

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES  
LSD 2023-01  
January 3, 2023**

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:

Jackie Gregory, Council President  
Robert Meffley, Vice President  
Rebecca Hamilton, Council Member  
Al Miller, Council Member  
Donna Culberson, Council Member

**NOTE:** The recording with transcription 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 January 3, 2023, was called to order by Council President Gregory at 7:00 p.m.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Councilwoman Culberson requested a moment of silence to honor Christopher Brown who died in an accident at the Cecil County Landfill on December 29, 2022. Councilwoman Culberson noted that donations in his memory can be made to APWGAD, which is a food program that benefits Cecil County children and will help pay for school lunches.

**OPENING PRAYER**

Councilman Miller introduced Pastor Tim Beardsley from Cherry Hill Methodist Church who led the opening prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion made by Councilwoman Culberson, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of January 3, 2023. Motion was approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion made by Vice President Meffley, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the legislative session of December 20, 2022. Motion was approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kathy Hurd Jagger of Rising Sun commented on the purpose of government, the role of elected officials, the constitution and upholding the law.

Harold McCanick of Elk Neck also supported Ms. Jagger's statement.

## **PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Miller hoped everyone had a great holiday and noted that he would be attending the MACo Conference this week.

Councilwoman Culberson also wished everybody a Happy New Year. She gave the intel report from the previous two weeks from the Sheriff's Office.

Vice President Meffley thanked the Boy Scouts that attended the meeting and noted that he will also be attending the MACo Conference.

Councilwoman Hamilton noted she would also be attending the MACO conference and has already been to the newly elected orientation seminar.

Council President Gregory noted the Winter Lights, Cecil Nights will be starting on January 7 to February 23, 2023 and encouraged everyone to visit the website and to go to the Towns to see this wonderful display of lights.

## **INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-2023 - Appointment – Public Safety Pension Plan Board of Trustees – Steven Overbay, Stephen Brownhill, Matthew Carr, Mary McLennan, Shon McCollum, Angela Blodgett, Wayne Tome, and Angelia Lawson.**

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Steven Overbay to a two (2) year term, which will expire on December 31, 2024, Stephen Brownhill to a three (3) year term, which will expire on December 31, 2025, Matthew Carr to a one (1) year term, which will expire on December 31, 2023, Mary McLennan to a three (3) year term, which will expire on December 31, 2025, Shon McCollum, Angela Blodgett, Wayne Tome, and Angelia Lawson serve until their appointment ends or if such Trustee has been designated by a County officer, until the term of office or appointment of the County officer who appointed such trustee ends to the Public Safety Pension Plan Board of Trustees.

Introduced, read the first time, order posted on January 3, 2023, and scheduled for consideration on January 17, 2023.

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted the importance of this Committee.

## **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 66-2022 - Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Community Services – Human Services Division – Domestic Violence Program/The Bridge.**

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, in order to provide a total of \$43,947.00 to the Community Services Grants Fund – Department of Community Services, to record a Domestic Violence Center Grant awarded from the Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victims Services to provide rental assistance to victims of domestic violence.

This Resolution was introduced on December 20, 2022 and scheduled for consideration on January 3, 2023.

There were no Council questions or comments.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 66-2022, which was seconded by Councilwoman Culberson.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -Y, Culberson – Y, Meffley – Y, Gregory- Y  
The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 67-2022 - Approval – Cecil County Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.**

A Resolution to adopt the Cecil County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2022 update.

This Resolution was introduced on December 20, 2022 and scheduled for consideration on January 3, 2023.

Director of Administration Steven Overbay thanked the staff of the Department of Emergency Services for completing the update and keeping Cecil County safe.

There were no Council questions or comments.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution 67-2022, which was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -Y, Culberson – Y, Meffley – Y, Gregory- Y  
The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 68-2022 - Budget Transfer – Fund Balance – Liquor Board.**

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, is hereby amended for the supplemental appropriation by amending the Current Budget to appropriate \$15,000 of additional expenditures from the General Fund to the Liquor Board budget to be expended for Liquor Board salaries, training, and supplies.

