January 12, 2021

The County Commissioners of Queen Anne’s County met this date pursuant to its last adjournment and there were present:

Christopher M. Corchiarino  
James J. Moran  
Jack N. Wilson, Jr.  
Stephen Wilson  
Philip L. Dumenil

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

Pursuant to State Government Law Section 3-305(b), (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter; “The County Commissioners held a Closed Session on a motion of Commissioner Dumenil, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, at 5 p.m. in the Office of the County Commissioners, The Liberty Building, 107 N. Liberty Street, Centreville, Maryland.” The Board adjourned in Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. Those in attendance were Mr. Todd Mohn, County Administrator; Ms. Margie Houck, Executive Assistant; Mr. Alan Quimby, Director of the Department of Public Works and Patrick Thompson, County Attorney met with the Board to discuss pipe issues in several residential homes.

MINUTES:

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the Agenda as amended and the current meeting and the Regular and Closed Session Minutes of December 8, 2020.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following persons spoke to the Commissioners on subjects of interest to them:

1. Bente Cooney  
2. Mike Norris

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – ADMINISTRATIVE/ENGINEERING:
Mr. Alan Quimby, Director; and Mr. Steve Cohoon, Public Facilities Planner; of the Department of Public Works; met with the Board.

BAY CROSSING STUDY UPDATE:

Mr. Cohoon, Public Facilities Planner, submitted to the Board for their review and the Bay Crossing Study Update.

The Chesapeake Bay Crossing Study: Tier I NEPA (Bay Crossing Study) is a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) study that will result in the identification of a preferred corridor alternative to address congestion at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and evaluation of its financial feasibility.

Funded by toll dollars, the Bay Crossing Study Tier I began in 2016 and is expected to be complete in 2021. Below are the steps in the process to complete the Tier I NEPA.

Completed Steps
- Project scoping and public scoping meetings
- Develop the purpose and need study and hold public outreach meetings
- Develop a range of 14 potential corridors
- Narrow the 14 corridors to 3 corridors for additional study

Remaining Steps
- Identify and study the 3 corridors retained - in process
- Identify MDTA’s recommended preferred corridor alternative
- Publish Draft Tier I Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
- Hold public hearings
- Publish Final Tier I Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)
- Record of Decision for the selected corridor.

Following the completion of Tier I NEPA process a Tier II NEPA study will need to be completed to identify the detailed alignment of a future bay crossing. The Tier II NEPA is not scheduled or funded at this time. Once funded the Tier II NEPA is anticipated to take approximately 4 years to complete.

DYNAMIC TOLLING:

Mr. Cohoon, Public Facilities Planner, submitted to the Board for their review and Dynamic Tolling.

With dynamic tolling, also known as congestion pricing, tolls are continually adjusted according to traffic conditions to maintain a free-flowing level of traffic. Under this system, prices increase when the tolled lanes get relatively full and decrease when the tolled lanes get less full. The current price is displayed on electronic signs prior to the beginning of the tolled
section. This system is more complex and less predictable than using a fixed-price table, but its flexibility helps to consistently maintain the optimal traffic flow. Motorists are usually guaranteed that they will not be charged more than a pre-set maximum price under any circumstances. There are many examples of dynamic tolling throughout the country successfully changing driver travel times and improving congestion at peak travel times.

To implement dynamic tolling, there are a number of considerations that would require study such as:

- The viability and impacts of adjusting toll rates
- The potential revenue that could be generated
- The structure of setting new rates and when rates are adjusted based on congestion
- How toll rates would apply to different size vehicles during times of congestion
- How different toll rates may apply to different drivers such as commuters and shoppers
- How rates apply for different electronic tolling methods (e-z pass, video tolling, pay by plate)
- Improved safety and by reducing congestion
- Implementation with changing traffic patterns such as contraflow on the Bay Bridge
- The cost associated with implementation. For example, the Bay Bridge collects one toll for eastbound traffic. New electronic toll collection equipment, policies and procedures would need to be put in place for implementation

Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) comprehensively manages all the toll facilities in Maryland. MDTA is governed by a citizen board that approves the capital budget for MDTA as well as project funding. To explore Dynamic Tolling the MDTA Board would need to approve funding for a study to change from current set rate tolls to dynamic tolling. Once the study is completed, based on the study findings the MDTA Board could consider changing toll rates. The board would propose a plan supported by the study and conduct public hearings in multiple locations to receive public input. Based on the input a Final Public Comment Summary Report and final proposal would be considered for a vote by the MDTA Board. It is my understanding the Board is the public body that can initiate and approve changes to toll rates.

In 2019, the MDTA Board followed this process to implement All Electronic Tolling (ART) and to adjust toll rates at several facilities in Maryland. The board held 9 public hearings in Maryland including one at Kent Island High School. The board voted to revise and implement toll changes on November 7, 2019.

**WEEKLY CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESENTATION OF DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNATURE:**

The Board reviewed various correspondence with Mr. Todd Mohn, County Administrator.

**MALPF STATE MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM:**

January 12, 2021
Ms. Donna K. Landis-Smith, Soil Conservation Aide/ Land Preservation, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Maryland Agricultural land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) State Matching Funds Program - letter of intent to participate.

Queen Anne’s County has been a participant in the MALPF program since 1975. As part of the Matching Funds Program the Maryland Department of Agriculture requires the County to fund a portion of the upcoming easement acquisitions.

A letter of intent to participate is due to the MALPF Executive Director by January 1, 2020. Funds utilized by the County are derived from the agricultural transfer tax and have been dedicated towards Land Preservation easement acquisitions.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the letter of intent to participate in the MALPF matching funds program.

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2021-2023 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964:

Ms. Catherine R. Willis, Department of Community Services Director, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Title VI, 2021-2023 Implementation Plan of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The Board reviewed the Title VI, 2021-2023 Implementation Plan of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 for Queen Anne’s County/County Ride. By signing QAC Resolution 21-01 at the end will meet the requirement of the FTA Circular 4702. IB. Once adopted, this plan will be included in the FY2022 Annual Transportation Plan and Grant Request for the Queen Anne’s County/County Ride Program.

Those individuals depending on transit services in Queen Anne’s County for life saving dialysis treatment, medical appointments, and transportation to and from work appreciate your support of our services.

On a motion made by Commissioner S. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board unanimously agreed to hereby accept the Title VI, 2021-2023 Implementation Plan of the Civil
Rights Act of 1964 by signing Resolution 21-01 to be included in the FY2022 Annual Transportation Plan and Grant Request for the Queen Anne’s County/County Ride Program. As part of the motion, Commissioner Dumenil asked questions and/or made comments on this topic.

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MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION CAPITAL GRANT AGREEMENTS:

Ms. Catherine R. Willis, Department of Community Services Director, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) Capital Grant Agreements.

The Board reviewed the MTA Capital Grant Agreements packet for FY 2021. Signing these documents informs MTA that Queen Anne’s County accepts the Federal and State funding to support transit services and County Ride the Locally Owned Transit System of Queen Anne’s County.

This grant includes preventative maintenance and 3 small replacement buses of which the county’s share has increased this year to 20% from 10% in all past years as the state has removed their 10% portion of the grant.

However, due to the continued FTA CARES Act funding and the savings to the county we have the funds available to cover the state loss. The County Ride fleet is in dire need of replacement due to the useful life cycle therefore we need to proceed with our planned replacement schedule. County Attorney, Patrick Thompson, has reviewed and signed the documents.

Those individuals depending on transit services in Queen Anne’s County for life saving dialysis treatment, medical appointments, and transport to and from work appreciate your support of our services.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to hereby accept the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) Capital Grant Agreements packet to certify that the Queen Anne’s County Department of Community Services Area Agency on Aging will operate the Public Transit System and accept the awards as offered by the State of Maryland Department of Transportation for FY2021.
MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OPERATING GRANT AGREEMENTS:

Ms. Catherine R. Willis, Department of Community Services Director, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) Operating Grant Agreements.

