

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
December 8, 2020**

The County Council of Cecil County met in work session in an online virtual meeting because of the current health crisis and based on the Governor's orders to avoid public meetings. Council Members and presenters participated in this meeting; the public observed the meeting by connecting online at www.ccgov.org/council and selecting "livestream".

The following members of the Council were present:

Robert Meffley, Council President
Al Miller, Council Member
Jackie Gregory, Vice President
William H. Coutz, 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 December 8, 2020 was called to order by Council President Meffley at 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call of Council Members

Council President Meffley asked for a roll call of attending Council Members. The Council Manager called the roll and recorded the following Council Members in attendance:

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Present, Miller-Present, Patchell-Present, Gregory-Present, Meffley-Present.

Council President Meffley announced that there were five Council Members present, which constitute a quorum.

Suspension of Rules

Councilman Coutz made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Council Members who are connected to participate and vote in this work session, because of the current health crisis and orders by the Governor to avoid public meetings. The motion was seconded by Vice President Gregory.

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

The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of October 20, 2020, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Appointment of Council President

Council Manager Massey asked for nominations for Council President. Councilman Coutz nominated Councilman Meffley. Councilwoman Gregory seconded the nomination.

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

Appointment of Vice President

Council Manager Massey asked for nominations for Council Vice President. Council President Meffley nominated Councilwoman Gregory. Councilwoman Gregory seconded the nomination.

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

Council Appointments

The Council reviewed the list of Council appointments to boards and commissions. Council President Meffley asked if any Council Member wanted to change. There were no requests for change. The Council President stated that the board appointments will remain the same for 2020-2022.

Special Presentation

Council President Meffley welcomed Danielle Hornberger, County Executive, and Dan Schneckenburger, Director of Administration-Designee.

County Executive Hornberger stated that she was looking forward to working with the Council and hoped that they would support her nominees. She stated that there are six appointees who will be new, one nominee who is an internal promotion, and five current Directors to retain their positions.

Dan Schneckenburger, Director of Administration-designee, thanked the Council for their welcoming and thanked the Council for their due diligence in reaching out to the nominees so that Council consideration could take place tonight. He stated that he hoped that the Council will give full approval to these nominees.

Mr. Schneckenburger stated that the proposed Executive's nominees includes appointment of Michelle Ennis, Director of Human Resources; James Appel, Director of Finance; Steven Overbay, Director of Economic Development; Dave Warnick, Director of Information Technology; Wayne Tome, Director of Emergency Services; Lawrence Scott, County Attorney; and Dan Schneckenburger, Director of Administration.

Mr. Schneckenburger stated that the administration will retain David Trolio, Director of Community Services; Scott Flanigan, Director of Public Works; Steve Reisler, Director of Facilities; and Clyde

Vandyke, Director of Parks and Recreation. He stated that Steve O'Connor will become Acting Director of Land Use and Development Services.

Council President Meffley requested that each nominee provide an introduction. Councilman Miller had also requested to introduce each nominee.

Steven Overbay, nominee for Director of Economic Development, introduced himself and gave a summary of his experience. He stated that he lived in Havre de Grace, when asked by Councilman Miller.

Michelle Campbell-Ennis, nominee for Director of Human Resources, introduced herself and gave a summary of her experience. She stated that she has lived on the eastern shore for most of her life.

Wayne Tome, nominee for Director of Emergency Services, introduced himself and gave a summary of his experiences. He stated that he is a lifelong resident of Port Deposit and will be retiring from Baltimore County Fire Department on January 1, 2021.

James Appel, nominee for Director of Finance, introduced himself and gave a summary of his experience. He stated that he resided in Annapolis, when asked by Councilman Miller.

Dave Warnick, nominee for Director of Information Technology, introduced himself and gave a summary of his experience. He stated that he was a resident of Rising Sun. He stated that he had considerable cyber security experience, when asked by Council President Meffley.

Lawrence Scott, nominee for County Attorney, introduced himself and gave a summary of his experience. He stated that he is currently a resident of Anne Arundel County, when asked by Councilman Miller. Mr. Scott stated that his family has plans to move to Cecil County.

Dan Schneckenburger, nominee for Director of Administration, introduced himself and gave a summary of his experience. He is in the process of moving here and is currently renting a home in North East. Councilman Miller congratulated Mr. Schneckenburger for his University of Delaware degree and commented that the college had a strong agriculture program.

Council Members thanked the nominees for their presentations and responses to individual questions.

Review of Legislative Agenda

The Council proceeded with the review of the legislative agenda.

Resolution No. 65-2020 Approval – COVID Supply Storage – Multiple Year Contract, will be introduced at tonight's session. Dan Schneckenburger, Director of Administration-designee, provided comments. John Donohue, Deputy Chief of Emergency Services, provided additional details about the proposed lease. There were no Council questions or comments.

Under New Business, Cecil County Public Schools budget amendment #80, in the amount of \$49,449 for October 2020, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Meffley asked the Council if they agree on taking action on the executive appointments at tonight's legislative session. Councilman Coutz, Councilwoman Gregory, Councilman Patchell and Council President Meffley agreed that they were ready to consider these nominations at tonight's session. Councilman Miller requested that action on these nominees be tabled to allow more time to review their resumes and interview them. Based on a majority, Council President Meffley stated that the nominees will be considered at tonight's legislative session

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey updated the Council on the Healthy Lifestyle Expo, Bainbridge Historic Association, CCPS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, and Upper Shore Regional Council. He also explained the December Council session dates that were affected by the date of the new term of office.

Council Member Items

Council Members agreed to hold their comments until this evening's work session.

Councilman Miller regretted to announce that Jack Scarbath, University of Maryland star quarterback in the fifties, died over the weekend.


Adjournment

Council President Meffley asked for a motion to adjourn. Vice President Gregory made a motion for adjournment, which was seconded by Councilman Miller. Motion was approved unanimously. Council President Meffley adjourned the work session at 5:11 pm.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 4:30pm, which is planned as a virtual meeting because of the current health crisis. The session will be livestreamed on the County Council's webpage. Members of the public who do not have broadband access should contact the Council Office for instructions to be connected via telephone.


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Robert Meffley
Council President