

**Board of County Commissioners  
Worksession Minutes  
May 3, 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; Permits and Inspections Director Pat Conway, Planning and Zoning Director Eric Sennstrom; 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](http://www.ccgov.org).

**OPEN SESSION**

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

**Intervet, Schering and Plough Animal Health** – Christine Reeder briefed the Board relative to a proposal for the organization to provide microchip technology to the residents of Cecil County for their pets. Pet owners have a cost effective alternative to use this technology to locate lost pets if it is provided as a service through the local government. The local SPCA currently uses this microchip technology.

Discussion ensued relative to responsible pet ownership and potential cost savings on animal control.

The Board concurred to discuss this proposal in more detail at a later date.

**Local Video Lottery Terminal Impact Grant Application and Eligibility Criteria** – Director Thompson reviewed the grant criteria and application process for local video lottery terminal funding.

Discussion ensued relative to the eligibility requirements and the Local Development Council participating in the grant selection process.

The Board concurred to continue discussion on the proposal at the next worksession and authorized Director Thompson to draft a letter of thanks to the LDC members.

**Proposed Amendment to Chapter 188 – County Seal regarding official County Seal copyright and guidelines for use of the Seal** – County Administrator Wein reviewed the draft amendment to Chapter 188.

Discussion ensued relative to the appeal process outlined in the ordinance, valid reasons for permitting outside organizations to use the County Seal, and consideration for defining "political purposes".

The Board concurred to discuss this matter further and authorized County Administrator Wein to proceed with advertising the amendment to Chapter 188 of the County Code.

**Evening Meeting Agenda Review** – County Administrator Wein reviewed the public hearing and introductory items on the agenda for consideration by the Board.

Director Flanigan reviewed the Public Works action items relative to bids and revisions to the Stormwater Management Ordinance on the agenda for consideration by the Board.

Budget Manager Whiteford reviewed the budget amendments for consideration by the Board.

### **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.

Commissioner Moore suggested the Board send a thank you letter to members of the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee. She commented on meetings and events she attended during the week.

Commissioner Hodge suggested that the cost savings link provided on the website be made available to citizens year round.

The Board concurred to request further assistance from the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Mullin commented on meetings and events he attended during the week.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

**9:55 a.m.** - On motion made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by President Mullin, the Board moved to convene in closed session pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, State Government 10-508 (a) (1) Personnel matters; and (8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

The Board convened in closed session.

### **ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION**

**12:00 p.m.**

On motion made by Commissioner Hodge, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board adjourned the closed session. The Board is scheduled to reconvene in open session at 12:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Mullin, Moore, Dunn, Broomell and Hodge, County Administrator Al Wein, and Sheriff Barry Janney and staff.

### **OPEN SESSION**

**12:30 P.M.**

County Administrator Wein stated that this meeting is subsequent to a previous meeting held with Sheriff Janney and County officials regarding the proposed budget, which includes the elimination of \$700,000 in State funds for the local CARC program.

Discussion ensued regarding the impact of the elimination of State funds for the CARC program and further anticipated budget cuts.

The Board directed Budget Manager Whiteford meet with John Buck, Business Manager for the Sheriff's Office, to review and discuss the proposed budget in more detail.

**1:10 p.m.** - The meeting was adjourned.

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