

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES  
LSD 2019-22  
November 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  
Al Miller, Council Member  
George Patchell, Council Member  
Jackie Gregory, Vice President  
Absent: William H. Coutz, Council Member

**NOTE:** The video and audio 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 November 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 Kevin Brown of Wrights AME Church in Elkton, who led the opening prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS**

The Council presented a proclamation to the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary upon their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary to David Silverman, Commander; Daniel McCaffery, Public Affairs Officer; and Harry Albert, Public Affairs Officer, retired.

The Council presented a proclamation to Andy Hartwick, Area Census Office Manager, for the 2020 Census to encourage county residents to participate in the Census.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Patchell thanked the audience for attending.

Councilman Miller attended the First Responders appreciation dinner and congratulated Katie Lewis and Debbie Brown for the Chamber of Commerce sponsorship. He also thanked the Rising Sun Fire Company for a good meal.

Vice President Gregory stated that the North East VFW was collecting food for Thanksgiving for the needy.

Council President Meffley had no comments.

## **INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

### **Resolution No. 66-2019 Appointments—Commission on Aging**

A Resolution to confirm the County Executive's reappointments of Wilma L. Fitzner, Carol King, Julie Graham, Jamie McCloskey and Mark Hill to the Cecil County Commission on Aging.

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

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on November 19, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on December 3, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

### **Resolution No. 67-2019 Appointment—Human Services Agency – John W. Donohue**

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of John W. Donohue, to the Human Services Agency to a two-year term, to expire on December 3, 2021.

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

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on November 19, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on December 3, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

### **Resolution No. 68-2019 Appointment—Building Board of Appeals**

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of Douglas Day, David Strouss, and Christopher Pearce by the County Executive to the Cecil County Building Board of Appeals to a five-year term, which will expire on December 3, 2024.

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

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on November 19, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on December 3, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 69-2019 Appointment - Board of Library Trustees – Joanne Morton**

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of Joanne Morton to the Cecil County Board of Library Trustees to a four-year term, which will expire on December 3, 2023.

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

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on November 19, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on December 3, 2019.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 65-2019**

**Supplemental Appropriation – Sheriff’s Office – Technology and Furnishings**

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 in order to provide the Information Technology Internal Service Fund \$59,715 of operating revenue and expense appropriation authority and to provide the Sheriff’s Office Law Enforcement Department Budget within the General Fund additional expenditure appropriation authority in the amount of \$77,715. The additional expenditure authority will provide the necessary funding for the IT set up, security needs and other furniture and fixtures to outfit Suites 100 & 105 at 107 Chesapeake Boulevard for use by the Sheriff’s Office.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided final comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

On motion by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 65-2019.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-A, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilman Coutz was absent.

**CALL FOR FINAL READING OF BILLS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Bill No. 2019-16 Amendment – Plumbing Code**

A Bill to amend certain provisions of the Cecil County Code, Chapter 270, PLUMBING to update references to the Division of Permits and Inspections and Division Chief, and to update the edition of the International Plumbing Code to 2018.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided final comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

On motion by Councilman Miller, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve Bill No. 2019-16.

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

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Bill No. 2019-17 Amendment – Energy Conservation Standards**

A Bill to amend certain provisions of the Cecil County Code, Chapter 195, ENERGY CONSERVATION STANDARDS to revise references to update references to the Division of Permits and Inspections and Division Chief, and to update the edition of the International Energy Conservation Code to 2018.

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

On motion by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve Bill No. 2019-17.

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

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Bill No. 2019-18 Amendment – HVAC Standards**

A Bill to amend certain provisions of the Cecil County Code, Chapter 229, HVAC Standards to update references to the Division of Permits and Inspections, to update the edition of the International Mechanical Code to 2018, and assignment of responsibilities when contractor is removed.

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

On motion by Councilman Miller, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve Bill No. 2019-18.

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

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Bill No. 2019-19 Amendment – Building Construction – Building Code**

A Bill to amend certain provisions of the Cecil County Code, Chapter 157, Building Construction to update references to the Division of Permits and Inspections and Division Chief, the Department of Land Use and Development Services, and Maryland Department of Labor; to update to the 2018 edition of the International Building Code and International Residential Code to 2018.

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

On motion by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve Bill No. 2019-19.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-A, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilman Coutz was absent.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Bill No. 2019-20 Agricultural Preservation District – William and Wanda Creeger**

A Bill to approve the petition of William and Wanda Creeger for property located at 669 Wilson Road, Rising Sun, MD 21911, (Acres 96.908, Election District 9, Tax Map 11, Grid 9, Parcels 155), requesting the establishment of an agricultural preservation district.

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

On motion by Councilman Miller, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve Bill No. 2019-20.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-A, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilman Coutz was absent.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment #68

Vice President Gregory made a motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, to approve Budget Amendment #68 in the amount of \$97,197 for October 2019.

The motion was approved by a voice vote of 4 to 0. Councilman Coutz was absent.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion made by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Miller Council President Meffley adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, December 3, 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