The Board reviewed the MTA Operating Grant Agreements packet for FY 2021. Signing these documents informs MTA that Queen Anne’s County accepts the Federal and State funding to support transit services and County Ride the Locally Owned Transit System of Queen Anne’s County.

The FY21 operating federal and state allocations continue to support the necessary budget and county dollars will be also be decreased this year due to the additional CARES Act Funding for the transit programs. County Attorney, Patrick Thompson, has reviewed and signed the documents.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to hereby accept the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) Operating Grant Agreements packet to certify that the Queen Anne’s County Department of Community Services Area Agency on Aging will operate the Public Transit System and accept the awards as offered by the State of Maryland Department of Transportation for FY2021.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT – FY2021:

Mr. Michael R. Clark, Community Partnership for Children and Families Director, Community Partnership Agreement (CPA) - FY2021.

The Community Partnership Agreement (CPA) is the agreement between the State of Maryland and Queen Anne’s County, Maryland, through which the Children’s Cabinet on behalf

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of the State, and the Community Partnerships for Children and Families, the Local Management Board (LMB) for Queen Anne’s County, enter into a partnership to develop a comprehensive, integrated children and family interagency service delivery system that is community-based, family focused and culturally competent.

Appendix A sets out the performance measures for LMB functioning and programs administered by the LMB for the fiscal year, and Appendix B contains the annual budget for the programs. It has been signed by the attorney for legal form and sufficiency.

On a motion made by Commissioner S. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board unanimously agreed to sign the FY2021 Community Partnership Agreement.

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**CHOPTANK ELECTRIC & TALKIE COMMUNICATIONS:**

County Staff and Broadband Advisory Committee (BAC), submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Choptank Electric and Talkie Communications - Letter of Recommendation.

Both Talkie Communications and Choptank Electric are interested in expanding their broadband networks in rural parts of the County through a grant opportunity from the State that they can apply for directly - the Maryland Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program. In preparation for this grant they have requested a letter of recommendation from the County in support of their efforts.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the request to provide a letter of recommendation for the support of the expansion of broadband in Queen Anne’s County.

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**457(B) RETIREMENT PLAN INVESTMENT COMMITTEE BYLAWS:**

January 12, 2021
Ms. Beverly A. Churchill, Department of Human Resources Director, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, 457(b) Retirement Plan Investment Committee Bylaws.

Queen Anne’s County transitioned from three 457(b) deferred compensation vendors to one vendor, Voya, in June 2020.

The final phase of this transition is to establish ongoing governance oversight to maintain a competitive and IRS compliant plan. As part of this ongoing governance, an 457(b) Retirement Plan Investment Committee needs to be formally established with governing bylaws. The Committee bylaws have been drafted and are attached. These draft bylaws outline the committee purpose and responsibilities, committee membership and officers and committee meeting requirements.

This is the final step in the transition process. These draft bylaws have been reviewed by our consultant and shared with the Employee Communication & Morale Committee.

On a motion made by Commissioner Dumenil, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board unanimously agreed to that the 457(b) Retirement Plan Investment Committee Bylaws be adopted as presented.

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FY19 TERRAPIN PARK TRAILHEAD:

Mr. Mike Watson, Chief of Operations, Department of Parks and Recreation, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, FY19 Terrapin Park Trailhead.

The Department of Parks requested to purchase a prefabricated concrete Trailhead & Restroom Facilities for Terrapin Nature Park, accessing the BUYBOARD contract from Public Restroom Company in the amount of $461,801. This facility will consist of a three stall men’s and three stall women’s restroom and a Ranger station. This facility will be located at the west end of the parking lot and will become the new entrance into the Park. The Parks and Recreation Department has submitted and been approved for a POS grant in the amount of $460,000. The remaining funds along with utility hookups and sitework will utilize the Terrapin Park Trailhead Capital Project (400911) from the FY19 approved budget.
On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to authorize the Department of Parks & Recreation to purchase a prefabricated concrete Trailhead & Restroom Facilities, from Public Restroom Company, Minden, NV, utilizing the BUYBOARD contract, in the amount of $461,861. Funding to come from the Department of Parks & Recreation FY19 Terrapin Park Trailhead Capital Project and POS grant funds. As part of the motion, Commissioners Moran, J. Wilson, Dumenil and Corchiarino asked questions and/or made comments on this topic.

