

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
May 13, 2014**

PRESENT: Council Members: President Hodge, Vice President Alan McCarthy, Joyce Bowsbey, Michael Dunn and Diana Broomell; Al Wein, Director of Administration; Jason Allison, County Attorney; Lisa, Webb, Director of Economic Development; Sandy Turner, Tourism Coordinator; James Massey, Council Manager; Teri Birney, 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.

NOTE: Audio recording of this meeting is available on the County website www.ccgov.org.

Approval of Minutes

The Council agreed by consensus to correct the name of "Monica Penhollow".

On a motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to amend Page 3, under "Council member items", sentence 7 as follows: "Ms. Broomell commented on the Cecil Guardian status of not being a newspaper of circulation". Motion failed by a vote of 2 to 3 with President Hodge, Vice President McCarthy, Councilwoman Bowsbey being opposed.

On a motion made by President Hodge, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to amend Page 3, under "Council member items", sentence 8 as follows: "She requested an update on the lawsuit regarding CC Recovery against Cecil County". Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the work session minutes of May 6, 2014, as amended. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 1 with Councilwoman Broomell opposed.

Presentation – Tourism in Cecil County

Lisa Webb, Director, and Sandy Turner, Tourism Coordinator, Economic Development, provided presentation on the benefits of tourism in Cecil County. Discussion and comments ensued.

Susquehanna River Rail Bridge Reconstruction and Expansion Project – Letter of concern

The Council reviewed a draft letter expressing their concerns regarding the Susquehanna River Rail Reconstruction and Expansion Project. Council members were asked to submit any revision to the Council Manager before the next meeting so that that letter can be finalized. Discussion and comments ensued.

Clean Waters Act – Letter of opposition

The Council reviewed the draft letter in opposition to the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed regulations changing the definition of "Waters of the US". The letter will be finalized with Council revisions for the next meeting.

MARC layover station – Letter of opposition to site

The Council reviewed the letter in opposition to the site of the MARC layover station and provided revisions. Discussion ensued.

Rural Legacy Prioritization -

By general consensus, the Council agreed to the joint letter with the Executive to prioritize Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area for the County's Rural Legacy Program.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey reminded the Council of the ribbon cutting ceremony at Budd's Landing on May 14, the Law Enforcement Luncheon on May 15, and the Volunteer Recognition Dinner on May 21. Diane Ratcliff from MTA will be updating the Council regarding the MARC layover facility on June 3. Aberdeen Proving Ground's JLENS has not confirmed their date for a presentation .

Council Member Items

Councilwoman Broomell commented on a telephone conference with Bruce Gartner, Executive Secretary Maryland Transportation Authority, regarding her proposal for a discount plan for tri-axles, also called 3rd axle on Hatem Bridge. She also commented on an alternate substance abuse plan. Councilwoman Broomell will provide a written summary of these proposals. She commented on the letter from Mary Rogers regarding Shaw Valley.

She also proposed that any Council Members who has a conflict of interest with any capital budget items should request to have a separate vote from the rest of the capital projects.

Councilwoman Bowsbey attended the Boys and Girls Club dinner for Youth of the Year. She also attended the Singerly Fire Company Awards Banquet on May 10. Ms. Bowsbey reminded the Council of the Senior Capstone Gallery Walk on May 27. She attended the Local Management Board meeting May 12.

Councilman Dunn had no comments.

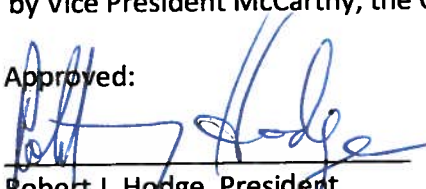
Council Vice President McCarthy attended the Clean Chesapeake Coalition board meeting at Chesapeake College on May 8.

Council President Hodge commented that Standard & Poor's upgraded the County's bond rating from AA to AA+. He also stated that Delegate Rudolph was successful in obtaining a state grant of \$125,000 for Calvert Park. He reminded the public and Council of the Budget deliberations workshop in the afternoon.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Approved:


Robert J. Hodge, President
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager