

September 10, 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 5:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

Pursuant to State Government Law Section 3-305(b), (3): to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; "The County Commissioners held a Closed Session on a motion of Commissioner Dumenil, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, at 5:00 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 5:15 p.m. Those in attendance were Mr. Todd Mohn, County Administrator; Ms. Margie Houck, Executive Assistant; Mr. Steven Chandlee, Parks and Recreation Director; Mr. Dave MacGlashan, Chief Property Manager; Patrick Thompson, Esquire, County Attorney; Mr. Jonathan Seeman, Budget & Finance & IT Director; and Mr. Charles Rhodes, Church Hill Town Commissioner.

The Board discussed a parcel of land in Church Hill.

CLOSED SESSION:

Pursuant to State Government Law Section 3-305(b) (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; "The County Commissioners held a Closed Session on a motion of Commissioner Dumenil, seconded by Commissioner J Wilson, at 5:15 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 5:15 p.m. Those in attendance were Mr. Todd Mohn, County Administrator; Ms. Margie Houck, Executive Assistant; Patrick Thompson, Esquire, County Attorney; Ms. Beverly A.

Churchill, Department of Human Resources Director; and Mr. Jonathan Seeman, Budget & Finance & IT Director.

The Board discussed a former employee's contract.

MINUTES:

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the Agenda for the current meeting and the minutes of August 27, 2019.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

1. Mary Margaret Goodwin – Updated work being done on the house at Bloomfield farm
2. Linda Friday - QAC goes purple, Project Bright Future

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – ADMINISTRATIVE/ENGINEERING:

Mr. Alan Quimby, Director of the Department of Public Works and Mr. Steve Cohoon, Public Facilities Planner, met with the Board.

LETTER OF SUPPORT TO MDTA FOR ALL ELECTRONIC TOLLING:

Mr. Cohoon presented to the Board for their review and approval, Letter of Support to MDTA for All Electronic Tolling.

The Board reviewed a letter to Secretary Pete Rahn, for his review and consideration. The letter is to make two main points related to MDTA proposed modernization of All Electronic Tolling (AET).

First, is to offer support for MDTA to move to All Electronic Tolling and to specifically request All Electronic Tolling be installed at the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Bridge (Bay Bridge). AET at the Bay Bridge will improve safety and reduce congestion for eastbound traffic flow by the removal of the toll plaza.

Second, to offer support for three changes proposed for toll modernization that provide new payment options and reduce select toll rates. These options apply to all MDTA facilities including the Bay Bridge. The proposed toll modernization options include:

- Providing a new toll payment method (Pay-by-Plate)
- Reducing toll rates for new and expanded vehicle classifications

- Providing a discount on early payment of Video Tolls (Pay-by-Invoice)

The Board reviewed slides prepared by MDTA that outline these proposed changes. MDTA is holding public hearings to accept public comment on the proposed changes. A public hearing will be held in Queen Anne’s County on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at Kent Island High School, 900 Love Point Road in Stevensville. The hearings will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 pm (6:00 - 6:30 pm - open house; 6:30 - 8:00 pm - public testimony).

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed to sign the attached letter to Mr. Peter Rahn, Maryland Department of Transportation Secretary.

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

WEEKLY CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESENTATION OF DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNATURE:

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

NOTICE OF APPEAL:

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to sign the following letter to Mr. Kenneth H. Platt, Sr. in regards to the Notice of Appeal appealing the approval of Permit No. B15-0682.

We are in receipt of your letter of August 27, 2019 as well as a Notice of Appeal” appealing the approval of Permit No. B 15-0682.

The appeal must be filed with the Board of Appeals, not the County Commissioners. Please contact Cathy Maxwell at the Department of Planning and Zoning (410-758-1255) for information regarding the form, procedure and fees associated with an appeal to the Queen Anne’s County Board of Appeals.

In response to the “formal complaint” contained in your letter of August 27, 2019, you are directed to the Memorandum Opinion and Order of the Circuit Court for Queen Anne’s County in Case No. C-17-CV-17-000219. This action, brought by you, sought a writ of mandamus to compel the County to remove the structure in questions. In dismissing your suit, Judge Ross held

such action falls within the discretionary purview of the County and declined to issue a writ of mandamus.

As you know, the Department of Planning and Zoning has declined to require removal of the structure at this time. The Circuit Court has upheld that decision in the case referenced above. Your complaints regarding noise, floodlights and trash are being referred to the Department of Planning and Zoning for investigation and such action as they may deem appropriate.