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CLEAN CHESAPEAKE COALITION FY21 – SCOPE OF WORK & BUDGET:

Chip MacLeod, General Counsel for the Clean Chesapeake Coalition, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Fiscal Year 2021-Scope of Work and Budget.

Recognizing the unprecedented challenges that you and your jurisdictions are facing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and deferring to other Coalition county priorities, this memo concerning the efforts of the Coalition in current FY2021 and related Scope of Work, Budget and summary of FY2020 action and accomplishments is being transmitted later than usual- and after convening the Executive Committee 1 to confirm the level of interest in the Coalition’s continuance and possibly expanding the organization’s scope in terms of common issues and concerns among the Eastern Shore counties with natural resource-based economies.

Amidst all the uncertainty and economic challenges resulting from the COVID-19 public health crisis, tides still change, rains come, rivers flow and, unfortunately for Chesapeake Bay and downstream restoration efforts, scouring still happens at Conowingo Dam, dumping shock-loading proportions of nutrient-laden sediments and other pollution into the upper Bay in a matter of days. Knowing that, we have continued representing Coalition county interests in FY2021, adding to the body of research, coordination and advocacy since inception in 2012. August 2020 marked the 8-year anniversary of the Clean Chesapeake Coalition. In considering Fiscal Year 2021 effort and focus, it is instructive to see where we started In August 2012, the Dorchester County Council suggested joining forces and resources to collectively pursue improvement to the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay in the most prudent and fiscally responsible manner possible. Many of you and your Counties then realized that the time was ripe to push back, on behalf of your constituencies, against wasteful, unproven, and spuriously motivated programs, policies and mandates in the name of saving the Bay. The original call to arms in furtherance of that objective still resonates:
“...precious taxpayer funding must be directed towards reducing major sources of nutrient and sediment loading to the Bay before such funds are expended on lesser, more marginal sources of loading. This approach will maximize the benefits achieved from the limited public funding available to improve the water quality of the Bay. This approach will also safeguard against expenditures that will be marginalized or rendered meaningless as a result of the loading from major sources that have not been appropriately addressed. In addition, public resources must be invested in technologies and programs for which a valid scientific and/or technical basis exists to conclude that implementation will achieve meaningful and lasting improvement to the water quality of the Bay.”

Through extensive research, coordination, and advocacy we have continued to advance and protect the interests of the Coalition counties accordingly. A summary of Coalition action and accomplishments throughout Fiscal Year 2020 is enclosed, along with the Budget-Expense Report for FY2020.

There is indeed a cost associated with advancing the Coalition’s mission and interests of participating counties. By the same token, there is much economy realized by the pooling of resources in pursuit of common goals. Your ongoing effort enhances the posture of the Coalition as a credible resource and advocate worthy of a seat and voice at any table where programs, policies and practices to improve the water quality of Chesapeake Bay and impacting local governments are being developed and considered.

At the meeting on October 29, 2020, the Executive Committee received the FY2020 Budget-Expense Report and agreed to maintain the annual per county contribution at $17,000 in FY2021. The Committee also agreed to invite non-member Eastern Shore counties to participate (or in some cases rejoin).

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to pay the Clean Chesapeake Coalition annual per county contribution of $17,000 for FY2021. As part of the motion, Commissioners Moran and Dumenil asked questions and/or made comments on this topic.

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**BUDGET AMENDMENT:**
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QUEEN ANNE’S HOTEL RELIEF GRANT AGREEMENT:

This is the hotel grant agreement between Commerce and our jurisdiction, granting our jurisdiction the grant funds under this program. To qualify, per State, for the new Hotel Grant:
1) The Accommodations business must pay hotel taxes to the county.
2) B&B’s must have a minimum of 5 rooms.
3) Hotels/Motels must have a minimum of 10 rooms.
4) The grant agreement states the max grant we can give is $45,568.01

It is projected that the smaller properties if they apply will receive a small portion of the funds and the larger properties could receive up to the $45,568.01. Grants will most likely be below this max to assist all those that are eligible and apply.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Hotel Relief Grant Agreement. As part of the motion, Commissioner J. Wilson asked questions and/or made comments on this topic.