This Resolution was introduced on December 20, 2022 and scheduled for consideration on January 3, 2023.

There were no Council questions or comments.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution 68-2022, which was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -Y, Culberson – Y, Meffley – Y, Gregory- Y  
The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 69-2022 - Budget Amendment – Fund Balance – Department of Emergency Services.**

A resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 in order to appropriate a total of \$522,277.84 of additional expenditures for the purchase of one (1) ambulance and necessary equipment from the General Fund to the Department of Emergency Services budget.

This Resolution was introduced on December 20, 2022 and scheduled for consideration on January 3, 2023.

There were no Council questions or comments.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution 69-2022, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hamilton.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -Y, Culberson – Y, Meffley – Y, Gregory- Y  
The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 70-2022 - Appointment—Police Accountability Board – Stephen A. Miller, Jamila H. Mettee, John W. Thompson, Michael W. Dawson, Robert F. McKnight, John R. Stricklett, and Rodney W. Heinze.**

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Stephen A. Miller, Jamila H. Mettee, John W. Thompson, Michael W. Dawson, Robert F. McKnight, John R. Stricklett, and Rodney W. Heinze to the Police Accountability Board and the Police Accountability Board’s Administrative Charging Committee and to establish a quarterly stipend amount for the confirmed members.

This Resolution was introduced on December 20, 2022 and scheduled for consideration on January 3, 2023.

County Attorney Lawrence Scott noted that the Administrator had no further comments unless an amendment is introduced.

Councilwoman Hamilton made a motion to approve Resolution 70-2022, which was seconded by Councilwoman Culberson.

Vice President Meffley noted that he has an amendment to revise the payment for the CCPAB and CCACC and requested it to be read for the record.

Council Manager Culver read into the record the amendment:

**Amendment No. 1 to Resolution 70-2022**

**Introduced by: Vice President Meffley**

**Synopsis:** On page 4, delete lines 62 to 65 and insert:

“ . . . that CCPAB members shall receive a payment of \$1,500 per fiscal year that is paid quarterly, CCACC members shall receive a payment of \$3,000 per fiscal year that is paid quarterly and CCPAB members that serve on both the CCPAB and the CCACC shall receive a payment of \$4,500 per fiscal year that is paid quarterly. In addition, CCPAB and CCACC members shall also receive a rate not to exceed \$300 per day for any day a member is attending any Federal, State or County mandated training, and shall also be reimbursed for pre-approved reasonable expenses for cost associated with their official duties.”

Vice President Meffley made a motion to amend Resolution 70-2022, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hamilton.

Councilman Miller requested if the members can be paid for training. County Attorney Lawrence Scott noted that they would be paid and the Administration does not have any objections to the amendment.

Roll call vote on the amendment: Hamilton – Y, Miller -Y, Culberson – Y, Meffley – Y, Gregory- Abstain

The motion was approved 4 to 0 with 1 abstention.

There were no further Council questions or comments.

No objections were raised by Council on the amended motion to be approved.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -Y, Culberson – Y, Meffley – Y, Gregory- Abstain

The motion was approved 4 to 0 with 1 abstention

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment #105

Councilwoman Culberson requested more detailed information from the Cecil County Board of Education on the expenditures. President Gregory explained the line items and the process of moving funds in the budget.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #105 in the amount of \$139,970 for November expenses. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Culberson. The motion was approved by a voice vote of 5 to 0.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion made by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, Council President Gregory adjourned the meeting at 7:29 pm.

Council President Gregory announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building. The legislative session will be livestreamed at the county's webpage at [www.ccgov.org/council](http://www.ccgov.org/council). The recording and transcription will be uploaded to the county's website as soon as possible.

Approved:

  
Jackie Gregory  
Council President

Attest:

  
David M. Culver  
Council Manager