

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 22, 2011

The Howard County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 22, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in Hearing Room #38 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.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the October 25, 2011 minutes, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Singer and seconded by Mr. Ellison.

Councilman Ellison led the Council in a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2011-HCCO-28 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Ordinance No. 2011-HCCO-28 – Additional Appropriations was read in full one time, by Auditor Ann Wells, and acted upon as follows:

<u>001</u>	<u>Howard County General Fund</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>APPROVED:</u>
<u>006</u>	<u>Howard County Surveyor</u>	<u>REQUESTED:</u>	
01117.00	Part Time	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00

Howard County Surveyor Dave Duncan reminded the Council that the office is using the services of former Surveyor Jake Grimme, at a rate of \$12 per hour. Mr. Grimme uses his own vehicle and pays for the fuel. Currently he is overseeing seventy drains that interact with the New US 31 project. This appropriation request is to put the needed funds into the part-time line item in order to be able to pay for Mr. Grimme for his service.

A motion was made by Mr. Stout to approve the appropriation request of \$1,200.00 to line item 01117.00, Part Time. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pencek and Mr. Ellison.

<u>252</u>	<u>Howard County Jail & Juvenile COIT Fund</u>		
04722.00	Computer – Server	\$ 46,305.00	\$ Withdrawn

This request has been withdrawn by Information Systems Director Terry Tribby. Mr. Tribby received approval from the Board of Commissioners to pay for the project from the Cumulative Capital Fund, Commissioner Equipment Line item.

Councilman Stout informed the Council that Coroner Jay Price will be submitting an Additional Request for Autopsy / Lab at the December meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED 2012 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE:

Copies of the proposed 2012 Council Meeting Schedule were distributed to the Council Members for their review. President Miller directed the Council members to review the schedule and contemplate the possibility of scheduling several 4:00 p.m. meetings, as well as 7:00 p.m. meetings. The Schedule will be addressed at the December 13th meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS FOR 2012:

Copies of 2012 Council Appointments listings were distributed to the Council members for their review. The appointments will be addressed at the December 13th meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2011-HCCO-29:

Treasurer Martha Lake reminded the Council that on November 23, 2010 the Council approved Ordinance No. 2010-HCCO-32, authorizing tax payment through automatic monthly deductions. It was supposed to begin in May, 2011, but had to be postponed because of an upgrade in software for the program, and its subsequent training. We are now scheduled for the spring of 2012, and Ms. Lake submitted Ordinance No. 2011-HCCO-29, amending Ordinance No. 2010-HCCO-32. There is no substantial change to the original ordinance. The new software makes the payments more user friendly, and

gives the taxpayer the ability to pay their taxes in monthly installments. Ms. Lake reviewed the payment process with the Council and assured them the system had been tested by Ms. Lake and her Chief Deputy. Sign up for the spring, 2012 payment begins November 11, 2011, so we are already in the new cycle. At the conclusion of review and comment, a motion was made by Mr. Ortman to approve Ordinance No. 2011-HCCO-29. The motion was seconded by Mr. Singer and carried.

Ms. Lake commented that the services of the Information Systems Department, in this project, have been invaluable.

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF COMMISSARY REPORT:

Sheriff Steve Rogers submitted the October, 2011 Commissary Report, and reviewed the report with the Council.

In response to a request by Councilman John Roberts, Information Systems Director Terry Tribby took this opportunity to review with the Council the status of the County’s computer, data, server, and data storage systems.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2011-HCCR-39:

On behalf of Attorney Murrell, Auditor Wells submitted Resolution No. 2011-HCCR-39. This is a resolution authorizing return of GM Components Holdings, LLC tax payments to taxpayers, and authorizes the Auditor and Treasurer to credit \$846,065.00 to homestead eligible properties due and payable in 2012. At the September 7th meeting, the Council had approved to pursue the possibility of a Replacement Credit for the taxpayer whose taxes were increased because of the 2010 decrease in net assessed values (*please refer to page eleven, “In The Matter Of Possibility Of Lowering The Tax Levy For The County”, of the Regular and Budget Hearings Council meeting minutes dated August 16, 17, 18 and September 7, 2011*). A motion was made by Mr. Singer to approve Resolution No. 2011-HCCR-39. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stout and carried.

Auditor Wells reminded the Council members that the December meeting is on the 13th, at 12:00 noon.

There being no other business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Pencek and seconded by Mr. Stout.

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL:

RICHARD A. MILLER, PRESIDENT

STAN ORTMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

JEFF STOUT, MEMBER

LESLIE ELLISON, MEMBER

JOSEPH PENCEK, MEMBER

DWIGHT SINGER, MEMBER

JOHN ROBERTS, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN WELLS, AUDITOR
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