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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.
Patrick McLaughlin
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 Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the amended Agenda for the current meeting, the Regular and Closed Session Minutes for June 27, 2023.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Ms. June Clark – ADA Compliant
2. Capt. Rob Newberry – National Park
3. Dave Reel – National Park

PRESENTATION:

MACO'S ANNUAL UPDATE:

Mr. Michael Sanderson, Executive Director MACo and Mr. Calvin Ball, Howard County Executive and MACo President met with the Board and gave an update on the MACo 2023 Legislative Session. The following was highlighted:

74% of Bills reached MACo's desired outcome, 756 bills were analyzed, 445 policy Blog articles written & viewed by 75,000 readers, participated in 572 meetings and delivered 330 pieces of testimony.

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CHARACTER COUNTS UPDATE AND CHARACTER COUNTS COMMISSIONER'S SPOTLIGHT:

Ms. Melinda Ray, Character Counts Coordinator and Mr. Wayne Humphries met with the Board and highlighted the various activities they are working on. Commissioner Corchiarino read the following:

QAC Commissioner's Character Counts! Spotlight for July, 2023. Having just celebrated our country's birthday, it's fitting that the pillar of character this month is CITIZENSHIP. Most people equate CITIZENSHIP with voting. The founding fathers designed a system of government where "we the people" have the power and we exercise this power by voting for representative governments. However, voting is just a small part of how we demonstrate CITIZENSHIP in our communities. CITIZENSHIP is also about taking care of our community. This month we want to spotlight Kent Island Beach Cleanups. Their mission is to protect and preserve the beauty of the beaches, parks, and estuaries of Kent Island. They host clean-up events and educate community members on how to organize their own cleanups. They've been so dedicated that in May, co-Founder & President, Kristin Weed, was honored by the Maryland State Society Daughters of the American Revolution with the NSDAR Community Service Award recognizing KIBCU's mission and their cleanup efforts on Kent Island. This great example of citizenship at work in Queen Anne's County is always looking for more people to help. Another way to show your citizenship is to participate in Queen Anne's County Adopt-a-Road Program. Individual volunteers, groups, or businesses can 'adopt' a segment of roadway by removing litter at least two times a year over a two-year period. There is no cost to participate in the program, only your time and commitment to help keep Queen Anne's County beautiful. You can find more information about both great opportunities to show your pride in our county and practice the pillar of CITIZENSHIP by checking out the Commissioner's Spotlight section on the homepage of the QAC Character Counts website at www.peopleofcharacter.org.

OVERVIEW OF BOYS & GIRLS PROGRAM:

Mr. Dave Prichard, Area Manager Boys and Girls Club met with the Board and gave an overview of their program. The following was highlighted: Their mission is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need them the most to realize their full potential as productive responsible and caring citizens. They have locations in Harford and Cecil Counties and are looking for a location in Sudlersville.

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UPDATE ON TALKIE COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Andrew DeMattia & Mr. Andre DeMattia with Talkie Communications met with the Board and reviewed a map showing where they had completed running fiber and where they will be running fiber in the near future.

LEGISLATIVE:

COUNTY ORDINANCE #23-07 GROWTH ALLOCATION PETITION, NASHVILLE PROPERTIES:

Commissioner Moran introduced the following ordinance:

COUNTY ORDINANCE #23-07

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.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF amending part of existing Map 57, Parcel 287, 351, and 352 (Nash Court) located on the Official Critical Area Overlay Map to redesignate 2.811 acres from Limited Development Area (LDA) to Intensely Developed Area (IDA).

COUNTY ORDINANCE #23-08 – ETHICS ORDINANCE:

Commissioner Dumenil introduced the following ordinance

COUNTY ORDINANCE #23-08

A BILL ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING Revisions to the Queen Anne’s County Ethics Ordinance.

FOR THE PURPOSE of revising Chapter 8 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne’s County (the County Ethics Ordinance) to comply with the requirement that a County Ethics Ordinance contain provisions substantially similar to those in State law (Title 5 of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland);

BY AMENDING Sections 8-13 and 8-14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne’s County.

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WEEKLY CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESENTATION OF DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNATURE:

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

CHESAPEAKE COLLEGE REVISED BUDGET PROPOSAL FY2024:

Mr. Coppersmith, President, Chesapeake College, submitted to the Board for their review and approval a Revised Budget Proposal for FY2024. Chesapeake College is pleased to report an increase in FY 2024 State funding of \$1,883,004 resulting from the Senator John A. Cade Funding Formula & Budget Reconciliation & Financing Act for FY 2024. The new funding proposal provides a salary increase to full-time employees of 3%. The college’s original budget for FY 2024 did not include an across the board salary increase. Additional priorities in the revised budget were four new positions (Welding Instructor, Grants Coordinator/Writer, Grants Accounting Manager, and an Assistant Director of Public Safety). The College is also requesting a one-time use of the college fund balance (\$50,000) for Interior Door Lock Replacements to provide consistent secure locks for all doors for the safety of faculty, staff and students. The college is seeking formal approval by each of the five support counties for these FY 2024 budget items. The revised budget proposal does not require any additional support from the college’s five support counties.

On a motion made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the Chesapeake College Revised Budget for FY2024.

