

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY**  
**LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES**  
**LSD 13-06**  
**March 19, 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:

Dr. Alan McCarthy, Vice President  
Joyce Bowsbey, Council  
Michael Dunn, Council  
Diana Broomell, Council  
Robert J. Hodge, President

Constituting a full Board

**NOTE:** Audio recording of this meeting is available on the County website [www.ccgov.org](http://www.ccgov.org).

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County, March 19, 2013 was called to order by President Robert Hodge at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**BILL 2013-01- Purchase of Development Rights - Agricultural Preservation Districts.** Council Manager Massey read for the record: Bill 2013-01 - An act to repeal and reenact Chapter A385 Purchase of Development Rights, §A385-3 Standards of the Code of Cecil County to establish Cecil County Agricultural Preservation Districts. The Bill was introduced by the Council President for the County Executive on February 19, 2013, LSD 13-04, advertised for public hearing on March 6 and 13, 2013 and scheduled for public hearing on March 19, 2013.

**BILL 2013-02 - Agricultural Tax Credit - Agricultural Preservation Districts.** Council Manager Massey read for the record: Bill 2013-02 - An act to amend Chapter 337 Taxation, Article II Agricultural Tax Credit, §337-4 Land qualifying for credit to add Cecil County Agricultural Preservation Districts to the provision for a tax credit. The Bill was introduced by the Council President for the County Executive on February 19, 2013, LSD 13-04, advertised for public hearing on March 6 and 13, 2013 and scheduled for public hearing on March 19, 2013.

Planning and Zoning Director Eric Sennstrom presented an overview of Bill 2013-01 and Bill 2013-02. He advised the Council that the Planning Commission has recommended adoption of Bill 2013-01 and Bill 2013-02.

Council members provided their comments regarding Bill 2013-01 and Bill 2013-02.

Public Comment Bill 2013-01 – There was no public comment on Bill 2013-01.

Public Comment Bill 2013-02 – There was no public comment on Bill 2013-02.

Bill 2013-01 and 2013-02 will be scheduled for final reading at the Council Legislative meeting on April 2, 2013.

**Resolution 04-2013 - Amendment - Master Water & Sewer Plan, Artesian Water Maryland, Inc.** Council Manager Massey read for the record: Resolution 04-2013, a Resolution to amend the Master Water and Sewer Plan, Chapter 3, §3.2.11 Artesian Water Maryland, Inc., Section B. to add service to properties on the east side of Singerly Road. The Resolution was introduced by the Council for the County Executive on February 19, 2013, LSD 13-04, advertised for public hearing on March 6 and 13, 2013, and scheduled for public hearing on March 19, 2013.

Planning and Zoning Director Eric Sennstrom presented an overview of Resolution 04-2013. He advised the Council that the Planning Commission has recommended approval of Resolution 04-2013.

Joseph DiNunzio, Executive Vice President of Artesian Resources Corporation, presented an overview of the proposed plan to provide water service to properties on the east side of Singerly Road.

Public Comment on Resolution 04-2013 – There was no public comment on Resolution 04-2013.

Resolution 04-2013 will be scheduled for consideration by the Council at the Council Legislative meeting on April 2, 2103.

**Resolution 09-2013 – Enterprise Zone – Re-designate and Expand Enterprise Zone**

Council Manager Massey read for the record: Resolution 09-2013, a Resolution to re-designate and expand the existing Cecil County Enterprise Zone for an additional 10 years. The Enterprise Zone provides real property and income tax credits to businesses located within the designated geographic area. The proposed Zone is comprised of 6,793 acres and encompasses nine business parks. The Resolution was introduced by Council for the County Executive on March 5, 2013, LSD 13-05, advertised for public hearing on March 11 and 18, 2013, and scheduled for public hearing on March 19, 2013.

Economic Development Director Lisa Webb presented an overview of Resolution 09-2013.

Public Comment on Resolution 09-2013 – There was no public comment on Resolution 09-2013.

Resolution 09-2013 will be scheduled for Council consideration at the Council Legislative meeting on April 2, 2103.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 5, 2013 Meeting - Legislative Session Day 13-05**

On motion made by Councilman McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Broomell, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2013 Legislative Meeting, LSD 13-05, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Al Resin, Conowingo, commented on the travel reimbursement request and the unanimous vote by Council to oppose SB281 and HB294.

Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, commented on the order of the agenda regarding public comment and requested that Council consider moving it to the end of the agenda.

#### **PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Bowsbey commented on meetings she attended for the Department of Aging, acknowledged Stephanie Garrity for receiving the Athena Award and the other women who were nominated, tour of Gilpin and Cecil Manor Elementary schools, the dredge site meeting on Pearce Creek, a course scheduled by the Health Department on mental health first aid, and upcoming events in Elkton and Rising Sun.

Councilwoman Broomell commented on the next drug awareness workshop on community policing on April 11, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 208 of the Technology building at Cecil College, Keep Cecil Clean campaign, annual river sweep event in Perryville on April 20, 2103, Drug and Alcohol Council meeting on prescription drug abuse, dredge site meeting on Pearce Creek, and tour of the Providence School.

Councilman Dunn thanked the public for attending the meeting and commented on a Second Amendment rally in Rising Sun.

Vice President McCarthy thanked the public for attending the meeting and commented on awards presented to members of the Chesapeake City Fire Company; tour of the Detention Center, and Clean Chesapeake Coalition.

President Hodge thanked the public for attending the meeting and he commented on the order of the agenda. He advised that the public comment agenda item was moved to the beginning of the agenda to give the public an opportunity to provide comments prior to any items scheduled for consideration by the Council.

