

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
August 7, 2018**

PRESENT: Council Members: President Bowsbey, Vice President 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.

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 July 24, 2018, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Upper Bay Counseling and Support Services

Suanne Blumberg, Executive Director, Upper Bay Counseling and Support Services, provided an overview of her agency's services. UBCSS is a non-profit provider of behavior and mental health services in Harford and Cecil Counties. She stated that her staff includes psychiatrists, psychologists, licensed social workers, licensed professional counselors, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurses. She stated that there is a cost to behavior health issues on the economy. She explained that when workers are sad, they are absent and there is a loss of productivity. She said there is a greater concern for "presenteeism", where they cannot function at their workplace.

Ms. Blumberg highlighted two new programs provided by UBCSS. She stated that a new substance abuse disorder intensive outpatient program was instituted with Union Hospital to provide integration of services. This service will begin in September and will be the first in the state and is supported by federal funding.

Ms. Blumberg introduced Deb Parker, Division Director of Adult Rehabilitation Services, who described the other new program, Mobil Treatment Teams. Ms. Parker stated that this program serves the most vulnerable patients for mental health or substance abuse. She stated that these patients typically have significant psychologic histories.

Ms. Blumberg introduced Rob Evans, Director of Childrens' Services, who described the school based programs including an Early Childhood Initiative. Council questions and comments ensued.

Veterans Village at Perry Point

John Clow, Assistant Chief of Social Work, Community Integration Services, at Perry Point Veterans Medical Center addressed the Council about the new Veterans Village at Perry Point. He described

their program to address homeless veterans, which included healthcare, transitional housing, and permanent housing. He stated that the new Veterans Village at Perry Point offers 75 units to veterans; including 65 single males and 10 families. He stated that the Department of Housing and Urban Development subsidizes 70% and the Veterans Administration pays 30%. A ribbon cutting for the VA Village will occur on August 23, 2018 at 1pm. Council questions and comments ensued. Mr. Clow stated that there is a veteran outreach program to help homeless veterans, which can be contacted by calling 410.637.3246.

Review of Legislative Agenda

Lisa Saxton, Finance Director, provided introductory comments on Bill No. 2018-14 Budget Transfer – Capital Budget – Board of Education – Various School Capital Projects, which will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Jason Allison, County Attorney, provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 30-2018 Appointment – Board of License Commissioners – Kristen A. Ortt, which will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Eric Sennstrom, Land Use and Development Services Director, provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 31-2018 Appointment – Planning Commission – B. Patrick Doordan, Jr. and Don Harmer, which will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Eric Sennstrom, Land Use and Development Services Director, provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 32-2018 Appointment – Board of Appeals – Charles E. Eckhart and Brandon D. Witt, which will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Lisa Saxton, Finance Director, provided introductory comments on Resolution No.33-2018 Supplemental Appropriation – Board of Education – School Security, which will be introduced at tonight's session. Council questions and comments ensued. Dr. Jeff Lawson, School Superintendent; Perry Willis, Executive Director of Support Services, and Tom Kappra, Chief Financial Officer, Cecil County Public Schools, responded to questions from the Council. Extensive discussion of the project and plans for security projects and the proposed field house at Perryville High School continued.

Lisa Saxton, Finance Director, provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 34-2018 Budget Transfer – Department of Public Works – Capital Projects Engineer, which will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Eric Sennstrom, Land Use and Development Services Director, provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 35-2018 Annexation – Town of Perryville – Principio Iron Company LP – Zoning Designation, which will be introduced at tonight's session. Councilman Meffley asked Mike Pugh to provide additional comments. Mr. Pugh stated that this parcel was declared a surplus property by MDTA and is surrounded by property within the Town of Perryville. He asked the Council to approve this resolution. There were no Council questions or comments.

Lisa Saxton, Finance Director, provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 36-2018 Supplemental Appropriation – Volunteer Fire Service – Vehicle Replacement Program, which will be introduced at tonight’s session. Council questions and comments ensued.

Lisa Saxton, Finance Director, provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 37-2018 Grant Application – Maryland Community Development Block Grant – Warwick Mushrooms, which will be introduced at tonight’s session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 27-2018 Appointment—Cecil County Ethics Commission-William De Freitas, will be considered for approval at tonight’s session. Jason Allison, County Attorney, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 29-2018 Appointment—Bainbridge Development Corporation – Steve Cassard, will be considered for approval at tonight’s session. Councilman Meffley asked Mike Pugh to provide additional comments. Mr. Pugh, chair of the board of directors of the Bainbridge Development Corporation, introduced Steve Cassard and provided comments on the organization and purpose of the BDC. He also stated that the board has made progress with the United States Navy in the redevelopment of the property. Mr. Cassard addressed the Council of his career and current status with the Maryland Economic Development Corporation. Council Members welcomed Mr. Cassard and wished him success with BDC.

Council Manager Report

Mr. Massey updated Council Members about upcoming meetings and events. He commented on the new audiovisual equipment in the Elk Room. He provided a schedule of MACo convention programs and announced that the Upper Shore Regional Council full membership will be meeting at the conference. He also stated that the County Executive will be providing articles on wastewater and the impact on the environment.

Council Member Comments

Councilman Patchell commented that he just returned from vacation but kept in contact with Councilman Meffley while he was away.

Councilman Meffley attended the Sheriff’s intel meeting and commented on overdose statistics. He also attended the Cecil County Fair and saluted the volunteers who persevered. He is working with the state and administration to clarify state regulations about carbon monoxide detector requirements in rental dwellings. He is working with the School of Technology and Farm Museum in solving the need for water and sewer at the museum property. He stated that Councilwoman Gregory and he toured Stewart Properties quarries recently. He stated that he was developing several proposals on the wastewater rate fees.

Councilwoman Gregory thanked the audience for attending. She commented about the tour of Stewart Properties quarries and the restoration and redevelopment of the sites. She congratulated Brad Carrilo on the opening of his Elkton River Brewing Company on Main Street in Elkton. She

attended with Councilman Schneckenburger the open house for the proposed interchange on I-95 at Belvidere Road, which was hosted by Maryland Transit Authority to receive public comments.

Vice President Schneckenburger commented on the Cecil County Fair and congratulated them for contending with the adverse weather during the week. He also commented about public concerns expressed for the opening of floodgates at Conowingo Dam and stated that complaints were expressed as far as Annapolis about the debris and sediments. He commented on his hope for the Governor's conference with other states on reducing pollution in the Susquehanna River. He also attended the open house for the proposed interchange on I-95 at Belvidere Road and commented on the positive feedback.

Council President Bowsbey made a special recognition to Lisa Saxton, Finance Director, for her birthday.

Adjournment

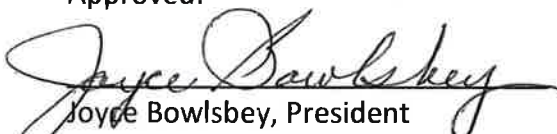
On a motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the work session was adjourned by Council President Bowsbey at 10:29 am.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 9 am.

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Joyce Bowsbey, President