

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES
LSD 13-21
November 5, 2013**

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

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County for November 5, 2013 was called to order by President Robert Hodge at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Council observed a moment of silence.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2013-13 – Budget Ordinance FY2014 – Transfer of Bond Appropriations – Capital Budget – Roads and Bridges Projects and Waste Water Project – Little Egypt Road Bridge – Old Elk Neck Road – Highland Interceptor. An Act to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for FY2014 to transfer existing bond appropriation authority within the Capital Budget in the amount of \$351,974.54 from completed and closed Roads and Bridges Projects to Little Egypt Road Bridge and Old Elk Neck Road improvement projects and \$62,065.86 from a completed and closed Waste Water Project to the Highlands Interceptor project for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. The Bill will be scheduled for consideration at the November 19, 2013 Council Legislative meeting.

Director, Department of Finance, Winston Robinson provided a brief overview of the bill.

Public Comments in Support and Opposition

Joe Carabetta, Carpenters Point Road, stated excess money should be used to reduce bond authority.

Diane Carabetta, Carpenters Point Road, inquired why such a new project would be running over budget.

Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, spoke in support of legislation.

President Hodge advised the public that Bill No. 2013-11 will be considered at the November 19, 2013 Council Legislative meeting.

Resolution No. 87-2013 Amendment – Policies and Procedures of the Cecil County Council. A Resolution to amend the Council's Policies and Procedures, to add section 2-8 Discipline of Members, pursuant to Section 303(e) of the Charter of Cecil County. Resolution will be scheduled for consideration at the November 19, 2013 Council Legislative meeting.

Discussion, questions, and comments ensued regarding Council's Policies and Procedures.

Public Comments in Support and Opposition

Jackie Gregory, Elkton, spoke in support of the Resolution.

Donna Caudell, Elkton, spoke in support of the Resolution.

Diane Carabetta, Carpenters Point Road, spoke in opposition to Resolution.

David Neff, Conowingo, spoke in support of Resolution.

Joe Carabetta, Carpenters Point Road, spoke in opposition to Resolution.

John McDaniel, Cherry Hill, spoke in opposition to Resolution.

Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, provided comment on Resolution No. 87-2013.

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 87-2013 will be considered at the November 19, 2013 Council Legislative meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2013 Council Legislative meeting, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Amato, Perryville, provided comments relative to the animal control situation.

Joe Carabetta, Perryville, spoke in support of the animal control facility.

Diane Carabetta, Perryville, attended the open house of the animal control facility and commented on the positive experience.

Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, attended and commented on the morning worksession meeting.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Dunn had no comments.

Vice President McCarthy had no comments.

Councilwoman Broomell had no comments.

Councilwoman Bowsbey had no comments.

President Hodge reminder of the State Highway Administration Roundabout meeting 11/13 from 6-8 p.m. and commented on bond authority.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Health Department Update - Health Officer Stephanie Garrity commented on the flu activity in Maryland and flu immunization clinics; the showing of a documentary film, *Anonymous People*, on November 14 at 6 p.m. at the Health Department, the Affordable Care Act, and the Behavioral Health Crisis Assistance.

Discussion, questions and comments ensued regarding the flu vaccines; impact the Affordable Care Act on the Medicare Plan; the process of applying for health care; and the development of the Behavioral Health Crisis Assistance line.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2013-16 – Budget Ordinance FY2014 - Appropriations - Emergency Services, Social Services & Community Transit.

A bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for FY2014 in order to provide \$11,400 in additions to the General Fund Grants Budget, to provide \$20,000 in additions to the Senior Services & Community Transit Fund, and to provide additional appropriation authority for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. The Bill will be scheduled for a public hearing at the December 03, 2013 Council Legislative meeting and scheduled for consideration at the December 17, 2013 Council Legislative meeting.

Discussion, questions and comments ensued regarding the utilization of grant monies.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2013-17 – Budget Ordinance FY2014 - Appropriation - Additional Circuit Court Judgeship.

A bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 in order to provide the Circuit Court's budget within the General Fund expenditure appropriation authority to authorize \$88,876 to be expended for the adoption of SB239 allowing for an additional Circuit Court judgeship in Cecil County. The Bill will be scheduled for

a public hearing at the December 03, 2013 Council Legislative meeting and scheduled for consideration at the December 17, 2013 Council Legislative meeting.

Discussion, questions and comments ensued with reference to the salary of the judge and reality of the crime situation.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2013-18 – Budget Ordinance FY2014 - Transfer of Bond Appropriations - Board of Education - Capital Projects.

A bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for FY2014 to transfer existing bond appropriation authority within the Board of Education Capital Budget in the amount of \$15,335.02 from completed School Capital Projects to active projects for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. The Bill will be scheduled for a public hearing at the December 03, 2013 Council Legislative meeting and scheduled for consideration at the December 17, 2013 Council Legislative meeting.

Discussion, questions and comments ensued regarding cost overruns.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 92-2013 Amendment - Personnel Policies and Procedures

A Resolution to amend certain sections of the Cecil County Personnel Policies and Procedures, Section HR-001D –Americans with Disabilities Act, including Pregnancy; and HR-002B – Employment Types. The Resolution will be scheduled for public hearing at the December 3, 2013 Council Legislative meeting and scheduled for consideration at the December 17, 2013 Council Legislative meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 89-2013 - Appointment—Department of Social Services Board. A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Dianne Fox to the Department of Social Services Board for three (3) year term to expire June 2016. The Resolution was introduced at the October 15, 2013 Council Legislative meeting.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution 89-2013. Roll Call Vote: McCarthy - Y, Bowsbey - Y, Dunn - Y, Broomell - Y, Hodge - Y. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 90-2013 - Appointment – Board of Electrical Examiners. A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Joshua Huegel and the reappointment of Charles McCoy to the Board of Electrical Examiners. The Resolution was introduced at the October 15, 2013 Council Legislative meeting.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution 90-2013. Roll Call Vote: McCarthy - Y, Bowsbey - Y, Dunn - Y, Broomell - Y, Hodge - Y. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 91-2013 - Appointment—Commission on Aging. A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Deborah Klenk made by the County Executive to the Commission on Aging. The Resolution was introduced at the October 15, 2013 Council Legislative meeting.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution 91-2013. Roll Call Vote: McCarthy - Y, Bowsbey - Y, Dunn - Y, Broomell - Y, Hodge - Y. Motion carried unanimously.

FINAL READING OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2013-12 - Budget Ordinance FY2014 – Appropriations – General Fund – Director of Administration Budget. An Act to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 in order to provide the Director of Administration budget within the General Fund expenditure an additional \$26,000 in appropriation to be expended for a contribution to the Clean Chesapeake Coalition. The Bill was introduced at the September 17, 2013 Council Legislative meeting, and a public hearing was held at the October 15, 2013 Council Legislative meeting.

On motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Vice President McCarthy the Council moved to enact Bill No. 2013-12. Roll Call Vote: McCarthy - Y, Bowsbey - Y, Dunn - Y, Broomell - Y, Hodge - Y. Motion carried unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded Councilwoman Broomell, the Council moved to adjourn the meeting. President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19, 2013 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton.

Approved:

Robert Hodge
Council President

Attest:

James Massey
Council Manager