

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING JANUARY 4, 2021

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, January 4, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Vice-President Brad Bray, Member Jack Dodd, County Attorney Alan Wilson.

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

RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD FOR 2021:

Re-Organization of the Board for 2021 is approved as presented Paul Wyman as President, Brad Bray as Vice-President on a motion made by Commissioner Bray, Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

New Jail Commander, Five New Howard County Deputies:

Sheriff Jerry Asher introduced a new jail commander, and five new deputies.

Jail Commander- Special Deputy-Matthew Deckard, Mr. Deckard is a lateral transfer from Tipton County Sheriff's Dept., Mr. Deckard was sworn in as a Special Deputy.

Deputy James Skinner- Mr. Skinner is a lateral transfer from Greentown Police Dept.

Deputy Jonathan Blackburn -Mr. Blackburn was a Correction Officer at the Howard County Jail.

Deputy Zachary Schultz- Mr. Schultz was a Corrections Officer at the Howard County Jail.

Deputy Christopher Sanders- Mr. Sanders is a lateral transfer from Greentown Police Dept.

Deputy Artemio Cardenas -Mr. Cardenas was a reserve officer from Jonesboro Police Dept.

Clerk Debbie Stewart swore in the new Jail Commander-Special Deputy, Matthew Deckard, and the five new Howard County Deputies, James Skinner, Jonathan Blackburn, Zachary Schultz, Christopher Sanders and Artemio Cardenas. They all officially started working January 4, 2021 with the Howard County Sheriff's Dept.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of December 30, 2020, regular meeting having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd, Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

MAINTENANCE:

Waste Management Dumpster Contract:

Maintenance Superintendent Bill Stonestreet presented the contract for the dumpster service for various dumpsters at different county building with Waste Management. The Contract was reviewed, approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray, Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HOWARD HAVEN:

Reapproval of a resident at Howard Haven:

Today President Wyman presented on behalf of Jennifer Bowe Howard Haven. Danney Smith's application was presented to be reapproved to reside at Howard Haven. Commissioner Dodd made a motion to approve Mr. Smith as a resident of Howard Haven. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPT:

Annual Bids:

Highway Superintendent Amber Tolle awarded the bid for the Precast & Prestressed Beams to Primco Inc., Primco Inc. was also awarded the bid for the Rental Equipment. Commissioner Bray made a motion to award the bids to Primco Inc. as presented. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

Today President Wyman submitted the claims on behalf of Howard County Auditor Jessica Secrease for the following claims and reports for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims for payment on December 30, 2020 in the amount of \$896,922.55 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid January 4th, 2021. in the amount of \$880,472.75 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dodd, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS' ISSUES:

Extension of Local Disaster Emergency Declaration:

President Wyman announced that the status level of RED for Howard County has been extended to 5:00 P.M. January 31ST, 2021. This is presented as Ordinance NO. 2020 BCO-58 Extension of Local Disaster Emergency Declaration.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Bray, seconded by Commissioner Dodd, and carried.

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

ROBERT B. BRAY, VICE PRESIDENT

JACK W. DODD, MEMBER

ATTEST:

JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR
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