

## **HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MARCH 26, 2013**

The Howard County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 26, 2013, at 4:00 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, John Roberts, Dwight Singer and James Papacek. Also in attendance were Attorney Larry Murrell and Auditor Martha Lake. Mr. Ellison was not present.

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 February 26, 2013 Regular Council Meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Stout and seconded by Mr. Singer.

At this time Mr. Papacek read from the Bible, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 7:14 and Romans 13:1, then led the Council in a word of prayer.

### **IN THE MATTER OF COUNCIL COMMENT:**

President Miller opened the floor for Council comment as follows:

Vice President Stan Ortman informed the Members that Councilman Leslie Ellison is preparing for a medical procedure, and is not able to come to the meeting tonight, but sends his regards. Also, it is not too early to be thinking of budget sessions coming in August. Individual department concerns can be addressed, and visits made, before the sessions begin.

### **IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2013-HCCO-5 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

Auditor Martha Lake read Ordinance No. 2013-HCCO-5 – Additional Appropriations in full one time and it was acted upon as follows:

<b><u>4928</u></b>	<b><u>HOW CO HEALTH TOBACCO PREVENTION FUND</u></b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED:</b>	<b>APPROVED:</b>
3000.00	Other Services & Charges	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00

Health Director Kent Weaver informed the Council that the Health Department was awarded the \$6,000 Grant and he asks that it be appropriated into Other Services & Charges. This grant provides funds to assist the Howard County Tobacco Coalition in the efforts to make Howard County a smoke-free community. The Kokomo Common Council is assisting in this effort. The Howard County Health Department is acting as a pass-through agency.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve the appropriation of \$6,000.00 to line item 03000.00, Other Services & Charges. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stout and carried.

### **IN THE MATTER OF MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

1) Auditor Martha Lake informed the Council that the Abstract for Howard County, 2013, has been approved by the State. Howard County will be able to collect \$86 million in taxes (\$30 million in delinquent taxes).

2) Sheriff Steve Rogers distributed copies of the Commissary Fund report, for February, 2013.

3) VSO Col. Ross Waltemath submitted and reviewed the VSO Monthly Report for the month of February, 2013. Col. Waltemath also informed the Council that he is now working with the Gilead House and their Mentoring Imprisoned Parents program. As an imprisoned veteran is identified, that veteran is referred to the Veterans Service Office. Col. Waltemath makes contact with them to determine their status and their release date, then, after release, will meet with them to see what benefits they are eligible for. Benefits are suspended while veterans are incarcerated.

### **IN THE MATTER OF A 2013 UPDATED FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

At the request of President Miller, County Assessor Jamie Shepherd gave a power point presentation of the Howard County 2013 Fiscal Analysis. The presentation included:

- A. The Types of Taxes that Fund Howard County
- B. Revenue Generated From the Differing Taxes
- C. 2012 vs. 2013 Revenue Collection
- D. Assessment / Tax Process
- E. Net Assessed Value for 2012 pay 2013
- F. How Rates Are Calculated
- G. Certified Levy Amounts – 2012 vs. 2013
- H. Where Do Property Taxes Go?
- I. What Is the Circuit Breaker?
- J. 2012 vs. 2013 Property Taxes for Kokomo and Howard County
- K. Impact of Annexation on Property Taxes
- L. What Else Could Impact Future Revenue for Howard County?

President Miller gave comment, at the end of the presentation, concerning the Elected Officials' contact with our State legislators. Assessor Shepherd was thanked for her presentation.

*There being no further business to come before the County Council at this time,  
the meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m. on a motion made by  
Mr. Papacek and seconded by Mr. Roberts.*

**HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL:**

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RICHARD H. MILLER, PRESIDENT

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STAN ORTMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

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JEFF STOUT, MEMBER

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LESLIE ELLISON, MEMBER

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JOHN J. ROBERTS, MEMBER

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DWIGHT SINGER, MEMBER

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JAMES PAPACEK, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR  
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