

**Board of County Commissioners
Worksession Minutes
October 25, 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; Permits and Inspections Pat Conway; 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

October 18, 2011 Worksession Meeting

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

United Way 2012 Campaign – Director Nichols reviewed the 2012 United Way Campaign. In addition to the option available for employee payroll deductions, there will be a "penny war" and a theme gift basket raffle between county departments.

Board members provided their comments relative to the United Way campaign.

Amendment to the Wastewater System Acquisition Option and Agreement between Cecil County, MD and the Town of Port Deposit – County Administrator Wein reviewed the proposed amendment for the acquisition of the Port Deposit wastewater system.

Counsel Wilson advised the Board that the county needs to renegotiate the terms of the agreement with the Town of Port Deposit.

Board members provided their comments relative to the proposed amendment to the agreement.

The Board concurred to authorize Counsel Wilson to proceed with reviewing the proposed amendments and forward revisions to the Board for consideration.

Proposal to amend Chapter 211 Electrical Standards Administration and Inspections Addition of Restricted License Provision – County Administrator Wein reviewed the proposed amendment to Chapter 211 Electrical Standards Administration and Inspections.

Director Conway provided the Board an overview of the history relative to a pre-existing condition involving Mr. Dominic Inglesia relative to a license to operate his mobile home park. The proposed amendment defines a restricted license provision relative to a specific type of work at a specific location.

Mr. Inglesia reviewed the history of this situation and advised the Board that he is certified relative to the work he is doing in his mobile home park.

Board members provided comments relative to the proposed amendment to Chapter 211 Electrical Standards.

The Board concurred to authorize staff to proceed with forwarding the amendment to the Electrical Board for review and comment.

Video Lottery Terminal Grant Modification – Executive Office Administrator Rinkerman reviewed the proposed modification to one of the Port Deposit VLT grants. She advised the Board that the VLT grant review committee has recommended approval of the modification to use the \$28,100 grant toward the purchase of a new police vehicle.

Town Administrator Heinze provided the Board an explanation of the reasons for the modification request.

The Board concurred to approve the VLT grant modification as presented.

Proposed Revised Chapter 209 Dogs and Other Animals – County Administrator Wein advised the Board that staff is seeking direction relative to moving forward with scheduling a public hearing on revised Chapter 209.

Board members provided comments relative to revised Chapter 209.

The Board concurred to authorize staff to schedule an afternoon meeting to discuss the proposed ordinance, which would be open to the public.

Proposed conveyance of lot in Meadowview (253 Sycamore Road) to Habitat for Humanity – County Administrator Wein reviewed the procedure relative to the proposal to convey this property to the Habitat for Humanity organization, which would require a public hearing. Habitat for Humanity officials are aware of the issues with the lot.

The Board concurred to authorize staff to proceed with scheduling a public hearing for conveyance of the lot.

Commissioner Items

Commissioner Dunn had no comments.

Commissioner Broomell commented on the adopted Ethics ordinance relative to the standards for disclosure for employees and volunteers, notification when complaints are filed, and penalties relative to board/committee members who fail to submit a disclosure form. She requested that this item be discussed further at a worksession meeting. She commented on the toll increases and new collection procedures for the Hatem Bridge. She advised the Board of a discussion relative to recommendations from a sub-committee of the Drug and Alcohol Council relative for proposed legislation to address the drug issues in the county.

Commissioner Moore had no comments.

Commissioner Hodge requested and the Board concurred to add another person from the tourism industry to the selection committee for the Economic Development Director position.

Commissioner Hodge commented on efforts to schedule a "town hall" meeting relative to the methadone clinic proposal and discussion on licensing, regulations, and drug treatment. Board members provided comments relative to their support for the meeting.

Commissioner Mullin commented on a thank you letter received from Cecil College President Pannill for the Commissioners Scholarship Program.

ADJOURNMENT

10:05 P.M. - On motion made by Commissioner Broomell, seconded by Commissioner Moore the Board moved and voted unanimously to adjourn the worksession meeting.

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