

**Board of County Commissioners  
Worksession Minutes  
August 9, 2011**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Mullin, Moore, Dunn, Broomell and Hodge; Public Works Director Scott Flanigan and staff; Planning and Zoning Director Eric Sennstrom and staff; Economic Development Director Vernon Thompson; Budget Manager Craig Whiteford; Executive Office Administrator Vicky Rinkerman; Counsel Norman Wilson; 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](http://www.ccgov.org).

**OPEN SESSION**

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

**Request for continued Charter transition legal services** – County Administrator Wein advised the Board that the Charter transition committee is requesting additional funding for legal services to support the committee.

The Board approved an additional \$2500, or 20 hours of additional legal services.

**Revised PlanMaryland comment letter** – Director Sennstrom and Plans Reviewer Tony DiGiacomo provided the Board a revised draft of the PlanMaryland letter.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Request that officials developing PlanMaryland insert language in the text stating that this document would not supersede local regulations;
- Request for a formal response in writing from state officials relative to PlanMaryland;
- Providing the County's comments at the MACo summer conference; and
- Forwarding a copy of the letter to the Maryland Department of Planning, the County's State Delegation, and local municipalities

**Draft Ethics Ordinance – next steps** – County Administrator Wein advised the Board of the process to formally adopt the proposed Ethics Ordinance.

The Board concurred to authorize staff to proceed with advertising a public hearing for the proposed Ethics Ordinance for the September 6, 2011 Commissioners meeting.

**Proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendment regarding Critical Area fee-in-lieu program** – Director Sennstrom and Stephen O'Connor provided the Board an overview of the proposed text amendment regarding critical area fee-in-lieu program.

Discussion ensued regarding:

Process relative to approving a fee-in-lieu;

- . Identification of mitigation sites relative to the proposed program;
- . Other jurisdictions in the state that have adopted this program;
- . Options for the county to purchase conservation easements instead of land;
- . Private vs. public mitigation processes;

- . State mandated critical area regulations; and
- . Consideration to use this program relative to the watershed protection/improvement program

The Board concurred to authorize staff to proceed with advertising the public hearing for the proposed text amendment before the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners. The Board requested the Planning and Zoning department provide additional information from other counties relative to their programs.

### **Commissioner Items**

Commissioner Dunn had no comments.

Commissioner Broomell commented on a meeting with officials from the Habitat for Humanity program. The group will be making a presentation at a future worksession meeting.

Commissioner Moore commented on the financial crisis at the federal level and the potential financial impact to local government.

Commissioner Hodge concurred with Commissioner Moore's comments.

Commissioner Mullin commented on the Chesapeake City Bridge Walk and advised the Board that he would personally sponsor the Commissioners. He suggested using the county seal on the shirts.

Commissioner Moore commented and the Board concurred not to use the county seal since the sponsorship is not being paid for with government funds.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

**9:35 A.M.** On motion made by Commissioner Moore, 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.

The Board adjourned in closed session.

### **ADJOURNMENT CLOSED SESSION**

**12:00 A.M.** On motion by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Dunn, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the closed session meeting.

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