

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MAY 24, 2011

The Howard County Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 24, 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 Jeff Stout, Joseph Pencek, Leslie Ellison, Dwight Singer and John Roberts. Also present were Attorney Larry Murrell and Chief Deputy Auditor Laurie Martin.

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the April 26, 2011 Regular meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as submitted on a motion made by Mr. Stout and seconded by Mr. Singer.

The minutes of the Joint Executive Session with the Board of Commissioners held on May 9, 2011 was submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Singer and seconded by Mr. Ellison.

At this time Councilman Singer led the meeting with a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2011-HCCO-12 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Chief Deputy Auditor Laurie Martin read Ordinance No. 2011-HCCO-12 – Additional Appropriations in full one time, and it was acted upon as follows:

		AMOUNT	
		REQUESTED:	APPROVED:
<u>001</u>	<u>Howard County General Fund</u>		
<u>009</u>	<u>Howard County Coroner</u>		
01117.00	Part Time	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
02321.00	Gas & Oil	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
02371.00	Other Supplies <i>Body Bags</i>	\$ 4,524.00	\$ 4,524.00
03252.00	Garage & Motor	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00

Due to an influx of new cases Coroner Jay Price is asking for an additional \$3,000 in line item Part Time. The request for the Other Supplies line item is to appropriate the credit check received for a shipment of damaged body bags that had been returned to the company. He has other bags on order, but due to the high volume needed for other disasters, i.e. the devastation in Japan and tornados in the United States, the bags have not yet been received. Price increases call for more funds in the Gas & Oil line item and the Coroner vehicle is in need of repair.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts to approve the appropriation requests in the amount of \$11,324.00, as submitted by Mr. Price. The motion was seconded by Mr. Papacek and carried. Mr. Stout abstained from the vote.

TOTAL REQUESTS FOR COUNTY GENERAL	\$ 11,324.00	\$ 11,324.00
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<u>012</u>	<u>Kitty Run Bond Fund</u>		
03121.00	Principle & Interest Account Initial Funding	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 27,000.00
03122.00	Debt Service Account	\$ 104,834.00	\$ 104,834.00
TOTAL FOR KITTY RUN BOND FUND		\$ 131,834.00	\$ 131,834.00

<u>015</u>	<u>Howard County Stormwater District Fund</u>		
03120.00	Contract Services	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 140,000.00
03122.00	Supplemental Funding	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
TOTAL FOR STORMWATER DISTRICT FUND		\$ 240,000.00	\$ 240,000.00

MS4 Coordinator Greg Lake informed the Council that the requests for both the Kitty Run Bond Fund and a portion of the Stormwater District Fund are for the bond financing process of the State Revolving Loan funding for the 2nd phase of the Kitty Run Project. It was required that Howard County put money into a CD, as well as set aside a fund as a reserve back-up account. As this loan is a reimbursable loan, we have to pay the bills up front. Next month Mr. Lake will be asking for an appropriation in the Bond Fund to pay the bills.

A motion was made by Mr. Ortman to approve the appropriation of \$27,000 to line item 03121, Debt Service Reserve Account and \$104,834.00 to line item 03122.00, Principle & Interest Account Initial Funding. The motion was seconded by Mr. Singer and carried.

Mr. Lake continued to justify his requests in the Stormwater District Fund. The \$100,000 request is to put in the Bond Fund account. This is to cover the shortfall between the annual collections and the bond payment. The \$140,000 request is match money to pay for expenses, up front, for the grant for the Darrough Chapel project.

A motion was made by Mr. Stout to approve the request of \$140,000.00 to line item 3120, Contract Services, and \$100,000.00 to line item 03122.00, Supplemental Funding. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ortman and carried.

500	<u>Howard County CREDIT Fund</u>		
03001.00	Russiaville Grant <i>Medical Center</i>	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 56,000.00
03001.00	Russiaville Loan <i>Community Building</i>	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 160,000.00

Russiaville Town Board President Mark Fulk and Town Board Vice President Jeff Lipinski took the floor to justify their request of a \$56,000 grant to complete sewer and water utilities to the area where the Medical Center is located, north of Russiaville, and the request of \$160,000 loan to complete the new Community Building. There have been several unbudgeted issues to be included in the construction of the center, and Mr. Fulk referred the Councilmen to the paperwork distributed to them. Mr. Lipinski assured the Council that the Town of Russiaville is doing a good job managing their limited resources. If the State believed there were problems, financially, they would not have approved the grants that have enabled Russiaville to proceed with the project. These projects will help the Town of Russiaville and the western portion of Howard County.

