

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MAY 28, 2013

The Howard County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 28, 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 Les Ellison, Jeff Stout, John Roberts, and James Papacek. Also in attendance were Attorney Larry Murrell and Auditor Martha Lake. Mr. Singer 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 April 23, 2013 Regular Meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Papacek and seconded by Mr. Ellison.

At this time President Miller led the Council in a word of prayer, asking for special grace and blessing to those who have served in the Armed Forces and their families.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNCIL OPENING COMMENT:

Mr. Miller opened the floor for Council comment as follows:

Councilman Papacek: Mr. Papacek thanked everyone for the cards and prayers during his recent illness. He’s doing better.

Councilman Ellison: Mr. Ellison is glad to be back. He is feeling better, and thanks the Council for their patience.

President Miller: Mr. Miller commented on the Tribune column, “Public Eye”, noting that the Howard County Auditor’s Office has seventeen employees in lieu of the reported “thirty-two” employees.

Councilman Stout: Thanked Sheriff Rogers and Captain Vincent for inviting the Councilmen to the Annual Inspection at the Criminal Justice Center.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2013-HCCO-10 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Ordinance No. 2013-HCCO-10 – Additional Appropriations was read in full one time by Auditor Martha Lake and acted upon as follows:

<u>1000</u>	<u>HOWARD COUNTY GENERAL FUND</u>	AMOUNT	
		REQUESTED:	APPROVED:
<u>011</u>	<u>Howard County Center Township Assessor</u>		
02360.00	Office Supplies**	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00
03212.00	Postage**	\$ 10,575.00	\$ 10,575.00

Center Twp. Assessor Sheila Pullen informed the Councilmen that this appropriation request is to pay for the supplies needed to send out Form 11s that were not included in the 2013 Budget Requests. This request has also been advertised for the Reassessment Fund and the Council can decide which request to approve. Ms. Pullen reminded the Councilmen that sending Form 11s is a State mandated requirement, and opens the forty-five (45) day window to appeal the assessment.

At the conclusion of ensuing discussion a motion was made by Mr. Ortman to approve the request of \$1,050.00 to line item 02360.00, Office Supplies, and the request of \$10,575.00 to line item 03212.00, Postage. The motion was seconded by Mr. Papacek and carried.

TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 11,625.00	\$ 11,625.00
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<u>1120</u>	<u>HOWARD COUNTY JAIL & JUVENILE COIT FUND</u>		
<u>025</u>	<u>Howard County Jail</u>		
01120.02	Road Gang Supervisor	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00
01119.04	PREA Coordinator, Sergeant	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
01119.05	Training Sergeant	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
04724.05	Building Upgrades – Sheriff **	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -0-

Sheriff Steve Rogers justified these requests to reflect the position change request approved by the Personnel Administration Committee (PAC) and the Board of Commissioners. Captain Vincent reviewed the request with the Council, and reminded them that these personnel changes were motivated by the PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) requirements. The PAC requests are as follows: reduce the Correction Officers FT positions from 34 to 32 and transfer those funds to create two new positions. Those positions would be (1) a Coordinator/Sergeant with a salary of \$31,573 and (2) a Training Sergeant with a salary of \$31,573. Sheriff Rogers would also request increasing the Road Gang Supervisor salary from \$30,698 to \$31,573, the same salary as the Sergeant position. There is no increase in personnel.

At the conclusion of discussion a motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve the request of \$550.00 to line item 01120.02, Road Gang Supervisor; \$1,000 to line item 01119.04, PREA Coordinator, Sergeant; \$1,000 to line item 01119.05, Training Sergeant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ortman and carried.

Concerning the request of \$35,000 to line item 04724.05, Building Upgrades – Sheriff, Sheriff Rogers informed the Council that the request is to complete the Criminal Justice Renovation project. This amount reflects corrections and modifications made to the project over and above the contract amount. This request was also advertised in the Cumulative Capital Fund. A motion was made by Mr. Stout to approve the request of \$35,000 from the Cumulative Capital Fund. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and carried.

1138	<u>HOWARD COUNTY CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND</u>		
04724.05	Building Upgrades – Sheriff**	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00

Approval was made previously, on a motion made by Mr. Stout and seconded by Mr. Roberts.

1188	<u>HOWARD COUNTY REASSESSMENT FUND</u>		
02360.00	Office Supplies**	\$ 1,050.00	\$ -0-
03212.00	Postage **	\$ 10,575.00	\$ -0-
04720.00	Computer System (Adopted at Budget Time but not Reflected on final budget)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00

Auditor Martha Lake explained to the Council that the request of \$10,000 in line item 04720.00, Computer System, was submitted on the 2013 Budget paperwork, but was omitted from the final budget paperwork.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve the request of \$10,000 to line item 04720.00, Computer System. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2013-HCCR-8 – TRANSFERS:

Resolution No. 2013-HCCR-8 – Transfers was read in full one time by Auditor Martha Lake and acted upon as follows:

<u>1000</u>	<u>TRANSFER FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>APPROVED:</u>
<u>003</u>	<u>HOWARD COUNTY GENERAL FUND</u>		<u>REQUESTED:</u>	
	<u>Howard County Treasurer</u>			
01117.00	Part Time	01118.00 Overtime	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00

Treasurer Ann Wells would like to pay out compensation time for several employees in her office. That is better for her office than giving additional time off.

