

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
July 10, 2018**

PRESENT: Council Members: President Bowsbey, Vice President Dan Schneckenburger, Bob Meffley, George Patchell and Jackie Gregory; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant, 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.

CLOSED SESSION

June 19, 2018

10:05 A.M.

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to go into Closed Session, pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, Section 10-508(a)(8) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

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

Present: Council Members: President Bowsbey, Vice President Schneckenburger, Councilman Meffley, Councilman Patchell; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant; Jason Allison, County Attorney; Scott Flanigan, Public Works Director; Van Funk, Stormwater Management Division Chief; Marshall McSorley, Stormwater Management Division Planner II; and Alan McCarthy, County Executive.

Mr. Allison updated the Council on pending litigation.

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to conclude the closed session at 10:38 a.m.

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 June 19, 2018, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

On a motion made by Councilman Meffley, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council closed session of June 19, 2018, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Cecil County Fair

April Barczewski, 4-H agent, and Mark Barczewski, board member, Cecil County Fair, provided an overview of plans for the Cecil County Fair. Mr. Barczewski explained that this 10-day event attracts over 65,000, and is the largest event in Cecil County and the eastern shore.

Ms. Barczewski stated that the purpose of the fair is to promote agriculture in the community. She described daily themes during the fair. She oversees the junior farm board that involves children in preparation and support of fair activities. She invited Council Members to participate in the Cecil Celebrities Barnyard Event- Political Showdown, which will be held on Wednesday, July 25 at 6:30pm at the Stafford Pavilion.

Ms. Barczewski stated that 440 youths have registered to participate in the fair this year out of twenty-two 4-H clubs. She describes some new fair events and recognized many partnerships that support this event.

Plumpton Park Zoo

Cheryl and Nick Lacovera, owners of the Plumpton Park Zoo, provided an overview of the park's operations. Ms. Lacovera stated that the zoo has many volunteers who contribute their time and efforts to help with park upkeep. She stated that the park has grown from two to twenty employees and have over 80,000 attendance annually. She stated that the zoo focuses on educating children and promoting animal conservation. She said that they have over one hundred volunteers, including interns from University of Delaware.

Mr. Lacovera focused his presentation about the zoo's future. Current legislative proposals may cause the park to close unless it becomes accredited. The Plumpton Park Zoo needs to establish an animal clinic and more natural animal enclosures. He stated that the zoo's economic impact on the county is for every \$1 spent, the County receives \$7 to \$15 back. The zoo is currently participating in an African wildlife conservation program. Mr. Lacovera would like to have an assessment of the park to determine what must be done to be accredited.

Council questions and comments ensued. Council Members suggested that the zoo approach the Maryland Department of Commerce for possible funding. Sharon Glass, a volunteer coordinator for special projects also commented on the special programs held at the zoo.

The Council voiced their support for the Plumpton Park Zoo and offered assistance in promoting the zoo and additional funding.

Helping the Hungry

Steve Jennings, co-owner of Brookbind Interiors, introduced co-owner John Palmer and Nancy Yerkus, store manager. Mr. Jennings stated that he became interested in helping the children from Elkton Middle School. He stated that Elkton Middle School has the highest number of children on school lunch assistance. He said that the school provides breakfast, lunch and dinner to 80% of the children. During the summer, there are no programs to continue this assistance. He stated that Brookbind Interiors is committed to providing nutritious food to Elkton Middle School children from

June 30 to August 31, 2018. He stated that only food identified as nutritious will be provided. Presently, he provides twenty-one families with food on a weekly basis. Food is delivered to the school every week, while some families pick up the bags of food. He said that his business is committed to the community and has received donations from businesses and individuals. He intends to partner with the school system in the fall to continue support of this program. Council questions and comments ensued.

MACo Summer Conference

Council Manager Massey provided highlights of conference programs, which focus on a theme of "Water, Water Everywhere".

Council Manager Report

Mr. Massey updated Council Members about upcoming meetings and events.

Council Member Comments

Councilman Patchell commented that it seemed awhile since the Council had met because of the election and holiday.

Councilman Meffley attended the Chamber of Commerce Gala at Chateau Bu-De and commented on the opportunity to network. He also attended the 5K Run/Walk in Chesapeake City. He attended the Veterans Celebration in North East, which was eventually cancelled because of rain. He commented on his visit to the Decoy Museum in North East. He commented that the Little League team, 11 year olds in District 5, will be playing in the District Championship. Mr. Meffley stated that he met with Clyde Van Dyke and County Executive McCarthy about plans for Brantwood Park. He stated that the County will be applying for grant funds for designing and engineering of the park. He expressed his hope that the park will be open as soon as possible and that the County Executive was working to open the park. He commented on receiving complaints about abandoned houses and road repair. He thanked the voters who turned out for the Primary Election. He thanked the Coast Guard Auxiliary for their great job on July 4 on the water. He also attended this morning's breakfast with Congressman Harris with Vice President Schneckenburger and Councilwoman Gregory.

Councilwoman Gregory wished that everyone enjoyed their holiday. She attended the breakfast with Congressman Harris and commented on his remarks. She stated that he said that the problem of opioid addiction cannot be solved by the federal government; the local community can use federal funding but they must solve their own problems.

Vice President Schneckenburger congratulated George Patchell and Al Miller on their primary win and wished them success. He attended the Veterans Salute in North East, which was eventually rained out. He will be attending the MACo Legislative Committee meeting tomorrow. He will also be attending the graduation for the Correctional Facilities Academy.

Council President Bowsbey will be attending the graduation of the Correctional Facilities Academy. She attended the Local Management Board meeting and commented on the Care Team program. She also attended the retirement banquet for Dr. Devine.

Adjournment

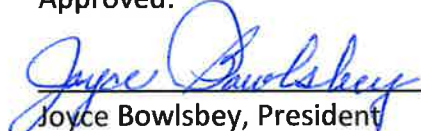
On a motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the work session was adjourned by Council President Bowsbey at 10:18 am.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 9 am.

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Joyce Bowsbey, President