

**Board of County Commissioners  
Worksession Minutes  
March 22, 2011**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Mullin, Moore, Dunn, Broomell and Hodge; County Administrator Al Wein, Public Works Director Scott Flanigan and staff; Planning and Zoning Director Eric Sennstrom; Economic Development Director Vernon Thompson; Human Resources Director Donna Nichols; Budget Manager Craig Whiteford; Office Administrator Vicky Rinkerman; Council Norman Wilson; members of the press, and members of the public.

**NOTE:** Audio recording of this meeting is available on the County website [www.ccgov.org](http://www.ccgov.org).

**OPEN SESSION**

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

**Animal Control Committee-Update on Chapter 209**

Dr. Mindy Carletti and Edie Click updated the Board on the work of the Animal Control Committee relative to proposed revisions to Chapter 209 of the County Code for animal control.

Discussion ensued regarding a recommendation for the County to issue a new request for proposal (RFP) for animal control services.

The Board concurred to authorize the task force members to forward their proposed RFP to County Counsel Wilson for review.

**Health Advisory Committee recommendations**

Director Nichols reviewed the proposed recommendations from the Health Advisory Committee relative to employee benefits.

The Board concurred to defer action on the recommendations until the next worksession.

**Appointment of Charter transition team**

On motion made by Commissioner Hodge, seconded by Commissioner Moore (for purposes of discussion), the Board moved to consider appointments to the Charter transition team comprised of two members from the current Charter Board, one member from the Republican Central Committee, one member from the Democratic Central Committee, County Administrator Wein, Treasurer Bill Feehley, and Budget Manager Craig Whiteford.

Commissioner Hodge repeated his motion and stated he would consider amending his motion to appoint two Commissioners to serve on the transition team. Counsel Norman Wilson and Counsel Vic Tervalu would be used as a resource during the transition process and not be a member of the transition team.

Discussion continued regarding the composition of the transition team. Discussion ensued regarding the Charter Board and the Friends of Charter organization relative to the Charter campaign.

VOTE: Mullin - N, Moore - N, Dunn - N, Broomell - N, Hodge – Y. Motion failed 1 yea and 4 nays.

Discussion ensued regarding the cost of legal services provided by Counsel Vic Tervalo on an as needed basis and the potential changes and economic demands under Charter government.

On motion made by President Mullin, seconded by Commissioner Broomell, the Board moved to consider the appointment of a Charter transition team comprised of the three new commissioners, one appointee from the Charter Board, Treasurer Bill Feehley, County Administrator Wein, Human Resources Director Nichols, Budget Manager Whiteford, and Counsel Vic Tervalo on an as needed basis.

Discussion ensued regarding a request to amend the motion to add a citizen to the transition team, or to consider a citizen appointment from each Commissioner.

President Mullin rejected the request to amend his motion to appoint a citizen, or citizens to the Charter transition team.

Vote: Mullin - Y, Moore – N (Y), Dunn – Y (N), Broomell - Y, Hodge – N – Motion carried 3 ayes and 2 nays. **(as amended and approved 4/5/2011)**

### **Hollywood casino local impact grant multi-year plan update**

Staff updated the Board regarding public hearing meeting dates and times for the Local Development Council, Town of Perryville, and County relative to the local impact grant multi-year plans.

Economic Development Director Thompson updated the Board on proposed meetings with our State Delegates relative to the County's multi-year plan.

**Legislative update** - Commissioner Moore updated the Board on Cecil County legislation and the Governor's budget proposal.

Discussion ensued regarding five proposed legislative bills that would shift the costs of the teacher's pensions to the school district or the county.

The Board concurred to authorize County Administrator Wein to draft a letter in opposition to the proposed legislation that shifts the costs of the teacher's pensions to county government.

### **Commissioner items**

Commissioner Dunn briefed the Board on meetings he attended during the week and upcoming scheduled meetings of the Board.

Commissioner Broomell had no comments.

Commissioner Moore briefed the Board on meetings and events she attended during the week.

Commissioner Hodge commented on the State's continuous effort to push liability on the County without funding.

President Mullin updated the Board relative to a phone conversation with the Maryland Aviation Association officials regarding the local airport.

**10:06 a.m.**

**CLOSED SESSION**

On motion made by Commissioner Hodge, seconded by President Mullin, the Board moved to convene in closed session pursuant to Maryland Annotated Code-State Government-10-508(a) (4) to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State and (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

The Board convened in closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**11:50 a.m.** - On motion made Commissioner Hodge, seconded by Commissioner Dunn, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn from closed session.

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