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

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING:

Mr. Jonathan Seeman, Budget & Finance & IT Director, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Tax Increment Financing - Kent Narrows Development District.

The Board reviewed the Resolution establishes a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District, the Kent Narrows Development District. The Resolution establishes the boundaries for the District and sets up a Special Fund to deposit the incremental property tax revenues.

The TIF District revenues would provide funds for the purpose of the development, redevelopment, revitalization and renovation of the Development District. The funds would be used to pay debt service on bonds issued for infrastructure improvements at Kent Narrows, including a pump station, a water connection main, and a water treatment plant upgrade.

These improvements would enhance the value of properties within the District and support several development projects at Kent Narrows, including the Douglas Development, the Mears Point Marina expansion, and the Fisherman’s Village project. The County intends to issue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$14,000,000.

Approval of the Resolution would establish a baseline for the Assessable Base within the District as of the year preceding the effective date of the Resolution (January 1, 2018, if the Resolution is adopted in 2019). Henceforth, any incremental property tax revenue within the District would be deposited into the Special Fund.

This Resolution essentially creates the mechanism for collecting the incremental tax revenue going forward. It does not commit the County or any’ developer to any further action. It simply provides a framework for future legislative authorizations regarding the issuance of tax

increment revenue bonds, creation of a Special Tax, etc. In order to issue bonds for the TIF District, authorizing legislation would require approval by the County Commissioners.

On a motion made by Commissioner Corchiarino, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, to adopted Resolution 19-33. After a discussion, on a motion by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino the Board unanimously agreed to amend the motion to remove Section 12, renumber, and take out Exhibit 3.

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 Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed to adopt Resolution 19-33 as amended and related exhibit.

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

TERMINATION OF OPEN SPACE EASEMENT:

Mr. Todd R. Mohn, PE, County Administrator, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Termination of Open Space Easement for Lot 13 of the Coleman Farm, Town of Sudlersville.

The Board reviewed a formal instrument to Terminate the Open Space Easement that was originally created on a 96-acre property know as Lot 13 of the Coleman Farm in the Town of Sudlersville.

The property is currently owned by Sudlersville Town Center LLC, Cal Grey III. The property has since been annexed into the Town which effectively releases the open space easement.

The included letter from the County Attorney, Patrick Thompson, provides additional background and history on this property. Planning Commission Attorney, Chris Drummond, has also reviewed and approved this document for signature.

On a motion made by Commissioner S. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the Termination of Open Space Easement for the 96-acre property known as “Lot 13 of the Coleman Farm” in the Town of Sudlersville. 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	

FY2020 FIREWORKS CONTRACT:

Mr. Stephen Chandlee, Department of Parks and Recreation Director and Ms. Joan Brook, Recreation Manager, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, FY 2020 Department of Parks and Recreation Fireworks Contract.

For the past two years the Department of Parks and Recreation has coordinated the Fireworks Celebration at the Exploration Center at Kent Narrows. Typically, the fireworks vendor is contracted in December and paid half of the fees to lock in the date for the following year. This year we have a new vendor to display the fireworks. The vendor is Zambelli, Inc. from Warrendale, PA. They have agreed to a date of Wednesday, July 1, 2020 and the rain date of Thursday, July 2.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed to authorize the Department of Parks and Recreation to execute the fireworks contract with Zambelli, Inc. for the July 2020 Fireworks Celebration to be held on Wednesday, July 1, 2020, with a rain date of Thursday, July 2, 2020. As part of the motion, Commissioners Moran and Dumenil made comments on this topic.

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

PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATION REQUEST:

Dr. Joseph A. Ciotola, Jr., M.D., Health Officer, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Procurement Consideration Request.

The Queen Anne’s County Department of Health seeks approval to provide funds to the Mid Shore Community Foundation (MSCF). The MSCF is a local 501c3 Non-Profit that wishes to be engaged with the health department to raise awareness and educate the public on opioid abuse. The health department seeks an exemption from the normal procurement policy since the Mid Shore Community Foundation has been working closely with our local partners in promotion of two upcoming outreach projects.

Funds have been awarded to the health department through the State of Maryland’s Opioid Operational Command Center for this purpose. Our intent is to provide Mid Shore Community Foundation with funds totaling \$26,959 to be used for the Queen Anne’s County Goes Purple and for the Haunted Trap House. The MSCF will purchase outreach materials, educational materials, and advertising and will cover other expenses to support these two campaigns. These initiatives have the support of the state and local government, as well as the support of the community.

