

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
May 1, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Council Members: President Bowsbey, Vice President Dan Schneckenburger, Bob Meffley, George Patchell and Jackie Gregory; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant, members of the press; and members of the public.

**OPEN SESSION – Elk Room**

**9:00 A.M.** –Council President Bowsbey called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and determined a quorum.

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

**Special Presentation**

Councilman Meffley presented a basket prize to Vice President Schneckenburger from the Youth Empowerment Source event held recently. Vice President Schneckenburger donated the basket prize to Lisa Tome for a needy student.

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of April 17, 2018, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

**FY 2018 Third Quarter Financial Projections**

Ms. Anderson presented the FY 2018 third quarter projection.

Ms. Anderson stated that the third quarter report finds the county's general fund expecting a favorable variance from budget of \$1.9M. The projected net of all revenue streams is \$695,025 greater than budget. Projected expenditures are expected to approach but not equal the budget. A total of \$1.3M less than budget is projected to be spent when reviewing the activity of the past nine months. Expenditures increased by \$274,000 when compared to FY2017, largely due to the increase in the allocation to Cecil County Public Schools, Cecil College, and Cecil County Public Library; and the timing of debt service payments, when compared to FY 2017.

The Landfill Fund is projecting a \$51,000 increase in operating revenues compared to budget, and \$32,000 lower in expenditures. If this continues, the fund Change in Net Position will be \$793,000 to the positive and will continue to add to the fund balance of the landfill enterprise fund.

The Wastewater Fund is projecting a small increase in revenues when compared to budget at the end of the third quarter and savings in operating expenses compared to budget in the amount of \$228,000. The small gain will not make up the difference in the budgeted loss of \$1M.

### **Review of Legislative Agenda**

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Land Use and Development Services, provided introductory remarks on Rezoning Case #2018-02 Ryan D. Showalter and Brendan S. Mulaney. Council questions and comments ensued.

A public hearing on Resolution No. 17-2018 Master Water and Sewer Plan – Wastewater Tables – Table 10 – Upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant is scheduled for tonight’s legislative session. Eric Sennstrom, Director of Land Use and Development Services, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

A public hearing on Resolution No. 18-2018 Master Water and Sewer Plan – Map Amendment – Foundation of Eldercare is scheduled for tonight’s legislative session. Eric Sennstrom, Director of Land Use and Development Services, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Scott Flanigan, Director of Public Works, provided introductory comments on Bill No. 2018-05 Amendment – Capital Budget FY 2018 – Wastewater Capital Project – Grant Award – Construct CECO to Cherry Hill Connection, which will be introduced at tonight’s session. Council questions and comments ensued. Jason Allison, County Attorney, provided additional comments.

Sally Kilby, Director of Human Resources, provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 22-2018 Amendment – Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual, which will be introduced at tonight’s session. Council questions and comments ensued. The Council requested that Ms. Kilby provide what is the standard retention rate for similar county governments.

Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #49 will be considered for approval at tonight’s session.

### **Update on Conowingo Dam**

Charles MacLeod from the Clean Chesapeake Coalition provided an update on the Conowingo Dam. He stated that the Maryland Department of the Environment approved Exelon’s Water Quality Certification with conditions. He stated that the Clean Chesapeake Coalition had been successful in bringing attention to the issues of pollution and sediments behind the dam. MDE gave Exelon options to reduce nitrogen and phosphorus coming from the Susquehanna River. An option offered was a payment of \$172M annually for 40 years of the license. State conditional approval also include requirements for fish passage and river flow at the dam. He also stated that the Clean Chesapeake Coalition would be updating their video of the Conowingo Dam issue to include the State’s new conditional approval. Exelon is also required to address the floating debris on the Susquehanna River.

Mr. MacLeod also discussed the state’s pilot project of dredging the reservoir at the dam, which begins August 2018.

Council questions and comments ensued.

**Council Manager Report**

Mr. Massey updated Council Members about upcoming meetings and events.

**Council Member Comments**

Councilwoman Gregory attended the Volunteer Recognition luncheon and commented on the outstanding number of volunteers. She thanked Krista Gilmore, Volunteer Coordinator, for work on the event. She participated in the Trash Bash and Career Day at North East Middle School.

Vice President Schneckeburger attended the Volunteer Recognition luncheon, YES dinner, and Port Deposit and Rising Sun fire company banquets. He attended the Teacher of the Year banquet and met candidates for School Superintendent.

Councilman Patchell attended the Volunteer Recognition luncheon and commented on it being one of his favorite events. He also participated in Trash Bash along Coudon Boulevard in Perryville.

Councilman Meffley attended the Volunteer Recognition luncheon and commented on the number of agencies with groups of volunteers. He attended the legislative wrap-up by the Chamber of Commerce and Board of Realtors. He commented on the number of state grants awarded to Cecil County agencies. He attended the Trash Bash, Trade Foundation house completion, Build a Burger dinner, Commuter Transit service ribbon cutting, and Port Deposit fire company banquet. He also commented on the new HVAC program at the School of Technology, that was sponsored by Cecil College.

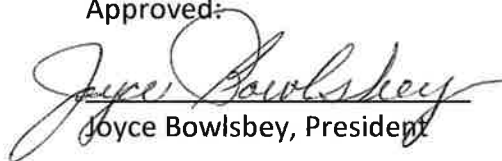
Council President Bowsbey attended the Volunteer Recognition luncheon and commented that it was one of her favorite events. She attended the Trash Bash and commented that everyone should consider picking up roadside trash year round. She will be attending the art exhibit, Expression of Healing at the Arts Council.

**Adjournment**

On a motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the work session was adjourned by Council President Bowsbey at 10:19 am.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 9 am.

Attest:  
  
James Massey  
Council Manager

Approved:  
  
Joyce Bowsbey, President