#### **INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

##### **Introduction:**

##### **Resolution 18-2103 – Appointments – Cecil County Plumbing Board**

Council Manager Massey read for the record: Resolution 18-2013, a Resolution to confirm the reappointments from the County Executive to the Cecil County Plumbing Board for Ronald Dixon, Melvin Reburn and Thomas L. Vaughan Sr. for one a (1) year term and tentative consideration by the Council will be scheduled for April 2, 2013.

**Consideration:**

**Resolution 10-2013 – Appointments – Redistricting Committee**

Council Manager Massey read for the record: Resolution 10-2013, a Resolution to establish the Redistricting Commission for 2013, introduced by the Council on March 5, 2013 and scheduled for consideration by the Council on March 19, 2013 for the following appointments:

Democratic Central Committee – five (5):

- District 1 - Betty Elliason, 271 Hutton Road, Elkton, MD 21921
- District 2 - H Norman Wilson, 256 E Main Street, Elkton, MD 21921
- District 3 - Bob Porter, 3891 Telegraph Road, Elkton, MD 21921
- District 4 - Pam Howard, 378 Linton Run Road, Port Deposit, MD 21904
- District 5 - James Crouse, 53 Woods Way, Elkton, MD 21921

Republican Central Committee – five (5):

- District 1 – Anna Maria Leonetti-Bluehler, 645 Knights Corner Island Road, Earleville, MD 21919
- District 2 – Phil Sneeringer, 1269 Lafayette Road, Elkton, MD 21921
- District 3 – Gerry Carpenter, 620 Tawes Drive, Elkton, MD 21921
- Distinct 4 – Jerry Roope, 331 Elm Street, Perryville, MD 21903
- District 5 – Diane Carabetta, 1611 Carpenters Point Road, Perryville, MD 21903

Council appointment to the Committee: William L. Harris, P.O. Box 491, Cecilton, MD 21913

Council appointment to Chair of the Committee: William L. Harris.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution 10-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 11-2013 – Appointment – Citizen’s Budget Advisory Board for FY2014**

Council Manager Massey read for the record: Resolution 11-2013, a Resolution to establish a Citizen’s Advisory Board for FY 2014, introduced by the Council on March 5, 2013 and scheduled for consideration by the Council on March 19, 2013 for the following appointments:

- District 1: Paul Trapani
- District 2: William Feehley
- District 3: Richard Boyle
- District 4: Gary Benjamin
- District 5: James Butkiewicz

Council members provided their comments.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Broomell, the Council moved to approve Resolution 11-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 12-2013 - Bond Re-financing of 2013**

Council Manager Massey read for the record: Resolution 12-2013, a Resolution to authorize and empower Cecil County, Maryland to issue and sell an aggregate principal amount not to exceed

Twenty Four Million Dollars (\$24,000,000) par value, subject to adjustment as provided herein, of serial maturity, general obligation, fully registered bonds, authorized by Article 31, Section 24 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (2010 Replacement Volume), such bonds to be designated "Cecil County, Maryland Refunding Bonds of 2013," such bonds to be sold and issued for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding general obligation bonds of the County in order to realize savings to the County in the aggregate cost of debt service, all as hereinafter described; to prescribe the form and tenor of such bonds, the form of the notice of public sale thereof and the terms and conditions for the public sale and issuance thereof, including the manner of advertisement of such sale; to prescribe the bidding procedures to be used at such sale; to prescribe the terms of such bonds and all other details incident thereto; to authorize the execution and delivery of an escrow deposit agreement between the County and Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, as escrow deposit agent; to provide for the payment, as and when due, of the interest on and principal and redemption price of the general obligation bonds that are to be refunded; to provide for the redemption of the refunded bonds that are to be redeemed prior to their respective maturities on the earliest practicable dates as described herein; to provide for the levy and collection of taxes in rate and amount sufficient, together with funds from other sources, to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as they mature; and to provide generally for the sale, issuance and delivery of such bonds, introduced by the Council President on behalf of the County Executive on March 5, 2013 and scheduled for consideration by the Council on March 19, 2013.

Finance Director Robinson advised the Council that the refinancing of the bonds is in the best interest of the County.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Broomell, the Council moved to approve Resolution 12-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 13-2013 – Consent Order – MD Department of the Environment – North East River Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Council Manager Massey read for the record: Resolution 13-2013, a Resolution regarding the Consent Order between the State of Maryland Department of Environment and Cecil County, Maryland with regard to the Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) upgrade of the North East River Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant, introduced by the Council President on behalf of the County Executive on March 5, 2013.

Public Works Director Flanigan advised the Council that the consent order adjusts the completion deadline date for the ENR upgrade.

Council members provided their comments on Resolution 13-2013.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution 13-2013. Motion carried by a vote of 3 in favor and 2 opposed: VOTE: Hodge – Y, McCarthy – Y, Bowsbey – Y, Dunn – N, Broomell – N.

**Resolution 14-2013 - Letter of Support – Watershed Assistance Grant – Water Quality Projects**

Council Manager Massey read for the record: Resolution 14-2013, a Resolution requesting that the Chesapeake Bay Trust make a grant to the Cecil County Department of Public Works to design and implement water quality projects within the North East River watershed at the local elementary and middle schools, introduced by the Council President on behalf of the County Executive on March 5, 2013.

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to approve Resolution 14-2103. Motion carried unanimously.

A copy of Resolution 10-2013 through 14-2013 have been incorporated with these minutes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2013 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton.