

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2019-04
February 19, 2019**

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:

Robert Meffley, Council President
Jackie Gregory, Vice President
William H. Coutz, Council Member
Al Miller, Council Member
George Patchell, Council Member

NOTE: The video and audio recording with transcription of this meeting is available on the County website at www.ccgov.org.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County of February 19, 2019 was called to order by Council President Meffley at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING PRAYER

Councilman Miller introduced Pastor Dana Howard of Rising Sun Church of the Nazarene who led the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of February 19, 2019. Motion was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS OF PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES

The Council presented certificates of recognition to Scouts who attained the rank of First Class.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2019-01 Budget Transfer – Capital Budget – Board of Education – Various School Capital Projects

A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, to transfer existing bond appropriation authority within the Board of Education Capital Projects Budget in the amount of \$59,322.00, from two completed School Capital Projects, (Cecil Manor Elementary Roof Replacement \$13,812.85 and Bohemia Manor High Roof Replacement \$45,509.15); to four incomplete projects (Cecil Manor Elementary Waterline Installation \$3,500, Bohemia Manor High Water Line Installation \$3,635, Perryville High Boiler Replacement \$10,426 and Chesapeake City Elementary Replacement \$41,761) .

The Bill was introduced on January 15, 2019, advertised on February 6, 2019 and February 13, 2019, and scheduled for public hearing on February 19, 2019.

There were no comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Meffley opened the public hearing on Bill No. 2019-01 for public comments. Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, commented in support of the legislation.

Council President Meffley concluded the public hearing on Bill No. 2019-01 and announced final consideration of this Bill is scheduled on March 5, 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to approve the minutes of February 5, 2019. Motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Patchell attended the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and announced that the Friends of Parks and Recreation, a non-profit organization in support of the department's programs, have twelve board members and three vacancies. He stated that work has begun to clear the south side of Brentwood Park. He also stated that every weekend between Memorial Day and Labor Day at Calvert Regional Park has been booked for tournaments. He also attended the chili cookoff and commented on the excellent participation by local officials.

Councilman Miller attended the chili cookoff and served local county farm products including Stafford Farm beef and Chesapeake Gold cheeses. He also attended the Young Farmers Legislative Breakfast and stated that it was well attended.

Councilman Coutz commended the Scout leaders and parents for their support of the Scouts who were recognized tonight. He also attended the Cecil County Public Schools FY 2020 budget hearing and commented that the information was well presented. He also stated that he is participating in phase two of the school system's strategic planning committee. He attended WILMAPCO's planning for tomorrow workshop and stated that Cecil County's future is very positive. He attended the Breakfast with Books at Elkton Middle School and commended the program for its encouragement of reading.

Vice President Gregory thanked the audience for attending and recognized Scout leaders and parents for their support of their sons. She stated that her son has joined scouting recently. She attended a meeting of the Eastern Shore Libertarians and commented on their commitment to the second amendment. She attended the Cornhole Tourny at the Wellwood and stated that there were eighty-one participants. She also participated in the Chili Cookoff with other county officials. She announced that the North East VFW is planning a golf tournament to benefit veterans on May 18, 2019.

Council President Meffley attended a meeting to discuss the impact of the US 301 bypass on Cecil County. He stated that Cecil County officials are working with DelDOT, Maryland State Highway Administration, Maryland State Police, Cecil County Sheriff's Office and the municipalities of Cecilton, Chesapeake City and Galena to resolve the issue of a high volume of traffic, including tractor trailers, that are using local county roads to avoid the US 301 toll. He participated in the Chili Cookoff with other county officials. He also commended scout leaders and parents for their commitment to scouting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2019-03 Budget Appropriation – Capital Projects – Board of Education – Cherry Hill Middle School

A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 to add bond appropriation authority within the Board of Education Capital Projects Budget in the amount of \$290,000 for the Cherry Hill Window and Doors Replacement Project.

