The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, January 6, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Member Brad Bray and County Attorney Alan Wilson. County Auditor Martha Lake was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Jerry Asher and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Bray led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Commissioner Wyman offered a word of prayer.

**REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

Mr. Bray made a motion to nominate Paul Wyman as the continuing President of the Howard County Board of Commissioners and Brad Bray as the Vice President. There being no further discussion, President Wyman made a motion to approve the nominations as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

**JANUARY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:**

Andrew Dougherty was nominated as the January employee of the month. Mr. Dougherty continues to be an exemplary employee in his role as the Youth Manager at the Kinsey Youth Center. On September 20, 2019, Andrew successfully performed the Heimlich maneuver on a fellow employee who was choking and was able to dislodge the obstruction. Andrew’s quick action and concern for a fellow employee was outstanding. It was with great honor that the Commissioners extended congratulations and a glass plaque from Kokomo Opalescent Glass to Andrew. Pictures were taken, and congratulations were given by all.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of December 27, 2019, regular meeting having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Mr. Bray. Mr. Wyman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:**

In the absence of the Auditor, First Deputy Renae Adams submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners’ information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The commissioners’ Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims to be paid January 17, 2020, in the amount of $857,146.97, were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray. Mr. Wyman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners’ Operating Claims to be paid January 6, 2020, in the amount of $967,108.77, were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Mr. Bray. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wyman, and the motion carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:**

Attorney Alan Wilson addressed the authorization to proceed with Schneider Geospatial and the online homestead exemption filing for the Auditor’s Office. The contact authorized Schneider Geospatial to proceed with the online questionnaire for homestead exemption filing at a one-time cost of $700.00. Mr. Bray made a motion to approve the changes to the contract with Schneider Geospatial as presented. Mr. Wyman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Attorney Alan Wilson addressed the Information Resource User Agreement (IRUA) policy for county employees use and storage of county hardware, software, data, information, network, computing devices, phones, and other...
information technology. This policy under Ordinance No. 2020-BCCO-1, Information Resource User Agreement will be signed by all county employees as well as the Security Awareness Training Policy. Ordinance No. 2020-BCCO-1 was approved on a motion made by President Wyman. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS ISSUES:

President Wyman thanked all of the employees who have worked 24/7.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Wyman, and carried.

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

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P AUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

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ROBERT B. BRAY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR
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