

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
May 27, 2014**

PRESENT: Council Members: President Hodge, Vice President McCarthy, Joyce Bowsbey, Michael Dunn and Diana Broomell; Director of Administration, Al Wein; 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

On a motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to amend Page 2, under “Council member items”, sentence 1 as follows: “Councilwoman Broomell commented that her brother-in-law graduated from Cecil College on May 18 and he agreed to work on a video project on local citizens' struggles with substance abuse.” Motion failed by a vote of 2 to 3, with Councilwoman Bowsbey, Vice President McCarthy and President Hodge opposed.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to amend Page 2, under “Council member items”, sentence 3 as follows: “She requested feedback from the County Executive office if she supports the EMS advisory recommendation that two EMTs are mandated for each ambulance call”. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to approve the minutes for May 27, 2014, as amended. Motion carried by a vote of 3 to 1 with 1 abstention. Councilwoman Broomell opposed and Vice President McCarthy abstained.

Approval of letter – Request for Drug Abuse Statistics – Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration

Councilwoman Broomell led a discussion pertaining to obtaining drug abuse statistics for Cecil County from the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration. Discussion and comments ensued. The Council did not agree to send a letter to the Maryland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration.

Discussion – Resolution No. 31-2014 Economic Relief – Multi-Axle – Hatem Bridge

Councilwoman Broomell led a discussion regarding Resolution No. 31-2014, discounts for multi-axle tolls on Hatem Bridge. Councilwoman Bowsbey requested Delegate Rudolph be informed of the Council's actions. Discussion and comments ensued.

Discussion – MARC layover facility

Councilwoman Broomell led a discussion regarding the MARC layover facility. She shared a letter from MTA to Kevin Howe, a nearby property owner, opposed to the location. Council Members requested a copy of the letter. Discussion and comments ensued.

Discussion – MACo Symposium – Substance Abuse

Councilwoman Broomell led a discussion regarding the MACo Substance Abuse Symposium being held on June 12 at Cecil College. Discussion and comments ensued. Several Council Members requested to register for this program. Councilwoman Broomell asked the

administration if the County could fund the registration for five citizens who are members of the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey reminded the Council of the Cecil Leadership Graduation at the Chesapeake Inn on May 28 and the Pearce Creek Open House on May 31.

Diane Ratcliff from MTA will update the Council on the MARC layover facility planning at the work session on June 3. Twenty-three Boy Scouts will be recognized at the legislative session on June 3 for achieving their First Class rank.

At the work session on June 10, Aberdeen Proving Ground officials will make a presentation regarding the JLENS program, and Andy Hamilton from Greenway will present ideas for a bike and pedestrian trail over the Susquehanna Rail Bridge.

Council Member Items

Councilman Dunn had no comments.

Vice President McCarthy had no comments.

Councilwoman Broomell commented on the budget deliberations and thanked members of the Budget Advisory Board for their dedication and input. She clarified an article in the Cecil Guardian. Ms. Broomell requested coordination with Maryland Department of Transportation on the Susquehanna River Rail Bridge project.

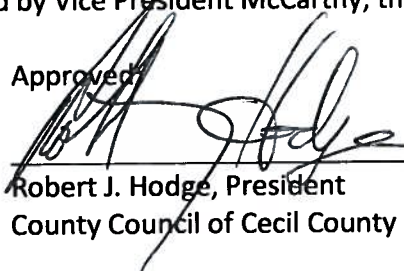
Councilwoman Bowsbey attended the ribbon cutting at the Cherry Hill Salt Barn and Little Egypt Road Bridge, the Early Childhood meeting, Volunteer Recognition Dinner, and the unveiling of the Bob Gibson Education Program at the Elkton Station. Ms. Bowsbey reminded the public of the Senior Capstone Gallery Walk at Elkton High School.

Council President Hodge attended the Volunteer Recognition Dinner and Fair Hill Races. Mr. Hodge reminded the public of the Open House for the MARC layover facility at Perryville Fire Company on June 12 from 4-8 p.m. and the ribbon cutting of the Elk Neck State Forest Arboretum on June 6 at 10 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Approved:



Robert J. Hodge, President
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:



James Massey
Council Manager