At the conclusion of the explanation for these requests, a motion was made by Mr. Pencek and seconded by Mr. Ellison to approve the appropriation requests as submitted. As a Point of Order, Attorney Larry Murrell clarified that the Council would appropriate the money for the grant and the loan, but negotiating the terms of the loan would be the responsibility of the Board of Commissioners. The motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2011-HCCO-13 – AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2011:

Chief Deputy Auditor Laurie Martin read Salary Ordinance No. 2011-HCCO-13 – Amending Salary Ordinance for 2011 in full one time and it was acted upon as follows:

	<u>Howard County General Fund</u>	REQUESTED:	APPROVED:
001	<u>Howard County Superior Court II</u>		
008	Part Time	\$ 17,000.00	
01117.00	Changing Max. Per Hour From \$14.00 to \$14.53		\$14.35 Hourly
009	<u>Howard County Coroner</u>		
01117.00	Part Time <i>(\$100 per call)</i>	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00

Superior Court II Judge Parry stated that the amended salary request is to correct an error from paperwork submitted last month, concerning the request to fund the hiring of a part time Secretary (PAC recommendation) in lieu of the original request to hire a full / time secretary (*please refer to page two, “In The Matter Of Resolution No. 2011-HCCR-10 – Transfers” of the Regular Council Meeting dated April 26, 2011*).

The request was approved on a motion made by Mr. Stout and seconded by Mr. Singer.

President Miller referred the Council to former conversation during Additional Appropriations, concerning the approved Additional request in the Part Time line item.

The \$100 per call for the Part Time Coroners was approved as submitted on a motion made by Mr. Ortman and seconded by Mr. Ellison. Councilman Stout abstained from the vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE AMENDED TRAVEL POLICY:

Personnel Director Wanda McKillip submitted an amendment to Resolution No. 1998-HCC-21, amending the travel policy to reimburse mileage at \$.44 per mile, in lieu of \$.40. This is done to reflect the change in the State's mileage to \$.44 per mile. A motion was made by Mr. Ellison to approve the amendment to the Resolution No. 1998-HCC-21, the increase of the mileage rate to \$.44 in the County's travel policy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Singer and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF THE TRANSFER OF THE KOKOMO EVENT CENTER:

At the May 2nd Commissioner meeting there was a discussion concerning the transfer of ownership of the Kokomo Event Center to Ivy Tech in Kokomo. Several Council members attended the discussion and at its conclusion the Board of Commissioners approved the transfer by approving Resolution No. 2011-BCCR-12. The Board also approved to request an appraisal on the building, land, and all associated valuables of the Event Center (*please refer to page four, "In The Matter Of The Kokomo Event Center Discussion", of the Regular Commissioner Meeting minutes dated May 2, 2011*). A motion was made by Mr. Ortman to approve the May 11, 2011 final draft of the Agreement for the Operation and Transfer of the Kokomo Event Center (Resolution No. 2011-BCCR-12) which provides for the transfer of the Kokomo Event Center to the State Trustees of Ivy Tech Community College, and authorize the President of the Council to execute the agreement on behalf of the County Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Singer and carried.

On behalf of Ivy Tech, Mr. Steve Daley thanked the County Council for their approval of the agreement. He knows this was a difficult decision to make and he appreciates the anguish, work and dedication that went in to making the decision. Ivy Tech has been good stewards of the public's money for the last sixty years. They will serve the community well with this facility. Mr. Daley then introduced Mr. Tom Snyder, President of Ivy Tech Community College. The Event Center sits adjacent to the Ivy Tech campus, and he believes it is a great facility. Currently Ivy Tech is land locked and the acquisition of the Event Center will give them the opportunity to grow. IVY Tech is one of the largest work force training agencies in the State of Indiana and they have not had a regional "home". This agreement permits Ivy Tech to "house" the regional program and recruit other businesses to come in and be trained at this facility, naming it Ivy Tech Corporate College. Ivy Tech's governing body, fourteen trustees, unanimously approved to accept the Kokomo Event Center facility.

IN THE MATTER OF A REHIRE REQUEST FROM THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE:

Prosecutor Mark McCann submitted a request to rehire a Title IV-D caseworker from the Child Support division that will be leaving employment June 10th. Sixty-six percent of the caseworker's salary is reimbursable by the Federal Government through a cooperative agreement. This caseworker would handle eight hundred to one thousand active cases per year. The money for the position is already budgeted; there would be no requests for additional funds. A motion was made by Mr. Ortman, seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried to approve the rehire of a Title IV-D caseworker position.

IN THE MATTER OF A RE-HIRE REQUEST FOR MS4:

Mr. Lake had an MS4 staff member who took maternity leave, and then chose not to return. Before continuing with the rehire request, Mr. Lake reported on the annual State MS4 meeting which took place today, in Indianapolis. There were close to four hundred people in attendance and Howard County was invited to present at several of the day's sessions. Howard County was recognized by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management for their efforts in Stormwater District. The Board of Commissioners and the County Council should be very proud of their decisions to create and fund the Stormwater District for Howard County. With that being said, Mr. Lake needs to have that position rehired because it is a key component to the success of the operation of the District. This position requires marketing skills and the ability to work with the public. A motion was made by Mr. Roberts to approve the rehire request for the Stormwater District. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF THE NORTH STREET PROJECT:

At the April meeting of the County Council, Commissioner Paul Wyman was asked to bring a "package" of information to the next meeting, that would include abatements, job opportunities, and income concerning the expansion of the North Street Expansion Project (*please refer to page three, "In The Matter Of the Memorandum Of Understanding Between Howard County and The City Of Kokomo For The North Street Project", of the Regular Meeting minutes dated April 26, 2011*). Mr. Wyman commented that the Board of Commissioners has received questions concerning this project from various Council Members. They have also met with the City of Kokomo concerning future projects to partner with. The Board of Commissioners would like to continue to work on a "package" of projects, including the North Street Expansion,

and present that “package” at the 2012 Budget Hearings in August. The Board will withdraw the current request but will present it and other projects, at the Budget Sessions in August.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CITY OF FIRSTS AUTOMOTIVE HERITAGE BOARD MUSEUM APPOINTMENT DISCUSSION:

As the Kokomo Event Center property will be transferred to IVY Tech College, Mr. Miller suggested that the Council and Board of Commissioners rescind their committee appointments. One of the appointees is Councilman Singer. Mr. Singer responded that at their last meeting, it was decided that IVY Tech would like to keep the current Board until the transfer, and all matters related to it, have been completed. Then they would like the current Board to serve as an Advisory Committee. Mr. Murrell clarified that as a part of the transfer agreement, the Board will continue to manage the Museum and Gift Shop. The matter of appointment was not addressed in the agreement. Discussion ensued between the council members and Mr. Murrell reviewed the present status of the transfer. IVY Tech has executed the transfer documents and Mr. Murrell will collect the needed signatures from Howard County executives. The process of the transfer is as follows:

- 1) The agreement to transfer the Kokomo Event Center Property is approved by the Board of Commissioners and the Howard County Council.
- 2) All parties sign the transfer agreement (Resolution No. 2011-BCCR-12)
- 3) The County pays the balance of the loan.
- 4) The Building Corporation deeds the property to the Board of Commissioners.
- 5) The Board of Commissioners transfers the property to IVY Tech.

Mr. Miller thanked Attorney Larry Murrell and the countless hours that went into preparing the Resolution and attending to all the particulars of transferring the property.

IN THE MATTER OF A COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION BOARD:

Personnel Director Wanda McKillip reminded the Council that their appointment to the ABC Board, Mr. Brant Parry, has been vacated since Mr. Parry has been appointed Judge of Superior Court II. A possible replacement has not yet been found so Ms. McKillip will speak to the ABC Board for suggestions.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Ortman and seconded by Mr. Pencek.

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL:

RICHARD A. MILLER, PRESIDENT

STAN ORTMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

LESLIE ELLISON, MEMBER

JEFF STOUT, MEMBER

JOSEPH PENCEK, MEMBER

DWIGHT SINGER, MEMBER

ATTEST:

JOHN ROBERTS, MEMBER

ANN WELLS, AUDITOR
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