

**Board of County Commissioners
Worksession Minutes
April 5, 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; Senior Services Acting Director Bob DeMott and staff; Human Resources Director Donna Nichols; Emergency Services Director Richard Brooks; 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.

OPEN SESSION

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

214 North Street (former Senior Services building-Buckworth Center) update

Realtor Harlan Williams updated the Board on the marketing strategy for the sale of the building and potential investors.

Discussion ensued regarding the commercial market, appraisal and asking price for the property, the condition of the main and adjoining building, potential cost of converting to office space, and potential marketing strategies.

Discussion ensued regarding scheduling a tour of the building for the new Board members.

Bridge walk - Route 40 Hatem Bridge event progress briefing

Economic Development Director Thompson, Tourism Coordinator Sandy Turner and Emergency Services Director Brooks provided the Board an update on discussions with officials from Harford County, the Town of Perryville and the Town of Havre de Grace for the Route 40 Hatem Bridge walk event.

Tourism Coordinator Turner briefed the Board relative to costs associated with this event for public safety, security issues, first aid assistance, and shuttle bus service. This event would not be sponsored by the County and the coordinators are seeking event sponsors. She briefed the Board on plans for the Marines helping Marines and Tourism Month events.

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation letter of support to Public Service Commission

County Administrator Wein and Economic Development Director Thompson updated the Board on the process for obtaining a natural gas franchise and a request for a letter of support for the proposed franchise from the Board. The franchise agreement would provide service to the Route 40 growth corridor.

On motion made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Hodge, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the letter of support requested by the Chesapeake Utilities Corporation.

Town of North East request for a waiver of Chapter 239, Section 4 of the County Code so they can solicit both combined and separate bids for trash and recycling pickup

Public Works Director Flanigan briefed the Board relative to the request from the Town of Chesapeake City. He stated that Public Works staff recommends approval of the waiver.

Counsel Wilson advised the Board that the County Code would need to be revised to permit the Public Works Department staff to approve the waiver.

The Board concurred to approve the waiver request submitted by the Town of North East as presented.

Health Advisory Committee recommended changes to Health plan

Human Resources Director Nichols updated the Board relative to following the process used by the Board of Education for initiating and coordinating the spousal provision change to the health plan.

On motion by Commissioner Hodge, seconded by Commissioner Dunn, the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommended changes to the health plan as provided by the Health Advisory Committee.

Senior Services and Community Transit Feasibility Study on Vehicle Maintenance Facility Grant agreement

Acting Senior Services Director Bob Dermott and Transportation Supervisor Leslie Gorak briefed the Board on the grant agreement, which has been incorporated in the FY 2012 Senior Services budget.

Discussion ensued regarding increasing the scope of the study to include all county fleet vehicles relative to vehicle maintenance at this facility.

The Board concurred to take no action at this time pending a decision on expanding the feasibility study.

Request from Town of Chesapeake City for assistance relating to lowering of speed limit on certain segments of Maryland Route 213

County Administrator Wein reviewed the request from the Town of Chesapeake City to reduce the speed limit on sections of Route 213.

Director Flanigan advised the Board that Route 213 is a State highway. He recommended that the County send a request to the State Highway Administration to perform a traffic study relative to the Town of Chesapeake City's request to reduce the speed limit.

The Board concurred to authorize staff to draft a letter to the State Highway Administration on behalf of the Town of Chesapeake City for their review.

Local Development Council recommendations on County local impact grant multi-year plan Economic Development Director Thompson updated the Board on the summary of recommendations from the Local Development Council regarding the local impact grant multi-year plan presented by the County.

Discussion ensued regarding the recommendations from the Local Development Council. There is a public hearing scheduled on the County's multi-year plan on April 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elk room of the County Administration building. The County's multi-year plan will be published on the County website.

Penn National reimbursement – The Board concurred to authorize County officials to proceed with discussing the reimbursement proposal with Penn National Gaming officials.

Draft bid #11-34 - Replacement of Jackson Station Road Culverts

Public Works Director Flanigan reviewed the scope of the draft bid for the Board.

The Board concurred to authorize Public Works staff to proceed with publishing the bid as presented.

Evening meeting agenda review

County Administrator Wein reviewed the items on the evening meeting agenda.

Discussion ensued regarding staff enforcement of Ordinance 2011-06 relative to current models used in other jurisdictions and within the County.

Discussion ensued regarding the Comprehensive rezoning request decisions, specifically the request from York Building Products.

Public Works Director Flanigan reviewed the Public Works action items on the agenda.

Discussion ensued regarding the bid award for RFP 11-12 - Demolition of a mobile home in the Lakeside community.

Budget Manager Whiteford reviewed the proposed budget amendments.

Legislative report

Commissioner Moore provided the Board an update on Cecil County legislation, which was approved through the State legislature.

Commissioner items

Commissioner Dunn commented on meetings and events he attended during the week.

Commissioner Broomell commented on meetings and events she attended during the week.

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

Commissioner Hodge requested an update on the status of Indian Acres from Director Sennstrom for the next worksession meeting.

Commissioner Mullin commented on meetings and events he attended during the week. He advised the public that the fire sprinkler demonstration would be provided at 5:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the County Administration building.

ADJOURNMENT

11:10 a.m. – The worksession meeting was adjourned.

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