

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
May 9, 2017

PRESENT: Council Members: President Joyce Bowsbey, Vice President Dan Schneckenburger, Bob Meffley, George Patchell and Jackie Gregory; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant; Al Wein, Director of Administration; Winston Robinson, Finance Director; Rebecca Anderson, Budget Manager; members of the press; and members of the public.
Guest: Fred VonStaden, Environmental Health Manager, Health Department.

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.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of May 2, 2017, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Health Department Percolation Testing

Fred VonStaden, Environmental Health Manager at Cecil County Health Department, made a presentation about the effects of the dry winter on this year's wet season testing. He explained that the State required the Health Department to test soils associated with potentially seasonal high water tables. This testing is usually conducted during February to April on four monitoring wells. Monitoring wells have been dry. The Health Department accepted testing applications without fees and put applicants on a waiting list. They have determined that no wet season testing can be done this year. The Health Department reviewed 112 applications and determined if there were options other than waiting until next year. Mr. VonStaden also provided a graph of the monitoring well's readings. He discussed the process of approving permits and his goals to process 75% of applications within two weeks. Council questions and comments ensued.

3rd Quarter Budget Projections

FY 2017 Third Quarter Projections

Mr. Robinson and Ms. Anderson presented the FY 2017 third quarter projection.

Mr. Robinson stated that the third quarter projection finds the county's general fund expecting a deficit of \$3,384,779, which is \$527,725 better than the revised budget deficit of \$3,912,504. He stated that the projected net of all revenue streams is \$652,450 less than budgeted. Revenues compared to the same period last year are up \$1,324,798. He also stated that projected expenditures are expected to approach but not equal the budget. A total of \$1,180,175 less than budget is projected to be spent. Expenditures increased by \$6,341,347 compared to FY 2016.

The Landfill Fund is projecting an increase of \$214,795 in operating revenue compared to budget and \$536,194 lower in expenditures. The Landfill Fund year to date operating revenues are up \$293,104 compared to last year and operating expenditures are down \$243,726.

The Wastewater Fund is projected to have minor changes to net operating gain/loss now standing at (\$24,968). The Wastewater Fund year to date operating revenues are down \$359,647 compared to last year while operating expenditures are up \$326,112.

Council questions and comments ensued.

Council Manager Report

Mr. Massey updated Council Members about upcoming meetings and events. He also reported on County Executive McCarthy's op ed in the Baltimore Sun regarding Cecil County's land use tier map and the Clean Chesapeake Coalition monitoring of Conowingo Dam.

Council Member Comments

Councilman Patchell and Councilwoman Gregory had no comments.

Councilman Meffley attended the National Day of Prayer in Chesapeake City, St. Mary Anne's Episcopal Church Garden Market, and Maryland Rural Development Corporation board meeting. He also commented on his participation in career day at Chesapeake City Elementary School.

Vice President Schneckenburger attended the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebration. He will meet with the Glen Farms Homeowners Association. He will be attending the groundbreaking for HELP Veterans Village, the Singerly Fire Company Awards Banquet, and the Republican Lincoln Day Dinner.

Council President Bowsbey attended the Human Services Agency, formerly the Local Management Board meeting. She will be attending the Singerly Fire Company Awards Banquet and the County Employee Recognition Luncheon.

CLOSED SESSION

10:02 A.M.

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to convene in closed session pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, §3-305 (a) (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

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

OPEN SESSION

10:31 A.M.

The open session resumed at 10:31 a.m.

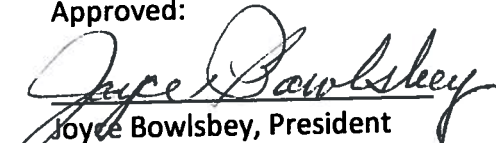
Adjournment

On a motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the work session was adjourned by Council President Bowsbey at 10:32 a.m.

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Joyce Bowsbey, President
County Council of Cecil County

