

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES  
LSD 2022-12  
May 19, 2022**

The County Council of Cecil County met in legislative session at the Elkton High School Auditorium, 110 James Street, Elkton, MD in order to hold a public hearing on the FY 2023 county budget legislation. The following members of the Council were present:

Robert Meffley, Council President  
Jackie Gregory, Vice President  
William H. Coutz, Council Member  
Al Miller, Council Member  
Donna Culberson, Council Member

**NOTE:** The recording of this meeting is available on the County website at [www.ccgov.org/council](http://www.ccgov.org/council).

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County of May 19, 2022, was called to order by Council President Meffley at 7:00 p.m. who Introduced Sheriff Scott Adams to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

Council President Meffley welcomed the audience to the budget hearing and introduced the attending Council Members, Council staff, and Acting Director of Administration.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**BILL NO. 2022-04 Capital Improvement Program – FY2023-2027**

A Bill to approve the Capital Improvement Program for Cecil County for Fiscal Years 2023 through 2027.

**BILL NO. 2022-05 Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance – FY 2023**

A Bill to adopt the County Budget including the Current Expense Budget, Capital Budget, Special Purpose Budgets and Grants Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and to appropriate funds for all expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022.

**RESOLUTION NO. 27-2022 Adoption - Real Property and Personal Property Tax Rates - Fiscal Year 2023**

A Resolution to levy and impose a property and income tax for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023; setting the tax rates for property and providing for the collection of the property tax.

Steve Overbay, Acting Director of Administration, provided comments.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Council President Meffley reviewed the speaker guidelines that included:

1. Comments limited to THREE minutes.
2. No one may speak more than once.
3. State your name and where you live before speaking.
4. Speakers will be called by name in order that they are registered.
5. Please conclude your remarks when your time is up.
6. Council Members will not be responding to questions.
7. Budget hearing is being recorded and made available on the Council's webpage at [www.ccgov.org/council](http://www.ccgov.org/council).
8. Please be respectful of others

Council President Meffley opened the floor for public comments.

Simone Foye, Elkton, commented in support of Cecil College funding.

Augie Pierson, Rising Sun, representing the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board, commented in support of the Emergency Services and Emergency Medical Services budgets.

Lisa Lowe, Rising Sun, requested more funding for Cecil County Public Schools.

Allyson Veasey, Elkton, requested more funding for Cecil County Public Schools.

Jacob Zebley, Elkton, requested more funding for Cecil County Public Schools.

Joe McDevitt, Elkton, commented in support of the budget as proposed.

Kristen Gasparo, North East, representing Cecil County Public Schools teachers, commented on the need for more funding of the schools.

Dominic Harris, Elkton, commented in support of Cecil College funding.

Diane Heath, Warwick, representing the Board of Education, asked for more funding for Cecil County Public Schools.

Kathleen Kennedy, Charlestown, commented in support of the proposed budget.

Marguerite Kennedy, Charlestown, commented in support of the proposed budget.

Katie Fortune, North East, commented that Cecil County Public Schools should be funded at a higher level than maintenance of effort.

Claiborne Stubbs, Chesapeake City, commented in support of the proposed budget.

Council President Meffley concluded the hearing and announced the final consideration of this legislation will be scheduled on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. during the Council legislative session, which is held in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Council President Meffley adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Council President Meffley announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building. The recording of this hearing will be uploaded to the county's website as soon as possible.

Approved:

  
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Robert Meffley  
Council President

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James Massey  
Council Manager