

**Board of County Commissioners  
Worksession Minutes  
August 23, 2011**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Mullin, Moore, Dunn, Broomell and Hodge; Public Works Director Scott Flanigan and staff; Permits and Inspections Director Pat Conway; Planning and Zoning Staff Stephen O'Connor; Human Resources Director Donna Nichols; Budget Manager Craig Whiteford; Executive Office Administrator Vicky Rinkerman; Counsel Norman Wilson; Board of License Supervisor Earl Bradford; Treasurer Bill Feehley; members of the press, and members of the public.

**NOTE:** Audio recording of this worksession meeting is available on the County website [www.ccgov.org](http://www.ccgov.org).

**OPEN SESSION – August 23, 2011**

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

**Board of License Supervisors Legislative Request** – Earl Bradford and members of the Board of License Commissioners reviewed for the Board three proposed legislative requests.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- . Proposed changes to §2-207 Pub-brewery license, sections (g) and (1)(vi);
- . Proposed changes to §6-201 Hotels and restaurants, section (i)1 to reduce the minimum capital investment necessary for a BLX license; and
- . Proposed change to increase maximum fine allowable per offense from \$1,000 to \$2,000 and to enable for the suspension of a license found in violation

**Electrical Board Inspection Recommendations** – Ed Harrison, Chair of the Electrical Board, reviewed the recommendations relative to electrical inspections and inspection agencies.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- . Process for determining single vs. multiple inspection agencies;
- . Option for providing emergency electrical inspections via county inspectors through the Permits and Inspections Department; and
- . Follow up meeting with the Board after the Electrical Board September meeting

**Forest Interior Dwelling Birds (FIDS) Mitigation Programs** – Stephen O'Connor from the Planning and Zoning Department reviewed for the Board the guidelines and programs operating in other jurisdictions.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- . Establishing a FIDS bank in the county;
- . Next steps relative to initiating the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance;

- . Advantages for establishing partnerships for a FIDS bank; and

- . Private vs. public FIDS banks

**Draft bid 12-11 Superstructure Painting of Bridges Nos. CE-0007 & CE0087** – Director Flanigan provided the Board an overview of the draft bid.

The Board concurred to authorize Public Works staff to proceed with advertising draft bid 12-11.

**Correspondence to Miles and Stockbridge relating to the Elkton West Franchise Agreements, Asset Purchase Agreements and Sale of Water and Wastewater Systems to Artesian Water MD Inc. and Artesian Wastewater MD Inc.** – County Administrator Wein provided the Board a draft letter relating to the law firm of Miles and Stockbridge and the Elkton West franchise agreements/contracts.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- . Clarification relative to the intention of the motion to dismiss Counsel Larry Haislip vs. dismissal of the law firm of Miles and Stockbridge; and

- . Disclosure of information to the Board of County Commissioners of all projects involving Miles and Stockbridge

The Board concurred to table this item for further discussion.

### **Commissioner Items**

Commissioner Dunn commented on the MACo Conference.

Commissioner Broomell commented on partners and planning efforts for the Drug and Alcohol Educational Forum at Cecil College on September 22, 2011 in the Technology Building and the Plan Maryland initiative from the state. She recommended the Board consider signing the petition to request an extension of the deadline for approval for six months.

Commissioner Moore commented on representing the county at the MACo Conference and the conference on the proposed septic legislation.

Commissioner Hodge commented on the MACo Conference and a request to reconsider funding mediation services in the County, which was not funded through the budget.

Discussion ensued regarding the budget process relative to providing mediation services in the County. The Board was advised that they decided not to fund the not for profit mediation organization and did not provide additional funding for this service in the State's Attorney's budget.

The Board concurred to authorize staff to proceed with scheduling a meeting with the mediation service provider.

Commissioner Mullin commented on the MACo Conference and PlanMaryland initiative.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

**10:02 AM** 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 (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter and (10) To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security including (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans.

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

The Board adjourned in closed session.

### **ADJOURNMENT CLOSED SESSION**

**1:22 PM** On motion by Commissioner Broomell, seconded by Commissioner Dunn, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the closed session meeting.

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