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

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on February 19, 2019. The public hearing on Bill No. 2019-03 will be advertised and scheduled on March 19, 2019.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 14-2019 Appointment—Weed Control Advisory Board

A Resolution to confirm the reappointments by the County Executive of Monty Johnson, Anthony Calao, William Ewing, Charles Robinson, Mike Scheeler, Dan Webber and Lane Heimer and to appoint Ronald Penhollow to the Cecil County Weed Control Advisory Board for a one (1) year term, to expire March 15, 2020.

There were no introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time and posted on February 19, 2019 and scheduled for consideration on March 5, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 15-2019 Appointment—Board of Parks and Recreation—Bernard Brown, III

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of Bernard Brown, III. to the Board of Parks and Recreation for a three (3) year term to expire March 5, 2022.

There were no introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time and posted on February 19, 2019 and scheduled for consideration on March 5, 2019.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 05-2019 Appointment—Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board- Dale K. DeWeese
A Resolution to recommend to the Governor of Maryland the appointment of Dale K. DeWeese to the Cecil County Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board to a five-year term, which will expire on June 1, 2024.

There were no comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

The Resolution was introduced on February 5, 2019 and scheduled for consideration on February 19, 2019.

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 05-2019.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y.
Motion was approved unanimously.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 06-2019 Appointment—Board of Parks and Recreation—Matthew Morris
A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of Matthew Morris to the Board of Parks and Recreation for a three-year term to expire February 19, 2022.

There were no comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

The Resolution was introduced on February 5, 2019 and scheduled for consideration on February 19, 2019.

On motion made by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 06-2019.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y.
Motion was approved unanimously.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 07-2019 Appointment—Planning Commission – Joyce Bowsbey
A Resolution to confirm the appointment as an alternate by the County Executive of Joyce Bowsbey to the Planning Commission; to a two-year term, to expire August 19, 2021.

There were no comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

The Resolution was introduced on February 5, 2019 and scheduled for consideration on February 19, 2019.

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 07-2019.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y.
Motion was approved unanimously.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 08-2019 Appointment - Cecil County Ethics Commission - Bradley Moore
A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Bradley Moore made by the County Executive to the Cecil County Ethics Commission, filling a vacancy, to a 4-year term to expire December 19, 2023.

There were no comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

The Resolution was introduced on February 5, 2019 and scheduled for consideration on February 19, 2019.

On motion made by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 08-2019.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y.
Motion was approved unanimously.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 09-2019 Appointment - Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council – Rebecca J. Flood
A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Rebecca J. Flood to the Cecil County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council to a three-year term, to expire on February 19, 2022.

There were no comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

The Resolution was introduced on February 5, 2019 and scheduled for consideration on February 19, 2019.

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 09-2019.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y.
Motion was approved unanimously.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 10-2019 Appointment - Historic District Commission – Macon H. Coleman, IV and Heidi M. Coleman
A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Macon H. Coleman, IV and the reappointment of Heidi M. Coleman made by the County Executive to the Historic District Commission, to a three - year term to expire March 1, 2022.

There were no comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

The Resolution was introduced on February 5, 2019 and scheduled for consideration on February 19, 2019.

On motion made by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 10-2019.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y.
Motion was approved unanimously.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 11-2019 Appointment—Cecil County Mental Health Core Service Agency Advisory Board – Eric M. Upperman

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Eric M. Upperman to the Cecil County Mental Health Core Service Agency Advisory Board for three-year term to expire February 19, 2022

There were no comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

The Resolution was introduced on February 5, 2019 and scheduled for consideration on February 19, 2019.

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 11-2019.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y.
Motion was approved unanimously.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 13-2019 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Solid Waste Enterprise Fund – Agricultural Tire Recycling

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 include \$179,500 of grant revenue and expenditure authority awarded by Maryland Environmental Service (MES) to the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund to support the 2019 Agricultural Tire Collection Event at the Cecil County Central Landfill.

There were no comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

The Resolution was introduced on February 5, 2019 and scheduled for consideration on February 19, 2019.

On motion made by Councilman Miller, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 13-2019.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y.
Motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, Council President Meffley adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Robert Meffley
Council President