

Board of County Commissioners
Worksession Minutes
May 17, 2011

PRESENT: Commissioners Mullin, Moore, Dunn, Broomell and Hodge; County Administrator Al Wein, Public Works Director Scott Flanigan and staff; Economic Development Director Vernon Thompson; Information Technology Director Scott Flanigan; Human Resources Director Donna Nichols, Emergency Services Director Richard Brooks; Budget Manager Craig Whiteford; Executive Office Administrator Vicky Rinkerman; Attorney 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.

Proposed Ethics Ordinance – Chapter 166 repeal and reenactment

Ethics Commission Advisory Committee Chair Michael Burns provided the Board an overview of the proposed Ethics Ordinance and reviewed the recommendations.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- . the number of members serving on the committee;
- . request for a budget for the committee;
- . record retention schedule of complaints;
- . minimum ethics standards adopted by the State that pertain to local regulations;
- . new regulations for filing ethics forms by county employees who work for the state;
- . disclosure by elected officials of all ownership of business and personal property;
- . conflict of interest issues;
- . proposed confidentiality restrictions;
- . designating a deadline for a decision on an ethics complaint;
- . disclosure regulations relative to an ethics complaint;
- . revisions relative to the change to charter government; and
- . disclosure of violations and advisory opinions

The Board was advised that a public hearing would need to be scheduled for the proposed ordinance. The Board concurred to forward the draft ordinance for final approval to the State Ethics Commission before

proceeding with the local hearing. A public hearing would be scheduled after the county receives approval from the state.

The Board thanked the members of the local Ethics Commission Advisory Committee for their time and dedication to revise the ordinance.

Proposed repeal of Chapter A275 (cable television) and reenactment of new Chapter A275 entitled "Cable Service Franchising"

Counsel Chip MacLeod provided the Board an overview of the proposed revisions to Chapter A275.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- . securing and jurisdiction of right-of-ways;
- . standards for providing new service;
- . standards for fees for line extension;
- . provisions for installing cable service with other underground utilities in new or restructured subdivision projects;
- . complaint procedures and enforcement measures for quality of service;
- . provisions for county building access to the cable system;
- . information on the right to request public, educational or government (PEG) access channels;
- . costs and grants associated for equipment to create programs;
- . timeline for term of agreement;
- . flexibility to negotiate for new service; and
- . coordinating emergency information

The Board concurred to authorize staff to proceed with scheduling a public hearing for their June 7, 2011 meeting for the proposed ordinance. A copy would be sent to all the cable providers relative to negotiating the terms of the franchise agreement within the county.

Video lottery terminal – Community Local Impact Grant Program application and eligibility criteria

Director Thompson reviewed the proposed Equine Industry proclamation scheduled for presentation at the evening meeting. He reviewed the request from the Lower Susquehanna Greenway for a letter of support for the National Parks Service Star Spangled Banner National Historical Trail and Scenic Byway initiative to celebrate the sites surrounding our National Anthem and the War of 1812.

On motion made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Broomell, the Board unanimously voted to send a letter of support for option three of the Spangled Banner National Historical Trail and Scenic Byway initiative as requested by Susquehanna Heritage Greenway.

Director Thompson continued by providing an overview of the comments from the Local Development Council members relative to the application and eligibility requirements for the community grant program. Discussion ensued regarding:

- . the provision for eligibility of Perryville based organizations to apply for funding; and
- . the timeline for application submission

The Board designated County Administrator Al Wein, Economic Development Director Vernon Thompson, Executive Office Administrator Vicky Rinkerman, and from the Local Development Council Carole Brown, Dale DeWeese and Ann Jackson (pending confirmation) to the grant review committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the designation of staff relative to grant review. A suggestion was made to replace Director Thompson with the Director of Social Services.

Draft Bid 12-0152284 Replacement of Nottingham Road Bridge

County Administrator Wein advised the Board that this item has been withdrawn.

