

**Board of County Commissioners  
Worksession Minutes  
February 21, 2012**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Mullin, Broomell, Moore, and Dunn, County Administrator Al Wein, Public Works Director Scott Flanigan and staff, Planning and Zoning Director Eric Sennstrom, Permits and Inspections Director Pat Conway; Economic Development Deputy Director Roy Clough Webb; 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.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Hodge

**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](http://www.ccgov.org).

**Closed Session Meeting – February 14, 2012 – 10:21 a.m.**

The Board convened in closed session on February 14, 2012 10:21 a.m. Motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Hodge, pursuant to Maryland Annotated Code State Government 10-508(a) (3) To consider the acquisition of real property for Cecil County Public Schools and matters directly related to thereto and (8) To consult with State's Attorney Rollins regarding pending litigation. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENT AT CLOSED SESSION:** Commissioners Mullin, Broomell, Moore, Dunn and Hodge, County Administrator Al Wein, Budget Manager Craig Whiteford, Executive Office Administrator Vicky Rinkerman, County Attorney Norman Wilson, Treasurer Bill Feehley and State's Attorney Rollins.

Topics of discussion and action taken (if necessary):

Discussion ensued regarding pending litigation and the need for professional services relative to the case.

The Board concurred to authorize staff to proceed with budget amendments relative to meeting the professional service needs of the State's Attorney's Office for the pending litigation.

Discussion ensued regarding the potential acquisition of real property for Cecil County Public Schools.

The closed meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes** – On motion made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Dunn, the Board moved to approve the minutes for the February 14, 2012 Worksession and Closed Session meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously to approve.

**Request to Fill positions** – Director Nichols reviewed the requests to fill for the following budgeted positions: Custodian in Facilities Management, Correctional Counselor I in the Detention Center, and Lieutenant Dispatcher in Emergency Services.

The Board concurred to authorize Human Resources to advertise and fill the positions as presented.

**Fast Track Permitting Process request for Restoration Hardware facility expansion** – County Administrator Wein recommended and the Board concurred to consider this briefing an introduction of the request in order for the Board to consider the request at the evening meeting.

Deputy Director Clough reviewed the fast track permit request for Restoration Hardware relative to a planned business expansion. He advised the Board that the company would like to apply for the permits as soon as possible in order to meet the project deadline by August 2012.

**Evening meeting agenda review** – County Administrator Wein reviewed the items on the evening meeting agenda.

Budget Manager Whiteford reviewed the 2012 General Obligation Bond Issuance and Refunding Resolution. The resolution would provide a significant and substantial savings to the county.

Director Sennstrom reviewed the Fee in Lieu Critical Area Planting Requirements Resolution. He advised the Board that the Planning and Zoning Department has received no comments on this proposal.

County Administrator Wein reviewed the New East Crossing Project Resolution. The Board approved a letter of support for the 72-unit rental housing project and DHCD is requiring a Resolution as part of the application process.

County Administrator Wein reviewed the appointments for consideration by the Board.

Director Flanigan reviewed the Public Works items for consideration by the Board.

Budget Manager Whiteford reviewed the budget amendments for consideration by the Board.

Commissioner Moore advised the Board that she would be abstaining from voting on the budget amendment involving the United Way since she is on the Board of Directors.

**Brownfield Zoning Ordinance proposed text amendment** – Director Sennstrom reviewed the proposed text amendment to add a new Article III, Part VIII, Section 42.2.e to the Cecil County Zoning Ordinance to create a Brownfield Redevelopment District as an overlay zone.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- . Definition of a Brownfield site;
- . Regulations and oversight to ensure Brownfield sites are mitigated; and
- . Incentives relative to the proposed amendment

The Board concurred to direct the Department of Planning and Zoning to reconvene the committee for a final review before moving forward with a public hearing on the proposed ordinance.

**Rural Legacy focus and priority** – Eric Shertz from the Planning and Zoning Department reviewed the Rural Legacy focus and priority areas relative to proposed projects through the Cecil Land Trust and Eastern Shore Land Conservancy.

Members of the Board provided their comments relative to Rural Legacy areas.

The Board concurred to designate Fair Hill as the Rural Legacy priority funding area for the county.

### **Commissioner Items**

Commissioner Dunn commented on the Elkton Armory property.

Director Sennstrom advised the Board that the clearinghouse notice on this property was filled out incorrectly and the intent was for it to be declared a surplus property.

Vice President Broomell commented on and announced the winners of the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen contests. The annual contest is sponsored by the VFW and contestants have an opportunity to compete for scholarships.

Commissioner Moore commented on the reaccreditation of the Child Advocacy Center through the Department of Social Services and the retirement of Sergeant Dennis Campbell after 23 years of service through the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Moore (Commissioner Hodge) commented on the legislative session in Annapolis.

President Mullin commented on the proposed septic legislation in Annapolis and MACo's support of the legislation with amendments.

Discussion ensued regarding MACo's amendments and support for the septic legislation.

County Administrator Wein advised the Board that the Board of Electrical Examiners would forward their recommendations for the March 6, 2012 meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

#### **9:45 A.M.**

On motion made by Commissioner Broomell, seconded by Commissioner Dunn, the Board adjourned the worksession meeting and will reconvene in closed session at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

#### **10:00 AM**

On motion made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Dunn, the Board moved to convene in closed session pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code State Government 10-508 (a) (9) to consider matters that related to collective bargaining and confer with Special Counsel Gilman relative to the negotiations.

### **ADJOURNMENT CLOSED SESSION**

#### **11:50 AM**

On motion made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Dunn, the Board moved to adjourn the closed session meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

