

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
December 15, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Council Members: President Robert Hodge, Vice President Alan McCarthy, Joyce Bowlsbey, Dan Schneckenburger and George Patchell; Tari Moore, County Executive; Al Wein, Director of Administration; Jason Allison, County Attorney; Winston Robinson, Finance Director; Scott Flanigan, Public Works Director; Scott Adams, Sheriff; Stephanie Garrity, Health Officer; and Ken Collins, Director of Addictions Division; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant; members of the press; and members of the public.

**OPEN SESSION – Elk Room**

**9:00 a.m.** – President Hodge called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and determined a quorum.

**NOTE:** Audio recording of this meeting is available on the County website [www.ccgov.org](http://www.ccgov.org).

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of December 8, 2015. Motion was carried unanimously.

Approval of the Board of Health minutes was tabled so that the Executive and Health Officer could review them.

**State Heroin Task Force Report - Recommendations**

Stephanie Garrity, Health Officer; Scott Adams, Cecil County Sheriff; and Ken Collins, Director of Addictions Division; made a presentation on the final recommendations of Lt. Governor's Heroin and Opioid Emergency Task Force, issued in their report of December 1, 2015.

The task force developed seven categories, which included: expanding access to treatment, enhancing quality of care, boosting overdose prevention efforts, escalating law enforcement options, reentry and alternatives to incarceration, promoting educational tools to youth, parents, and school officials, and improving State support services.

Ms. Garrity and Mr. Collins discussed programs currently available from the Health Department in the community. Sheriff Adams commented on programs being offered at the Detention Center with the assistance of the Health Department. He also stated that many of the law enforcement related recommendations will require State legislation.

Council questions and comments ensued. There was interest expressed in having a presentation by a private substance abuse treatment provider.

## **Review of Legislative Agenda**

Council President Hodge led the Council in a review of the legislative agenda.

There were no comments on Resolution No. 62-2015 Amendment - Personnel Policies and Procedures, which is scheduled for a public hearing at tonight's session.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, and Winston Robinson, Finance Director, provided comments on Resolution No. 65-2015 - Supplemental Appropriation - Maryland School for the Blind, which will be introduced at tonight's session.

Mr. Robinson commented on Resolution No. 66-2015- Supplemental Appropriation - Sheriff's Office - Sex Offenders Registry, which will be introduced at tonight's session.

Mr. Robinson commented on Resolution No. 67-2015 - Property management Enterprise Fund - 107 Chesapeake Blvd. , which will be introduced at tonight's session. Discussion and questions followed.

Mr. Robinson provided additional explanations for Resolution No. 68-2015 - Authorization - Refunding Bonds of 2016, which will be introduced at tonight's session. Questions and comments ensued.

There were no comments or questions on Resolution No. 69-2015- Appointment - Board of Parks and Recreation - Bernard Brown, which will be introduced tonight.

There were no comments or questions on Resolution No. 70-2015- Reappointment—Board of Library Trustees - Kennard Wiggins Jr., which will be introduced tonight.

Scott Flanigan, Public Works Director, provided comments on Resolution No. 71-2015 - Roads - Truck Restriction - Stevenson Road, which will be introduced tonight. Council comments and questions ensued.

The Council discussed Resolution No. 63-2015 Supplemental Appropriation - Grants - State's Attorney's Office - Victim Witness Coordinator, which will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Councilwoman Bowsbey suggested an amendment to remove \$17,750 funding from the county's fund balance. There was a consensus of Council Members in favor of this proposal.

There were no comments or questions on Resolution No. 64-2015 Appointment—Board of Parks and Recreation—George Raley and Matthew Morris, which will be considered for approval tonight.

The Council will be rendering their decision on the Rezoning Case 2015-08: Complete Recycling Group at tonight's session.

## **Council Manager Report**

Mr. Massey reminded the Council that there will be no Council work session on December 22 or December 29, 2015. The next Council work session will be held on January 5, 2016.

He apologized for the audio problems in today's session and proposed to work with the administration to replace the audio and video system in the Elk Room. Council Members suggested that this proposal be included in the FY 2017 budget request. He also announced that the Cecil County Chamber of Commerce has invited Council Members to speak on the State of the County.

**Council Member Comments**

Councilman Schneckenburger stated that he will be attending a meeting with Jimmy Rhee from the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs after today's work session. He also commented on attending Union Hospital's legislative breakfast.

Councilwoman Bowsbey will also be attending the meeting with Jimmy Rhee. She stated that Councilman Schneckenburger and she attended the MACo conference last week.

Councilman Patchell had no comments.

Vice President McCarthy attended the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council in Cecilton where Recovery Centers of America gave an update. He also wished everyone a merry Christmas.

Council President Hodge stated that today was the last Council work session for 2015 and wished everyone a merry Christmas.

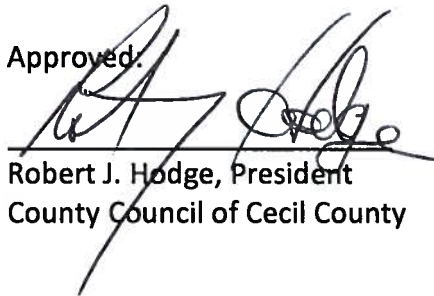
**Adjournment**

President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Attest:

  
James Massey  
Council Manager

Approved:

  
Robert J. Hodge, President  
County Council of Cecil County