

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 21, 2006

The Howard County Council met Tuesday, February 21, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those present included Council President Richard H. Miller, Council Vice President James Papacek, Council Members Stan Ortman, Leslie Ellison, Jeffrey A. Stout, Joseph A. Pencek and Dwight Singer. Also in attendance were Assistant County Attorney Brian Oaks and Auditor Ann Wells.

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

The minutes of the January 24, 2006 meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Ellison and seconded by Mr. Stout.

When the President called for Council opening comment, Council Member Les Ellison informed the Council of his absence at the March meeting. He will be in Paris, France, celebrating his honeymoon.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HOWARD COUNTY POLICE RETIREMENT PLAN INVESTMENT:

Mr. Miller invited Mr. Craig Dunn to speak to the Council concerning the Howard County Police Pension Fund and Police Benefit Fund. A report was submitted to Council Members, graphing year end values from June 9, 1997 to February 27, 2006. Also included was an investment analysis of the seven companies the funds are invested in. The current value of the fund is \$9,391,245.00. When Mr. Dunn took over management of the fund in 1997, the value was \$4,960,486.00. Mr. Dunn continued to explain the investment strategy over the last nine years. The goal for the funds, set in 1997, is being reached and it is time to decide strategy. Mr. Dunn's recommendation is to reallocate the portfolio and start the quarterly rebalancing as follows:

Bond Fund America.....	30%
Capital World Growth & Income.....	10%
American Mutual.....	12%
Fundamental Investments.....	12%
Washington Mutual.....	12%
Capital Income Builder.....	12%
Growth Fund of America.....	12%

Sheriff Talbert affirmed the recommendation. It was the consensus of the Council to accept the recommendation of Mr. Dunn to allocate the funds as stated above.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW EMPLOYEES IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

Sheriff Talbert took this opportunity to introduce Mr. Steve Kline, and Mr. Dave Mitzelfelt, as newly appointed merit deputies. Both men come highly recommended and both graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy. Steve Kline previously served Howard County as E-911 Dispatch Supervisor and Dave Mitzelfelt was a Marion County Sheriff's Department reserve officer. The officers were officially welcomed by Vice President Jim Papacek and applauded by the Council.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2006-HCC-06 - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Ordinance No. 2006-HCC-06 was read in full by Auditor Ann Wells and acted upon as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTED:

<u>001</u>	<u>Howard County General Fund</u>	REQUESTED:	APPROVED:
<u>006</u>	<u>Surveyor</u>		
04721.00	Equipment (<i>Copier</i>)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ Referred to Cum Cap Funds

Howard County Surveyor, Beryl Grimme, presented the request for a new copier to be purchased with funds from the equipment line item. President Miller suggested that the request be considered as a Cumulative Capital Fund allocation.

APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTED:	REQUESTED:	APPROVED:
<u>008</u> <u>Superior Court II</u>		
045-03112.00 Translators (<i>Unified Court Expense</i>)	\$ 400.00	\$ Withdrawn
04721.00 Equipment (<i>Copier</i>)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ Referred to Cum Cap Funds

Superior Court II Judge Stephen Jessup asked to have the Translator Request of \$400.00 withdrawn. He continued with the request for funds for a new copier. President Miller respectfully asked that the request be considered with the Cumulative Capital Fund requests. A motion was made by Mr. Singer to withdraw the requests from the General Funds. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stout and carried.

Total County General	\$ 10,400.00	\$ -0-
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150	<u>Howard County Cumulative Capital Development Fund</u>		
001-01112.00	Network Administrator (<i>No change to Salary</i>)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
03261.00	Building & Structure Repair - Sheriff	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
04724.00	Admin Center HVAC	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 400,000.00
04005.00	Equipment - Sheriff (<i>Misc.</i>)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
04006.00	Equipment - Surveyor (<i>Copier</i>)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
04008.00	Equipment - Superior Court II (<i>Copier</i>)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
04723.05	Vehicles - Sheriff	\$ 185,000.00	\$ 185,000.00
Total Cumulative Capital Development Fund		\$ 616,000.00	\$ 616,000.00

Commissioner Brad Bagwell and Auditor Ann Wells informed the Board that a budget error was made in computing the needed funds in the line item. This request is to rectify that error.

Sheriff Talbert submitted his requests for the Cumulative Capital Fund. Funds for the repair of building and structure were originally requested from County General Funds, at budget time in 2005. The Council asked that the request be made from the Cumulative Capital Fund after the beginning of the year. Miscellaneous equipment for the Sheriff's Department is for office type equipment. Sheriff Talbert continued to inform the Council of monies needed for vehicle replacement.

Maintenance Department Employee, Scott Reed, explained the need for a new HVAC system in the Administration Center. This request was made in 2005 and funds in the amount of \$400,000.00 were appropriated for that project. The project was not completed last year so the money went back into the fund, to be re-appropriated in 2006.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve the Cumulative Capital requests in the amount of \$616,000.00 as itemized above and read by the Auditor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried.

