

Board of County Commissioners
Worksession Minutes
January 24, 2012

PRESENT: Commissioners Mullin, Broomell, Moore, Dunn and Hodge, County Administrator Al Wein, Public Works Director Scott Flanigan and staff, Planning and Zoning Director Eric Sennstrom, Human Resources Director Donna Nichols; Emergency Services Director Richard Brooks; Budget Manager Craig Whiteford, Executive Office Administrator Vicky Rinkerman, County Attorney Norman Wilson, Treasurer Bill Feehley, members of the press, and members of the public.

OPEN SESSION – Elk Room

9:00 a.m. – President Mullin called the meeting to order.

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

Approval of Minutes – On motion made by Commissioner Dunn, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board moved to approve the minutes for the January 17, 2012 Worksession meeting with minor amendments to page five, paragraph 1, change ensued to "ensued" and paragraph 4 change Democratic to "Democrat". Motion carried unanimously to approve with amendments.

Route 40 median barrier project informational briefing – State Highway Administration Highway Design Division Chief Barbara Solberg and Christopher Weber provided the Board an overview of the statewide Route 40 median barrier project.

Members of the Board provided their comments relative to the projects chosen for improvements.

The Board was advised of a proposed Big Elk Creek drainage improvement project. The Board concurred to request information relative to the drainage improvement project and paving project on Route 213.

Draft RFP 12-21 – Vending service – Purchasing Agent Dave Pyle provided the Board an overview of the RFP for vending service. He advised the Board that the county receives a commission from the sale of goods from the machine.

The Board concurred to authorize the Purchasing Department to proceed with advertising RFP 12-21 for vending services.

Request to fill positions – Director Nichols reviewed the request to fill a budgeted part time Office Services Assistant position in Senior Services and a budgeted Hazardous Materials Captain position in Emergency Services.

The Board concurred to authorize the Human Resources Department to proceed with advertising and filling the positions as presented.

Wastewater Billing Proposal – Treasurer Bill Feehley provided the Board an overview of a proposal to change the billing for wastewater services to a flat rate and the billing for services from monthly to annually. The fee would be included in the annual property tax bill. He advised the Board that Artesian has taken over the water assets and billing for that service.

Members of the Board provided their comments relative to the proposal. Discussion ensued regarding:

- . Labor requirements for quarterly meter readings and monthly billing for services;
- . Anticipated savings with changing the current procedures;
- . Concern for water conservation efforts with flat rate billing;
- . Complaint calls from customers regarding being billed for minimum usage; and
- . Current procedures for rental properties

County Administrator Wein advised the Board that a revision to Chapter 67 of the Code may be required, including state legislation and a public hearing to change the billing schedule for wastewater services.

Director Flanigan advised the Board that the consultant recommended and department staff is in agreement with adopting a flat rate billing system for wastewater services.

Treasurer Feehley recommended a flat rate billing system for wastewater service; however, if the Board prefers metered billing, he recommended adopting an annual billing procedure to be included with the property tax bill, as opposed to quarterly billing.

The Board concurred to consider the wastewater proposal presented by Treasurer Feehley.

Commissioner Items

Commissioner Dunn had no comments.

Vice President Broomell commented on the scholarship presentation for the School of Technology.

Commissioner Moore commented on a strategic planning session at the Health Department relative to determining the top five health issues in the County.

Commissioner Hodge commented on the strategic planning session at the Health Department relative to prescription drug use being the number one problem in the county.

President Mullin commented on a tour of the Detention Center relative to the number of young people incarcerated for breaking and entering for prescription drugs.

ADJOURNMENT

9:50 AM – On motion made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Broomell, the Board moved to adjourn the worksession meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

OPEN SESSION – Perryville Room

10:30 a.m. – President Mullin called the meeting to order.

PRESENT: Commissioners Mullin, Broomell, Moore, Dunn and Hodge, County Administrator Al Wein, Parks and Recreation Director Clyde Van Dyke, and County Attorney Norman Wilson.

Ordinance 2011-13 Proposed Amendments to Chapter 57 of the Code of Cecil County – Director Van Dyke reviewed the final draft of the proposed amendment to Chapter 57 of the Code of Cecil County entitled Park Land regulations.

Members of the Board provided their comments relative to the proposed amendment.

The Board concurred to direct County Attorney Wilson to review enforcement provisions with Judge Baker and State's Attorney Rollins prior to initiating advertisement for a public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11: 25 a.m.

OPEN SESSION – Perryville Room

1:00 p.m. – President Mullin called the meeting to order.

PRESENT: Commissioners Mullin, Broomell, Moore, Dunn and Hodge and members of the mental health services community.

Upper Bay Counseling and Support Services Executive Director Dr. Richard Bayer and staff, and the Director of the Division of Special Population Services Gwen Parrack and Acting Director of the Mental Health Core Service Agency from the Health Department updated the Board on mental health issues and services provided in the county.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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