

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 12, 2006

The Howard County Council met Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at 12:00 Noon in Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those present included Council President Richard H. Miller, Council Members Dwight Singer Jr., Stanley Ortman, Leslie Ellison, Jeff Stout and Joseph A. Pencek. Also in attendance were Attorney Larry Murrell and Auditor Ann Wells.

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the November 28, 2006 meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Singer and seconded by Mr. Ellison.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2006-HCC-47 - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Ordinance No. 2006-HCC-47 Additional Appropriations was read in full by Auditor Ann Wells and acted upon as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTED:

| | | REQUESTED: | APPROVED: |
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| <u>126</u> | <u>Howard County Clerk - Title IV-D Fund</u> | | |
| 04721.00 | Equipment (<i>Printers - Support Office</i>) | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 |

Auditor Ann Wells read a letter submitted by Clerk Mona Myers, to address the need for additional funds in the Title IV-D Fund and the Document Storage Fund. Those funds are needed to replace printers in the Support and Clerk offices and to replace a Riso Machine in the Clerk's Office (used by several offices).

A motion was made by Mr. Stout, seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried to approve the request for \$1,000.00 in line item 04721.00, Equipment.

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| <u>182</u> | <u>Howard County Sheriff - LEEF Fund</u> | | |
| 03213.00 | Travel & Training | \$ 1,227.00 | \$ 1,227.00 |

Sheriff Marshall Talbert reminded the Council that the LEEF Fund is the \$3.00 per traffic warrant that goes into the Sheriff's Training Fund, and he comes now to request permission to appropriate \$1,227.00 of the ticket money into Travel & Training (409 tickets).

On a motion made by Mr. Ortman and seconded by Mr. Singer, the request of \$1,227.00 in line item 03213.00, Travel & Training was approved.

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| <u>500</u> | <u>Howard County CEDIT Fund</u> | | |
| 03220.01 | Civic Center (Roof Repairs) | \$ 12,233.00 | \$ 12,233.00 |

Commissioner Brad Bagwell spoke on behalf of Kelli Austin, Johanning Civic Center Director. Ms. Austin was under the impression that the Council had approved her \$65,000.00 2006 Budget Request. When she requested the remainder of budgeted funds from the Auditor's Office to pay for roof repair work that was already underway, she was reminded that their budget amount was \$50,000.00 and there weren't funds available to pay for the repair work. In order to be able to offer the Civic Center for events, they must have a roof that doesn't leak. There are also other projects that need to be done that weren't an issue at the time Budgets were requested.

A motion was made by Mr. Ortman, seconded by Mr. Stout, and carried to approve the request of \$12,233.00 in line item 03220.01, Civic Center, of the CEDIT Fund.

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| <u>515</u> | <u>Howard County Sheriff Misdemeanant Fund</u> | | |
| 04721.00 | Equipment (<i>Proximity Reader</i>) | \$ 6,141.00 | \$ 6,141.00 |
| 04721.00 | Equipment (<i>Two Drying Racks - Kitchen</i>) | \$ 3,750.00 | \$ 3,750.00 |

There is over \$70,000.00 in the Misdemeanant Fund and Sheriff Talbert is asking that money be appropriated into Equipment for a Proximity Reader and Drying Racks. He continued to inform the Council of the need for Proximity Readers at the secured entrances at the Criminal Justice Center to replace the pass code system presently being used. It can be programmed to be on the same frequency as the readers at the Courthouse entrances. Mr. Talbert also explained the need for drying racks for the kitchen of the Criminal Justice Center. These are used to dry the food trays. Discussion ensued concerning the amount granted to the Misdemeanant Fund, and the figures that the funds are based on may be readdressed in the near future.

The requests were approved as submitted on a motion made by Mr. Singer and seconded by Mr. Pencek.

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| Total Misdemeanant Fund | | \$ 9,891.00 | \$ 9,891.00 |
| 700 | <u>Howard County Clerk - Document Storage Fund</u> | | |
| 04721.00 | Equipment (<i>Riso & 2 Printers</i>) | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 6,000.00 |

This request was previously addressed during the Clerk Title IV-D requests (*please refer to page one of these current minutes*).

A motion was made by Mr. Ellison, seconded by Mr. Singer and carried to approve the request of \$6,000.00 to line item 04721.00, Equipment.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2006-HCC-25 - TRANSFERS:

| | Transfer From: | To: | AMOUNT REQUESTED: | ALLOWED: |
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| 001 | <u>County General Fund</u> | | | |
| 002 | <u>Howard County Auditor</u> | | | |
| 02371.00 | Other Supplies | 03121.00 Maint & Supplies | \$ 800.00 | \$ 800.00 |

Auditor Ann Wells explained the need to pay a maintenance bill and there are insufficient funds at this time. She requests the transfer of funds.

A motion was made by Mr. Ortman, seconded by Mr. Singer and carried to approve the transfer of \$800.00 from line item 02371.00, Other Supplies to 03121.00, Maintenance & Supplies.

Ms. Wells took this opportunity to request permission to encumber funds from her 2nd Deputy line item (funds left from FMLA) to her overtime account for the 2007 budget year, in order to pay compensation time for extra hours worked for several employees during a personnel crisis.

