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### **County Executive Continues to Work with Water Witch Fire Company on Condemned Fire Engine #7**

Cecil County Citizens:

I want to update you on the progress being made by my Administration in efforts to be certain there is no delay in service by the Water Witch Fire Company due to the recent fire engine that has been put out of service.

I requested the County's fleet services vendor, First Vehicle Services (FVS), a nationwide company with expertise in the maintenance of fire equipment and apparatus, to inspect the condemned engine (2002 Pierce Fire Engine). As I never lose sight that I am spending taxpayer dollars, I wanted to be certain the problems with the engine were indeed beyond the point of repair. FVS recently completed a thorough inspection of the fire engine and provided their recommendation to County Administration. I am happy to report that the County's vendor will be able to fix the issues that brought the engine off the road. The cost of the repair is estimated to be approximately \$38,000, which will be fully funded by the County. I am awaiting approval from the fire company to repair the engine and get it back in service as soon as possible. I recognize this engine, even with the repairs will need to be replaced and I will charge my Administration to fund its replacement within the next budget cycle. In the meantime, once the repair has been completed, Water Witch Fire Company will be able to use the engine until a new engine can be procured.

The Charter form of government, voted in by the citizens of Cecil County over five years ago, set both Executive and Legislative governing bodies within Cecil County. We are still in the infancy of conducting the business of the County in this manner. I believe all of us are still learning the roles and responsibilities of both "sides of the house." It is the role of the County Executive to recommend to Council any changes to an approved Budget. The County Council does not have the power to have amendments to the budget introduced without my recommendation.

Charter Section 507c states, "After July 1, the Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance may, upon request of the Executive, be amended by resolution approved by the affirmative vote of not less than three members of Council." When it comes to amending a budget for any reason, I **will** listen to the Council's concerns voiced from their constituents and make a decision based on the urgency of the need and what is fiscally best for Cecil County.

The goal of my administration is to stabilize the County's financial position now, in order to secure the long-term sustainability of Cecil County. The success of Cecil County rests in all of us working together to move *Cecil County forward*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alan J. McCarthy". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr. Alan J. McCarthy  
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