

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES
January 15, 2013

County Council of Cecil County met in regular session at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Suite 1009, Elkton, MD. The following members of the Council were present:

Alan McCarthy, Council
Michael W. Dunn, Council
Diana Broomell, Council
Robert J. Hodge, Council
Joyce Bowsbey, Council

Constituting a Full Board.

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County, January 15, 2013 was called to order by President Robert Hodge at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

NOTE: Audio recording of this meeting is available on the County website www.ccgov.org.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following minutes were presented for the Council's consideration:

- December 18, 2012 Legislative Meeting

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by President Hodge, the Council moved to approve the December 18, 2012 Legislative Meeting Minutes as presented.

On motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to amend the minutes, page 4; delete statement "Counsel Wilson advised the Council that if two members leave the meeting there is no quorum to conduct business" and include a reference in the minutes a "statement of qualification: these minutes are subject to verification of the audio proceedings of this meeting".

VOTE: McCarthy – N, Bowsbey – Abstained, Dunn – Y, Broomell – Y, Hodge – N. Vote 2 in favor, 2 in opposition, and 1 abstention. Motion failed.

On motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to amend page 4; delete statement "Counsel Wilson advised the Council that if two members leave the meeting there is no quorum to conduct business".

VOTE: McCarthy – N, Bowsbey – A, Dunn – Y, Broomell – Y, Hodge – Y. Vote 3 in favor, 1 in opposition, and 1 abstention. Motion carried.

President Hodge called for a vote on the motion to approve the minutes as amended.

VOTE: McCarthy – N, Bowsbey – Abstained, Dunn – Y, Broomell – Y, Hodge – Y. Vote 3 in favor, 1 in opposition, and 1 abstention. Motion carried.

FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

Social Services Director Nick Ricciuti and staff provided the Council with an overview regarding Foster Care programs and recruitment within Cecil County.

CECIL LAND TRUST

Bill Kilby provided the Council with an update on the Cecil Land Trust.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Dunn welcomed the audience and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Bowsbey stated that she was honored to be representing the District 2 Council seat.

Vice President McCarthy thanked the public for attending the Legislative Council Meeting.

Councilwoman Broomell thanked the public for attending the Legislative Council Meeting, and expressed her gratitude to the Cecil Land Trust.

President Hodge thanked the public for their attendance, and comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Harris, 385 Crystal Beach Road, Cecilton; asked the Council to work together;

Joe Carabetta, 1611 Carpenters Point Road, Perryville; congratulated President Hodge and Councilwoman Bowsbey, commented on the election process for the District 2 Council seat, expenses incurred from a law suit, and Cecil County taxes;

Diane Carabetta, 1611 Carpenters Point Road, Perryville; congratulated President Hodge, Vice President McCarthy, and Councilwoman Bowsbey, and commented on the County Executive's change in party affiliation, and legal fees relative to the law suit;

Ron Lobos, 10 Academy Drive, Elkton; congratulated Councilwoman Bowsbey, President Hodge, Vice President McCarthy, and asked the Council to work together;

Jackie Gregory, 7 Cami Way, Elkton; congratulated Councilwoman Bowsbey, commented on the pending law suit, and stated her support for the County Executive's decisions;

Robert Amatto, P.O. Box 679, Perryville; requested all meetings held in the Elk room or Perryville room be audio and video recorded, and requested an update on the McCoy Farm purchase;

Mario Gangemi, 1 Woodbine Circle, Elkton; commented on the Council appointments, Mr. Harris's comments, thanked Councilwoman Bowsbey for serving, and thanked the audience for attending;

Dave Fortes, 115 Osage Street, Elkton; commented on methadone clinics, and the Route 40 Intersection of Jackson Station Road.

PRESENTATIONS

President Hodge presented a Certificate of Recognition to Peter Bieniek, and William V. Funk, Jr. on behalf of the County Council of Cecil County.

APPOINTMENTS

President Hodge reviewed the confirmation of appointment for Director of Administration Alfred C. Wein, Jr.

On motion made by Councilman Dunn, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to confirm the appointment of Alfred C. Wein, Jr. as the Director of Administration Motion carried unanimously.

President Hodge reviewed the confirmation of appointment for Director of Finance Winston Robinson.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to confirm the appointment of Winston Robinson as the Director of Finance.

VOTE: Hodge – Y, McCarthy – Y, Bowsbey – Y, Dunn – N, Broomell – Y. Motion carried by a vote of 4 in favor and 1 in opposition.

President Hodge reviewed the confirmation of appointment for the County Attorney Jason Allison.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to confirm the appointment of Jason Allison as the County Attorney.

VOTE: Hodge – Y, McCarthy – Y, Bowsbey – Y, Dunn – N, Broomell – N. Motion carried by a vote of 3 in favor and 2 in opposition.

President Hodge reviewed the confirmation of appointment for Special Legal Counsel Virginia Barnhart.

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to confirm the appointment of Virginia Barnhart Special Legal Counsel.

VOTE: Hodge – Y, McCarthy – Y, Bowsbey – Y, Dunn – N, Broomell – N. Motion carried by a vote of 3 in favor and 2 in opposition.

President Hodge reviewed the authorization of retention for Cameron Brown to represent the Appeals Board.

On motion made by Councilman Dunn, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to approve the authorization of Cameron Brown to represent the Appeals Board. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Planning & Zoning Director Sennstrom reviewed Resolution 01-2013 amendment to the Master Water and Sewer Plan.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding Resolution 01-2013 amendment to the Master Water and Sewer plan.

Resolution 01-2013 will be advertised and scheduled for a public hearing on February 5, 2013.

Funk & Bolton Special Counsel Chip McCleod reviewed Resolution 02-2013 Cable Franchise Agreements; Comcast Cable, Armstrong Cable, and Atlantic Broadband.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding Resolution 02-2013 Cable Franchise Agreements.

Information Technology Director Mesneak provided his comments regarding the Cable Franchise Agreements.

Resolution 02-2013 will be scheduled for consideration at the February 5, 2013 Council meeting.

BUDGET ADMENDMENTS

President Hodge presented the budget amendment for the Cecil County Public Schools.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the Cecil County Public Schools budget amendment.

On motion made by Councilman Dunn, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the budget amendment for Cecil County Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Hodge", written over a light blue rectangular background.

Robert Hodge, President
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vicky Rinkerman", written over a light blue rectangular background.

Vicky Rinkerman
Acting Council Manager