

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES  
LSD 2020-01  
January 7, 2020**

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  
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 January 7, 2020 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 Rev. Phil Meekins from Monarch Recovery Ministries 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 January 7, 2020. Motion was unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion made by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the legislative session of December 17, 2019. Motion was approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Patchell expressed his wishes that everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He stated that he was glad to be back in session tonight.

Councilman Miller stated that he provided his comments in the morning work session.

Councilman Coutz thanked the audience for attending.

Vice President Gregory stated that she provided her comments in the morning work session.

Council President Meffley had no comments.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

##### **Resolution No. 01-2020 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Domestic Violence Department – Continuum of Care**

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 \$68,076 to the Community Services Fund – Domestic Violence Department to record the grant award from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of a Continuum of Care grant to provide rental assistance to victims of domestic violence.

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

Introduced, read first time and posted on January 7, 2020. Consideration for approval of Resolution No. 01-2020 will be scheduled on January 21, 2020.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

##### **Resolution No. 02-2020 Appointment – Soil Conservation District – Bruce Yerkes**

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of Bruce Yerkes to the Cecil County Soil Conservation Board to a four-year term to expire on January 21, 2024.

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

Introduced, read first time and posted on January 7, 2020. Consideration for approval of Resolution No. 02-2020 will be scheduled on January 21, 2020.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

##### **Resolution No. 75-2019 Appointment—Economic Development Commission**

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of Mary Way Bolt, Linda Burris, JoAnn Dawson, Bernard DeMarinis, Bruce England, Woody Jackson, Michael Lara, Robert Palsgrove, Michael Ratchford, Carl Roberts, Richard Szumel, and Michael Travers, II and to confirm the appointment of Joseph DiNunzio, Vincent Fiorelli, Jeff Lawson and Morgan Miller to the Economic Development Commission; for a three year term, to expire on January 7, 2023.

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

On motion by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 75-2019.

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

The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 76-2019 Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – 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, 2020 in order to provide the Volunteer Fire Service Department's budget within the General Fund expenditure appropriation authority to authorize \$575,000 to be expended for the County's match portion towards the Vehicle Replacement Program.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided 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. 76-2019.

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

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 77-2019 Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance –Cecil College – Small Capital Budget**

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 Cecil College Small Capital Budget within the General Fund, expenditure appropriation authority to authorize \$48,500 to be expended for FY2019 small capital projects that were not completed by June 30, 2019.

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 Resolution No. 77-2019.

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

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 78-2019 Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance –Maintenance and Repair**

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 to authorize the Roads Maintenance Department's budget within the General Fund expenditure appropriation authority of \$3,000,000 to be expended by investment in County road infrastructure through much needed asphalt overlay/asphalt patching.

There were no comments from the administration. Vice President Gregory clarified that the selection of roads to be repaired has not been made at this point.

On motion by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 78-2019.

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

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 79-2019 Appointment – Library Board of Trustees – Linda Burris**

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Linda Burris to the Cecil County Board of Library Trustees, to a four year term to expire on January 7, 2024.

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 Resolution No. 79-2019.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, Council President Meffley adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Approved:

  
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Robert Meffley  
Council President

Attest:

  
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James Massey  
Council Manager