

**Board of County Commissioners  
Worksession Minutes  
March 29, 2011**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Mullin, Moore, Dunn, Broomell and Hodge; County Administrator Al Wein, Public Works Director Scott Flanigan and staff; Planning and Zoning Director Eric Sennstrom; Economic Development Director Vernon Thompson; Parks and Recreation Director Clyde VanDyke; Human Resources Director Donna Nichols; Budget Manager Craig Whiteford; Office Administrator Vicky Rinkerman; Council Norman Wilson; members of the press, and members of the public.

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

**OPEN SESSION**

**9:00 a.m.** – President Mullin called the meeting to order.

**Susquehanna Workforce Network, Inc.,**

Susquehanna Workforce Network Executive Director Bruce England and members of the Board provided an overview of the employment and educational services offered through the organization and the budget outlook for the next fiscal year.

Discussion ensued regarding the unemployment rates and their (Susquehanna Workforce Network) role relative to finding employment for Cecil County residents.

**Highway Needs Inventory**

Department of Planning and Zoning Principal Planner Tony DiGiacomo provided the Board an overview of the process used by the State Highway Administration relative to updating the highway needs inventory for Cecil County. County officials have been asked to review the list and make recommendations. The County municipalities have been forwarded this information.

Discussion ensued regarding opportunities and resources available to bring Cecil County's needs to the attention of regional and state officials.

Director Thompson was asked to provide the Board with an overview of the various County designations.

The Board concurred to authorize staff to proceed with drafting a letter to the state agencies to address the concerns discussed in the worksession.

**Waterway Improvement Fund Projects State Bond Replacement II**

Parks and Recreation Director Van Dyke reviewed a request from the Department of Natural Resources seeking support from the Board for the Governor's funding request for Waterway Improvement Fund projects that would include two Cecil County projects.

The Board concurred to authorize staff to draft a letter of support for signature by all five Board members.

**Charter Transition Committee**

Discussion ensued regarding a recommendation for the appointment from the Charter Board to the Charter Transition Committee.

On motion made by Commissioner Broomell, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board considered the appointment of Ed Cole from the Charter Board to the Charter Transition Committee.

The Board concurred that notice pursuant to law would be provided for the Charter transition meetings; open to the public and include public comment opportunities at specified times.

Vote: Mullin - Y, Broomell - Y, Moore - Y, Dunn - Y, Hodge - Y. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board concurred that they would defer the selection of a chair to the Charter Transition Committee.

### **Health Advisory Committee Recommendations**

Human Resources Director Nichols updated the Board relative to the recommendations from the Health Advisory Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding providing a process to allow employees to comment on the recommendations from the Health Advisory Committee.

The Board concurred to postpone a decision on the recommendations until the next worksession meeting.

### **RFP # 11-16; Uniform Service**

Purchasing Agent Pyle reviewed RFP 11-16.

The Board concurred to authorize staff to advertise RFP 11-16 for uniform service.

### **Bid # 11-40; Roadway Pipe and Bid# 11-41; Roadway Blank Signs and Posts**

Director Flanigan reviewed Bid 11-40 and 11-41.

The Board concurred to authorize staff to advertise Bid 11-40 for roadway pipe and Bid 11-41 for roadway blank signs and posts.

### **Legislative Report**

Commissioner Moore provided an update on proposed legislation and the status of the decision regarding the teachers' pensions.

Discussion ensued regarding the financial obligations the County must be able to demonstrate and meet relative to filing the letter of intent for a waiver of the maintenance of effort by the April 1, 2011 deadline.

### **Commissioner items**

The Board concurred to authorize Commissioner Dunn to schedule a meeting with the presidents' of the local sports clubs, staff from Parks and Recreation, and Board members to discuss the needs of the clubs, facilities, and fields.

Commissioner Dunn commented on an amendment to meeting meetings and a discussion with an MAA representative regarding the county airport.

Commissioner Hodge provided the Board with a statement and an opinion from the Ethics Commission regarding rezoning requests he submitted as part of the Comprehensive rezoning process.

Commissioners Broomell and Mullin provided a comment regarding the rezoning request submitted by Commissioner Hodge.

Commissioner Moore commented on meetings and events she attended during the week and on a letter received from Mr. Fisher in Rising Sun. She congratulated Treasurer Feehley and staff on receiving a positive management letter from the auditor.

Commissioner Broomell clarified information relative to the Raintree Airport draft letter for consideration by the Board and commented on the differences in the comprehensive rezoning process and the normal rezoning process.

**10:45 a.m.**

### **CLOSED SESSION**

On motion made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Broomell, the Board moved to convene in closed session pursuant to Maryland Annotated Code-State Government-10-508(a) (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; (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter; (8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

The Board convened in closed session.

### **ADJOURNMENT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**11:38 a.m.** - On motion made Commissioner Hodge, seconded by Commissioner Dunn, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn from closed session.

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