104	<u>Howard County Juvenile Probation Fund</u>		
03213.00	Travel & Training	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00

Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Don Travis, presented his request for \$2,500.00, for Travel & Training. Mr. Travis had received JABIG Grant money to begin the Juvenile Drug Court, but that grant ended in September, 2005. It was a source of training funds for the drug court and now that training needs to be paid from the probation fund. Mr. Travis has been informed that he is a recipient of money given through the Indiana Judicial Center from a grant provided from the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, which will reimburse eighty per cent of the training costs. Howard County has been approved for that reimbursement.

A motion was made by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Ortman and carried to approve the request of \$2,500.00 in line item 03213.00, Travel & Training.

515	<u>Howard County Sheriff Misdemeanant Fund</u>		
04721.00	Equipment - 5 Tasers & Holsters (<i>Courthouse Security</i>)	\$ 4,019.75	\$ 4,019.75
04721.00	Equipment - Road Crew Van	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
04723.00	Vehicles - Road Crew Van	\$ 23,717.50	\$ 23,717.50
Total Misdemeanant Fund		\$ 28,937.25	\$ 28,937.25

Sheriff Talbert explained to the Council that the tasers and holsters are for the court security officers; they are the small holster variety. The vehicle and equipment requests are to replace the Work Crew Van with needed light, hitch and safety equipment.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Singer and carried to approve the request for Misdemeanant funds as presented, in the amount of \$28,937.25

		REQUESTED:	APPROVED:
500	<u>Howard County CEDIT Fund</u>		
04721.05	Equipment - Sheriff	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 29,500.00
04722.05	Computers - Mobile Terminals, Sheriff	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Total CEDIT Fund		\$ 39,500.00	\$ 39,500.00

These equipment fund requests have been re-directed from County General to the CEDIT Fund. The equipment request will be for red lights and sirens for the Sheriff Vehicles, community policing equipment, and radio equipment. The computer request is to replace the mobile terminals for the patrol vehicles. The lap top computers now in use were not built to handle a law enforcement application. As these computers reach their life span, they will be replaced by Toughbook Computers, complete with metal case, lighted keyboard and touch screen capabilities.

A motion was made by Mr. Singer to approve the appropriation request of \$39,500.00 in the CEDIT Fund as read. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ortman and carried.

Total Additional Appropriations all Funds	\$ 697,337.25	\$ 686,937.25
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IN THE MATTER OF THE KOKOMO / HOWARD COUNTY VISITORS BUREAU:

Executive Director Peggy Hobson presented the following transfer requests to the Council to inform them of the 2005 year end transfer cleanup in Innkeepers account 109.

Transfer From:	Amount	Transfer To:	Amount
03330.00 Advertising	\$ 426.00	03900.00 Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 426.00
03222.00 Travel & Conference	\$ 33.00	01521.00 Payroll Taxes	\$ 33.00
03222.00 Travel & Conference	\$ 95.00	01524.00 Unemployment Tax	\$ 95.00
03330.00 Advertising	\$3,825.00	01523.00 Health-Life Insurance	\$3,825.00
03330.00 Advertising	\$ 33.00	04800.00 Vehicle Expenses	\$ 33.00

On a motion made by Mr. Papacek and seconded by Mr. Stout, the transfers were approved as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF US 31 CORRIDOR BYPASS:

The Major Moves Initiative is making its way through the Indiana Senate. Commissioner Brad Bagwell informed the Council that if the Initiative is approved, Governor Mitch Daniels has promised that work would begin on the US 31 Corridor in the year 2008, instead of projected years 2013 - 2014. A letter was received from Indiana Department of Transportation asking Howard County and City Officials to come to a consensus on which route would be endorsed, by March 3, 2006. At this time the Board of Commissioners supports Alternate G, a route that would cause less home and business displacements, (six homes, four of which were previously scheduled for displacement by 22/35 improvements, and no businesses) as well as only one bridge to support. The City Officials support a modified Alternate J, requiring thirty four home and five business displacements, as well as the support of two bridges. State Representative John Smith and State Senator Jeff Drozda have both stated that they support Alternate G, and Mr. Bagwell is asking for Council support of Alternate G. Commissioner Bagwell also informed the Board of Resolution No. 2006-BCC-07, a resolution that supports an additional interchange on the north end of Alternative G, at Touby Pike, and that one year of the Major Moves Initiative annual distribution be dedicated to the construction of the additional interchange (*please see page 6, item 2 of the Regular Commissioner Meeting minutes dated February 6, 2006*). The Council has previously given support to the Major Moves Initiative through Resolution No. 2006-HCC-05 (*please refer to page three, "In The Matter of Resolution No. 2006-HCC-05", of the Regular Meeting minutes dated January 24, 2006*). At the close of ensuing discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that they did not have enough information regarding both Alternatives to make a decision at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS REIMBURSEMENT CHECK:

Sheriff Marshall Talbert presented a reimbursement check from the Department of Corrections, to the Auditor, in the amount of \$14,140.00, bringing the total to \$27,720.00 for the month of February, 2006.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned 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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