

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES  
LSD 2018-15  
August 21, 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  
Absent: Jackie Gregory, Council Member

**NOTE:** The audio and video recording with transcription 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 August 21, 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. Charles Rossiter from Baldwin United Methodist Church who lead the opening prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion made by Councilman Meffley, seconded by Vice President Schneckenburger, moved to approve the legislative agenda of August 21, 2018. Motion was carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Bill No. 2018-06 Amendment – Zoning Ordinance – Private Schools – Industrial Zones**

An Act to amend the Cecil County Zoning Ordinance, Article V, Part IV, Section 88 Schools, Private in order to allow private schools in M1 and M2 zoning; and to amend the table of permissible uses to reflect this change.

The Bill was introduced on July 17, 2018, advertised on August 8, 2018 and August 15, 2018; and public hearing scheduled on August 21, 2018.

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Land Use and Development Services, provided comments on the legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Bowsbey opened the hearing for public comments:

Keith Wilson, representing Providence Christian Academy, commented in support of this legislation.

Council President Bowsbey concluded the public hearing Bill No. 2018-06 and announced that final consideration of this Bill will be held on September 4, 2018.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Bill No. 2018-07 Amendment – Zoning Ordinance – Solar Power Generating Facilities**

An Act to amend the Cecil County Zoning Ordinance, Article V, Part XII, Section 156, Power Generating Facilities in order to permit solar power generating facilities in Business General zones as a special exception under certain conditions.

The Bill was introduced on July 17, 2018, advertised on August 8, 2018 and August 15, 2018; and public hearing scheduled on August 21, 2018.

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Land Use and Development Services, provided comments on the legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Bowsbey opened the hearing for public comments:

Dwight Thomey, representing North East Developers, LLC, commented in support of this legislation.

Council President Bowsbey concluded the public hearing on Bill No. 2018-07 and announced that final consideration of this Bill will be held on September 4, 2018.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Bill No. 2018-08 Approval - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Robert and Roberta Durgin**

A Bill to approve the application of Robert and Roberta Durgin for the property of 255 Wilson Road (Tax Map 11, Grid 14, Parcel 24) requesting a recommendation of approval to submit an application for the purchase of an easement to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

The Bill was introduced on July 17, 2018, advertised on August 8, 2018 and August 15, 2018; and public hearing scheduled on August 21, 2018.

Steve O'Connor, Zoning Administrator, provided comments on the legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Bowsbey opened the hearing for public comments:

There were no public comments.

Council President Bowsbey concluded the public hearing Bill No. 2018-08 and announced that final consideration of this Bill will be held on September 4, 2018.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Bill No. 2018-09 Approval - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Randalia Farms, LLC**

A Bill to approve the application of Randalia Farms, LLC for the property of 1055 Randalia Road (Tax Map 42, Grid 18, Parcel 3) requesting a recommendation of approval to submit an application for the purchase of an easement to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

The Bill was introduced on July 17, 2018, advertised on August 8, 2018 and August 15, 2018; and public hearing scheduled on August 21, 2018.

Steve O'Connor, Zoning Administrator, provided comments on the legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Bowsbey opened the hearing for public comments:  
There were no public comments.

Council President Bowsbey concluded the public hearing Bill No. 2018-09 and announced that final consideration of this Bill will be held on September 4, 2018.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Bill No. 2018- 10 Approval - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Janice Eggers-Abel**  
A Bill to approve the application of Janice Eggers-Abel for the property of 863 Lombard Road (Tax Map 5, Grid 15, Parcel 4) requesting a recommendation of approval to submit an application for the purchase of an easement to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

The Bill was introduced on July 17, 2018, advertised on August 8, 2018 and August 15, 2018; and public hearing scheduled on August 21, 2018.

Steve O'Connor, Zoning Administrator, provided comments on the legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Bowsbey opened the hearing for public comments:  
There were no public comments.

Council President Bowsbey concluded the public hearing Bill No. 2018-10 and announced that final consideration of this Bill will be held on September 4, 2018.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Bill No. 2018- 11 Approval - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – McKeown Family LLC**  
A Bill to approve the application of McKeown Family LLC for the property located on the north and east side of Locust Point Road (Tax Map 38, Grid 8, Parcels 511 and 532) requesting a recommendation of approval to submit an application for the purchase of an easement to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

The Bill was introduced on July 17, 2018, advertised on August 8, 2018 and August 15, 2018; and public hearing scheduled on August 21, 2018.

Steve O'Connor, Zoning Administrator, provided comments on the legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Bowsbey opened the hearing for public comments:  
There were no public comments.

Council President Bowsbey concluded the public hearing Bill No. 2018-11 and announced that final consideration of this Bill will be held on September 4, 2018.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Bill No. 2018- 12 Approval - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Herring Creek Farm**  
A Bill to approve the application of Herring Creek Farm for the property of 662 Randalia Road (Tax Map 42, Grid 18, Parcel 3) requesting a recommendation of approval to submit an application for the purchase of an easement to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

The Bill was introduced on July 17, 2018, advertised on August 8, 2018 and August 15, 2018; and public hearing scheduled on August 21, 2018.

