

**Board of County Commissioners  
Worksession Minutes  
November 1, 2011**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Mullin, Moore, Dunn, Broomell and Hodge; County Administrator Al Wein; Public Works Director Scott Flanigan; Planning and Zoning Director Eric Sennstrom; Human Resources Director Donna Nichols; Budget Manager Craig Whiteford; Purchasing Agent David Pyle; Executive Office Administrator Vicky Rinkerman; Counsel Norman Wilson; Treasurer Bill Feehley; 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.

**Bainbridge Development Corporation Update** – BDC Chair Nelson Bolender and Executive Director Tapley provided the Board an update on assistance provided by Congressman Ben Cardin to establish a collaborative workgroup of federal and state officials to assist with the environmental remediation of the Bainbridge property with the United States Navy. She advised the Board of the development obstacles facing the BDC with negotiating and remediating the environmental issues.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- . Brownfields Program;
- . Financial assistance for BDC regulatory mandates; and
- . Support for the BDC initiative

County Administrator Wein advised the Board that they would be considering four appointments to the BDC.

**Approval of Minutes**

- . October 25, 2011 Worksession Meeting

On motion made by Commissioner Broomell, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Evening Meeting Agenda Review** – County Administrator Wein reviewed items on the evening meeting agenda.

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

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

**Requests for Real Estate Tax Waiver for Unsold Homes** – Treasurer Feehley reviewed the request for a real estate tax waiver for unsold homes submitted by Larson Homes with a recommendation to deny the request.

The Board concurred with the recommendation from Treasurer Feehley to deny the real estate tax waiver request from Larson Homes.

**Watershed Implementation Plan Input Deck and Narrative** – Director Flanigan provided the Board an overview of the draft Watershed Implementation Plan Input Deck and Narrative, which is due to the state by November 19, 2011. There will be an opportunity for the public to comment on the draft WIP at the evening Commissioners meeting. He advised the Board that there would be additional opportunities for revisions to the plan.

The Maryland Assessment Scenario Tool (MAST) was provided by the state as a program model to be used to determine WIP TMDL loads; however, it does not provide a cost estimate for the scenarios.

Public Works Development Services Chief Whittie and Rob Peoples, WIP Project Manager reviewed the draft WIP and explained how the scenarios were determined.

Discussion ensued regarding the goal and costs of the plan. Board members provided their comments relative to the draft WIP plan.

**Ethics Ordinance Discussion** – County Administrator Wein advised the Board that Commissioner Broomell asked that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion. The new ordinance calls for an expansion of the Commission from three to five members. Additionally, the term of two of the current members has expired.

Commissioner Broomell reviewed the recommendation from Ethics Committee Chair Burns relative to removing individuals who have not filed their ethics form from their respective board or committee.

Board members provided their comments relative to the recommendation from Chair Burns.

Commissioner Broomell made a motion to remove individuals who have not filed their ethics form from their respective board or committee as recommended by Chair Burns.

Commissioner Broomell withdrew her motion.

President Mullin advised the Board that a discussion would be scheduled for an afternoon meeting of the Board. He requested Commissioner Broomell forward her concerns with the Ethics ordinance and the list of names of those who have not filed their ethics form to the other Board members.

**Request to fill position** – Director Nichols advised the Board that the Sheriff's Office has submitted a request to fill a budgeted Deputy position.

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

### **Commissioner Items**

Commissioner Dunn requested and Director Flanigan provided an update on the Appleton Road Bridge project.

Commissioner Broomell commented on the VLT reception at the Port Deposit VFW, West Cecil Health Center groundbreaking ceremony, Hill Top Farm anniversary celebration, Marine Corp marathon, and a drug awareness workshop. She requested and Principal Planner Tony DiGiacomo provided an overview of the economic impact of the toll increase on Cecil County businesses and residents. Board members provided their comments relative to the toll increases.

Commissioner Moore commented on representing the county at the LGIT Board of Directors and the MACo Board of Directors meeting, update on sister city relationship with Indonesia, meeting of rural counties on the proposed state planning initiatives, and the United Way campaign.

Commissioner Hodge commented on an interactive community forum for substance abuse treatment scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elk room of the County Administration Building and a PlanMaryland panel discussion held by the Carol County Commissioners.

Commissioner Mullin commented on information provided by Senator Pipkin regarding the proposed state planning initiatives and the NAACP annual banquet.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**11:12 AM** - On motion made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Broomell, the Board moved and voted unanimously to adjourn the worksession meeting.

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