

June 25, 2019

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

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES:

On a motion made by Commissioner Dumenil, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the Agenda for the current meeting and the minutes of June 11, 2019.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

1. Don Gross – Increase Speed on Bennett Point Road
2. Dan Jarzynski – Increase Speed on Bennett Point Road
3. Jeanne Noble - Purchase Christ Church
4. Diane Ryan – Purchase Christ Church
5. Nancy Cook – Purchase Christ Church
6. Diane Kuhn – Purchase Christ Church
7. Donise Dukes – Shine Like Stars Preschool
8. Kathy Higginbothan – Shine Like Stars Preschool
9. Jack Broderick – Purchase of Christ Church

WEEKLY CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESENTATION OF DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNATURE:

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

**2011 COMPREHENSIVE WATER & SEWERAGE PLAN AMENDMENT 11-13 –
PONCHOCK PROPERTY – RENEWAL OF MOTION:**

Mr. Alan Quimby, Director of the Department of Public Works presented to the Board for their review and approval, 2011 Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan Amendment 11-13, PONCHOCK PROPERTY - Renewal of Motion.

A public hearing was held on February 26, 2019, to consider an upgrade to the sewer service designation from S-3 to S-2 (which equates to immediate public sewer service) for the referenced property in Bay City. Following the hearing on March 26, 2019, a motion to approve the upgrade to the sewer service designation failed by a vote of 3-2.

The Board may reconsider this action as a “Renewal of Motion” by making the same motion again and taking a second vote on the motion.

On a motion made by Commissioner Dumenil, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the sewer service map upgrade for the Ponchock Property from S-3 to S-2.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

HISTORIC CHRIST CHURCH DISCHARGE PROPERTY OVERVIEW:

Mr. Dave MacGlashan, Division Chief, Property Management & Environmental programs, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Historic Christ Church Discharge Property Overview.

On Tuesday, April 22, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued for the discharge of Historic Christ Church. The RFP was advertised on the County’s Website under ‘bid opportunities’ and as well on multiple County Facebook pages. Proposals were due by 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 31.

Five proposals were received and are listed below.

1. Diana Kuhn, Third Wave Tea & Coffee bar
 - Monetary consideration \$25,000
 - Turn rectory into B&B and add to/under MHT Easement Financial means and business experience

- States for immediate future Shine Like Stars daycare would stay
2. Nicholas & Nichole Neboshynsky
 - Monetary consideration \$1.00
 - Great experience in rehabbing and maintaining old historic buildings
 - Good use intentions
 - States would keep Shine Like Stars daycare
 3. Friends of Historic Christ Church, Nancy Cook
 - History / historic preservation in mind
 - Good intended uses
 - Many members with different ideas
 4. Jeanne Noble
 - Monetary consideration \$30,000
 - Financial Means
 - Proposal is vague in detail regarding intended use
 5. Children’s Center for Learning Arts, Meredith Braden / Diane Ryan ‘Shine Like Stars Daycare’
 - The building may be limited in use (i.e. only daycare)

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to establish a subcommittee with Commissioners S. Wilson and Corchiarino, Dave MacGlashan and several additional individuals to hold interviews with each respondent and have this subcommittee report back to the Board with a recommendation of award for the discharge of the Historic Christ Church property. As part of the motion, Commissioners Moran, Dumenil and J. Wilson made comments on this topic.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

BMC AGREEMENT UPWP CONTRACT FOR FY2020:

Mr. Steven Cohoon, Public Facilities Planner, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) Agreement - Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Contract for FY2020.

As a Member of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, each year we execute a contract relating to our involvement and participation in the work program. In turn, the agreement provides for financial support to the County for our work with the BMC. The BMC will reimburse the County for 80% of the work done by staff working on joint planning projects and studies.

The Unified Planning Work Program includes Queen Anne’s Counties participation in regional transportation planning and modeling, demographic forecasting, bike and pedestrian planning, GIS coordination, transit planning and data sharing.

The total estimated maximum budget relating to joint projects and the work program with the BMC over the next year is \$57,050 if the County fully participates in all of the projects outlined in the work program. The BMC will financially support the County’s involvement up to \$45,640 which is 80% of the total. The County would provide our 20% match of \$11,410 through staff time and participation. If the County does not participate fully in all aspects of the work program the actual amounts will be less but would still be at a rate of 80% BMC and 20% county funding.

The document has been sent to the County Attorney for review.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve and sign the Unified Planning Work Program Agreement with the Baltimore Metropolitan Council for FY2020.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

WATER & SEWERAGE ALLOCATION POLICY ENFORCEMENT OF TIME LIMITS & RECAPTURE PROVISIONS:

Mr. Alan Quimby, Department of Public Works Director, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Water and Sewerage Allocation Policy Enforcement of Time Limits & Recapture Provisions.

On February 12, 2019, the Sanitary Commission passed the following motion:

“I move that we advise all the project applicants of the Sanitary Commission’s intention to recapture the allocations granted due to the projects’ failure to achieve the timing milestones set out within the Water and Sewerage Allocation Policy. I further move that each project will be

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board unanimously agreed to revise the current Allocation Policy to make all future deposits on allocation commitments non-refundable. In order to do so, a hearing will be held on July 23, 2019, to amend the Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan, of which the Allocation Policy is a component.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to table any pending allocation requests until after a decision is made on the proposed Allocation Policy revision. As part of the motion, Commissioners Moran and J. Wilson made comments on this topic.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (CORS):

Ms. Beverly A. Churchill, Department of Human Resources Director, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Correctional Officers Retirement System (CORS).

Ms. Churchill has been notified by the Maryland State Retirement System that the Transfer and Participation Agreement needs to be signed by the County Commissioners. This agreement is for the Correctional Officers to transfer to CORS.

As a reminder, the preliminary valuation established our new entrant payment as \$1,790,426 which can be amortized with level dollar payments of \$154,273 over 25 years. In addition, the 2019 annual rate is currently approximately \$22,000 higher for CORS than the Employee Pension system. Thus, the total annual increase would be \$176,273. The CORS system provides a 20-year retirement for participants.

On a motion made by Commissioner S. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board unanimously agreed that the Transfer and Participation Agreement be approved and

signed as presented. As part of the motion, Commissioners Moran and S. Wilson made comments on this topic.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

DRAFT STANDARD OPERATING POLICY:

Ms. Beverly A. Churchill, Department of Human Resources Director, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Draft Standard Operating Policy.

Employee Assistance Policy has been reviewed by our provider, Behavioral Health Services. The changes demonstrate the broad array of services available to employees and their household free of charge through the Employee Assistance Program. This policy has also been reviewed by the Employee Communication and Morale Committee.

The Commercial Driver’s License Reimbursements has been revised to facilitate an upcoming change in the Federal Motor Carrier standards requiring us to provide drivers’ license numbers to them. They are establishing a pool to monitor drivers who have positive drug tests. This policy has been reviewed by the Employee Communication and Morale Committee.

The Identification Badge Policy has been updated with some minor changes as recommended by the Active Threat Workgroup.

Telephone Usage Policy has been revised to meet the changing technology with cellular telephones. This policy has been reviewed by IT.

Meal and Work Breaks Policy has been updated to encourage work breaks be utilized to enhance wellness as recommend by the Wellness Committee.

On a motion made by Commissioner Corchiarino, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed that the five updated Draft Standard Operating Policy including: Employee Assistance Program, Commercial Driver’s License Reimbursements, Identification Badge Policy, Telephone Usage and Meal and Work Breaks; be adopted as presented, effective in seven business days. As part of the motion, Commissioners J. Wilson made comments on this topic.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	

J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

VEHICLE REPLACEMENT – MAINTENANCE TRUCK, PUBLIC LANDINGS:

Mr. James Wood, Public Landings Supervisor, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Vehicle Replacement - Maintenance Truck, Public Landings.

As part of the systematic replacement of departmental vehicles, the Public Landings Division requested approval to purchase a 2019 one-ton pickup truck with utility body, extended cab and long bed with a lift gate. In order to support the county’s snow removal capability a V-plow and four-wheel drive was requested. The purchase would be executed by “piggy-backing” on the State of Maryland Department of General Services purchase contract, BPO #001B9400178 with Apple Ford of Columbia, Maryland.

This purchase will replace a 2012 Chevrolet 2500 pickup truck with utility body and lift gate that will be transferred to the Parks and Recreation maintenance shop for use on road calls. The replacement vehicle will be utilized for general public landings maintenance and project work. It will also be used for county snow removal at schools and other county facilities.

The base cost of the vehicle is \$26,390. The additional selected options available on the state contract of extended cab with long bed, utility body, four-wheel drive, lift gate, running boards, extra keys and power equipment group yields a total cost of \$45,395.

