

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES  
LSD 2018-04  
February 20, 2018**

The County Council of Cecil County met in legislative session at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elk Room, Elkton, MD. The following members of the Council were present:

Joyce Bowsbey, Council President  
Dan Schneckenburger, Vice President  
Bob Meffley, Council Member  
George Patchell, Council Member  
Jackie Gregory, Council Member

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County of February 20, 2018 was called to order by Council President Bowsbey at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OPENING PRAYER**

Vice President Schneckenburger introduced Rev. Brian Dempsey from the First Baptist Church in Perryville who led the opening prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, moved to approve the legislative agenda of February 20, 2018. Motion was carried unanimously.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Vice President Schneckenburger introduced General Randy Taylor, commander of the Aberdeen Proving Ground. General Taylor discussed the impact of Aberdeen Proving Ground on Cecil County and the partnerships that have developed. He provided an overview of APG and the six commands. He stated that APG is the sixth largest employer in Maryland and the largest employer in Cecil County. He invited Council Members to attend the APG Community Leaders Social that will focus on additive manufacturing in northeast Maryland. The Council presented a proclamation in recognition of General Taylor's leadership and outreach to Cecil County communities.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Vice President Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve the minutes of February 6, 2018. Motion was carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Frances Bowmen, Perryville, commented on the Council discussion of the public schools budget amendment and school safety.

**PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Patchell commented on the Parks and Recreation Department proposal to establish a nonprofit organization for volunteers to raise funds for their special projects and encouraged the public to participate.

Councilman Meffley attended the Southern Picnic fundraiser for the Cecil County Public Library, Young Farmers legislative breakfast, and Sheriff’s Intel meeting. He also addressed a Cub Scout Den at Elkton United Methodist Church. He attended the Upper Shore Regional Council meeting and commented on the new director, Susan O’Neill and possible grants to Cecil County.

Councilwoman Gregory thanked General Taylor for his presentation and his efforts to building relationships with Cecil County. She attended the Young Farmers legislative breakfast and commented on the agricultural related legislation that was discussed. She commented that the Council approves the overall allocation to Cecil County Public Schools, but does not determine how the public school system spends their budget. She stated that it is the Council’s role to ask questions about the school budget amendment and the school system’s security.

Vice President Schneckenburger commented on the amount of pollution coming through Conowingo Dam. He thanked General Taylor for his presentation and stated that he will be attending the APG Community Leaders Social. He also attended the Fireman’s Association meeting where Richard Brooks, Emergency Operations Director, stated that the new radio communication system will cost \$15M-\$18M.

Council President Bowsbey stated that the Caregivers Conference will be held on April 10, 2018 at Singlerly Fire House. She also stated that a new county program, 55+ Volunteer Leadership Program, is being introduced to recruit and train leaders who can then organize efforts to address county challenges.

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 07-2018 Appointment - Board of Library Trustees - Phyllis Kilby**

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of Phyllis Kilby to the Cecil County Board of Library Trustees, to a five year term to expire on March 6, 2023.

There were no questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on February 20, 2018 and scheduled for consideration on March 6, 2018.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 08-2018 Appointment—Planning Commission – Donald C. Harmer, Jr.**

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Donald C. Harmer, Jr. to the Planning Commission; term to expire March 6, 2021.

There were no comments or questions.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on February 20, 2018 and scheduled for consideration on March 6, 2018.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 09-2018 Budget Amendment – Board of Education – Bohemia Manor High School**

A resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 in order to remove \$260,000 of expenditure appropriation authority within the General Fund's operating budget for the Board of Education, which was originally appropriated for the Bohemia Manor High School Variable Air Volume Units.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on February 20, 2018 and scheduled for consideration on March 6, 2018.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 04-2018 Appointment—Weed Control Advisory Committee**

A Resolution to confirm the reappointments by the County Executive of Monty Johnson, Anthony Calao, William Ewing, Dave Hollenbaugh, Charles Robinson, Mike Scheeler, Dan Webber and Lane Heimer to the Cecil County Weed Control Advisory Committee for a one (1) year term, to expire March 15, 2019.

There were no Council questions or comments.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on February 6, 2018.

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 04-2018.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Schneckenburger-Y, Bowsbey-Y.  
Motion was carried unanimously.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 05-2018 Reappointment—Board of Parks and Recreation—Donald C. Harmer, Jr.**

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of Donald C. Harmer, Jr. to the Board of Parks and Recreation for a three (3) year term to expire February 20, 2021.

There were no Council questions or comments.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on February 6, 2018.

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Vice President Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 05-2018.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Schneckenburger-Y, Bowsbey-Y.  
Motion was carried unanimously.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 06-2018 Budget Amendment – Roads Maintenance – Snow Removal**

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 in order to provide the Roads Maintenance Department’s budget within the General Fund expenditure appropriation authority to authorize \$400,000 to be expended for County snow removal.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on February 6, 2018.

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 06-2018.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Schneckenburger-Y, Bowsbey-Y.  
Motion was carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment #47**

Vice President Schneckenburger made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Meffley, to approve Budget Amendment #47 in the amount of \$240,243 for December 2017.

The motion was approved by a voice vote unanimously.


**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, Council President Bowsbey adjourned the meeting at 7:62 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Attest:

  
James Massey  
Council Manager

Approved:   
Joyce Bowsbey  
Council President