

**Board of County Commissioners
Worksession Minutes
December 20, 2011**

PRESENT: Commissioners Mullin, Broomell, Moore, Dunn and Hodge; County Administrator Al Wein; Public Works Director Scott Flanigan and staff; Planning and Zoning Director Eric Sennstrom; Budget Manager Craig Whiteford; Administrative Assistant Mylia Dixon; 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.

December 13, 2011 - Closed Session Meeting – 10:00 AM

The Board convened in closed session at their December 13, 2011 worksession meeting at 10:00 a.m. Motion was made by Commissioner Hodge, seconded by Commissioner Broomell, pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code State Government 10-508 (a) (9) To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to negotiations. Briefing regarding the status of labor relations with Sheriff's Office and Emergency Medical Services employees, and matters relating to collective bargaining negotiations provided by Special Counsel John Gilman.

PRESENT AT CLOSED SESSION: Commissioners Mullin, Broomell, Moore, Dunn and Hodge; County Administrator Al Wein; Human Resources Director Donna Nichols; Emergency Services Director Richard Brooks; Budget Manager Craig Whiteford; Counsel Norman Wilson; and Special Counsel John Gilman and Counsel Laura Pierson Scheinberg from Miles and Stockbridge.

Topics of discussion and action taken (if necessary):

Briefing provided by special counsel relative to the status of labor relations with Sheriff's Office and Emergency Medical Service employees and matters relating to collective bargaining negotiations.

Action: The Board concurred to postpone a decision on ending the 2012 bargaining negotiations.

The Board concurred to authorize counsel to proceed with scheduling collective bargaining negotiations for FY 2013 with each bargaining unit.

The Board concurred to authorize staff to schedule a meeting for the Board to discuss FY2013 budget objectives relative to providing budget direction and allocations to the negotiation committee.

The closed session meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

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

Approval of Minutes – On motion made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Hodge, the Board moved to approve the minutes for the December 13, 2011 Worksession meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Hodge, the Board moved to approve the minutes for the December 13, 2011 Closed Session meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Evening meeting agenda review – County Administrator Wein reviewed agenda items for consideration by the Board at the evening meeting.

Director Sennstrom provided the Board an update on the Resolution for the preservation of the lands of Jacob and Virginia Carson.

Budget Manager Whiteford briefed the Board on the proposed Plan for Public Safety Employees Resolution. He advised the Board that the resolution has been reviewed by counsel and the Public Safety Plan Board of Trustees, and there will be no financial impact from the revisions.

Director Flanigan briefed the Board on agenda items for the Public Works department for consideration.

Budget Manager Whiteford briefed the Board on proposed budget amendments for consideration.

Request to fill positions – Director Nichols advised the Board that Roads Division has requested to fill a budgeted Equipment Operator 1 position and a budgeted paramedic position in Emergency Services.

The Board concurred to authorize the Human Resources department to advertise and fill the positions as presented.

Commissioner Items

Commissioner Dunn wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Broomell commented on the Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Moore reminded everyone of the Citizen's Corner meeting scheduled for 6:00 p.m. tonight.

Commissioner Hodge asked the Board to consider canceling the March 27, 2012 and October 30, 2012 worksession meetings due to early voting being conducted in the Elk room. He proposed the appointment of a committee of stakeholders including the County's Information Technology Director to examine and assist with finding ways to expand Broadband in the county.

County Administrator Wein advised the Board that a group of stakeholders from the county is working on the Broadband project that includes people from the technology, educational, and business fields.

The Board concurred to request an update on the Broadband project from Information Technology Director Scott Mesneak.

Commissioner Hodge continued and requested an opinion from counsel relative to the proposed ordinance relating to clinics that was discussed at the Planning Commission meeting.

Counsel Wilson advised the Board that he would like more time to research this matter and submit a written opinion.

President Mullin wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

CLOSED SESSION

9:47 AM

On motion made by Commissioner Hodge, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board moved to consider amending the closed session agenda to include a briefing from counsel on the York Building Products rezoning. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Hodge, the Board moved to convene in closed session pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code State Government 10-508 (a) (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter; and (8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation. Briefing by County Attorney Wilson on pending litigation with Decker Contracting, a briefing on an MDE landfill storm water management legal matter, and a briefing on the York Building Products rezoning.

ADJOURNMENT

10:57 AM - On motion made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Broomell, the Board moved to adjourn the closed session meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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