Steve O'Connor, Zoning Administrator, provided comments on the legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Bowsbey opened the hearing for public comments:  
There were no public comments.

Council President Bowsbey concluded the public hearing Bill No. 2018-12 and announced that final consideration of this Bill will be held on September 4, 2018.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Bill No. 2018- 13 Clean Energy Loan Program**

A Bill to establish a clean energy loan program for commercial property owners to finance energy efficient projects and renewable energy projects.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments on the legislation. There were no Council questions or comments. Amendment No. 1 to Bill No. 2018-13 was presented by the administration to correct errors within the legislation, which will be introduced during final consideration on September 4, 2018.

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**  
**TO BILL NO. 2018-13**

**Title:** Clean Energy Loan Program

**Synopsis:** To correct errors from original legislation

**Introduced by:** Council President on behalf of County Executive

On page 5, line 94, delete "April" and insert "May".

On page 5, line 114, delete "within 5 working days after the recordation".

On page 6, line 139, delete "§123-32" and insert "§8".

On page 6, line 140, insert the following: "and in accordance with Cecil County Code §45-1".

On page 6, line 141, insert "so".

On page 7, line 170, insert the following:

"AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Bill shall apply to any commercial property for which a clean energy loan was financed on or after July 1, 2018".

Council President Bowlsbey opened the hearing for public comments:

Jessie Coleman, representing Pace Financial Servicing, commented in support of legislation.

Wyatt Shiflett, representing Maryland Clean Energy Center, commented in support.

Council President Bowlsbey concluded the public hearing Bill No. 2018-13 and announced that final consideration of this Bill will be held on September 4, 2018.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 28-2018 Fees – Wastewater Rates**

A Resolution to increase the rates of the Cecil County Wastewater system.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, and Lisa Saxton, Finance Director, provided comments on the legislation. Councilman Meffley announced that he was introducing Amendment 1 to Resolution No. 28-2018.

**AMENDMENT NO. 1  
TO RESOLUTION NO. 28-2018**

**Title:** Fees – Wastewater Rates

**Synopsis:** To eliminate the rate increases effective on 7/1/2020.

**Introduced by:** Councilman Meffley

On Appendix A, Wastewater User Rates section, strike proposed increases on all columns of 7/1/2020 effective date.

On Appendix A, Septage Disposal section, strike proposed increases on all column of 7/1/2020 effective date.

On Page 2, line 13, insert the following:

**"AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND,** that the wastewater division fee schedule will be reexamined prior to July 1, 2020, to determine if the wastewater fee schedule should be adjusted".

Amendment No. 1 to Res. No. 28-2018 was read and laid over until the next legislative session for action on September 4, 2018.

Council President Bowlsbey opened the hearing for public comments:

Ken Wiggins, Elkton, commented in support of this legislation.

Bob Willick, Rising Sun, representing Maryland Campaign for Liberty, opposed the legislation.

Joe Tropp, Earleville, representing Cecil County Campaign for Liberty, opposed the legislation.

Lorain Alexander-Maurer, North East, opposed the legislation.

Kimberly Rhoades, Elkton, opposed the legislation.

Rich Lewandowski, Elkton, commented on the legislation.

Deb Short, Cherry Hill, commented on the legislation.

Robert Hodge, North East, commented on the legislation.

Council President Bowsbey concluded the public hearing Resolution No. 28-2018 and announced that final consideration of this Bill will be held on September 4, 2018.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion made by Councilman Meffley, seconded by Vice President Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve the minutes of August 7, 2018. Motion was carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Joe Tropp, Earleville, representing Cecil County Campaign for Liberty, opposed to Resolution No. 33-2018.

Bob Willick, Rising Sun, representing Maryland Campaign for Liberty, opposed to Resolution No. 33-2018.

Kathy Jagers, Rising Sun, opposed to Resolution No. 33-2018.

Lorain Alexander-Maurer, North East, opposed, opposed to Resolution No. 33-2018.

Kimberly Rhoades, Elkton, opposed to Resolution No. 33-2018.

#### **PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Patchell had no comments.

Councilman Meffley attended the MACo summer conference and commented on the value of networking. He also commented on his proposal on the wastewater rates and the compromise with the administrator.

Councilwoman Gregory was absent.

Vice President Schneckenburger thanked the audience for attending and their comments.

Council President Bowsbey thanked the audience for attending and their comments.

#### **INTRODUCTION TO BILLS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

##### **Bill No. 2018-15 Amendments – Cecil County Public Ethics Law – Various Additions and Changes**

A Bill to amend Cecil County Public Ethics Law to make additions and changes to the definitions, post-employment limitations and restrictions, use of prestige of office, public records, filing deadlines and registration statement as required by the Maryland State Ethics Commission.