The bidder complied with the state’s competitive bid process. Funding for the equipment is available in the approved Public Landings FY19 and FY20 Capital Equipment budgets, Project #330061, and FY19 Additional Equipment 330010-9050 line item.

On a motion made by Commissioner S. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the purchase of a 2019 Ford F350 utility truck in the amount of \$45,395 by “piggy-backing” on the State of Maryland Department of General Services purchase contract with Apple Ford of Columbia, MD. As part of the motion, Commissioners J. Wilson, S. Wilson and Commissioner Dumenil made comments on this topic.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

FY20 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS VEHICLE PURCHASE:

Mr. Mike Watson, Chief of Operations, Department of Parks and Recreation, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, FY20 Department of Parks Vehicle Purchase.

The Department of Parks requested to purchase a 2019 Ford F350 pickup, from Apple Ford, Columbia, Maryland, for \$30,965 using Maryland Department of General Services Contract. (BPO#001B9400178) This vehicle purchase is part of the approved FY20 Capital Budget. This is an additional vehicle for newly approved Turf Crew.

On a motion made by Commissioner S. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board unanimously agreed to authorize the Department of Parks & Recreation to purchase a 2019 Ford F350 pickup, from Apple Ford, Columbia, MD, for \$30,965 using the Maryland Department of General Services Contract. Funding to come from the Department of Parks & Recreations FY2020 Capital Equipment Budget. As part of the motion, Commissioners Moran, J. Wilson and Commissioner Dumenil made comments on this topic.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

BOE REQUEST TO TRANSFER BETWEEN MAJOR STATE CATEGORIES:

Dr. Andrea M. Kane, Ph.D., Superintendent, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, transfer between major state categories.

In accordance with Section 5-105(b) of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Board of Education requested approval of the transfers listed below between major state categories, for the period ending May 31, 2019.

Major Category: Transportation - Addition \$320,000

- Increased costs of Special Education Student Transportation, including extended school year, driver overtime, school vehicle attendants, driver substitutes, and field trip transportation costs for buses with lifts. Also includes increased homeless transportation needs, athletic transportation and bus repairs.

Major Category: Fixed Charges - Reduction (\$320,000)

- Anticipated savings due to lower than anticipated teacher and employee retirement, health insurance and workers compensation costs.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the BOE request to transfer \$320,000 between major state categories, to increase Transportation from Fixed Charged. As part of the motion, Commissioners Moran made comments on this topic.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

MACO FY2020 DUES:

Mr. Michael Sanderson, MACo Executive Director, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, MACo FY2020 Dues.

The Board reviewed an invoice for the dues and assessments for Fiscal Year 2020 as approved at the Winter Conference Business Meeting held on January 3, 2019. The budget was approved with a continuation of a dues freeze from FY2010, so the dues amount for your jurisdiction remains the same as the last nine years. The Association’s By-Laws provide that unpaid dues and assessments become delinquent after July 31, 2019.

Your participation and support have built a strong and vibrant organization that achieves many legislative victories for county governments. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you, on behalf of MACo’s Officers and Directors, for the support you and your colleagues have provided the Association and I’d like to share some of MACo’s successes over the past year.

As usual, MACo’s advocacy led to more positive outcomes for its members. Bills that MACo supported had a greater likelihood of passage, while bills MACo opposed had a larger tendency to fail. MACo also helped improve many pieces of legislation through articulating county positions in amendments and will continue to work with State partners in several areas of ongoing administrative improvement.

Next Generation 9-1-1 was one of MACo’s big wins in the 2019 General Assembly. Bi-partisan legislation to fuel enhancements to emergency response systems was the result of several years of advocacy by MACo and its affiliate of county emergency managers. 9-1-1 systems in Maryland are a local responsibility, but the “next generation” technology to pinpoint the location of wireless callers and convey multi-source data to emergency services first responders requires statewide partnership and investment. The passage of Carl Henn’s Law, named for a victim of 9-1-1 issues, represents a partnership to bring Maryland’s 9-1-1 systems to the Next Generation of service - and an \$80 million increase in local funding for 9-1-1 centers.

MACo also set a national landmark this year in its defense of county authority. An industry backed bill on small cell technology would have set a dangerous precedent of usurping local zoning authority by granting wireless businesses a right to attach small cells (up to 28 cubic feet in size) on poles 50 feet high in the public right of way with no substantive local government or community input. While similar bills have passed in states across the country, advocacy by MACo helped ensure that, for the time-being, in Maryland, small cell technology will continue to advance on a county-by-county basis, through your individual agreements and under your existing authorities to preserve the historically important, culturally significant, and aesthetically designed areas.

