

**Board of County Commissioners  
Worksession Minutes  
April 12, 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 and staff; Housing Director Dave Mahaney; 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.

Commissioner Hodge presented President Mullin with a new gavel from the Holly Hall Oak tree to use during meetings.

**Investment Policy proposed changes**

County Administrator Wein introduced Treasurer Bill Feehley and advised the Board that a public hearing would be required if they decide to proceed with the proposed changes to Chapter 175 of the Cecil County Code.

Treasurer Feehley reviewed the proposed changes to Chapter 175.8.b. of the County Code relative to County bonds.

The Board concurred unanimously to proceed with the proposed changes as presented by Treasurer Feehley. A public hearing will be scheduled for the amendment to Chapter 175.

**Department of Transportation, the State Highway Administration and the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy**

Eric Shertz, Office of Planning and Zoning, reviewed the amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between Cecil, Kent and Queen Anne's counties. Other than an update to the property list, there are no significant changes to the MOU agreement.

The Board concurred unanimously to authorize staff to proceed with executing the Memorandum of Understanding as presented.

**Draft response to State Highway Administration (SHA) regarding Chesapeake City Route 213 speed limit concern**

County Administrator Wein introduced the draft letter to SHA regarding the speed limit concern on Route 213 expressed by officials from the Town of Chesapeake City.

The Board concurred unanimously to authorize the letter as presented.

### **Indian Acres informational briefing**

Planning and Zoning Director Sennstrom briefed the Board relative to the status of the Indian Acres initiative.

Counsel Wilson advised the Board that he would follow up on the court cases filed by the County relative to Indian Acres.

### **Farm Museum property update**

Public Works Development Services Chief Whittie briefed the Board relative to the mitigation proposal for the wetlands violation on the property submitted by the Farm Museum officials. Farm Museum officials have decided to remove the road and restore the property, which would require new plans. County officials have contacted the Maryland Department of the Environment and the Corp of Engineers to discuss the new proposal. Public Works staff will monitor and inspect the project. He advised the Board that Farm Museum officials would like to discontinue leasing the property.

Discussion ensued regarding the status of the property relative to boundary lines, encroachment issues, and the lease agreement with the Farm Museum.

The Board concurred unanimously to authorize Public Works Director Flanigan and staff to monitor the progress of the Farm Museum mitigation project, and identify the boundary lines, encroachment issues and eligible uses for the property.

### **Draft bid 11-43-Guiderail installation and repair**

Public Works Director Flanigan reviewed the draft bid.

The Board concurred unanimously to authorize Public Works staff to proceed with advertising Bid 11-43 as presented.

### **Charter transition team "legal support"**

County Administrator Wein briefed the Board relative to a proposal submitted by Counsel Victor Tervalo to provide legal support for the Charter transition team not to exceed \$2,500.00.

Discussion ensued regarding a request from Commissioner Broomell to postpone the decision to enter into a contract with Victor Tervalo until the Charter Transition team makes a determination of the need for his services.

The Board concurred to authorize County Administrator Wein accept the proposal for legal services submitted by Counsel Victor Tervalo for the Charter Transition team.

### **Legislative report**

Commissioner Moore stated that the last session of the General Assembly ended at midnight last night. She will provide the Board an update on legislation at the next worksession meeting and advised the Board that the County's proposed legislation was passed by the General Assembly.

### **Review of agenda for local impact grant multi-year plan public hearing**

County Administrator Wein reviewed the agenda for the local impact grant multi-year plan public hearing.

The Board concurred unanimously to provide each person five minutes for public comment, and to discuss the recommendations from the Local Development Council and suggestions from the public at the next meeting.

### **Commissioner items**

Commissioner Dunn reviewed meetings and events he attended during the week.

Commissioner Broomell reviewed meetings and event she attended during the week.

Commissioner Moore reviewed meetings and events she attended during the week

Commissioner Hodge had no comments.

President Mullin reviewed the meetings and events he attended during the week. He stated that in his opinion, the language in the zoning ordinance pertaining to the requirement that properties adjoining a filing station should be served by public water and sewer should not be removed from the ordinance due to public health and safety issues.

In response to a question, Counsel Wilson advised the Board that the proposed RFP for animal control meets the county standard.

### **Hazardous Waste Day**

Director Flanigan updated the Board on the success of the Household Hazardous Waste Day.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

**10:00 a.m.**

Pursuant to Maryland Annotated Code-State Government 10-508 (a) (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one for more specific individuals; (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 motion made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Broomell, the Board unanimously voted to convene in closed session.

### **ADJOURNMENT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**12:00 p.m. On motion made Commissioner Hodge, seconded by Commissioner Broomell, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn from closed session and re-convene in open session.**

### **OPEN SESSION**

**12:00 p.m.**

## **Health Care Plan Recommendations**

**President Mullin reviewed the recommendation to reconsider the previous decision made to by the Board to make changes to the health care plan for County employees.**

**On motion made by Commissioner Broomell, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board moved to consider rescinding the previous decision relative to the changes to the employee health care plan. Mullin - Y, Broomell - Y, Moore - Y, Dunn - Y, Hodge - Y. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **Workforce Housing Project in Chesapeake City**

**County Administrator Wein reviewed a letter of support from the Town of Chesapeake City relative to a proposed workforce housing project within the town limits.**

**The Board reviewed a draft letter of support for the proposed project requested by the project developer, which includes a waiver of building permit fees from the County as a match for grant funding and is contingent upon project approval by the town.**

**Discussion ensued regarding the location and design of the proposed project within the town limits.**

**The Board concurred unanimously to authorize the letter of support for the workforce housing project in Chesapeake City as presented.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**12:10 p.m. - The worksession meeting was adjourned.**

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