

**Board of County Commissioners
Worksession Minutes
October 11, 2011**

PRESENT: Commissioners Mullin, Moore, Dunn, Broomell and Hodge; County Administrator Al Wein; Public Works Director Scott Flanigan and staff; Planning and Zoning Director Eric Sennstrom; Human Resources Director Donna Nichols; 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.

OPEN SESSION

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

Approval of Minutes

- . September 27, 2011 Worksession Meeting
- . September 27, 2011 Closed Session Meeting
- . October 4, 2011 Worksession Meeting

On motion made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Broomell, the Board moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Cecil County's Revised PlanMaryland Draft Comments – Director Sennstrom and Principal Planner Tony DiGiacomo provided the Board an update on the revised PlanMaryland and a draft letter to the Maryland Secretary of Planning relative to objections to this initiative.

Director Sennstrom advised the Board that PlanMaryland reverses the current planning process. The State Department of Planning would be making the planning decisions for local jurisdictions.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- . Soliciting comments from local municipalities on the draft plan;
- . Obtaining signatures from officials of our local municipalities on the letter;
- . Suggestion to define the urbanized area referenced in the letter; and
- . Value of attending public meetings on PlanMaryland

FY 2013 Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) Milestones – Director Flanigan advised the Board that there is a WIP webinar scheduled for Thursday, October 13, 2011 and they anticipate a revised schedule for milestone deadlines. Due to this meeting, the Watershed Implementation Plan Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for October 12 has been canceled, and the next meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2011.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- . Concerns relative to minor wastewater treatment plants;
- . Language relative to defining the milestones in the Watershed Implementation Plan;
- . Suggestion for consideration of establishing a sewer authority;
- . Suggestion for Board to consider and discuss the milestones before the document is approved; and
- . Suggestion to add a comment to the plan relative to coordinating efforts with the agricultural community

On motion made Commissioner Hodge, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board moved to approve the Watershed Implementation Plan Milestones with an amendment to add a statement relative to coordinating efforts with the agricultural community.

Motion carried by the vote of 3 to 2 - VOTE: Mullin - Y, Broomell - N, Moore - Y, Dunn - N, Hodge - Y.

Correspondence from Circuit Court Relating to Closure of Courthouse on December 23 and December 30

The Board concurred that the Circuit Courthouse would be open on December 23 and 30, 2011 even though the state offices would be closed and county employees would have the option to work or use leave.

Proposed Chapter A282-Transfer of Development Rights – Director Sennstrom reviewed the proposed Transfer of Development Rights Program, which would revise Chapter A282 of the Cecil County Code.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- . Proceeding with providing infrastructure in the growth corridor;
- . Developing more receiving areas in the county;
- . Implementing the TDR plan prior to installing the infrastructure in the growth corridor;
- . Suggestion to incorporate the definition of the program and comments from other agencies into the proposal;
- . Request for additional time to review the proposed plan; and
- . Suggestion for the Board to define and discuss priorities and define the criteria for funding

The Board concurred to authorize staff to add the definition of a transfer of development rights program and incorporate comments received from agencies into the proposed plan. The public hearing before the Planning Commission will be postponed until their December 2011 meeting with the public hearing before the Board being scheduled for a January 2012 Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Items

Commissioner Dunn advised the Board that he would like to appoint Ted Patterson to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee. The Board concurred with the proposed appointment.

Commissioner Broomell commented on the Port Deposit Freeman Hall grant.

Commissioner Moore commented on another initiative for Breast Cancer Awareness Month for a bra-recycling program, Indonesian Sister City initiative, recognition for County Administrator Wein's years of service, and recognition for a claims program developed by our Risk Manager Karen Nusic, who was honored at the LGIT conference.

Commissioner Hodge commented on the proposed toll increase relative to the impact on commercial and residential commuters, as well as consumers for the cost of goods and services.

Commissioner Broomell commented on efforts to gather information from the agricultural and tourism industry and discussion relative to an economic impact study on the impact of the increased toll.

Commissioner Moore suggested contacting the Cecil County Chamber of Commerce relative to conducting a survey of local businesses.

Commissioner Mullin commented on the Chesapeake City Fire Company 100th Anniversary event.

CLOSED SESSION

10:45 A.M. - On motion made by Commissioner Moore, seconded Commissioner Dunn, the Board moved to convene in closed session pursuant to Maryland Annotated Code State Government 10-508(a) (1) To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction, or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals (Requests to fill positions; Equipment Operator 1-DPW Roads Division; Clinical Director of the DVRCC; Child Advocacy Center Family Advocate and Bainbridge Development Corporation Appointments); and (8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation (briefing by Special Counsel Henry Suleau and Dr. John Boland regarding North East rate matter pending before PSC).

Present at Closed Session: Commissioners Mullin, Moore, Dunn, Broomell and Hodge; County Administrator Al Wein; Public Works Director Scott Flanigan and staff; Special Counsel Henry Suleau from Miles and Stockbridge and Dr. John Boland from the University of Maryland, Executive Office Administrator Vicky Rinkerman and Counsel Norman Wilson.

The Board convened in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT CLOSED SESSION

12:17 P.M. - On motion made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Hodge, the Board moved and voted unanimously to adjourn the closed session.