,000.00	\$ 312,000.00

<u>924</u>	<u>Howard County Community Corrections Fund</u>			
45000.00	Real Estate	\$ 235,000.00	\$	-0-

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Ortman and carried to table this request on behalf of the Community Corrections Department.

Total Community Corrections Fund	\$ 235,000.00	\$ 235,000.00
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<u>105</u>	<u>Howard County Adult Probation User Fee Fund</u>			
03242.00	Printing (Superior III)	\$ 503.00	\$	503.00

On a motion made by Mr. Papacek and seconded by Mr. Ellison the request for \$503.00 in line item 03242.00, Printing (Superior III) was approved.

Total Adult Probation User Fee Fund	\$ 503.00	\$ 503.00
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<u>500</u>	<u>Howard County CEDIT Fund</u>			
03549.00	Public Relations	\$ 1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
04721.00	Equipment	\$ 14,000.00	\$	14,000.00

Mrs. Kathy Harbaugh, on behalf of the Realtor's Association, presented a request to the Council for financial support for the "Open the Door to Howard County" program to promote Howard County's "quality of life, education and housing".

A motion was made by Mr. Ortman, seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried to approve the request of \$1,000.00 in line item 03549.00, Public Relations of the CEDIT Fund.

Commissioner Brad Bagwell presented a request for seven new metal detectors to be used by the Courthouse Security Officers and any other County Building security needs. These new detectors are less intrusive and more reliable. This request has been made from the CEDIT and the Cumulative Capital Funds, allowing the Council to choose which fund to use.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve the request of \$14,000.00 in line item 04721.00, Equipment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ortman and carried.

Total CEDIT Fund	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
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<u>150</u>	<u>Howard County Cumulative Capital Fund</u>			
04721.00	Equipment	\$ 14,000.00	\$	-0-

Because the \$14,000.00 appropriation request for Metal Detectors was approved in the CEDIT Fund, Mr. Bagwell withdrew the \$14,000.00 request in the Cumulative Capital Fund.

Total Cumulative Capital Fund	\$ 14,000.00	\$ -0-
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS ALL FUNDS	\$ 576,503.00	\$ 327,503.00
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IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2005-HCC-14 - TRANSFERS:

Auditor Ann Wells presented and read in full, Resolution No. 2005-HCC-14 - Transfers. They were acted upon as follows:

	TRANSFERS FROM:	TO:	AMOUNT REQUESTED	ALLOWED
<u>001</u>	<u>Howard County General Fund</u>			
<u>002</u>	<u>Howard County Auditor</u>			
01113.00	First Deputy	01117.00 Part Time	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
01116.00	Second Deputy	01117.00 Part Time	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00

Auditor Ann Wells submitted the request to transfer because of a number of surgeries and rehabilitation time needed, for several employees, causing the need for part time help.

On a motion made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Stout and carried, the transfers from line item 01113.00, First Deputy to 01117.00 Part Time in the amount of \$2,000.00, and \$1,000.00 from line item 01116.00, Second Deputy to 01117.00 Part Time, were approved.

<u>023</u>	<u>Howard County Commissioners</u>				
02365.01	Emergency Planning Supplies	03213.01	Travel	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00

Commissioner Paul Raver presented the request for transfer to cover the travel expenses incurred by Vicki Hinkle, Personnel, in her Emergency Planning training. Mr. Raver also informed the Council that the Board of Commissioners had voted to use funds from the Emergency Planning supplies to install emergency lighting in the stairwells of the Administrative Center.

A motion was made by Mr. Stout, seconded by Mr. Pencek and carried to approve the transfer of \$55.00 from 02365.01, Emergency Planning Supplies, to 03213.01, Travel.

<u>150-001</u>	<u>Howard County Information Systems</u>	Network			
01117.00	Part Time	01112.01	Technician	\$ 13,461.00	\$ 13,461.00

Information Systems Director, Terry Tribby, submitted a request to transfer funds into the new Network Technician line item that was created at the June 28, 2005 meeting (for more information refer to page 5 of the June 28, 2005 Council meeting, "In the Matter of Resolution No. 2005-HCC-12 - Transfers").

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Ortman and carried to approve the transfer of \$13,461.00 from 01117.00, Part Time into 01112.01, Network Technician.

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2005-HCC-35 - AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2005:

Salary Ordinance No. 2005-HCC-35 - Amending Salary Ordinance for 2005, was read by Ann Wells and acted upon as follows:

<u>001</u>	<u>Howard County General Fund</u>	REQUESTED	APPROVED
<u>002</u>	<u>Howard County Auditor</u>		
01117.00	Part Time	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00

Salary Ordinance No. 2005-HCC-35 - Amending Salary Ordinance for 2005 was approved on a motion made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Stout and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM (DROP):

Sheriff Talbert introduced Ms. Elaine Beaty, from McCready & King, to the Council to present the Deferred Retirement Option Program (Drop) (*for related discussion see page 7, item 5 under "In The Matter of Sheriff Department Concerns"*). It is a new option available within the Police Retirement Program. This option was passed in the state legislature, to be effective July 1, 2005. After meeting the criteria for retirement from county employment, a deputy could continue to work and accumulate the monthly payments he/she would have received if he/she had retired. Those monthly payments are calculated at the time he/she enters the program and will accumulate during the "DROP period." When the deputy officially retires (up to three years beyond entering the DROP period), he/she will receive the monthly benefit earned as of their DROP benefit calculation date **plus** the payments accumulated under the DROP participation period. The payments accumulated under the DROP participation period can be collected in a cash lump sum, direct rollover to another retirement plan or an IRA, or be used to increase his/her monthly benefit. Ms. Beaty continued to explain specific information concerning the program and answered questions. It was the Council's concern that the Deputies have a full understanding of this program before entering and signing a disclosure form. Mr. Murrell assured the Council that full disclosure and a calculation of the amount he/she would receive, per a disclosure form, is given to them before entering the program.

This program would be the second amendment to the Howard County Police Retirement Plan. Sheriff Talbert has approved this program, and the DROP program was unanimously approved at the June 2005 Merit Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve the second amendment to the Howard County Police Retirement Plan and authorize the President to sign. This amendment will be effective August 1, 2005. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stout and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS:

The following organizations were present to submit support requests for budget year 2006 and to answer any questions the Council might have.

Kokomo/Howard Development Corporation	Greg Aaron	\$40,000.00
Chamber of Commerce	Rick Hamilton	\$ 9,000.00
North Central Indiana Small Business Development Center	Jennifer Vanderburgh	\$12,500.00

IN THE MATTER OF PERSONNEL ISSUES:

Personnel Director, Wanda McKillip, was present to inform the Council of the new Benefit website link for the Personnel Department. This website became available July 20, 2005 and gives benefit information for Anthem dental and vision plans, as well as Life Insurance (AIG), Supplemental Health Insurances, and Retirement Benefits including PERF, Hoosier S.T.A.R.T. and Social Security. This information will be beneficial to current and prospective employees.

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF DEPARTMENT CONCERNS:

Sheriff Talbert informed the Council that he will be asking for additional funds in the Fuel line item, due to the unforeseen rise in gasoline costs.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Papacek and seconded by Mr. Stout.

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL

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ATTEST:

ANN WELLS, AUDITOR
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