

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY**  
**WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**December 13, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Council Members: Bob Meffley, Joyce Bowsbey, Dan Schneckenburger, George Patchell and Jackie Gregory; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant; Patrick Conway, Director of Permits and Inspections; members of the press; and members of the public.

**OPEN SESSION – Elk Room**

**9:00 a.m.** –Council President Bowsbey called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and determined a quorum.

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

**December 6, 2016**

**9:55 A.M.**

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory, the Council moved to convene in closed session pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, 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 or more specific individuals.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley - Y, Bowsbey - Y, Schneckenburger - Y, Patchell - Y, Gregory - Y.  
The motion was carried by a vote of 5 to 0.

Present: Council Members: President Bowsbey, Vice President Schneckenburger, Councilman Patchell; Councilman Meffley and Councilwoman Gregory.

The Council approved an adjustment to the Council Manager's compensation.

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory, the Council moved to conclude the closed session at 10:15 a.m. The motion was carried by a vote of 5 to 0.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy - Y, Bowsbey-Y, Schneckenburger - Y, Patchell - Y and Hodge - Y.

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of December 6, 2016, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council closed session of December 6, 2016, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

**Recognition: John R. Heldmyer, III**

The Council presented a certificate of recognition to John R. Heldmyer, III, in recognition of his fast response to a gas stove explosion during a routine inspection. Mr. Conway read a letter from the homeowners who thanked Mr. Heldmyer for his valiant efforts.

**Eastern Shore Intergovernmental Affairs Representative**

Bunky Luffman introduced himself as the Eastern Shore Representative of the Intergovernmental Affairs Office. He stated that he serves as a liaison from the Governor's Office to assist counties and municipalities with State departments and agencies. Council questions and comments ensued.

**New Tourism Office**

Sandy Turner, Tourism Director, discussed the recent opening of the new Tourism Office on Main Street in Elkton. She acknowledged the Elkton Alliance and Eric Schwab, building owner, for their partnership for the new location. She commented on the State signage program and new rack cards to direct tourists to the new location. Ms. Turner offered the space to others for use as a reception location. Council questions and comments ensued.

**Upper Shore Regional Council - Letter of Support**

Council President Bowsbey led discussion of a request from the Upper Shore Regional Council to provide a letter of support for a grant application to fund a regional Harvest Directory, which will include two Delaware counties. The Council reviewed a draft letter of support. Council President Bowsbey stated that she will work with Joanne Young to ensure that Cecil County businesses are included.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, to approve of the letter of support for the grant application. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Council Manager Report**

Mr. Massey reviewed the calendar of upcoming events, an updated list of Council appointments. He commented on the open house at Hebron's Gift, Bainbridge Development Corporation audit, and the State's public opinion survey on prescription opioids and heroin. He also stated that the grant application for Fair Hill to become a CCI4 event location

**Council Member Comments**

Councilman Patchell and Councilwoman Gregory had no comments.

Councilman Meffley attended the Watershed Academy graduation, MACo winter conference, Elkton Chamber of Commerce, Cecil County Board of Education meeting, Local Business Initiative Committee. He commented on a program at the Vo-Tech Center where students build a house annually, which is sold and funds used to purchase additional tools and materials.

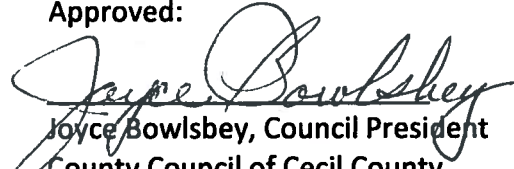
Vice President Schneckenburger attended the MACo winter conference and a community meeting at Aberdeen Proving Ground and commented on plans for the base's centennial celebration. He plans to attend the Wreaths Across America, which was started by students at the Tome School. He toured construction projects with Chris Moyer, Director of Economic Development, and other officials.

President Bowsbey attended the MACo winter conference, Tourism Office open house, Milburn Theater's performance of Cats, and Local Management Board. She commented on the Early Childhood Advisory Board's programs, including the Parents Cafe and Raising a Reader. She also asked Council Members to review the updated Council boards and committee appointment lists for any revisions.

**Adjournment**

Vice President Schneckenburger made a motion, seconded by Councilman Meffley to adjourn the meeting. Council President Bowsbey adjourned the work session at 9:34 a.m.

Approved:

  
Joyce Bowsbey, Council President  
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:

  
James Massey  
Council Manager