

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
September 5, 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; Jason Allison, County Attorney; Winston Robinson, Finance Director; members of the press; and members of the public.

Guests: John Ness, Chief Executive Officer, West Cecil Health Center

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 Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of August 15, 2017, as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

West Cecil Health Center

John Ness from West Cecil Health Center introduced himself as the new chief executive officer and provided an overview of the community health center. He reviewed the center's services that are offered at three locations including Conowingo, Havre de Grace and Perryville. He explained that as a community health center, services are provided on a sliding fee scale for the public. Dentistry is offered at the Perryville and Conowingo locations.

Mandatory Sewer Hookups

Vice President Schneckenburger distributed a draft letter to the County Executive asking that mandatory connections to county sewer system be rescinded and that the administration should clarify where the public infrastructure will be implemented. The Council agreed to discuss the letter at the following Council work session.

Review of Legislative Agenda

Council President Bowsbey led a review of tonight's legislative agenda.

A public hearing for Bill No. 2017-16 General Obligation Bond Authorization, is scheduled for tonight's legislative session. Mr. Wein provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Mr. Wein provided introductory comments on Bill No. 2017-17 Budget Appropriation and Budget Transfer - Board of Education Capital Project - Gilpin Manor Elementary School Replacement Project, which will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Mr. Massey provided introductory comments on Bill No. 2017-18 County Council - Procurement - Exemption - Publication of Notices and Codification of Law, which will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Mr. Wein provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 40-2017 Appointments-Commission on Aging, which will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Mr. Wein provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 41-2017 Budget Amendment - Casino Local Impact Fund Budget - VLT Local Community Grant Funds, which will be introduced at tonight's session. Council questions and comments ensued.

Mr. Massey provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 42-2017 Amendment - Policy and Procedures of Cecil County Council - Legal Opinions, which will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Mr. Massey provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 43-2017 Amendment - Policy and Procedures of Cecil County Council - Request for Return, which will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Mr. Massey provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 44-2017 Amendment - Policy and Procedures of Cecil County Council - Final Reading of Bills, which will be introduced at tonight's session. Council questions and comments ensued.

Mr. Wein provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 45-2017 Transfer of Real Property - Town of Rising Sun - Rails to Trails, which will be introduced at tonight's session. Council questions and comments ensued.

Mr. Allison provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 46-2017 Approval - Abandonment and Sale - Hayes Lane, which will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 39-2017 Appointment - Board of Library Trustees - Phyllis Kilby, will be considered for approval at tonight's legislative session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2017-14 Budget Transfer - Capital Budget - Board of Education - Rising Sun Elementary School - Boiler Project, will be considered for final approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2017-15 Budget Transfer - Capital Budget - Board of Education - North East High School - Girls Locker Room, will be considered for final approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #43 will be considered for approval at tonight's session.

Council Manager Report

Mr. Massey updated Council Members about upcoming meetings and events. He suggested that the Council may wish to send a letter of opposition on HR 3043 Hydropower Policy Modernization Act of 2017. After discussion, the Council agreed to send a letter opposing this legislation to our congressional representatives.

Vice President Schneckenburger asked about a meeting on September 6 that was being held by Gary Kelman from MDE. Mr. Massey stated that he would get more information about it and let the Council know.

Council Member Comments

Councilman Patchell commented on the memorandum of understanding between the Cecil County Public Schools and the Cecil County Department of Parks and Recreation. He also commented about the turf field being installed at Perryville High School.

Councilman Meffley commented on attending MACo and its benefits to elected officials. He also attended a meeting of the Sassafras Riverkeepers and Friends of the Bohemia River, and commented that the water quality has not changed since the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund was instituted.

Councilwoman Gregory commented on the valuable opportunity to attend the MACo conference and the variety of programs of interest to Cecil County. She also commented on the Governor's Summit on Opioid Addiction that she attended during the conference.

Vice President Schneckenburger will be attending the Economic Development Commission and commented on the hiring opportunities for over one thousand new jobs, which have been created by the new business openings. He commented on the CAFOs meeting to be held by MDE on Wednesday, September 6. He also will be attending the 9-11 Tribute in Chesapeake City.

Council President Bowsbey commented on the value of attending the MACo conference and the useful information gathered. She will be attending the College Foundation' Little Black Dress event and Cecilton Lions Club Night at the Races event.

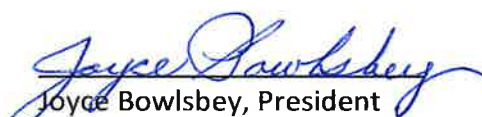
Adjournment

On a motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Vice President Schneckenburger, the work session was adjourned by Council President Bowsbey at 9:45 a.m.

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Joyce Bowsbey, President
County Council of Cecil County