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

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CARDIAC MONITOR AND AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PURCHASE:

Mr. Scott Haas, Director of the Department of Emergency Services submitted to the Board for their review and approval the Cardiac Monitor and Automatic External Defibrillator Purchase. The Department of Emergency Services received operational funding in FY24 to purchase cardiac equipment consisting of a new Zoll X-series Cardiac monitor, a replacement Zoll X Cardiac monitor, and funds towards the continued expansion of the County Automatic External Defibrillator project. The Zoll X-series Cardiac Monitors will be \$45,807.40 each utilizing the State of Maryland contract pricing. The Department of Emergency Services would like to continue to purchase the Zoll AED-3 Automatic External Defibrillator and accessories. Purchasing will utilize the State of Maryland contract pricing and the remaining FY24 Operational cardiac monitor funds of \$30,060.60.

On a motion made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board agreed to authorize the Director of the Department of Emergency Services to purchase (2) X-series monitors and (14) AED-3 Automatic External Defibrillators from Zoll utilizing the State of Maryland contract pricing totaling \$121,675.40. After a discussion by Commissioners Moran, Dumenil and Wilson, on an amended motion made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to authorize the Director of the Department of Emergency Services to purchase 1 X-series monitor and (14) AED-3 Automatic External Defibrillators from Zoll utilizing the State of Maryland contract pricing totaling \$75,868.00.

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

FY 24 EMERGENCY SERVICES AMBULANCE PURCHASE:

Mr. Scott Haas, Director of the Department of Emergency Services submitted to the Board for their review and approval the FY24 Ambulance Purchase and 1 replacement Cardiac monitor. The Department of Emergency Services (DES), Emergency Medical Services Division, requests the purchase of a new Paramedic Ambulance and 1 replacement Zoll X Cardiac monitor. The request is for (1) 2023 Ford F-550 4x4 Ultra Medic Ambulance. The approved capital project amount of \$535,701 has been verified by the finance department and is available. Following the Queen Anne’s County Procurement Policy, the Department of Emergency

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Services recommends piggybacking off the Houston-Galveston Area Council Procurement Program AM10-20 and awarding the contract to Atlantic Emergency Solutions for a total capital project price of \$399,583.00, with the remaining fund balance used to purchase medical equipment and supplies through preexisting vendors.

On a motion made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed to authorize the Director of the Department of Emergency Services to purchase a 2023 Ford F-550 4X4 Ultra Medic Ambulance piggybacking off the Houston-Galveston Area Council Procurement Program from Atlantic Emergency Solutions and one replacement Zoll X Cardiac monitor in the amount of \$445,390.40.

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT # CC-1 – DES – HEALTH DISPARITIES GRANT:

This amendment will establish budget authority in project 12306. Heath Disparities Grant in the amount of \$210,980. On May 24, 2023, The Department of Emergency Services entered into a fixed price contract of \$210,980 with the Department of Health. The services to be provided under the contract include purchasing AEDs, IPads, Knox Boxes, and CPR/AED training. No additional county funds are requested.

On a motion made by Commissioner Dumenil, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Budget Amendment #CC-1 – Department of Emergency Services – Health Disparities Grant. As part of the motion, Commissioner Wilson asked questions and/or made comments on this topic.

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

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UPPER SHORE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD – WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT:

Mr. Dan Schneckenburger, Director of the UPWIB submit to the Board for their review and approval the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The Upper Shore Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act requires an operational plan to implement the law in the local area. The United States Department of Labor requires a four-year plan for each Workforce Investment Area for the period 2020-2024. A revision to the 2020-2024 plan has been submitted as requested by the Governor. Local Elected Official concurrence is required for the plan submission to the Governor’s Workforce Development Board, the concurrence sheet needs to be signed by the President of the Board.

On a motion made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed to execute the concurrence sheet for the Upper Shore Workforce Investment Board’s revised 2022-2024 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act plan submission. As part of the motion, Commissioner Wilson asked questions and/or made comments on this topic.

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

PHONE SYSTEM UPGRADE:

Ms. Megan DelGaudio, IT Support Manager, submitted to the Board for their review and approval the Phone System Upgrade. This is a request to upgrade phone equipment and to work with Chesapeake Telephone Systems to expand the Mitel phone system to Liberty Building, Kramer Center, Parks, Public Works, Economic Development, Foxxtown and the Vincit Building via the Sourcewell pre-established government contract #022719-MBS. The Mitel system has been installed at DES, the Sheriff’s office, Detention, Sanitary, Grasonville and Kent Island Sr. Centers and the Bay Bridget Airport. The plan is to expand to all County offices to improve operational continuity and system redundancies. The cost for the remaining expansion for the phone system is \$99,718.90. Adequate funding is available in the IT Infrastructure budget.

On a motion made by Commissioner Corchiarino, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the recommendation of County IT staff to upgrade the

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phone equipment for the expansion of the Mitel phone system to Liberty Building, Kramer Center, Parks, Public Works Economic Development and Vincit via the Sourcwell pre-established government contract #022719-MBS for \$99,718.90.

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

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Rob Newberry – National Parks

COMMISSIONER’S ROUNDTABLE:

Commissioner Wilson discussed the following:

National Parks

Meet with PRS Guitars they would like to expand but can’t find employees

Commissioner Dumenil discussed the following:

National Parks

People Siting on Waterman’s Boats in the Narrows fishing

Commissioner McLaughlin discussed the following:

National Parks

Commissioner Corchiarino discussed the following:

Commissioner Moran discussed the following:

National Parks

Closing of ramp exits 30 and 32

There being no further business, they adjourned at 7:35 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, July 25, 2023.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

PRESIDENT

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