

**Board of County Commissioners
Worksession Minutes
March 20, 2012**

PRESENT: Commissioners Mullin, Broomell, Moore, Dunn, and Hodge, County Administrator Al Wein, Public Works Director Scott Flanigan and staff, Housing Director Dave Mahaney, Human Resources Director Donna Nichols, Economic Development Director Lisa Webb, Parks and Recreation Director Clyde Van Dyke; Executive Office Administrator Vicky Rinkerman, County Attorney Norman Wilson, Treasurer Bill Feehley, members of the press, and members of the public.

OPEN SESSION – Elk Room

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

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

Closed Session Meeting – March 13, 2012

The Board convened in closed session on March 13, 2012 at 10:55 a.m. Motion was made by Commissioner Dunn, seconded by Commissioner Broomell, pursuant to Maryland Annotated Code State Government 10-508 (a) (3) To consider the acquisition of real property for Cecil County Public Schools usage; and (8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals with respect to York Building Products Declaratory Judgment and Petition for Judicial Review. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENT AT CLOSED SESSION: Commissioners Mullin, Broomell, Moore, Dunn, and Hodge; County Administrator Al Wein, Budget Manager Craig Whiteford, Office Administrator Vicky Rinkerman, Treasurer Bill Feehley, and County Attorney Norman Wilson.

Topics of discussion and action taken (if necessary):

The Board discussed matters regarding the acquisition of real property for Cecil County Public Schools usage. The consensus of the Board was to authorize staff to schedule a meeting with public school officials to discuss the matter further.

County Attorney Wilson provided the Board an update and legal advice on the York Building Products Declaratory Judgment and Petition for Judicial Review.

The closed meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Approval of Minutes – On motion made by Commissioner Broomell, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board moved to approve the minutes for the March 13, 2012 Worksession and Closed Session meeting with a change to page 4, paragraph 4, change "13-31" to "12-31". Motion carried unanimously.

Request to Fill Positions – Director Nichols advised the Board that the Economic Development Office is seeking to fill a temporary part time Office Service Specialist position while a contractual person is out on leave.

The Board concurred to direct the Human Resources Department to proceed with advertising and filling the position as presented.

Transportation Priorities Letter – Principal Planner Tony DiGiacomo reviewed the draft of the Cecil County transportation priorities letter. He advised the Board that the state has requested an additional questionnaire for each project and the deadline for the submittal has been moved to April 1, 2012.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- . Change in the priorities list;
- . Language relative to Plan Maryland; and
- . Representation in Annapolis in support of the proposed projects

Draft RFP 12-24 – Design, Installation and Testing of a ground source (geothermal) heat pump systems – County Administrator Wein reviewed draft RFP to replace heat pump systems at Paramedic 3 in Chesapeake City, Rising Sun Community Center and Cecil Arena. He advised the Board that the estimated cost savings is 30 to 40 percent and the project is fully funded through the EECBG Grant Program.

The Board concurred to authorize staff to proceed with advertising RFP 12-24.

Perry Point Enhanced Use Lease Housing Project – Director Mahaney reviewed the status of the project. After a meeting with the stakeholders and Delegate Rudolph, the group is recommending that a unified letter stating concerns and potential issues with this project be forwarded to our Federal elected representatives.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- . County participation and need for providing additional services to the housing project;
- . Perryville town officials are considering the letter in opposition at their next meeting; and
- . Overriding concern that homeless Veterans would not benefit from this project

The consensus of the Board was to authorize Director Mahaney to work with officials from the Town of Perryville and Delegate Rudolph to ensure our concerns and potential issues are addressed.

Evening Meeting Agenda review – County Administrator Wein reviewed the items on the meeting agenda.

Commissioner Hodge commented on the March 6, 2012 Commissioners Meeting minutes relative to a change to the public hearing session.

Director Flanigan reviewed the Public Works items on the agenda.

Budget Manager Whiteford reviewed the budget amendments.

Chesapeake Mediation Upper Shore Request for office space in Courthouse – Penny Doyle, Executive Director of Chesapeake Medication Upper Shore and Board member Jason Allison provided the Board an update of the mediation services provided through the program. In light of budget constraints, the organization is seeking an in-kind contribution of office space in the Circuit Courthouse building to establish a presence and make people aware of their services.

The consensus of the Board was to have them seek a letter of support for the office space proposal from Judge Whelan before proceeding.

Commissioner Items

Commissioner Dunn congratulated John Denver for being chosen as the 201-2013 Maryland State Firemen's Association President.

Vice President Broomell commented on the increase in EMS response by the volunteer fire companies and the recommendations from the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Moore congratulated Erica Jesonis from the Public Library system for being recognized with a "Mover and Shaker" Award from the Library Journal Magazine, St. Patrick's Day Parade in Chesapeake City, and the Maryland Farm Bureau Banquet where the Ewing Brothers were named the Farming Operation of the Year.

Animal Control Ordinance – County Administrator Wein advised the Board that the proposed ordinance is being reviewed by State's Attorney Rollins.

Commissioner Moore requested that the proposed ordinance be forwarded to our current animal control provider for comments.

Commissioner Hodge congratulated Director Brooks for receiving reimbursement for the costs associated with responding to storms and issues relative to security in Circuit Courthouse.

Members of the Board provided their comments regarding security management issues in the Circuit Courthouse building.

County Attorney Wilson advised the Board that security issues and processes have changed over time and the parties involved need to resolve the security issues.

Commissioner Hodge commented on Senate Bill 236 (septic bill) that is moving through the General Assembly in Annapolis and it will have a significant negative impact on private property in Cecil County. State officials are not listening to objections from MACo, private property owners, farmers, or the Farm Bureau. He advised the Board that the Environmental Protection Agency is continuing to push for regulatory guidance over waters of the U.S. that includes ditches, which will impact private property rights and county costs for ditch maintenance along roadways.

President Mullin commented on the Farm Bureau Banquet.

CLOSED SESSION

10:30 AM

On motion made by Commissioner Hodge, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board moved to convene in closed session pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code State Government 10-508 (a) (3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a Cecil County Public Schools usage. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT CLOSED SESSION

11:25 AM

On motion made by Commissioner Hodge, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board moved to adjourn the closed session meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

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