Governor Hogan's 2020 budget as introduced targeted new funding commitments but did not shift any state obligations to local governments, or otherwise decrease state funding for counties. MACo also defeated several pieces of legislation that would have unreasonably eroded county income and property tax bases. While education funding and school construction funding decisions are now expected to come to a head next year, this year's budget as passed by the General Assembly included \$255 million to begin implementing the recommendations of the [Kirwan] Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education. The budget also dedicated a robust \$493 million to school construction.

MACo's work across all areas includes fending off a variety of unfunded mandates, on subjects ranging from vehicle laws to online data management. In addition, MACo successfully helped stop or reshape intrusive bills on county land use planning, licensing, and employment practices.

Our staff continues to strive for enhanced member communications and to provide professional development opportunities to allow you to grow in your role as an elected official. In addition to our Summer and Winter Conferences, County Administrators and Attorneys Conferences, and our Annapolis Immersion training day, we plan to hold a symposium this June on county successes confronting human trafficking.

MACo's redesigned website, www.rndcounties.org, highlights advocacy, conference, and county programs offered by MACo, easing information access. We continue to expand the use of the MACo news blog, Conduit Street, and our use of social media. Our Conduit Street podcast, has grown in popularity this year, reaching 1,000 listeners per week. The podcast provides insight and updates on issues of county interest from MACo's Policy Team with guest introductions from elected leaders across the state, including the Governor.

MACo's various communications outlets serve to keep you better informed on policy issues, professional development opportunities, and happenings in county government. We also gain important ground in advocacy and relationship-building through these efforts as they raise MACo's profile as a source of political and policy analysis in Annapolis.

We have continued to expand our legislative advocacy efforts. Following the election in 2018, members of MACo’s Policy Team met with every freshman legislator and strengthened relationships with returning Senators and Delegates. We hope you have found our legislative tracking database helpful when accessing legislative information, testimony, and committee reports. We will continue to invest in legislative outreach during the year to connect with members of the General Assembly at critical points during the session.

Our Corporate Partner Program now includes over 30 companies and we have pursued additional sponsorships of other events held throughout the year. These actions have enabled us to keep dues flat for the past nine years, in recognition of the difficulties facing each county’s budget. We will continue to seek cost-saving measures, to ensure MACo members always receive excellent value for their supporting contributions.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to pay the \$15,113 FY2020 MACo Dues and Assessments.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES NOMINATION APPOINTMENTS:

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to appoint Angie Marsh, Colleen Thomas, and Anna Fox to the Board of the Queen Anne’s County Community Partnerships for Children and Families effective July 1, 2019 to serve a three-year term ending June 30, 2022 and to appoint Lauren Scarce, Jason Mullen, and Maynard Nash to the Board of the Queen Anne’s County Community Partnerships for Children and Families effective July 1, 2019 to serve for as long as they hold their current professional positions and to reappoint Karla Altamirano and Michelle Johnson to a second three-year term ending June 30, 2022.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

BUDGET AMENDMENT CC-28 – PORT SECURITY GRANT:

On a motion made by Commissioner Corchiarino, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Budget Amendment CC-28.

#	CC-28						Date	6/17/2019
Entered By _____								
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY								
REQUEST FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT								
FY2019								
Description of expenditure/revenue accounts to							Increase (Decrease) Amount	
			Fund	Account Code				
increase	Port Security Grant	Equipment Under \$1000 / \$5000	500	511012	9010		\$ 79,045	
		Total					\$ 79,045	
increase	Port Security Grant	Other Fed Cap Grants	500	511012	32890		\$ 59,284	
increase	Port Security Grant	Transfer in	500	511012	39910		\$ 19,761	
		Total					79,045	
increase	Other Sources / Uses	Transfer out	100	180000	8990		\$ 19,761	
decrease	Sheriff's office	Additional Equipment	100	110000	9050		\$ (19,761)	
		Total					.	
Justification:								
The Department of Homeland Security awarded the Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office a Port Security Grant in the amount of \$59,284.								
As a condition of this award, they are required to contribute a cost match in the amount of \$19,761 of non-Federal funds,								
or 25 percent of the total approved project costs of \$79,045.								
The grant performance period is from 09/01/2018 thru 08/31/2021.								