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COVID-19 UPDATE:

Dr. Joseph A. Ciotola, Jr. M.D., Health Officer, submitted to the Board for their review COVID-19 Update.

MARYLAND COVID 19 DATA:
Number of confirmed cases: 312,351
Number of confirmed deaths: 6,196
Number of probable deaths: 171
Ever hospitalized: 28,860
Vaccinated:
   1st Dose: 152,129
   2nd Dose: 9655

Queen Anne’s County COVID 19 DATA:
Number of confirmed cases: 2482
Number of confirmed deaths: 9
Ever hospitalized: 117
Vaccinated:
   1st Dose: 1129
TEACHER OF THE YEAR:

The Board presented Ms. Amber Wright, Teacher of the Year, the following Proclamation:

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WHEREAS, Amber Wright, dance teacher at Kent Island High School, is currently in her twenty-sixth year of teaching; and

WHEREAS, Amber Wright began her career at Grasonville Elementary School before becoming the Certification Specialist for Queen Anne’s County Public Schools while cultivating her burning desire to teach dance; and

WHEREAS, Amber Wright became a dance teacher utilizing her talents acquired through the dance program at Salisbury University, the Dashiell School of Dance, and many theatrical productions at the Chesapeake Music Hall and the Burn Brae Dinner Theatre; and

WHEREAS, Amber Wright entered the doors of Kent Island High School and continues to inspire the dance students and serve as the leader of the Performing Arts Department; and

WHEREAS, Amber Wright continues to be an active participant in the Kent Island High School Equity Team, the School Improvement Team and serves as the Multicultural Liaison in addition to promoting the wonderful opportunities within Queen Anne’s County Public Schools as she serves as a recruiter for future colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Amber Wright is the extremely proud mother of son Andrew and is the beloved daughter of Mr. George and Reverend Bernadette Wright; and

WHEREAS, Amber Wright continues to spread positivity, motivation, and encouragement to all those that surround her due to her unmatched passion for education;

NOW, THEREFORE WE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY do hereby recognize Ms. Amber Wright for her dedication to her talent, her students, and her co-workers and for being named the 2020-2021 Teacher of the Year.

COMPASS REGIONAL HOSPICE UPDATE:

Ms. Heather Guerieri, Compass Regional Hospice Executive Director, presented to the Board for their review, Compass Regional Hospice Update.

COMPASS REBRAND

Compass Regional Hospice has changed its name to Compass, which encapsulates all three of our service lines hospice care, supportive care, and grief services.

REBRAND PROCESS

- This rebranding has been a long and carefully considered process, and we believe it better represents the various services we offer to our community.
- At every phase of the planning, the Compass team has remained steadfast in our values to ensure that the critical services we provide are available to our community.
• We’ve evolved to meet the ever-changing needs of our community, and after careful thought, have revised our brand to better reflect our full range of services.

OUR MISSION
Compass’ mission is to offer comprehensive, professional and compassionate care and support to patients, caregivers and families who have found themselves facing a life-limiting diagnosis or loss.

OUR VISION
To positively transform the way our communities experience serious illness and end of life.

