

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
October 9, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Council Members: President Bowsbey, Bob Meffley, George Patchell and Jackie Gregory; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant; members of the press; and members of the public.

Absent: Vice President Schneckenburger

**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 and video recording of this meeting is available on the County website [www.ccgov.org](http://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 October 2, 2018, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

**Cecil Land Trust**

Bill Kilby, President, Cecil Land Trust, introduced Alisa Webb, Executive Director, and board members Charles Herzog and Tom Hannum. Mr. Kilby provided the purpose and history of the Cecil Land Trust, which is dedicated to protecting agricultural and forest land in Cecil County. He provided information on the 3,000 acreage that they are preserving through conservation easements. He also discussed a new project to organize a food system in the county, which could take local farm products, process, distribute, market and recover the food waste. He stated that a pilot project has been implemented at the West Nottingham Academy. He stated that the West Nottingham Presbyterian Church is also interested in providing a community kitchen that local farmers could use to prepare their farm products for distribution. He also discussed a proposal by Cecil Land Trust to address Cecil County's serious addiction problems. He proposes to offer a nature experience to children to redirect them. He stated that he is looking for grant funds to support the cost of transporting children to visit farms or other nature sites. He also stated that the CLT is sponsoring a workshop on October 24, 2018 with Life Builder Partners of Philadelphia and Keith Williams of North Bay to support the concept of bringing children into nature. Council questions and comments ensued.

**Cecil County Arts Council**

Annmarie Hamilton, Executive Director of the Cecil County Arts Council, presented her organization's programs in support of arts in Cecil County. She provided statistics on the importance of the arts to the quality of life of our residents and its economic impact. She described the School Cultural Enrichment Program that is provided at four county schools. She described her organization's partnerships in the community. She stated that the Cecil County Arts Council provides \$40,000 to support county arts organizations.

### **Port Deposit Sewer**

Scott Flanigan, Director of Public Works, provided a presentation on the proposed Port Deposit Sewer project. He stated that the new plan proposes to locate a package wastewater treatment plant above the railroad tracks in Port Deposit. The County is proposing a design-build bid package so that the vendor will design, build and install the new treatment plant on site. He stated that the bid award should occur in January 2019. He stated that the new treatment plant should have the capacity of 60,000 gpd to 150,000 gpd. The current plant's capacity is 30,000 gpd. The new treatment plant will utilize enhanced nutrient removal but the method of treatment will be proposed by the vendor. Mr. Flanigan stated that most of the existing sewer pipes to Bainbridge are not in good condition. He stated that the developer will be responsible for running pipes in Bainbridge that will connect to the county's system. Sewage from the Bainbridge site will be run to the proposed treatment plant in Port Deposit. The developer may have the option of running the sewer line along Route 222 or Route 276 in order to connect to the county's WWTP.

### **Independent Auditor**

Lisa Saxton, Finance Director, discussed the proposed process to hire an independent auditor. She reviewed the process used in 2013 and explained the need for finance department staff to participate in the selection. Council President Bowsbey stated that it was important for the Council to fulfill its role and actively participate in the evaluation with members of the Finance Department. After discussion, the Council agreed to select two or three Council Members to participate in the procurement process in December 2018. Jason Allison, County Attorney, stated that three members of the Council would constitute a quorum.

### **Council Manager Report**

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

### **Council Member Comments**

Councilman Meffley attended the Economic Development Commission meeting and commented on marketing Cecil County in the Philadelphia market. He also attended the Coffee with a Cop program. He stated that Vice President Schneckenburger, Councilwoman Gregory and he attended the Maryland White House Conference where topics of discussion included health insurance, major highways, employment, and housing. He attended a Boy Scout troop meeting and spoke about local government. He attended the Mini Grand Prix in Elkton and voiced concerns about safety. He also stated that Millstone Jewelers and Elk River Brewery are opening on Main Street in Elkton.

Councilwoman Gregory attended the White House Conference for local officials and commented on HUD's program to track people who receive benefits to measure the program's success. She also commented on the federal government's preparation for future trends in drugs.

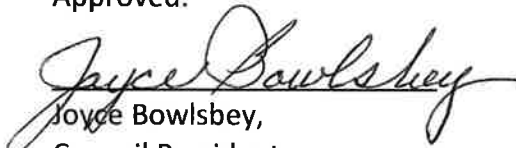
Council President Bowsbey attended the Coffee with a Cop program and Elkton Mini Grand Prix.

**Adjournment**

On a motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the work session was adjourned by Council President Bowsbey at 10:21 am.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 9 am.

Approved:



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Joyce Bowsbey,  
Council President

Attest:



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James Massey  
Council Manager