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

FY2020 PROPERTY TAX BILL LETTER:

Mr. Jonathan Seeman, Budget & Finance & IT Director, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, FY2020 Property Tax Bill Letter.

The Board reviewed a letter to all taxpayers that will accompany this year's tax bills. The bills and letter will be mailed in the second half of July.

On a motion made by Commissioner S. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed the approval of the tax bill letter to accompany the FY2020 tax bill.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT FOR THE TEACHERS SALARY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM:

Dr. Andrea M. Kane, Ph.D., Superintendent, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Certification Statement for the Teacher Salary Incentive Grant Program

Pursuant to HB1030 and requirements set forth by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), Queen Anne’s County Public Schools (QACPS) is required to submit the Certification Statement for the Teacher Salary Incentive Grant Program.

Pursuant to Section 4 of 581030- Blueprint for Maylands Future, local applications for Teacher Salary Incentive:

(d) (1) On or before June 30, 2019, and on or before June 30, 2020, a county board, including the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, may submit an application to the State Department of Education to receive a State grant for the immediately following fiscal year as specified in subsection (f) of this section.

As shown, QACPS has committed to an overall increase of 3.66% for teachers and other certificated staff covered under the Negotiated Agreement (Unit I). This is well above the mandated 3.0% minimum increase as required by HB1030, thereby allowing QACPS access to the Salary Incentive Grant of \$544,458 which is added to the salary scales for covered employees.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed to sign the Certification Statement Teacher Salary Incentive Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2020.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	

Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

BOE ANNUAL BUDGET:

Dr. Andrea Kane, Superintendent submitted to the Board for their approval their Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020, that must be certified by both Queen Anne’s County Public Schools and the County Commissioners.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the Queen Anne Board of Education Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

PUBLIC HEARING:

The County Commissioners of Queen Anne’s County, Maryland held a public hearing at 5:45 p.m. in the County Commissioner’s Meeting Room in the Liberty Building, 107 N Liberty Street, Centreville, Maryland 21617 to receive public comments on County Ordinance 19-08.

Patrick Thompson, Esquire, County Attorney conducted the hearing on behalf of the County and noted all legal requirements had been met.

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 19-08

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING the Repeal of Section 4-15, “Ownership Disclosure” of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne’s County;

FOR THE PURPOSE of repealing Section 4-15 of Chapter 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws requiring disclosure of ownership interest in entities participating in actions before the Queen Anne’s County Board of Appeals;

BY REPEALING Section 4-15 of Chapter 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne’s County.

SECTION I

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND that Section 4-15 of the Code of Public Local Laws be and is hereby REPEALED.

The following individuals gave public testimony:

1. Jay Falstad

The Board asked Mike Wisnosky, Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning, various questions regarding the ordinance.

The record will remain open for two weeks.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County, Maryland held a public hearing at 5:50 p.m. in the County Commissioner's Meeting Room in the Liberty Building, 107 N Liberty Street, Centreville, Maryland 21617 to receive public comments on County Ordinance 19-09.

Patrick Thompson, Esquire, County Attorney conducted the hearing on behalf of the County and noted all legal requirements had been met.

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 19-09

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING Amendments to Chapter 13 of the Code of Public Local Laws of the Queen Anne's County Regarding the Use of School Bus Monitoring Cameras by School and Law Enforcement Officials;

FOR THE PURPOSE OF providing for photographic enforcement and administrative adjudication of school bus stop arm violations and imposition of civil fines for those violations, consistent with Maryland state law, including but not limited Section 21-706.1 of the Transportation Article and Md. Courts and Judicial Proceedings Code Ann. §7-302 and §10-311;

BY ADOPTING a new Article IV §13-14 as an addition to the Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County, Maryland.

SECTION I

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Section 13-14 of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County be and is hereby ENACTED to read as follows:

ARTICLE IV. School Bus Monitoring Cameras.

§13-14. School Bus Monitoring Cameras.

The Sheriff of Queen Anne's County is authorized to use school bus monitoring cameras in consultation with the Board of Education of Queen Anne's County, in accordance with §21-706.1 of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended from time to time.

The following individuals gave public testimony:

1. Jay Falstad
2. Wendy Hampton

The record will remain open for two weeks.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County, Maryland held a public hearing at 5:55 p.m. in the County Commissioner's Meeting Room in the Liberty Building, 107 N Liberty Street, Centreville, Maryland 21617 to receive public comments on County Ordinance 19-10.