COMPASS 2020 STATS
• Total Number of Patients served: 619
• Average Daily Census: 97.1

PATIENTS SERVED BY COUNTY
• Caroline: 183
• Queen Anne’s: 278
• Talbot: 1
• Kent: 192

PATIENTS SERVED BY AGE
• 0-4: 1
• 18-64: 74
• 65-74: 114
• 75-99: 430

PATIENTS SERVED BY ETHNICITY
• Black/African American: 46
• Japanese: 1
• Other/unknown: 26
• White: 546

755 Counseling Clients (629 hospice death; 126 non-hospice community death)
• Total Face to Face Grief and Loss Counseling Sessions: 521 (310 community; 221 Hospice) - includes in person and virtual sessions
• Perinatal / Infant Loss Counseling Support: 2 families
• Children’s Bereavement Support Camp: No camp due to COVID - participants (ages 4-17)
• Loss due to Suicide Counseling: 12 participants
• Community Forums on Suicide Education & Advocacy: 8 participants
• School-based grief support: 38 students in all three counties (virtual during COVID)
Remembrance Service - Outside Remembrance Walk (due to COVID restrictions): 200 participants
Virtual Support Groups - 32 participants
Women’s Winter Retreat - 18 participants
Virtual Grief & The Holidays Workshop - 10 participants
Community Education: Workshop – “How to have difficult conversations, during traumatic events”. (was provided for our local EMS & paramedics).

STRATEGIES DURING COVID
- Implementation of Telehealth
- Remote Work at Home
- PPP Loan and other Grants
- Cancelled in Person Events
- Continued Construction at Comet Drive
- Never Stopped Servicing the Community

RENOVATIONS AT COMET DRIVE
- expanded to 10 guest rooms
- beautiful walkways and gardens
- commercial kitchen
- renovated common areas
- increased visitor parking

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

Commissioner J. Wilson introduced County Ordinance 21-01

County Ordinance 21-01 – Public Facilities Bond Authorization of 2021

A PUBLIC LOCAL LAW TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY, MARYLAND (THE “COUNTY”), FROM TIME TO TIME, TO BORROW NOT MORE THAN THIRTEEN MILLION DOLLARS ($13,000,000) FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF FINANCING OR REFINANCING CERTAIN PUBLIC FACILITIES, ALL AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, AND TO EVIDENCE SUCH BORROWING BY THE ISSUANCE AND SALE AT PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SALE, UPON ITS FULL FAITH AND CREDIT, OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN LIKE PAR AMOUNT; EMPOWERING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 19-504(d) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (2013 REPLACEMENT VOLUME AND 2020 SUPPLEMENT) (THE “CODE”) PRIOR TO ISSUING ALL OR ANY PART OF THE BONDS; EMPOWERING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY TO LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES IN RATE AND AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE MATURING PRINCIPAL OF AND
INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND PLEDGING THE COUNTY’S FULL FAITH AND CREDIT AND UNLIMITED TAXING POWER TO THE PAYMENT THEREOF; EXEMPTING THE BONDS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 19-205 TO 19-206, INCLUSIVE, OF THE CODE; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF REFUNDING BONDS; AND RELATING GENERALLY TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH BONDS.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No persons spoke to the Commissioners on subjects of interest to them.

1. Dawn Sweeney
2. Ann Niesz

COMMISSIONER’S ROUNDTABLE:

Commissioner J. Wilson discussed the following:
  The General Assembly is starting up and there is an increase in bills due to COVID closing the General Assembly early last year.
  Reviewed the Kirwan bill and changes that are being reviewed.
  Reviewed Police Reform, Septic Systems, Rural Broadband, and the progressive tax.
  Thanked Dr. Ciotola for coming in and updating on COVID-19.

Commissioner Dumenil discussed the following:
  Noted the great work Commissioner J. Wilson and Corchiarino are doing with Legislative issues.
  Thanked Dr. Ciotola for coming in and updating on COVID-19.

Commissioner S. Wilson discussed the following:
  Noted the passing of former DES Director John Chew from a heart attack.
  Reviewed the vaccine distribution.

Commissioner Moran discussed the following:
  Asked Mr. Mohn to find the number of bills that were pre-filed.
  Noted that Finance Director Jon Seeman retired.
  Noted that they do not condone the attack on the capital.

Commissioner Corchiarino discussed the following:
  Congratulated Commissioner J. Wilson for his installation as MACo Treasurer.
  Noted that the Board of Education is separate from the County Government. The Vaccine will be rolled out to the school system.
There being no further business, they adjourned at 8:00 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, January 26, 2021.

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EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT        PRESIDENT