A motion was made by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Stout and carried to authorize Ms. Wells to encumber funds from the 2nd Deputy Auditor line to the Overtime line for 2007.

| | <u>Kinsey Youth Center - Residential</u> | | | | |
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| 03263.01 | Med & Hospital / Psych | 02330.00 | Uniforms | \$ 700.00 | \$ 700.00 |
| 03263.01 | Med & Hospital / Psych | 02340.00 | Food | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| 03263.01 | Med & Hospital / Psych | 02360.00 | Office Supplies | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 |
| 03263.01 | Med & Hospital / Psych | 02371.00 | Household Supplies | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 |
| 03263.01 | Med & Hospital / Psych | 02371.00 | Individual / Supplies | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 |

(Due to advertising error, Auditor's Office transferred to 02374.00 as originally requested)

Kinsey Youth Center Director Jan Weaver explained the need for the transfer of funds as listed to pay existing claims through the end of the year.

The transfers were approved as listed above on a motion made by Mr. Ortman and seconded by Mr. Ellison.

Ms. Weaver took this opportunity to talk to the Council about the Nursing staff at the Kinsey Youth Center. She explained the duties as well as the problem of earning Compensation time and not being able to use that time. She wholeheartedly supports Sheriff Talbert's suggestion of the County buying back unused vacation and compensatory time.

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| 010 | <u>Howard County Health Department</u> | | | | |
| 02370.00 | Environmental Supplies | 03321.00 | Mileage | \$ 400.00 | \$ 400.00 |

Health Department spokesperson Sue Norris was in attendance to request a \$400.00 transfer from 02370.00, Environmental Supplies to 03321.00, Mileage to cover claims submitted for the year 2006.

The transfer was approved as submitted on a motion made by Mr. Stout and seconded by Mr. Ortman.

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| 150 | <u>Howard County Cumulative Capital Fund</u> | | | | |
| 04723.05 | Automobiles | 03251.05 | Building Repairs | \$ 3,547.48 | \$ 3,547.48 |

Sheriff Talbert explained that the excess funds in Automobiles are needed for 2006 building repair bills.

A motion was made by Mr. Ortman, seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried to approve the transfer of \$3,547.48 from 04723.05, Automobiles to 03251.05, Building Repairs.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY:

Mr. Paul Wyman of the Kokomo Downtown Association informed the Council of the progress of the Economic Redevelopment Feasibility Study. Several weeks ago a meeting was held to discuss the results of the Feasibility Study. Mr. Wyman thanked those Council Members who were able to be there. A meeting will be held January 25, 2007, with the seven different Economic Development agencies and City and County representatives, to discuss the next forward step in the plan. The Economic Development organizations will go back to their boards and have discussions concerning the Plan. Mr. Wyman would also ask that the City and County Councils discuss this plan and what role they could play in the future of the Economic Development. He would like permission to put this item on the agenda for the January 23rd Council meeting. It was the consensus of the Council to add this item to the January 23, 2007 agenda.

IN THE MATTER OF THE 3% EMPLOYEE RAISE AS IT APPLIES TO THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Maus informed the Council that at the last Community Corrections Advisory Board Meeting it was suggested that the Community Corrections Department receive their employee raise at the same time as the rest of the County Employees in lieu of waiting until the beginning of their new year (their grant year is July 1st - June 30th). The first step of the process is approval from the County Council. A motion was made by Mr. Stout, seconded by Mr. Singer and carried to authorize the salary increases to the Community Corrections Department in the same time frame as the rest of the Howard County Employees. Mr. Maus expressed appreciation to Councilman Singer for his service with the County Council. He looks forward to Mr. Singer's continued service on the Community Corrections Advisory Board.

IN THE MATTER OF THE RAINY DAY LOAN:

Auditor Wells seeks authorization to proceed with the second installment of the Rainy Day Loan in the amount of \$380,000.00. A motion was made by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Ortman and carried to authorize the Auditor to seek the second installment of the Rainy Day Loan.

IN THE MATTER OF A CHECK FROM THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:

Sheriff Talbert presented a check to the Council from the Indiana Department of Corrections, in the amount of \$14,210.00. This is a reimbursement check and is turned over to the Auditor for receipt into County funds.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS:

Personnel Director Wanda McKillip informed the Council of needed appointments to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission and the City of Firsts Automotive Heritage Museum Board. A motion was made by Mr. Singer to appoint Mr. Kent Evans to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a term of one year, and Mr. John Holmes to the City of Firsts Automotive Heritage Museum Board for a term of three years. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stout and carried.

Closing comments were given by President Miller, along with appreciation expressed to Councilman Singer for his service to Howard County. Other Councilman expressed their appreciation to Councilman Singer for his friendship, mentoring

capabilities and service to the County in his various leadership roles. Councilman Singer was presented with a plaque for his service as Councilman from January 1, 1982 to December 31, 2006. Mr. Singer gave his closing comments and thanked his fellow Councilman, past and present, and his wife Linda for her support.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion was reluctantly made by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Stout and carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL:

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ATTEST:

ANN WELLS, AUDITOR
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