Patrick Thompson, Esquire, County Attorney conducted the hearing on behalf of the County and noted all legal requirements had been met.

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 19-10

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning the Repeal and Re-Adoption with amendments of the Local Public Laws of Queen Anne's County, Chapter 14, CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA ACT, Official Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Overlay Map Number 56.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF amending part of Parcel 221, Lot 7 located on said Official Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Overlay Map 56 to redesignate 2.122 acres from Limited Development Area (LDA) to Intensely Developed Area (IDA).

SECTION I

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Local Public Laws of Queen Anne's County, Chapter 14, CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA ACT, Official Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Overlay Map Number 56 is hereby repealed and Overlay Map Number 56 be and is hereby amended and

adopted with the revisions set forth herein and depicted on Exhibit A, attached hereto, subject to the conditions contained in the approval letter from the State of Maryland Critical Area Commission attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Ms. Genevieve Lindner, Esquire, submitted for the record exhibit 1 (Growth Allocation Standards as applied to Lot 7, Matapeake Professional Park Sonny Schulz Boulevard, LLC (Technical Comment Submittal Draft)) and Mr. Barry Griffith, Lane Engineering reviewed the growth allocation.

The record will remain open for two weeks.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Corchiarino introduced County Ordinance 19-12:

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING County Transfer Tax;

FOR THE PURPOSE of clarifying that County transfer tax on a sale to a first-time Maryland homebuyer may be paid in accordance with an express agreement; and generally dealing with the Queen Anne's County Transfer Tax;

BY AMENDING Section 5-11 D. of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County, Maryland.

SECTION I

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND that Section 5-11 D. of the Code of Public Local Laws be and is hereby AMENDED to read as follows:

§5-11. Definitions; rate; exemptions.

...

D. Exemptions. The County transfer tax does not apply to any instrument of writing exempt from the state transfer tax, including exemptions under §§ 13-203, 13-207, and 13-404 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, provided, however, that the entire amount of County transfer tax shall be paid by the Seller of improved, residential real property that is sold to a first-time Maryland home buyer who will occupy the property as a principal residence, unless there is an express agreement between the parties to the agreement that the County transfer tax will not be paid entirely by the Seller pursuant to §14-104(c) of the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

SHORE HEALTH UPDATE:

Mr. Kenneth Kozel, University of Maryland Shore Regional Health CEO and Ms. Patti Willis, University of Maryland Shore Regional Health Sr. Vice President, presented to the Board for their review, Shore Health Update.

Freestanding Emergency Department volumes:

The Queen Anne's Emergency Department volumes continue to increase - now averaging 48 patients a day. We have evaluated the volume increase to determine whether patient acuity reflects an increase in urgent care rather than emergency level care, in the wake of AAMC closing its urgent care center in December, 2018. There is no evidence that the increased volume is a lower acuity patient. In fact, acuity levels have seen a slight increase in emergent levels. Admission levels are steady at 5.6% of patients treated, reflecting ongoing efforts to avoid unnecessary hospital care, keeping patients in the county for their care. In the first five months of 2019, as of the end of May, we cared for 561 more patients when compared to the same period in 2018. Approximately 92 percent of patients have been treated and released.

Urgent Care Business Planning:

As you are aware, the urgent care center operated by AAMC was shuttered on December 7. When UM Shore Regional Health learned of the announced closing, we were concerned on two fronts: first, the needs of the community for urgent care would either go unmet or would result in access difficulties and delays for patients; and second, we are concerned that the Queen Anne's Emergency Center would see an uptick in nonemergency care and the resulting increased cost of care which patients would likely be required to bear (most insurance will not cover any costs of urgent care needs addressed in an emergency department). Importantly, patients are not increasingly (and inappropriately) using our Queen Anne's Emergency Department for urgent care, as you see in the previous volume summary. We might assume, therefore, that their needs as being met by increased availability of primary care - or, that patients are traveling across the Bridge or to Easton or Denton for urgent care. We are looking at zip code data for Denton and Easton to determine if urgent care volumes have increased from Queen Anne's County locations.

Our goal, for the best care of the community, is to be sure that there is adequate primary care to take care of patients and keep them as healthy as possible and we continue to work with Shore Medical Group in Centreville and Maryland Primary Care in Queenstown to insure there is adequate access to primary care. However, we recognize that urgent needs which are not emergencies can arise outside of normal primary care practice hours. As you know, we initiated discussions with our urgent care partner, Choice One Urgent Care, which partners with Shore Regional Health in urgent care centers in Easton and Denton. Choice One continues to refine its business plan and location options in Queen Anne's County. We anticipate their recommendations in July.

