

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY**  
**WORKSESSION MINUTES**  
**April 9, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Council members: President Robert Hodge, Vice President Alan McCarthy, Joyce Bowsbey, Michael Dunn, Diana Broomell, County Executive Tari Moore, Director of Administration Al Wein, Council Manager James Massey, Finance Director Winston Robinson, Budget Manager Craig Whiteford, Economic Development Director Lisa Webb, Town of Elkton Mayor Joe Fisona, Town of Elkton Planning Director Gene Miner, Town of Rising Sun Mayor Robert Fisher, Community Liaison Dick Sossi, Health Officer Stephanie Garrity, Director of Environmental Services Fred Vonstaden, Department of Public Works Director Scott Flanigan, Department of Public Works Chief Kordell Wilen, Planning and Zoning Director Eric Sennstrom, County Attorney Jason Allison, Clean Chesapeake Coalition Attorney Chip MacLeod, Administrative Assistant Robin McCann, 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](http://www.ccgov.org).

**CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: April 2, 2013**

Present at Closed Session: President Robert Hodge, Vice President Alan McCarthy, Diana Broomell, Michael Dunn, and Joyce Bowsbey; Council Manager James Massey and Robin McCann, Administrative Assistant.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**10:21 a.m.**

On motion made by Councilman McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to convene in closed session pursuant to Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government §10-508 (a)(1) to discuss a personnel matter relating to the council attorney position. Motion carried unanimously.

Council members reviewed the applications for the council attorney position.

**ADJOURNMENT CLOSED SESSION**

**11:02 a.m.**

On motion made by Councilman Dunn, seconded by Councilman Bowsbey, the Council moved to adjourn the Closed Session meeting at 11:02 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the April 2, 2013 Worksession Meeting Minutes, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Approval of Closed Session Minutes**

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to approve the April 2, 2013 Closed Session Meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Letter of Support for Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway**

President Hodge presented a brief overview regarding the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway letter of support.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway letter of support.

On motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Councilman Dunn the Council moved to approve the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway letter of support to include the amounts being requested for each project to the public. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Council Manager Report**

Council Manager James Massey advised the Council that the Budget Presentation for the Department of Public Works will begin at 1:30 pm April 9, 2013, the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee has been asked to make their recommendations at the Worksession on April 30, 2013, Administration has requested a Briefing on April 16, 2013 Worksession regarding the North East Advanced Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade, the Cecil College Quarterly Update will be held on April 30, 2013 at 3:30 pm, and the Cecil County Public School has a budget transfer to be presented on the April 16, 2013 Worksession.

### **Council Items**

Councilman Dunn had no comments.

Councilwoman Broomell commented on the Drug Awareness Workshop being held at Cecil Community College on April 11, 2013 at 6:30 pm, room TC208, Keep Cecil Beautiful Event, She attended the Rising Sun Fire Company Banquet Awards. HB1098 passed with amendments regarding Prevailing wages. She updated the public regarding Conowingo Dam sediment concerns, and she will be attending an Economic Development Commission meeting on April 23, 2013 regarding Susquehanna Workforce Network Employment in Cecil County.

Councilman McCarthy attended the Cecilton's Fire Company Awards Banquet.

Councilwoman Bowsbey advised that the Administration and she will be hosting the Cecil Leadership Program on April 10, 2013 regarding Charter Transition. She attended the Local Management Board on April 8, 2013, and the Business Expo on April 6, 2013. She will be attending the Commission on Aging, Employee Recognition Luncheon, and the North Eastern Non-Profit Resource Open House Event.

President Hodge advised the public of the BEPAC Presentation at 8:00 am on Tuesday, April 16, 2013, he attended a Parliamentary Procedures Seminar, and the Rising Sun Fire Company Awards Banquet.

**Congressman Andy Harris**

Director of Administration Al Wein presented a brief overview regarding the need for the Federal Government's assistance with the sediments at the Conowingo Dam, Pearce Creek dredging spoils, and prescription drug abuse within Cecil County.

Director of Administration Al Wein introduced the Council members and Administration staff.

President Hodge presented a brief overview regarding the State of Maryland's Executive Order regarding the TMDL Watershed Implementation Plan.

Port Deposit Town Administrator Rodney Heinz presented a brief overview regarding the Town of Port Deposits sediment issues.

Town of Elkton Mayor Joe Fisona presented a brief overview regarding the Town of Elkton's Watershed Implementation Plan and the cost associated with the sediment issues.

County Executive Tari Moore presented a brief overview regarding the Watershed Implementation Plan and associated costs for Cecil County.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the Watershed Implementation Plan.

Congressman Andy Harris presented a brief overview regarding the US Geological Survey and the need to update their projection plan. He has urged the Federal Agencies to implement a viable plan.

County Executive Moore advised the Council that staff has proposed two Watershed Implementation programs for FY2014.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the Conowingo Dam and sediment issues.

Clean Chesapeake Coalition Attorney Chip MacLeod presented a brief overview regarding the Watershed Implementation Plan on the Conowingo Dam sediment issues above the Susquehanna River.

Congressman Andy Harris provided his comments regarding the Army Corps of Engineers Watershed Implementation Plan.

The following requests were made to Congressman Andy Harris:

1. Request remediation from the federal government for the residents that had their water supply contaminated by the Pearce Creek Dredge Spoil Site.
2. Request intervention in the Exelon FERC Relicensing of the Conowingo Dam to insure sediment behind the dam is addressed.
3. Request support in obtaining funding and designation of HIDTA for Cecil County.
4. Request legislation that states with a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program must share information with an adjoining State.
5. Request intervention to cancel a Doctor's ability to write prescriptions after their medical license has been revoked in a state.
6. Request from the Army Corps of Engineers the well reports from 1995 to present related to Pearce Creek.

### **Pearce Creek**

County Executive Moore presented a brief overview regarding the Army Corps of Engineers and Pearce Creek dredging spoils.

Congressman Andy Harris provided his comments regarding the Pearce Creek dredging spoils.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the Pearce Creek dredging spoils.

Discussion continued with Congressman Andy Harris, County Executive Moore, and the Council regarding the Pearce Creek dredging spoils.

### **Prescription Drug Abuse**

Councilwoman Broomell presented a brief overview regarding Prescription Drug Abuse in Cecil County.

Congressman Andy Harris provided his comments regarding Prescription Drug Abuse in Cecil County.

President Hodge and County Executive Moore thanked Congressman Andy Harris for attending the Council Worksession meeting.

**Recess:** 10:26 am - 10:45 am

### **ADJOURNMENT**

#### **10:45 AM**

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to convene in closed session pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, State Government 10-508 (a) (4) to discuss matters pertaining to the proposal for a business to expand in the county. Council and staff, County Executive, Director of Administration, Economic Development Director, Budget Manager, County Attorney; and (1) to discuss a personnel

matter relating to the Council Attorney position. Council members and staff. Motion carried unanimously.