On a motion made by Commissioner Dumenil, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board unanimously agreed to authorize the Health Department to provide Mid Shore Community Foundation with funds totaling \$26,959 to be used for the Queen Anne’s County Goes Purple and the Haunted Trap House for the purchase of outreach materials, educational materials, and for advertising expenses to support these two campaigns. 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	

BOARD APPOINTMENT:

Ms. Mary Ann Thompson, Board President, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Community Partnerships for Children and Families Board Appointment.

The Board members of the Queen Anne’s County Community Partnerships for Children and Families, our Local Management Board, respectfully submits the following candidate for nomination to the Board. If approved by the Commissioners, he will carry out the remaining term of Board Member, Reverend Anna Fox, who regrestfully can no longer complete her term through June 30, 2022.

- Reverend Elmer Davis

We appreciate the Commissioner’s ongoing support and enthusiasm for what we do for children and families in this Community.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board unanimously agreed to accept the resignation of Reverend Anna Fox and appoint Reverend Elmer Davis to the Board of the Queen Anne’s County Community Partnerships for Children and Families to serve the remainder of her term ending on June 30, 2022.

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

PROPERTY LIEN:

Ms. Vivian Swinson, III, Zoning Administrator, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Property Liens.

Map 9, Grid 6, Parcel 148, 245 Duke of Kent Street, Chestertown (\$300.00)

An independent contractor hired by the Zoning Office to cut grass at the above referenced addresses after the property owner ignored repeated attempts by the Zoning Inspector to get the site to comply with Queen Anne’s County Code Chapter 19 Article 11 § 19-2 L. (2) which states: A person may not allow any vegetation to grow higher than 12 inches on any lot or parcel that is: (a) Less than three acres in size; and (b) located in an approved or recorded residential subdivision or any part of which is within 200 feet of a neighboring residence.

On a motion made by Commissioner S. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Resolutions 19-02 to place a lien on each of the properties listed in the County Zoning Administrator’s memorandum dated September 10, 2019, for nuisance violations.

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

ANIMAL WELFARE LEQGUE UPDATE:

Mr. Ramon Villatoro, Queen Anne's County Animal Welfare League Director, met with the Board and gave an update of their organization. The following was highlighted:

- Statistics- Intake
 - Feline: 620
 - Canine: 267
 - Other: 47
 - Total: 934
- Statistics- Outcome
 - Feline: 618
 - Canine: 265
 - Other: 47
 - Total: 930
- Medical Services-Vaccinations
 - Feline: 1,246
 - Canine: 490
 - Other: 2
 - Total: 1,738
- Medical Services- Veterinary
 - Feline:400
 - Canine: 92
 - Other: 12
 - Total: 504
- Volunteer program
 - Total Volunteers: 128
 - Volunteer hours to date: 1,243.59 hours
- Foster Program
 - Total: 252 animals into Foster program
- Rabies & Microchip Clinic
 - Held clinics on: January 19th, April 13th, June 15th, July 20th and August 24th.
 - Low cost clinic for 1- & 3-year rabies vaccinations and Microchips (include pet registration with microchip company)
 - Goals for 2020:
 - Host clinics in different areas in the community to reach more pets in need.
 - Incorporate core vaccines, tests and nail trims in clinics.
- Operational Highlights
 - Before joining AWL, there was a lot of controversy surrounding the shelter. I quickly learned how much work I had ahead of me.
 - Concerns from local veterinarians and community:
 - No shelter veterinarian on staff
 - No sanitation protocols in place
 - No training was provided for Animal Care staff

