

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: APRIL 3, 2023

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, April 3, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Brad Bray, Vice President Jack Dodd, Member Jeff Lipinski, County Attorney Alan Wilson, and County Auditor Jessica Secrease.

The meeting was called to order by Lieutenant Todd Prifogle and conducted by President Brad Bray. Cub Scout Pack 3508 led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Commissioner Lipinski offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of March 20, 2023, regular meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd, Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS / RECONGINITION:

Local 5th graders, Spencer and Jeffery from Cub Scout Pack 3508, are working on earning their Building a Better World Badge, which includes meeting with a government or community leader and asking them questions. Both cub scouts asked a series of questions about different functions of being a commissioner and each commissioner answered accordingly.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS & REPORTS:

AUDITOR'S OFFICE

SRI Agreement Addendum

Auditor Jessica Secrease submitted an addendum to the existing agreement with SRI for the price increase from \$100 to \$125. This is a price that the homeowner has to pay during the tax sale. The SRI agreement addendum was approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PLAN COMMISSION

Rezoning (Case 2-CZ-23)

Plan Commission Executive Director Greg Sheline submitted Ordinance No. 2023-BCCO-12 for the rezoning of the property located at 3219 W. Judson Rd., Kokomo, Indiana from IS (Institution) to RR (Rural Residential). There was a favorable recommendation by the board. There was no remonstrance. With the rezoning request having been heard, Commissioner Lipinski made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-BCCO-12 as presented. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Rezoning (Case 3-CZ-23)

Plan Commission Executive Director Greg Sheline submitted Ordinance No. 2023-BCCO-13 for the rezoning of the property located at 950 W 75 S, Kokomo, Indiana from PR (Park Recreation) to IS (Institutional). There was a favorable recommendation by the board. An individual who owns some property around the church is concerned about some of the permitted uses and special exception uses that could be used by the church in the future. With the rezoning request having been heard, Commissioner Dodd made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-BCCO-13 as presented. Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

Howard County Auditor Jessica Secrease submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims for payment on March 24, 2023, in the amounts of \$985,580.67 and \$3,118.75 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Payroll Expenses:** The Commissioners' Payroll Expenses for payment on March 24, 2023, in the amounts of \$990,290.83 were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Lipinski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid March 24, 2023, in the amount of \$2,232,284.23 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lipinski, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

Evaluation of Property

Commissioner Lipinski asked Attorney Wilson if there had been any more progress made on the 477 Hickory Lane property. Attorney Wilson stated that he is still working on getting quotes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Resident Stan Oyler of 1877 N. 1100 E., Greentown, Indiana: Mr. Oyler asked how much of the ARP money was left in the fund. Commissioner Dodd stated that most of the money has been spent and that the rest of the funds have already been allocated to different projects. Auditor Jessica Secrease stated she can get him an updated list of what the ARP money is allocated to and what is left.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd.
The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lipinski, and the motion carried.*

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

R. BRAD BRAY, PRESIDENT

JACK W. DODD, VICE PRESIDENT

JEFF S. LIPINSKI, MEMBER

ATTEST:

JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR
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