

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
July 16, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Council Members: Robert Meffley, William Coutz, Al Miller, and George Patchell; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant, John Downs, Council Attorney; members of the press; and members of the public.

**OPEN SESSION – Elk Room**

**9:00 A.M.** –Council President Meffley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and determined a quorum. Vice President Gregory was absent.

**NOTE:** The video and audio recording with transcription of this meeting is available on the County website [www.ccgov.org](http://www.ccgov.org).

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of July 9, 2019, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

**Review of Legislative Session**

A public hearing for Bill No. 2019-08 Roads- Cecil County- Repeal of Public Law- Purchasing Manual, is scheduled for tonight's session. Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments on the legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments on Bill No. 2019-09 General Obligation Bond Authorization, which will be introduced at tonight's session. He stated that the meetings with the rating agencies were scheduled on October 2, 2019 and the bond sales is scheduled on November 7, 2019. Councilman Coutz clarified that the rating agency meeting will be attended by the County Executive, Director of Administration, Finance Director, Economic Development Director, and Budget Manager. Council President Meffley asked that a Council representative attend the meeting in order to observe the interaction. Mr. Wein indicated that only the administration is supposed to go.

There were no introductory comments on Resolution No. 43-2019 Appointment—Board of Appeals – Mark Saunders and Willard Whiteman, which will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

There were no introductory comments on Resolution No. 44-2019 Appointment—Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board- Norman Anderson, William Ewing and Charles Robinson, which will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 40-2019 Appointment- Commission on Aging- John N. Kapral, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 41-2019 Supplemental Appropriation- Wastewater Fund- MDTA Services- Chesapeake House Screening Facility, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 42-2019 Creation and Appointment- Compensation Review Commission, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Council Manager Massey stated that Amendment No. 1 to Resolution NO. 42-2019 includes the names of members as nominated by Council Members. There were no Council questions or comments.

Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment #64 in the amount of \$2,561,520 for June 2019 will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

#### **Council Manager Report**

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

#### **Council Member Items**

Councilman Patchell stated that he will hold his comments for tonight's session.

Councilman Miller attended a meeting of the Cecil County Fair board. He stated that this event involves many 4-H members and the agricultural community, and attracts visitors from other states. He attended the Firemen's Association and commented on their discussion of lockboxes and dry hydrants.

Councilman Coutz voiced his support for the Cecil County Fair and hopes that they will have nice dry weather for the days of the fair. He asked the administration to provide a presentation to update the Council on the CECO project, including their timeline so he can share with his neighbors.

Council President Meffley attended a public meeting with Senator Ben Cardin regarding small business and commented on his support for career training. He met with Farm Museum volunteers to discuss possible construction of an educational center. He met with officials over the Edgar Price Road closing. He stated that there are plans to restrict other roads in the Warwick area to local and emergency traffic in order to discourage traffic from diverting from US 301. He attended the Cecilton Town Council meeting and commented on the Town receiving \$7.3M from the state to build a new 55+ community and Head Start building. He explained that Cecilton's share of the match grant was in the form of waiving hookup fees. He also stated that Richard Brooks, Emergency Services Director, made a presentation about the new radio system. Council President Meffley asked the administration for a presentation on the new emergency radio system.

**Adjournment**

Councilman Coutz made a motion to adjourn the work session in order to go into a closed session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Vice President Gregory was absent.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 9am in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building.

**9:21 A.M.**

**CLOSED SESSION**

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to convene in closed session pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, Section 305(a)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-absent, Meffley-Y.  
The motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Vice President Gregory was absent.

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to conclude the closed session at 10:01 a.m.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-absent, Meffley-Y.  
The motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Vice President Gregory was absent.

Approved:

  
Robert Meffley  
Council President

  
James Massey  
Council Manager