

**Board of County Commissioners  
Worksession Minutes  
September 4, 2012**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Mullin, Broomell, Dunn, Moore, and Hodge, County Administrator Wein, Public Works Director Scott Flanigan, Planning and Zoning Director Eric Sennstrom, Human Resources Director Donna Nichols, Economic Development Director Lisa Webb, Budget Manager Craig Whiteford, Administrative Assistant Robin McCann, County Attorney Norman Wilson, 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](http://www.ccgov.org).

**Approval of Minutes**

On motion made by Commissioner Dunn, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board moved to approve the August 28, 2012 Worksession Meeting minutes, as presented.

Commissioner Broomell requested a revision to the minutes relative to the Administrative Function meeting held via teleconference to include the specific changes that were suggested for the letter sent to property owners relative to SB236.

Members of the Board provided their comments relative to the discussion that took place regarding changes to the letter.

Commissioner Dunn amended his motion to include the following revision to the August 28, 2012 meeting minutes under Administrative Function on Page 1, paragraph 3: "There were various changes proposed as to what to include and what was not to be included in the letter." Commissioner Moore seconded the amended motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Maryland Rural Counties**

Administrator Wein advised the Board that he represented President Mullin and attended a Maryland Rural Counties Coalition meeting with Vice President Broomell at the MACo Conference.

Administrator Wein advised the Board that the Coalition discussed the proposed legislation for the 2013 Legislative Session:

- Plan Maryland septic legislation; and
- Watershed Implementation Plan; and
- Greenhouse gas emissions, specifically the proposed commuter task;
- Six counties are considering financial support; and

Coalition is considering a contract with lobbyist to voice our local concerns in Annapolis

Members of the Board provided their comments relative to joining and supporting the Maryland Rural Counties Coalition.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Hodge, the Board moved to approve financial support in the amount of \$2,000 for Cecil County to join the Maryland Rural Counties Coalition. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Informational Briefing, Maryland Horse Park**

Executive Director Ross Peddicord of the Maryland Horse Industry and Gary McGuigan from the Maryland Stadium Authority Board provided a review of a study to develop a central location for a new Maryland Horse Park.

Gary McGuigan discussed Phase I of the Study:

- Initiative to develop a central location for the Maryland Horse Park;
- Marketing and economic study to determine if this proposal is feasible;
- Reviewed the objectives of developing a central horse park;
- Maximize the economic value to support, develop, and enhance new equine events in Fair Hill and other existing horse facilities; and
- Next step would be to develop an RFP for the proposal

Members of the Board discussed the following:

- Assets available at Fair Hill and support for a three day event;
- Comments on modeling the Fair Hill proposal after the Olympic events;
- Economic impact of the horse industry in Cecil County;
- Concept for each area to keep their unique identity with the Maryland Stadium Authority marketing events;
- Suggestions to add a new indoor arena for year round events; and
- Addressing the concern from the community that the proposal would not change the character of the area

Mr. Peddicord discussed Phase II of the proposal:

- Organizations with the facilities to participate in the project are located in Cecil County, Baltimore County, and Prince George's County;
- Developing the parameters of the proposal for the three organizations;
- Other organizations/networks who would like to participate;
- Developing the structure that would tie the organizations together;
- Cost of Phase II is \$70,000; and
- DBED has agreed to provide \$49,000 toward the study if each County would pass a Resolution in support of the proposal

Mr. Peddicord advised the Board that he would provide a sample Resolution in support of the proposal discussed at this meeting. He invited the Board to attend the Maryland Horse Council barbeque on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **RFP 13-06; Two International 7400 Dump Trucks – DPW Roads Division; Scott Flanigan**

Director Flanigan reviewed RFP 13-06 to replace two dump trucks in the Roads Division.

Members of the Board provided their comments concerning the replacement of the dump trucks.

On a motion made by Vice President Broomell, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board moved to authorize Public Works staff to advertise RFP 13-06, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Evening Meeting Agenda Review – Administrator Wein**

Administrator Wein advised the Board that there is a rezoning hearing on the meeting agenda.

Director Sennstrom reviewed rezoning request 2012-04, 7 Rosemont Farm Lane, Port Deposit to change the zoning of 48.63 acres from Northern Agricultural Residential to Low Density Residential.

Members of the Board provided their comments relative to the rezoning hearing schedule and the rezoning request.

Director Sennstrom reviewed Senate Bill 236 and the Tier Map 4 draft proposal.

Members of the Board provided their comments relative to the Tier Map 4 draft proposal.

Administrator Wein reviewed the Introduction items on the meeting agenda.

Director Flanigan reviewed the Public Works items on the meeting agenda.

Members of the Board provided their comments on the Public Works items.

Administrator Wein reviewed the Action Items on the meeting agenda.

Director Flanigan reviewed the Action Items on the agenda relative to Public Works.

Budget Manager Whiteford reviewed the budget amendments for consideration by the Board.

## **Commissioner Items**

Commissioner Dunn had no comments.

Vice President Broomell commented on funds for the transition to Charter government and for consideration to hire an in-house auditor and Council Attorney. . She advised the public that she has a website regarding her position on SB236.

Members of the Board provided their comments regarding funds for the transition to Charter government and agreed to discuss this matter further at a later date.

Commissioner Moore announced that the Board of County Commissioners and Senior Services have scheduled a Thank a Local Hero Event on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> in the lobby of the County Administration Building from 7:30 am – 11:00 am and 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm, and the Cecil County Sheriff's Office will be holding their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Police Academy Training.

Commissioner Hodge had no comments.

President Mullin had no comments.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

**10:15 AM**

On a 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) (1) to review and discuss applications for appointments to Planning Commission members. Motion carried unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board convened in Closed Session and the meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

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