

**Board of County Commissioners  
Worksession Minutes  
June 12, 2012**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Mullin, Broomell, Moore, Dunn, and Hodge, Public Works Engineering and Construction Acting Chief Phil Muzik and Water and Wastewater Chief Jeff Coale, Planning and Zoning Director Eric Sennstrom, Human Resources Director Donna Nichols, Budget Manager Craig Whiteford, Administrative Assistant Katie Piazza, 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](http://www.ccgov.org).

**Closed Session Meeting – June 5, 2012**

The Board convened in closed session on June 5, 2012 at 10:45 a.m. On motion by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Dunn, the Board convened in closed session pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code State Government 10-508 (a) (8) To discuss the County Administrator's employment contract for the period beginning July 1, 2012 to December 2, 2012; and to consider and discuss appointments to various Boards/Commissions. Motion carried unanimously.

Present at Closed Session: Commissioners Mullin, Broomell, Moore, Dunn, and Hodge, County Administrator Al Wein, Planning and Zoning Director Eric Sennstrom, County Attorney Norman Wilson, Executive Office Administrator Vicky Rinkerman, and Administrative Assistant Katie Piazza.

Topics of discussion and action taken (if necessary):

The Board discussed the employment contract for County Administrator Wein. The consensus of the Board was to authorize a contract for him to serve as the Administrator for Cecil County from July 1, 2012 to December 2, 2012 as discussed.

The Board discussed applications received for appointments to Boards and Committees. The consensus of the Board was to extend the deadline to accept applications for potential appointments until June 15, 2012.

The closed meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Vice President Broomell recommended that decisions made by the Board be recorded by vote and no longer be reflected as a "consensus" of the Board in the meeting minutes. For example, she opposed the decision on the widening of Razor Strap Road for pedestrian traffic because it may set a precedence to provide sidewalks in other areas that a developer contribution should fund and not taxpayer money. Additionally, she was in opposition to the recommendation from the Library Board of Trustees for the proposed site for the North East library due to safety issues with the linear alignment of the road.

President Mullin asked for a decision from the Board on the recommendation that decisions of the Board should be recorded in the meeting minutes as a vote and not as a consensus in the future. VOTE: Mullin - Y, Broomell - Y, Moore - Y, Dunn - Y, Hodge - Y. The decision of the Board was unanimous.

Vice President Broomell continued advising that there was an agreement reached during the discussion on the Homeowner's Association that there should be a timeline (flowchart) developed, which should be reflected in the minutes of the meeting.

On motion made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Dunn, the Board moved to defer a decision on the June 5, 2012 Worksession and Closed Session minutes to the next Worksession meeting on June 19, 2012 and that Commissioner Broomell would submit her recommendations for revisions to the minutes in writing to the Board members. VOTE: Mullin - Y, Broomell - Y, Moore - Y, Dunn - Y, Hodge - Y. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Request to Fill Positions**

Director Nichols advised the Board that the following departments submitted a request to fill positions:  
Department of Public Works Roads for a budgeted Equipment Operator I position:

On motion by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Hodge (remove: Moore amended 6/19/12), the Board moved to authorize the Human Resources department to advertise and fill the position as presented. VOTE: Mullin - Y, Broomell - Y, Moore - Y, Dunn - Y, Hodge - Y. Motion carried unanimously.

Department of Social Services for a grant funded Rape Crisis Outreach/Volunteer Coordinator position, and a request to increase the hours of the position from part time to full time:

On motion made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Hodge, the Board moved to authorize the Human Resources department to advertise and fill the position as presented provided a review of the grant funds will be conducted for FY2014.

Director Nichols advised the Board that grant funded positions are contract positions that are reviewed annually.

Department of Public Works Development Services Division for a budgeted Chief of Development Services position:

On motion made by Commissioner Hodge, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board moved to authorize the Human Resources department to advertise and fill the position as presented. VOTE: Mullin - Y, Broomell - Y, Moore - Y, Dunn - Y, Hodge - Y. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Artesian Water Update**

CEO/President Diane Taylor, Executive Vice President Joe DiNunzio and staff reviewed the current stage of infrastructure construction for water services and future plans for Artesian Water in Cecil County.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Status of permit process for projects;
- Proposed plan for water service to Route 40 West;
- Key projects for service to other areas in Cecil County;
- Interconnection work relative to the County's Master Water and Sewer Plan and approval by the State;
- and

- Status of water connection for Gore plant

Members of the Board provided their comments relative to infrastructure and future plans for Artesian Water in Cecil County.

Artesian will provide Board members copies of the plans from the meeting.

### **Cecil County Public Schools FY 2013 Capital Investment Program**

Budget Manager Craig Whiteford reviewed the decisions made for the FY2013 CIP relative to funding for Cecil County Public School projects.

Superintendent for Cecil County Public Schools D'Ette Devine requested to apply surplus funds from savings on other construction projects for new bleachers at North East High School and to initiate the planning process for renovations to the Perryville Elementary School.

Mr. Kappra provided the Board a review of the proposed budgets for the projects.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- New bleachers for North East High School;
- Process for allocation of bond funds for projects;
- Consideration to provide partial funding for the proposed STEM building at Cecil College;
- Request from Commissioner Broomell for more information on the project costs for the STEM project; and
- Formal process to re-allocate the funding through the budget amendment process

Superintendent Devine advised the Board that they would provide more information on the scope of the North East High Stadium project. She announced that five of the county schools received a superior rating for cleanliness from the state.

### **Chesapeake City Water/Wastewater Memorandum of Agreement**

County Administrator Wein advised the Board that staff met with officials from the Town of Chesapeake City. He reviewed the proposed changes to the Memorandum of Agreement, which is being reviewed by County Attorney Wilson and the attorney for the Town.

Discussion ensued regarding the compromise relative to the penalty and fines if the town does not meet the deadline and the timeline for adopting the Memorandum of Agreement. The final MOA proposal is tentatively scheduled for introduction at the June 19, Commissioners Meeting.

### **Commissioner Items**

Commissioner Dunn congratulated the winners in the Town of Rising Sun election and requested an update on a traffic light at the intersection of Appleton Road and Route 273. Director Sennstrom advised the Board that the last discussion was to install two roundabouts when the Aston Point subdivision was going through the subdivision process.

Vice President Broomell congratulated the Cecil County Public Library system for winning the 2012 Nonprofit Partner in Business Award from the Maryland Chamber of Commerce and the Box Tops for Education collection campaign in the local libraries to support the public school system.

Commissioner Moore commented Spring Fling sponsored by the Commission on Aging.

Commissioner Hodge commented on a petition drive regarding the Congressional boundaries in Maryland to have the proposed plan placed on the ballot. The proposal would not affect Cecil County; however, he asked for citizens to review the map and sign the petition.

President Mullin commented on the University of Maryland's Extension Office agricultural dinner on June 17, 2012 at the Fair Hill Nature Center featuring local products.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Dunn, the Board moved to adjourn the worksession meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

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