State's Attorney Office vehicles The Board concurred to defer discussion to the budget deliberation meeting. Evening meeting agenda review County Administrator Wein reviewed the informational and several action items on the agenda. Director Flanigan reviewed the Public Works items on the agenda and Budget Manager Whiteford reviewed the budget amendments. Commissioner Items Commissioner Dunn commented on meetings and events he attended during the week. Commissioner Broomell commented on meetings and events she attended during the week. She advised that staff in the Public Works department is investigating the feasibility of providing debit card service at the landfill. Commissioner Moore commented on meetings and events she attended during the week. She suggested that the Board schedule a post legislative meeting with our State Delegation to discuss relevant topics. Commissioner Hodge commented on the scheduled budget deliberation meeting this afternoon relative to his recommendations. Commissioner Mullin commented on meetings and events he attended during the week. He advised that Board that Mr. Kilby has requested a consensus from the Board regarding the proposal discussed for the purchase of the Carson property. Commissioner Broomell commented on the budget process relative to working with the School Board to find additional funding and developing partnerships. **ADJOURNMENT 11:25 a.m.** On motion by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Hodge, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. **PRESENT:** Commissioners Mullin, Moore, Dunn, Broomell and Hodge; County Administrator Al Wein, Treasurer Bill Feehley; Budget Manager Craig Whiteford; Executive Office Administrator Vicky Rinkerman, members of the public and members of the press. **OPEN SESSION 1:00 p.m.** Budget Deliberations Commissioner Mullin called the meeting to order to discuss the FY2012 budget. Discussion ensued regarding the following budget items: . Community Corrections documentation relative to the CARC Program; . documentation from Cecil College relative to a request to carry over funds from FY2011; . request from Cecil College to reconsider CIP decision relative to moving construction of the new Engineering and Math Building to the FY2013 budget; . request from State's Attorney to reconsider liquidation of only one department vehicle; . potential savings regarding revising the vehicle take home policy in the Sheriff's Office and other departments as necessary The Board concurred to have Budget Manager Craig Whiteford meet with Sheriff Janney, as well as with other departments as necessary to discuss the vehicle take home policy. . County loss of CARC funding reimbursement and CARC audit; . reconsider the Homestead tax credit; . consideration for reducing the tax rate to less than the proposed constant yield tax rate; . overview of reductions to the FY2012 budget; . emergency fund balance; . closing the gap for CARC funding in the Sheriff's Office; . providing an additional \$350,000 to the Sheriff's Office budget to use as needed within the department budget . statutory requirements for funding the CARC Program; . Federal

prisoner program alternative On motion made by Commissioner Hodge, the Board considered providing the Sheriff's Office an additional \$350,000 in the FY2012 budget. Motion died for lack of a second.

. reinstate additional funding to Cecil College budget On motion made by Commissioner Hodge, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board approved providing Cecil College an additional \$120,000 subject to finding a source of funding. Motion carried. . decision to merge the critical area budget with the Planning and Zoning department budget; . four percent budget reduction for the Public Libraries; . Economic Development marketing specialist position The Board voted 3 – 2 to postpone reinstating the marketing specialist position in the Department of Economic Development at this time. Vote: Mullin-N, Broomell- N, Moore-Y, Dunn-N, Hodge-Y. . Membership in the Economic Alliance of Greater Baltimore; The Board voted 3 – 2 to terminate membership in the Economic Alliance of Greater Baltimore. Vote: Mullin-N, Broomell- N, Moore-Y, Dunn-N, Hodge-Y. . Board of Education budget; On motion made by Commissioner Hodge, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board considered reinstating \$314,000 to the Board of Education budget in addition to the Maintenance of Effort funding to cover the administrative costs for teacher pensions that was deferred by the state to the local jurisdictions. Vote: Mullin – (support only if funds are not taken from the County's fund balance), Broomell – N, Moore – Y, Dunn – N, Hodge – Y. . Proposed a study of landfill, Seneca Point Wastewater plant and detention center operations by an industry expert relative to reducing costs and improving efficiency . Pay for Liquor Board members as stated in the code The Board concurred to meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2011 to continue budget deliberations.

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