At the conclusion of ensuing discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve the transfer request of \$3,000 from 01117.00, Part time to 01118.00, Overtime. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stout and carried.

<u>015</u>	<u>Howard County Veterans Service</u>		
03547.00	Veteran Burial	02371.00 Other Supplies	\$ 1,150.00 \$ 1,150.00

After completing the Workplace Violence Training with the Sheriff’s Office, Retired Colonel Ross Waltemath assessed his office space and realized that they are at risk, considering that some veterans are already very disgruntled when they reach the Veteran’s Office. Several people have had to be removed from the building because they were carrying weapons. Also, Mr. Waltemath reminded the Councilmen that the VSO’s entrance is the same as the front entrance of the bank. He has

received some very good recommendations on how to move the office around in order to make it more secure. Also, one of the employees who is wheel chair bound, sits behind a glass wall and has no protection. It was decided that a light window covering would give some reflection advantage. There are three big picture windows that need to be covered and this transfer request addresses this one time purchase.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve the transfer request of \$1,150.00 from line item 03547.00, Veteran Burial to 02371.00, Other Supplies. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and carried.

<u>044</u>	<u>Superior Court IV</u>				
01119.00	Secretary	04721.00	Equipment	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00

Superior Court IV Judge George Hopkins reminded the Council that in February, 2013, the Council approved the replacement of the Secretary position. The process of interviewing and hiring is now complete. Since the new secretary is also a new employee of Howard County her salary comes in at 90%. That gives some excess money in the line item and Judge Hopkins is asking that \$3,300 be transferred to a new line item in order to replace aging equipment in the court room.

A motion was made by Mr. Ortman to approve the request of \$3,300 from line item 01119.00, Secretary, to line item 04721.00, Equipment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Papacek and carried.

1120 HOWARD COUNTY JAIL & JUVENILE COIT FUND

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<u>038</u>	<u>Kinsey Youth Center</u>				
01111.00	Program Dirctr / Shelter Care	01113.03	Clinical Supervisor	\$ 4,265.00	\$ 4,265.00
01113.01	Program Dirctr / Residential	01113.03	Clinical Supervisor	\$ 2,588.00	\$ 2,588.00
01113.02	Caseworker	01113.03	Clinical Supervisor	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00

This request is a part of the PAC recommendation forwarded from the Board of Commissioners to the County Council. The recommendation is: (1) reduce the salary for the Program Director/Shelter Care position from \$41,765 to \$37,500; (2) reduce the salary for the Program Director/Residential position from \$47,353 to \$44,665; (3) reduce the salary of a Caseworker position from \$32,500 to \$30,000; (4) Reduce the salary for the Family Functional Therapist Position from \$40,000 to \$38,000 and change the title to Family Functional Therapist Supervisor; (5) create a new Line Item clinical Supervisor Position with a salary of \$9,353, a part of the salary for the Family Functional Therapist Supervisor.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve the transfer request of \$4,265 from line item 01111.11, Program Director/Shelter Care, \$2,588.00 from line item 01113.01, Program Director / Residential, and \$2,500 from 01113.02, Caseworker, to 01113.03, Clinical Supervisor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2013-HCCO-11 – AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2013:

Auditor Martha Lake read Salary Ordinance No. 2013-HCCO-11 – Amending Salary Ordinance For 2013 in full one time, and it was acted upon as follows:

		AMOUNT	
		REQUESTED:	APPROVED:
<u>1120</u>	<u>Howard County General Fund</u>		
<u>025</u>	<u>Howard County Jail</u>		
01120.02	Road Gang Supervisor <i>Currently \$30,698</i>	\$ 31,573.00	\$ 31,573.00
01119.04	PREA Coordinator, Sergeant <i>Currently "Correction Officer" \$29,953</i>	\$ 31,573.00	\$ 31,573.00
01119.05	Training Sergeant <i>Currently "Correction Officer" \$29,953</i>	\$ 31,573.00	\$ 31,573.00
 <u>035, 037</u>			
<u>038</u>	<u>Kinsey Youth Center</u>		
01113.03	Clinical Supervisor	\$ 9,353.00	\$ 9,353.00

Salary Ordinance No. 2013-HCCO-11 – Amending Salary Ordinance for 2013 was approved on a motion made by Mr. Ortman and seconded by Mr. Ellison.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:

At this time Ms. Grace Aprill, 12765 East 100 North, Greentown, Indiana, took the floor to request the County Council, as the fiscal body of local government and signatories of the Economic Development Agreement, to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the local Zoning Ordinance be amended in consideration of set-back increases, DBA noise level decreases, turbine light shields, and property value guarantees. Comments were also received from:

Star Brautigam, 2234 North County Road 1000 East, Greentown, Indiana
Jane Garr, family farm on County Road 1350 East, Greentown, Indiana
Joyce Pennycoff, 1976 West County Road 500 South, Kokomo, Indiana
John Garr, County Road 1350 East, Greentown, Indiana

*There being no further business to come before the County Council at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m. on a
motion made by Mr. Ortman and seconded by Mr. Ellison.*

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL:

RICHARD H. MILLER, PRESIDENT

STAN ORTMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

JEFF STOUT, MEMBER

LESLIE ELLISON, MEMBER

JOHN J. ROBERTS, MEMBER

DWIGHT SINGER, MEMBER

JAMES PAPACEK, MEMBER

ATTEST:

MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR
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