Observation Beds:

Our work group to pilot observation care at Queen Anne's Emergency Department is ready to release its report next month. This pilot will address the needs of patients who may need a slightly longer ED visit for observation and emergency treatment effectiveness, rather than transferring the patient further away from the county for an admission which might not be otherwise needed and which could cause hardship for patients and families. I am anticipating we will start this pilot in the late summer; when it begins, I will let you know.

The Mobile Integrated Community Health (MICH) initiative enters its sixth year and we continue to be the longest standing supporter of this initiative. In addition to the more than \$250,000 in direct grant funding UM Shore Regional Health (UM SRH) has provided to the program, UM SRH is the unique supporter of the Medication Reconciliation Telemedicine Program for MICH. This valuable program, contributed at an unreimbursed level of more than \$57,000 per year for the past three years, improves care for MICH patients and helps to catch potential medication errors and avoid unnecessary hospitalizations. The move of our health system to the EPIC information technology platform has been a plus as well. For example, we had a patient who came into the hospital for hypokalemia (low potassium) and was treated. He saw his cardiologist post hospitalization, documented in EPIC, but when the MICH team got to his house, he had no potassium medication. While the team was still in the home, the pharmacist was able to contact the cardiologist, who authorized potassium refills which the patient was able to get that same afternoon. The tele-pharmacy program has identified and corrected numerous medication errors, including duplications, omissions, expired medications (including nitroglycerin that was three years old with pills that had disintegrated).

The Centreville practice of Shore Medical Group is a very busy one, with Gurpreet Saini, MD, and two Nurse Practitioners (Brittany Cutler, CRNP and Michell Jordan, DNP, FNP-BC) seeing up to 50 patients a day and accommodating same day sick/urgent visits and laboratory services.

Shore Medical Pavilion at Queenstown is equally vibrant, with more than 18 affiliated or independent specialists seeing some 12,000 patient visits a year, not including primary care. Specialties include cardiology, neurology, urology and continence, women's health, pulmonology, ear-nose-throat, palliative care, diabetes and endocrinology, pediatric cardiology, pulmonary hypertension, trans-aortic valve resection clinic, cardiac surgery and bariatric surgery.

UM Shore Regional Health continues to support and be a leading presence at the annual Queen Anne's County Senior Summit. At this year's event, the following departments and services were present and engaged attendees in lively discussions and screenings:

- Pulmonary, Sleep Studies and Lung Cancer screening programs
- Neuroscience
- Home Care
- Diabetes/endocrinology educators
- The Orthopedic Center
- The Clark Comprehensive Breast Center

- Urology and Continence Center
- Urology and Continence Center
- UM Shore Medical Group Primary Care at Centreville

With regard to the future sustainability of UM Shore Medical Center at Chestertown as an inpatient facility, I want to make you aware that we have undertaken a study of the possible relocation of our Behavioral Health inpatient facility, when the hospital in Dorchester is transitioned to a freestanding medical facility and emergency center in 2021. Further details will be forthcoming as this study progresses.

MID SHORE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH YEARLY UPDATE:

Ms. Kathryn Dilley, Executive Director, presented to the Board for their review and approval, Mid Shore Behavioral Health Yearly Update and the Letter of Agreement.

FY2019 in Review

- MSBH welcomed the position of Social Security, Outreach, Access, and Recovery (S.O.A.R.) Case Specialist to enhance access to disability benefits to community members with behavioral health needs.
- MSBH secured expanded funding in FY19 to allow for the Eastern Shore Crisis Response Mobile Crisis Teams (MCT) to move to a 24/7 model for the eight counties of the Eastern Shore. The MCT model has progressed to include the utilization of Peer Support Specialists. The Eastern Shore Operations Center (ESOC), 888-407-8018, is now operating 24/7 locally.
- MSBH organized the Fifth Annual Sequential Intercept Model Meeting with partners serving our child and adolescent population, to develop the first mid-shore regional “map” of community resources to assist with prevention of criminal justice system involvement.
- MSBH is partnering with Choptank Community Health to advocate for a regional Warm Hand-Off Model. The model will create a standardized partnership between primary care providers and behavioral health providers for referrals and quality transition of care.
- MSBH has supported community involvement, planning, and education for the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) model and Handle With Care model. Both initiatives highlight the sensitivity to the impact of trauma, with specific attention to our child and adolescent population.
- Workforce development remains a priority activity for the agency. This year, MSBH provided \$10,000.00 in funding for scholarships for Peer Support Specialist training to Chesapeake Voyagers, Inc. In a partnership with The University of Maryland School of Psychiatry and the Behavioral Health Administration, MSBH hosted eight child and adolescent psychiatry fellows for a virtual tour of the Eastern Shore and introduction to our provider network.

