

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
April 6, 2021**

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 the Elk Room of the County Administration Building while the public observed the meeting by connecting online at [www.ccgov.org/council](http://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](http://www.ccgov.org).

**Call to Order**

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County of April 6, 2021 was called to order by Council President Meffley at 6:00 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 to meet together in the Elk Room with presenters that were prescheduled; and provide the public with access to observe the Council's public business by livestreaming the meetings because of the current health crisis and the Governor's order 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 Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of March 23, 2021, as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

**State Legislation Review**

Vice President Jackie Gregory, Council representative on the MACo Legislative Committee, reviewed the status of legislation that the Council had taken a position. Council questions and comments ensued.

**Council Manager Report**

Council Manager Massey attended the COVID task force and reported on their actions. He reported on Household Hazardous Waste Day, the State's approved budget, and the Volunteer Leadership Program.

**Review of Legislative Agenda**

A public hearing will be held for Rezoning Case #2021-03 and #2021-04, at tonight's session. Steve O'Connor, Acting Director of Land Use and Development Services, provided comments and stated that the staff and Planning Commission had recommended approval, based on a mistake in the zoning classification of the property during the last comprehensive rezoning. Council questions and comments ensued. Vice President Gregory requested information on the 2011 Comprehensive Rezoning history of these parcel.

Because of a broadband connection problem, James Appel, Finance Director, requested to provide introductory comments at the legislative session on Bill No. 2021-04 Lease and Purchase – Vehicle and Equipment, which will be introduced at tonight's legislative session.

Because of a broadband connection problem, James Appel, Finance Director, requested to provide introductory comments at the legislative session on Bill No. 2021-05 Capital Improvement Plan – FY 2022-2026, which will be introduced at tonight's legislative session.

Because of a broadband connection problem, James Appel, Finance Director, requested to provide introductory comments at the legislative session on Bill No. 2021-06 Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance – FY 2022, which will be introduced at tonight's legislative session.

Because of a broadband connection problem, James Appel, Finance Director, requested to provide introductory comments at the legislative session on Resolution No. 23-2021 Adoption of Property Tax Rate – FY 2022, which will be introduced at tonight's legislative session.

Resolution No. 21-2021 Appointment – Board of Library Trustees, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Dan Schneckenburger, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 22-2021 Appointment—Board of Parks and Recreation, will be considered for approval at tonight’s session. Dan Schneckenburger, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

**Council Member Items**

Councilman Coutz will provide his comments at the legislative session.

Councilman Miller hoped that everyone had a nice Easter and were enjoying the nice weather. He stated that he was promoting Johnson and Johnson vaccine to the farm community through the Farm Bureau. He thanked John Donohue and Lauren Levy for arranging for a vaccination clinic in the north end of the county. He also announced that another Cecil County farmer donated cheese to the Help Center this week.

Councilman Patchell, Vice President Gregory and President Meffley will provide their comments at the legislative session.

**Adjournment**

Council President Meffley asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Coutz made a motion for adjournment, which was seconded by Councilman Miller. Motion was approved unanimously. Council President Meffley adjourned the work session at 6:27 pm.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm so that the second budget hearing can be scheduled at 4:30pm. Both sessions are planned as a virtual meetings 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:  
  
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Robert Meffley  
Council President