

**Board of County Commissioners
Worksession Minutes
March 8, 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; Permits and Inspections Director Pat Conway; Human Resources Director Donna Nichols; Budget Manager Craig Whiteford; Executive 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.

OPEN SESSION

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

Approval of minutes

On motion made by Commissioner Hodge, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board moved to approve the minutes of the following meetings:

January 25, 2011 Worksession Minutes

January 25, 2011 Closed Session Minutes

February 1, 2011 Worksession Minutes

February 1, 2011 Closed Session Minutes

February 1, 2011 Commissioners Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2011 Board of Health Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2011 Worksession Minutes

February 15, 2011 Commissioners Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2011 Worksession Minutes

On motion made by Commissioner Hodge, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board considered approving the meeting minutes as presented.

Discussion ensued regarding proposed amendments to the meeting minutes.

Counsel Wilson advised the Board that closed session meeting minutes should not be discussed in open session.

Commissioner Hodge withdrew his motion to approve the minutes.

On motion made by Commissioner Broomell, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board voted unanimously to table the minutes pending review of amendments and further discussion.

Rural legacy focus area recommended priority

The Board reviewed information provided by the Planning and Zoning Office staff regarding the County's designated rural legacy priority area. Discussion ensued relative to recommending a priority area for Cecil County.

On motion made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Broomell, the Board voted unanimously to designate Fair Hill as the Cecil County Rural Legacy area.

Farm museum property update

Public Works staff updated the Board on the wetlands mitigation issues on the farm museum property.

Legislative report

Commissioner Moore and County Administrator Wein provided the Board an update on Cecil County legislation.

Discussion ensued regarding the Governor's budget and HB1107. Director Sennstrom briefed the Board relative to the negative ramifications of HB1107 on local jurisdictions.

On motion made by Commissioner Hodge, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board unanimously agreed to send a letter in opposition to HB1107 for signature by all Board members.

Commissioner Moore reviewed proposed State legislation to transfer teacher pensions to local jurisdictions.

Draft bid 11-35-Trash removal Winding Brook community

Purchasing Agent Dave Pyle provided the Board information relative to the draft bid for trash removal in the Winding Brook community. Discussion ensued relative to curbside recycling in the community.

The Board concurred to authorize the Purchasing Department to proceed with advertising Bid 11-35 as presented.

RFP No. 11-05-55021 Membrane filtration system goods and special services North East River

Director Flanigan reviewed the RFP relative to the Seneca Point Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Discussion ensued regarding the CIP Wastewater budget.

The Board concurred to authorize the Public Works Department to proceed with advertising RFP 11-05-55021 as presented.

Weather Update

Director Brooks updated the Board relative to anticipated flooding issues throughout the County from the incoming rainstorm.

Commissioner items

Commissioner Dunn commented on meetings he attended during the week and action being considered to cut budgets in other jurisdictions.

Commissioner Broomell commented on scheduling a meeting for Route 222 area residents and the Hatem Bridge opening.

Commissioner Moore commented on potential budget cuts for the CARC work release program. County Administrator Wein updated the Board on action being taken to request reinstatement of the program funding.

Commissioner Hodge commented on the landfill gas collection system and request for the appointment of a transition team for Charter government. Director Flanigan briefed the Board relative to the landfill gas collection system and negotiations for a landfill gas contract.

Commissioner Mullin stated that the letter regarding the appointment of the transition team would be discussed at the next worksession meeting, and he commented on meetings he attended during the week.

CLOSED SESSION

10:05 a.m.

On motion made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Dunn, the Board voted unanimously to convene in closed session pursuant to Maryland Annotated Code State Government 10-508(a)(1) Personnel matters; (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter; and (8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

ADJOURNMENT of Closed Session

11:45 a.m.

On motion made Commissioner Hodge, seconded by Commissioner Mullin, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the closed session meeting.

OPEN SESSION

11:45 a.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Mullin, Moore, Dunn, Broomell and Hodge; County Administrator Al Wein, Permits and Inspections Director Pat Conway; Housing Director Dave Mahaney, Counsel Norman Wilson, and Executive Office Administrator Rinkerman.

Budget Suggestions – The Board concurred to review the budget suggestions and schedule an additional meeting for the Board to review the information provided by the public.

Housing Matters - Delaware Valley Development Company

Director Mahaney briefed the Board relative to recommendations for workforce housing projects in the County.

Discussion ensued relative to developing private and public partnerships for the housing projects, agreements between the parties as it pertains to waivers of permit fees, and establishing a twenty percent cap on Section 8 vouchers within workforce housing projects in order to maintain the integrity of the housing community.

Mr. George Beers discussed rental guidelines for accepting rental clients, income levels relative to rental units, working status of renters, Section 8 vouchers in housing projects, potential financing issues, local contributions relative to deed restrictions, and guidelines relative to the County providing a letter of support for workforce projects.

Discussion ensued relative to deadlines for letters of support and creating a draft agreement between the developers and the county for workforce housing projects.

ADJOURNMENT

12:26 p.m. On motion made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Hodge, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

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