

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 22nd day of June, A.D. 2020 the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in Budget workshop session at 10:00 AM and Regular session at 3:30 PM with **KATHYRN G. WISEMAN**, County Judge as the Presiding Officer. The following members were present: **JIMMIE LONG**, Commissioner Precinct No. 3 and **JOHN H. CLINE**, Commissioner Precinct No. 4. **OSCAR GARCIA**, Commissioner Precinct No. 1 and **CRAIG BAILEY**, Commissioner Precinct No. 2 were absent during the Budget Workshop and present for the Regular Session.

Court was called to order @ 10:10 AM.

Jackie Olson, County Auditor, handed out information to the Commissioners for use during the meeting with all of the requests and figures she had available and the Court began going over these line by line. During the meeting Mavour Braswell, Librarian, spoke about needs at the library for self checkout stations. In addition, Jodi Duck, Elections Administrator, met with the Commissioners concerning election equipment costs.

The Court recessed for lunch @ 12:40 PM and reconvened @ 1:04 PM at which time they met with Rob Pridemore with USI Insurance concerning the County's insurance costs.

Court recessed @ 1:36 PM and reconvened @ 3:30 PM in Regular session with the addition of Commissioners Garcia and Bailey.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve allowing the 911 Center to be built on the Northeast corner of the property where the Law Enforcement Center is located, with the agreement that the property and building would revert back to the County if ever abandoned by 911 as presented by Cherrie Burcham, 911 District Director. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to accept a 5 year/6% rate guarantee on Public Workers' Compensation Program, Howard County addendum to the Interlocal Agreement as presented by Rob Pridemore of USI Insurance. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Mr. Pridemore also gave the County a \$15062.92 excess contribution refund check for Workers' Compensation from USI.

The Court heard from Amber Pedigo from the US Census Bureau for a 2020 Census update. She reported that the overall Howard County response rate is @ 47.4% with the state response rate standing @ 56.3%. Both rates are very low at this time. Ms. Pedigo urged