- Animals were not being vaccinated on arrival
- Animals were dying from failure to address illnesses
- Sanitation
 - Focused on improved procedures for quality sanitation practices and retrained entire Animal Care team
 - Switched to Rescue Accelerated hydrogen peroxide cleaner
 - Diluted at 1:16 ratio to combat common shelter diseases and illness
- Medical
 - Rehired Dr. Caitlyn Neal and Vet Assistant Megan O'Donnell a week after joining AWL
 - Intake protocols: All new animals receive an intake exam the day they enter the shelter. This allows us to vaccinate on arrival and address any medical concerns in a timely manner
 - Appropriate housing flowchart: Animals are segregated prior to being integrated with the population.
 - Illness Outbreak: Proper isolation measures in place for animals requiring quarantine
- Behavior
 - Hired Behavior Coordinator summer 2019
 - Improved in kennel enrichment and assessment for all animals
 - All animals receive behavior assessment prior to being placed for adoption
- Moving forward
 - Floors
 - Installing non-porous epoxy floors in the late fall/early winter
 - This will greatly improve the sanitation in all animal areas and will make AWL compliant with Department of Agriculture laws
 - Kennels
 - Writing grants for funding of kennel project.
 - Current housing is not sufficient for the basic needs of the cats under our care
 - Community Cats ordinances
 - Focus on reducing kitten population
 - Long term plan
 - Humane approach for a humane community

COMPASS REGIONAL HOSPICE UPDATE:

Ms. Heather Guerieri, Executive Director, presented to the Board for their review, Compass Regional Hospice Update. The following was highlighted:

Service Area: Caroline, Kent & Queen Anne's Counties
 Number of Patients Served: 602
 Average Daily Census: 94.5

Average Number of Employees: 94
Number of Volunteers: 352
Total Number of Volunteer Hours: 27,973.25

Patients Served by Age

- 0-4 yo, 2 patients, .3%
- 18-64 yo, 69 patients, 11.5%
- 65-74 yo, 96 patients, 15.9%
- 75-100 yo, 435 patients, 72.3%

Patients Served by County

- Caroline – 27.9%
- Kent – 26.37%
- Queen Anne’s – 45.21%

GRIEF SUPPORT SERVICES

- Individual Counseling for Children, Teens and Adults: 796 sessions (52% hospice, 48% community), represents 178 hospice and community clients.
- Adult Support Groups: 56 participants.
- Specialized Loss Groups (Ongoing for Loss from Suicide, Bereaved Parents, and Loss from Substance Overdose): 24 participants.
- Family Group Counseling: 16 families participating.
- School-Based Counseling & Support Groups (K-12): 127 participants.
- Camp New Dawn: 92 campers and 8 families participated in 2018.
- Remembrance Events and Therapeutic Workshops: 230 participants.

HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE TEAMS

- Physicians (For Hospice and Palliative Care Programs)
- Pharmacists
- Nurse Practitioner
- RN Case Manager
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Med Tech
- Medical Social Worker (For Hospice and Palliative Care Programs)
- Grief Counselor
- Chaplain
- Volunteers
- Physical, Occupational, Speech Therapists

LEVELS OF HOSPICE CARE:

- Routine (private residences, nursing homes, assisted living facilities)
- Residential (Six-bed hospice center; four-bed hospice center)
- General Inpatient (Six-bed hospice center)
- Continuous

- Respite
- Pediatric (Compass Kids)
- Concurrent Care (Compass Kids, VA Administration, We Honor Veterans Level 4 Partner)

EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA) CONSOLIDATED PLAN:

Dr. Andrea Kane, QAC Board of Education Superintendent; Mr. Michael Bell, Supervisor of Instruction; and other staff members, presented to the Board for their review, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Consolidated Plan.

Objective

- Explain the purpose of the ESSA Consolidated Strategic Plan
- Provide an overview of the new structure of the plan
- Share 2018-19 progress and successes, focus areas, and strategies to meet those needs and exceed our goals
- Gain QACPS BOE initial approval on the draft document

Back Ground

- 2002 - Maryland General Assembly enacted the Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act, which resulted in a standards-based approach to school reform.
- 2015 - Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) reauthorized the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and local school systems had to report out on how each assessment is administered and how our budget aligns with the goals, objectives and strategies detailed within the Bridge to Excellence (BTE) Master Plan.
- 2019 - The BTE Master Plan has transitioned into what is now the Local ESSA Consolidated Strategic Plan, which narrows the focus and alignment to accountability, reporting, and school improvement.

Components

What's changed since last year?

