

**HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JULY 26, 2011**

The Howard County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 26, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., in Hearing Room 338 of the Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Richard Miller, Vice President Stan Ortman and members Leslie Ellison, Jeff Stout, Joseph Pencek, Dwight Singer and John Roberts. Also present were County Attorney Larry Murrell and Auditor Ann Wells.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Steve Rogers and conducted by President Miller.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the June 28, 2011, Regular meeting minutes, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Stout and seconded by Mr. Ellison.

At this time President Miller led in a word of prayer.

**IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2011-HCCO-20 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

Auditor Ann Wells read Ordinance No. 2011-HCCO-20 – Additional Appropriations in full one time and it was acted upon as follows:

<u>001</u>	<u>Howard County General Fund</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>APPROVED:</u>
<u>018</u>		<u>REQUESTED:</u>	
01118.00	Howard County Maintenance Part Time	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 5,700.00

Buildings and Grounds Superintendent Scott Reed informed the Council that because of continuing medical issues, as well as filling in the summer vacation in his department, the temporary part-time position continues. Mr. Reed needs to put more money into the Part – Time line item. Also, there is added duty because of the Veterans Service Office (3,050 square feet) being moved to the first floor of the Administration Center. The basement rooms of the Administration Center are experiencing more usage, requiring additional time to clean and prepare. Mr. Reed also reminded the Council that his department personnel have been decreased from eight employees to five employees on the night shift. Mr. Reed would like to continue this position through the end of the year.

A motion was made by Mr. Ortman to approve the request of \$5,700.00 to line item 01118.00, Part Time. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried.

<u>500</u>	<u>Howard County CREDIT Fund:</u>		
03545.00	County Share of Traveling Tribute	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
03218.00	US 31 Corridors Study	\$ 14,240.00	\$ 14,240.00

Commissioner Tyler Moore informed the Council that the County has been asked to help support the Traveling Veteran Tribute in partnership with Center Township Trustees and the City of Kokomo. This Tribute travels nationally and Kokomo is the only stop in the state of Indiana. The dates of the Tribute will be September 29 – October 2, 2011, and will be located on the corner of US 31 and Boulevard at the GM Holdings. This will not only give tribute to our local veterans of all wars, but will have a “huge economic impact” for Howard County.

A motion was made by Mr. Singer to approve the request of \$3,500 to line item 03545.00, County share of Traveling Tribute. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pencek and carried.

The request of \$14,240 is to help support the US 31 Corridor Overlay District Plan Study for the new US 31. The County and the City of Kokomo are sharing the expenses with the City contributing 60% and the County contributing 40%.

A motion was made by Mr. Ortman, seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried to approve the request of \$14,240.00 to line item 03218.00, US 31 Corridor Study.

<u>515</u>	<u>Howard County Sheriff Misdemeanant Fund</u>		
04723.05	Transport Van	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00

The Sheriff's Department is purchasing two new transport vans for the transportation of inmates. They have received quotes and approved the quote from Eriks Chevrolet. The purchases will be made from the Sheriff's Misdemeanant Fund and there are enough funds to cover the expense. It just needs to be appropriated to the line item.

A motion was made by Mr. Singer to approve the request of \$50,000 to line item 04723.05, Transport Van. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stout and carried.

**TOTAL ADDITIONALS ALL FUND** \$ **73,440.00** \$ **73,440.00**

**IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2011-HCCR-21 – TRANSFERS:**

Auditor Wells read Resolution No. 2011-HCCR-21 – Transfers in full one time and it was acted upon as follows:

	<b>Transfer From:</b>	<b>To:</b>	<b>Amount Requested:</b>	<b>Allowed</b>
<b>001</b>	<b><u>Howard County General Fund</u></b>			
<b>020</b>	<u>Howard County</u>	<u>Howard Haven</u>		
01114.00	Housekeeper / Cook	01117.00 Part Time	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00

Superintendent of Howard Haven, Jennifer Vary, requested a transfer of \$9,000 into her part time account in order to cover weekend shifts the 20 hour per week housekeeping duties, from now until the end of the year.

A motion was made by Mr. Ortman to approve the transfer as requested. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pencek and carried.

<b>015</b>	<b><u>Howard County Veterans Service Office</u></b>			
03213.00	Travel & Training	02360.00 Office Supplies	\$ 448.99	\$ 448.99

Veterans Service Officer Robert Ladd began his request by thanking the Councilmen for approving the funds for the Traveling Veterans Tribute. This transfer request is needed to purchase more copy paper. With new policies in place, on the State level, he is using more copy paper and has finished the paper that was contributed by a Veterans Organization. About 80% of the veterans his office services are from Howard County; his office does serve veterans from other counties, as well. He is working on a project to help the office go paperless. When that is accomplished it will cut copy paper costs. Mr. Ladd makes in-home and hospital visits to veterans but does not claim it.

A motion was made by Mr. Stout to approve the transfer request of \$448.99 from line item 03213.00, Travel & Training, to line item 02360.00, Office Supplies. The motion was seconded by Mr. Singer and carried.

<b>115</b>	<b><u>Howard County Sheriff Work Crew Fund</u></b>			
02253.00	Supplies	03252.00 Repair & Maint	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00

Sheriff Rogers informed the Council that current Inmate Work Crew equipment is aging, needing increased maintenance and repair. Also, their mowing duties are increasing.

A motion was made by Mr. Ortman, seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried to approve the transfer of \$1,800.00 from line item 02253.00, Supplies, to line item 03252.00, Repair & Maintenance.

At this time Sheriff Rogers submitted the Monthly Sheriff Commissary report for the month of June, 2011.

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNCIL APPOINTMENT:**

Mr. Miller submitted the name of Beth Harshman as the proposed Council appointee to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission, in order to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Brant Parry. Ms. Harshman was appointed to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission to finish the unexpired term of Mr. Brant Parry on a motion made by Mr. Singer and seconded by Mr. Stout.

**IN THE MATTER OF A REHIRE POSITION REQUEST MADE BY THE CLERK’S OFFICE:**

Clerk Kim Wilson requested to replace a full time position that was vacated when that employee moved to a position in the Prosecutor’s Title IV-D Office. The position requested is in the Child Support office: the office brings in about ½ million dollars monthly. The position disburses child support monies, takes in small claims and judgment monies, taking care of bonds and all protective orders. With this position filled, there is one supervisor, two full-time positions and one part time person. This position’s salary is reimbursable from the State at 66% (salary at \$29,254). The rehire request was approved on a motion made by Mr. Ortman, seconded by Mr. Roberts and Mr. Stout.

**IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET HEARING DATES CHANGED:**

Mr. Miller informed the Council that the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting has been changed to *August 16, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.* The Budget Hearings have been changed to *August 17 and 18, 2011, at 8:00 a.m.* The final Budget Hearing date remains September 7, 2011, and September 8<sup>th</sup>, if needed. Mr. Miller expressed appreciation to the offices affected by this change and especially the Auditor’s Office.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Singer and seconded by Mr. Ellison.

**HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL:**

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RICHARD A. MILLER, PRESIDENT

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STAN ORTMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

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LESLIE ELLISON, MEMBER

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JEFF STOUT, MEMBER

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JOSPEH PENCEK, MEMBER

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DWIGHT SINGER, MEMBER

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JOHN ROBERTS, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN WELLS, AUDITOR  
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