- MSBH is working collaboratively with the mid-shore Health Departments in an effort to plan for Local Systems Management Integration.
- MSBH has promoted the Mid-Shore Out of the Darkness Suicide Awareness Walk since its inception.
- MSBH continued to monitor the Maryland Opioid Rapid Response (MORR) for four ASAM Level 3.7 (Medically Managed Intensive Inpatient) Crisis Beds for the region located at the A.F. Whitsitt Center. MSBH applied for, and was awarded, funding through the State Opioid Response Grant (S.O.R.) to add an additional three Crisis Beds, bringing the total to seven beds at the Whitsitt Center. Additionally, MSBH has secured S.O.R. funds to expand Safe Stations on the Eastern Shore.
- MSBH promoted the Children’s Health Matters Campaign (May 5th-11th). On May 9th at the Avalon Theater, MSBH, in partnership with Healthy Talbot, presented the original documentary, Angst, a film about childhood anxiety disorders. May 9th was “Go Green Day” in recognition of children’s mental health awareness.
- MSBH regularly attends and participates in the Local Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council (LDAAC), Queen Anne’s County Safety Net, Queen Anne’s County Goes Purple, Shore Regional Health’s Opioid Task Force, and NAMI Kent and Queen Anne’s Counties.
- MSBH is serving on the START Advisory Board with the Department of Social Services and Talbot County Health Department

The Board reviewed the Fiscal Year 2020 Letter of Agreement with Mid Shore Behavioral Health, Inc. (MSBH) to act as the County’s agent in oversight, planning and development of the Public Behavioral Health System in Queen Annes County.

In the era of Health Care Reform and Behavioral Health Integration, Maryland’s Public Behavioral Health System will face many changes. Collaboration with consumers, family members, providers and partners will be essential in ensuring successful implementation of integrated services.

MSBH remains grateful for our partnership with Queen Anne’s County and its Commissioners. We are available at any time to hear comment or field questions at one of your sessions. It is our mission and passion to create meaningful improvement in our area’s public behavioral health system in FY20 and beyond.

On a motion made by Commissioner Corchiarino, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to sign the Queen Anne’s County Core Service Agency Letter of Agreement – FY2020.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	

Corchiarino	x	
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PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

1. Jeanne Noble – Thank the Board for what they do
2. Natalie Koehall – Shine Like Stars Preschool
3. Kathy Higginbothan – Shine Like Stars Preschool

COMMISSIONER’S ROUNDTABLE:

Commissioner J. Wilson discussed the following:

- Ask a Commissioner had a good turn out
- Congratulated Mike Faust, new MD Fireman’s Assoc. President and Robbie Blackiston, New Executive Director
- State Granted 50 million dollars for the opioid crisis
- Upset with citizens throwing trash on county roads
- Wished everyone Happy 4th of July

Commissioner Dumenil discussed the following:

- Noted that he had sent an email to his fellow Commissioners letting them know that he will be out on previous planned family vacation next month and will miss the next 2 commissioner’s meetings.
- Has concerns how long the Historic Chris Church Committee will take to decide regarding the sale of the property and Shine Like Stars Preschool, if they will be staying in the building

Commissioner S. Wilson discussed the following:

- County Administrator and he met with Judge Ross to discuss the renovation of the Detention Center as it relates to the building size and staffing needed.

Commissioner Corchiarino discussed the following:

- Noted that R. Clayton Mitchell passed away this week
- Ms. Giuliana Corchiarino presented each Commissioner with a name plate she had made for them.

Commissioner Moran discussed the following:

- Noted that R. Clayton Mitchell passed away this week.
- Spoke on several radio shows regarding beach traffic
- Talking to the State to stop left turn at Outlets
- Concerns with the appearance of the grounds at the Vincit Building, and both high schools and middle schools.

There being no further business, they adjourned at 7:52 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

PRESIDENT