Jason Allison, County Attorney, provided comments on this legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on August 21, 2018. The public hearing for this legislation will be advertised and scheduled on the Council legislative session on September 18, 2018.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

##### **Resolution No. 30-2018: Appointment—Board of License Commissioners – Kristen A. Ortt**

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Kristen A. Ortt to the Cecil County Board of License Commissioners completing the term of W. Edwin Cole, Jr, term to expire June 30, 2021.

There were no Council questions or comments.

The Resolution was introduced, read first time, order posted on August 7, 2018, and scheduled for consideration on August 21, 2018.

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 30-2018.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory- Absent, Schneckenburger-Y, Bowsbey-Y  
Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Gregory was absent.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 31-2018: Appointment—Planning Commission – B. Patrick Doordan, Jr. and Don Harmer**  
A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of B. Patrick Doordan, Jr. and the appointment of Don Harmer to fulfill the term of Roger Persons to the Planning Commission; terms to expire on August 15, 2021.

There were no Council questions or comments.

The Resolution was introduced, read first time, order posted on August 7, 2018, and scheduled for consideration on August 21, 2018.

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 31-2018.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory- Absent, Schneckenburger-Y, Bowsbey-Y  
Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Gregory was absent.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 32-2018: Appointment—Board of Appeals – Charles E. Eckhart and Brandon D. Witt**  
A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Charles E. Eckhart to the Cecil County Board of Appeals replacing Brandon D. Witt, term to expire on August 15, 2021; and the appointment of Brandon D. Witt as an alternate member of the Cecil County Board of Appeals replacing alternate Jim Eder for a three year term, term to expire on August 15, 2021.

There were no Council questions or comments.

The Resolution was introduced, read first time, order posted on August 7, 2018, and scheduled for consideration on August 21, 2018.

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 32-2018.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory- Absent, Schneckenburger-Y, Bowsbey-Y

Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Gregory was absent.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 33-2018: Supplemental Appropriation – Board of Education – School Security**

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, in order to provide the Board of Education Department's budget within the General Fund expenditure appropriation authority to authorize \$1,000,000 to be expended for securing entrances and upgrading security at various County schools.

The Resolution was introduced, read first time, order posted on August 7, 2018, and scheduled for consideration on August 21, 2018.

Council President Bowsbey announced that Councilwoman Gregory requested that the vote on this legislation be postponed so that she could participate in discussion and consideration.

Councilman Meffley made a motion to table consideration of Resolution No. 33-2018 until the next legislative session in deference to Councilwoman Gregory's request. The motion was seconded by Vice President Schneckeburger and approved by consensus.

Final consideration of Resolution No. 33-2018 will be tabled until the legislation session of September 4, 2018.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 34-2018: Budget Transfer – Department of Public Works – Capital Projects Engineer**

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, in order to transfer \$40,000 of expenditure authority from the Building Maintenance Courthouse Department to the Department of Public Works Engineering and Construction Division in order to provide for the hiring of a County Capital Projects Engineer on or after September 1, 2018.

There were no Council questions or comments.

The Resolution was introduced, read first time, order posted on August 7, 2018, and scheduled for consideration on August 21, 2018.

On motion made by Vice President Schneckeburger, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 34-2018.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory- Absent, Schneckeburger-Y, Bowsbey-Y

Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Gregory was absent.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 35-2018: Annexation - Town of Perryville – Principio Iron Company LP - Zoning Designation**



A Resolution to approve the request from the Town of Perryville that the zoning of the property, located north of I-95, also known as the Principio Iron Company LP, which is being annexed into the Town of Perryville, to be changed from Suburban Transition Residential (ST) to the Town's C-2 Highway Commercial zoning district.

There were no Council questions or comments.

The Resolution was introduced, read first time, order posted on August 7, 2018, and scheduled for consideration on August 21, 2018.

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 35-2018.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory- Absent, Schneckenburger-Y, Bowsbey-Y  
Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Gregory was absent.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 36-2018: Supplemental Appropriation – Volunteer Fire Service – Vehicle Replacement Program**

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 in order to provide the Volunteer Fire Service Department's budget within the General Fund expenditure appropriation authority to authorize \$100,000 to be expended for the County's match portion towards the Vehicle Replacement Program.

There were no Council questions or comments.

The Resolution was introduced, read first time, order posted on August 7, 2018, and scheduled for consideration on August 21, 2018.

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 36-2018.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory- Absent, Schneckenburger-Y, Bowsbey-Y  
Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Gregory was absent.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment #53

Vice President Schneckenburger made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Meffley, to approve CCPS Budget Amendment #53 in the amount of \$888,430 for transactions in June 2018.

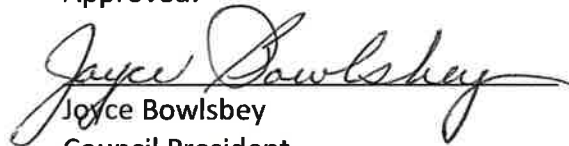
The motion was approved by a voice vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Gregory was absent.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion made by Councilman Meffley, seconded by Vice President Schneckenburger, Council President Bowsbey adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Approved:

  
Joyce Bowsbey  
Council President

Attest:

  
Council Manager