

**Board of County Commissioners
Worksession Minutes
June 28, 2011**

PRESENT: Commissioners Mullin, Moore, Dunn, Broomell and Hodge; Public Works Director Scott Flanigan and staff; Planning and Zoning Director Eric Sennstrom; Economic Development Director Vernon Thompson; Budget Manager Craig Whiteford; Executive Office Administrator Vicky Rinkerman; Counsel Norman Wilson (arrived at 9:34 a.m.); Treasurer Bill Feehley; 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 criteria for "Small Business Incentive Program" – Local Impact grant multi-year plan category – Director Thompson reviewed the proposed eligibility criteria for the small business incentive program that is included in the County's local impact grant multi-year plan.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- . preference for small business low interest loans vs. incentive program;
- . vision to support businesses with less than five employees;
- . requirement for a business plan;
- . revise threshold of criteria to broaden assistance;
- . vision of this program supporting local small businesses that are ready to expand;
- . ensuring that the Board has final review and approval of applications;
- . need for the Board to define the type of businesses they would like to attract to the county;
- . current revolving loan fund program;
- . advertising the loan incentive program; and
- . impact grant funds being used for job creation in the county.

The Board concurred to direct Director Thompson to forward information to the Board regarding the revolving business loan program and to schedule a meeting to discuss the proposed criteria and options for the new program with business stakeholders from the community.

Water and Wastewater Management agreement – Artesian – Director Flanigan reviewed the Court of Appeals decision relative to the sale of assets to Artesian as it relates to the operations and management contract between the County and Artesian. The Department of Public Works recommendation would be to terminate the operations and management contract with Artesian.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- . six month closing time line on the sale of the assets; and
- . value of the county assets.

On motion made by Commissioner Dunn, seconded by Commissioner Broomell, the Board considered a motion to terminate the management and operations contract with Artesian as presented by the Public Works department.

VOTE: Mullin - Y, Broomell - Y, Moore - Y, Dunn - Y, Hodge – Y. Motion carried unanimously.

Draft letters regarding proposed guidance document; waters protected by the Clean Water Act – Director Flanigan reviewed the purpose of the draft letters relative to water protected by the Clean Waters Act as it relates to Cecil County.

The Board concurred to authorize the Public Works department to prepare the letters for signature as presented.

Introduction of Resolution regarding MDTA toll increase proposal – Budget Manager Whiteford reviewed for introduction the proposed resolution regarding the MDTA toll increase proposal.

The Board concurred to direct staff to place the resolution on the July 19, 2011 Commissioners meeting agenda.

Addendum to SPCA contract – Counsel Wilson provided the Board an overview of the addendum to the SPCA contract for a thirty-day extension on the current contract at the FY2012 budget funding level.

The Board concurred to authorize President Mullin execute the addendum to the SPCA contract as presented.

Board correspondence – The Board was provided a draft letter for the Town of North East relative to the water service agreement with the county requesting information on the proposed increase.

The Board concurred to send the letter requesting water rate information to the Town of North East as per the water service agreement.

Commissioner Items

Commissioner Dunn commented on the Chesapeake City Canal Day event and the toll increase public meeting in Havre de Grace.

Commissioner Broomell commented on the Drug and Alcohol Committee meeting and the toll increase public meeting in Havre de Grace.

Commissioner Moore commented on the MACo Board meeting relative to the key issues discussed and the Plan Maryland initiative.

Commissioner Hodge commented on the scheduled meeting with Secretary Hall, toll increase public meeting in Havre de Grace, objectives for the citizen's budget advisory committee, and provided the Board an article from Frederick County relative to an economic development initiative.

Commissioner Mullin commended the Sheriff's Office and Department of Emergency Services staff for their time and effort at the Canal Day event.

CLOSED SESSION

10:10 A.M. On motion made by Commissioner Dunn, seconded by Commissioner Broomell, the Board moved to convene in closed session pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code – State Government 10-508 (a) (1) Personnel matters; and (4) To consider matters that concern the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand or remain in the State.

On motion by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Hodge, the Board considered a motion to add an addendum to the closed session: (8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

VOTE: Mullin - Y, Broomell - Y, Moore - Y , Dunn - Y, Hodge - Y. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT TO OPEN SESSION

11:25 A.M. On motion made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Broomell, the Board considered a motion to adjourn from closed session to open session.

Mullin - Y, Broomell - Y, Moore - Y, Dunn - Y, Hodge – Y. Motion carried unanimously.

Penn National Gaming – Counsel Wilson advised the Board that he sent an email to Penn National relative to requesting a letter relative to verification for the reimbursement request. He has not received a response to date.

Stormwater Management Agreement – A question was raised relative to the effective date of the stormwater management agreement, which would be forwarded to the Public Works department for clarification.

County Administrator's evaluation – The Board concurred to add this item to the next closed session meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

12:00 P.M. The meeting was adjourned.

>