

Board of County Commissioners
Worksession Minutes
May 31, 2011

PRESENT: Commissioners Mullin, Moore, Dunn, Broomell and Hodge; Public Works Director Scott Flanigan and staff; Economic Development Director Vernon Thompson; Planning and Zoning Director Eric Sennstrom and staff; 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.

Local Management Board update

Social Services Director Nicholas Ricciuti provided an overview of the functions of the local management board (LMB), which operates in Cecil County as a quasi-public nonprofit organization. He advised the Board of the status of Cecil Partnerships for Children, Youth and Families, (Cecil County's LMB) relative to state budget reductions and maintaining the current services provided through the agency. As provided in the proposed resolution, the County's human services agency (Department of Social Services) (DSS) would assume responsibility for the functions of Cecil Partnerships for services provided by the agency, effective July 1, 2011. The Department of Social Service in Harford County has assumed responsibility for their LMB organization.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- . reduction of state funding for local management boards;
- . critical programs provided to youth through Cecil Partnerships;
- . clarification of the functions of the Board of Directors for the LMB;
- . clarification of the assumption of duties by county personnel for the programs;
- . continuation of pursuing new grants and providing services through the current grant; and
- . administration of the grant programs through county and state DSS employees;
- . proposed resolution for the June 7, 2011 meeting; and
- . appointments to Cecil Partnership's Board of Directors.

Local Impact Grant application process – final selection of rating committee

Economic Development Director Thompson and Executive Office Administrator Rinkerman provided an update on the final selection of the rating committee and grant proposals received to date.

The Board concurred to review the list and make a decision on appointments at the next worksession meeting.

Farm Museum update

Public Works Director Flanigan provided the Board an update regarding the option to remove the entrance road to the property for remediation of the wetlands violation by the Farm Museum.

Development Services Sediment and Stormwater Management Branch Chief Van Funk provided the Board an overview of the property boundary lines; adjacent properties; and the lease agreement between the County and the Farm Museum.

Development Services Division Chief Tim Whittie provided the Board an overview of the regulations and restrictions for other uses as defined by the Rural Legacy Program. The county used Rural Legacy Program funds to purchase the property, and the agency must approve any change of use in the property.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- . costs for removal of the entrance road vs. costs for other remediation options;
- . restrictions on property use as defined in the Rural Legacy Program;
- . proposal to sell the property to an adjacent property owner;
- . consideration of other opportunities and options for property use;
- . existing access to the property from another location on the property (not the new road);
- . Army Corp of Engineers and Department of the Environment findings and remediation alternatives;
- . restrictions provided in the deed for the property;
- . negotiations with Farm Museum officials relative to paying for the cost of wetland mitigation and plans to terminate the lease for the property; and
- . obtaining a property survey.

The Board concurred to direct staff in the Public Works department to provide a list of potential uses for this property relative to the land use restrictions through the Rural Legacy Program.

Draft Bid 12-05-52233 Winding Brook Street improvements

Director Flanigan provided the Board an overview of the draft bid for Winding Brook street improvements.

The Board concurred to authorize Public Works staff to proceed with advertising the draft bid.

Commissioner Items

Commissioner Dunn had no comments.

Commissioner Broomell commented on meetings and events she attended during the week.

Commissioner Moore commented on a press conference scheduled by Senator Jacobs on Monday, June 6 at 1:00 p.m. at Lindy's on Route 40 in Perryville regarding the proposed increase in tolls.

Commissioner Hodge commented on the postponement of the decision regarding the wastewater connection fees. The Board concurred to direct County Administrator Wein to place the item on a future worksession for discussion.

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

ADJOURNMENT

10:05 a.m. On motion by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Dunn, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the worksession meeting.

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