

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
September 27, 2022**

OPEN SESSION – Elk Room

4:30 P.M.

NOTE: The recording and transcription of this meeting are available on the County website at www.ccgov.org/council.

PRESENT: Council Members: Robert Meffley, William Coutz, Al Miller, Donna Culberson, and Jackie Gregory; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant, members of the administration, and members of the public.

Call to Order

Council President Meffley called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm, and announced that there were five Council Members present, which constitute a quorum.

CLOSED SESSION

September 6, 2022

5:46 P.M.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, General Provisions § 3-305 (b)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; and Maryland Annotated Code, General Provisions § 3-305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

Councilman Coutz made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, in order to go into a closed session.

Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Culberson-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y.

The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

PRESENT: Council Members: Robert Meffley, Jackie Gregory, William Coutz, Al Miller, and Donna Culberson; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant; Charles MacLeod, Council Attorney; members of the administration, and members of the public.

The Council discussed the hiring procedure for the position of Council Manager. The Council agreed to be responsible for all aspects of the selection procedure. The Council Attorney provided legal opinion on the board appointment procedure. The Council agreed to seek additional legal guidance.

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, the Council moved to conclude the closed session at 6:54 pm.

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 September 20, 2022, as presented. The motion unanimously.

Cecil Cares Day

Krista Gilmore, Volunteer Coordinator, discussed plans for the 2022 Cecil Cares Day to be held on Saturday, October 1. She provided a review of the fourteen community projects that are proposed. She encouraged Council Members to visit the locations and meet the volunteers.

2023 Council Legislative Calendar

Council Manager Massey provided a proposed 2023 Council Legislative Calendar for review. He asked Council Members to review and consider approval at the next work session.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey reported on the MACo Winter Conference and the court's approval of the State Board of Elections' request to permit counting mail-in ballots to begin counting on October 1, 2022.

Council Member Items

Councilman Coutz thanked the audience for attending. He reported on the Sheriff's Office intel committee statistics for September 7-20, 2022.

Vice President Gregory attended the Rural Maryland Council and reported on their actions. She will be attending the Elkton Pregnancy Center banquet.

Councilman Miller commented that the lumber from the 2021 New York's Rockefeller Christmas Tree, which had been donated by Devon and Julie Price of Elkton, has been returned to Cecil County. He stated that the lumber will be used by the School of Technology in construction of a house that Habitat for Humanity will be donating to a family. He announced that the public may observe a low-flying yellow airplane that will be spreading seeds over cornfields as a cover crop. He attended the Fair Hill Foundation meeting that is planning the Five Star event in October.

Councilwoman Culberson stated that she enjoyed her vacation but is happy to be back in Cecil County.

Council President Meffley attended the DNR meeting regarding the proposals for Bainbridge. He stated that they toured the Tome School site and reported that several of the buildings have deteriorated beyond reconstruction. He commented that there are plans based on 50 acres and 100 acres at the Tome School site. He stated that the soil has to be tested for possible contamination before final plans can be determined. He will be attending the Tawes Crab Fest in Crisfield and the Harvest Dinner.

Adjournment

Councilman Coutz made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Vice President Gregory, in order to go into a closed session. Council President Meffley adjourned the session at 5:14 pm.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

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Council President Meffley stated that the Council will be going into closed session and will adjourn the session without returning to an open session.


CLOSED SESSION

4:50 P.M.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 4:30 pm in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building. The session will also be livestreamed on the County Council's webpage at www.ccgov.org/council.


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Robert Meffley, Council President