1. Executive Summary (is not to exceed five pages)
2. Finance Section (reflects expenditures toward goals)
3. Needs Assessment (based on the 2017 - 2018 data)
4. The plan must address disparities in the achievement of the following student groups:
 - a. Students requiring Special Education
 - b. Students with limited English proficiency
 - c. Students of any student group failing to meet, or failing to make progress towards meeting state performance standards, including any segment of the population that is, on average, performing at a lower achievement level than the student population as a whole
5. Areas of Focus (limited to three)
6. Federal and State Grant Applications (now included to help address support for our needs): Title I, Part A & D; Title II, Part A; Title III, Part A; Title IV, Part A; the MSDE Fine Arts Grant

Executive Summary

Includes:

- (a) Introduction
- (b) Budget Narrative
- (c) Areas of Focus
 - Rationale based on data analysis for our selected areas of focus
 - How student groups were examined
 - What strategies/evidence-based interventions address any disparities in achievement for identified student groups

Three Areas of Focus

1. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT READING/ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND MATH – percent of students meeting or exceeding the expectation
2. ACADEMIC GROWTH IN ELA AND MATH – percent of students who have grown from the previous year on standardized tests in Reading/ELA and Math and students who earn credit for a well-rounded curriculum
3. SCHOOL QUALITY AND STUDENT SUCCESS – chronic absenteeism and well-rounded curriculum

2018-19 Progress Highlights

English Language Arts / Literacy (Grades 3 – 8)

- The percentage of students scoring at Performance Level (PL) 4 or 5 (meeting or exceeding the expectation) increased in grades 4, 6, and 8.
- Overall growth for ALL grades increased by 2.8%.
- Student cohort growth was made across ALL grade levels in ELA.
- The most significant growth was in grade 8, increasing 13.5% from 2017 - 2019.
- Grade 5 increased by 11.9% from 2017 - 2019.
- Sudlersville Elementary School increased in ELA by 8.8%.
- Students in 4th grade increased by 25% compared to scores earned in 3rd grade.
- Stevensville Middle School increased by 10.1% in ELA grades 6-8.
- Scores on the 6th-grade assessment increased by 24 percentage points.

English 10

- District-wide, the percentage of students (meeting or exceeding the expectation) exceeded the state average by 16%, ranking sixth overall in the state of Maryland.
- 76.5% of test takers met the required scale score of 725 (Performance Level 3 or above) for their graduation requirement.

Mathematics (Grades 3 – 8)

- District-wide the percentage of students scoring at Performance Level (PL) 4 or 5 increased in grades 4, 6, and 8.
- Overall growth for all grades decreased by approximately 1%, which mirrored the state trend.
- The percentage of students who met or exceeded the expectation on the 4th grade assessment increased by over 9% from the previous year.
- Sudlersville Middle School increased by 18.3% on the 8th grade math assessment.
- QACPS ranked fourth overall in the state.

Algebra 1

- District-wide, the percentage of students (meeting or exceeding expectation) exceeded the state average by 20.5%, ranking sixth overall in the state.
- 72.2% of test takers met the required scale score of 725 (Performance Level 3) for their graduation requirement.

Strategies and Interventions

- Revisit recommendations from the Curriculum Management Audit
- Build systemic capacity centered on equitable practices through our Equity work
- Data Wise Improvement Process
- STAR 360 - ELA and math assessments (elementary and middle)
- Build capacity of Math Teachers and Reading Specialists
- Align Principal and Teacher SLO's to Target our Achievement Gaps
- Intervention Alignment (Tier 1-2-3)
- Collaborative Planning and Co-Teaching
- Lesson Planning Incorporating Universal Design for Learning Strategies
- Examining Student Work
- Implementing Student Engagement Strategies
- Technology Integration
- Monitoring Instruction and Providing Focused, Measurable Feedback
- Formative Assessments
- Professional Learning Communities
- Work to increase Parental Involvement

HEALTHY WATERS WORKING GROUP & ENVISION THE CHOPTANK UPDATE:

Mr. Alan Girard, Eastern Shore Chesapeake Bay Foundation Director; Mr. Tom Leigh, Regional Watershed Services Provider; and Ms. Joanna Ogburn, JBO Consulting, presented to the Board for their review, Healthy Waters Working Group & Envision the Choptank Update.

The Healthy Waters Briefing and Boat Trip features progress and opportunities to restore water quality in Delmarva's rivers and streams. Organized for local elected officials, the program is co-sponsored by the Healthy Waters Working Group and Envision the Choptank to highlight and support county and town investments in clean water. Participants in this event will:

- Hear the latest on two major initiatives accelerating restoration progress on the Eastern Shore
- See projects that improve water quality first-hand and interact with experts on the water
- Identify opportunities for collaboration among Eastern Shore local jurisdictions and partners

Healthy Waters Working Group

Local government participants in the Healthy Waters Round Table identified gaps in technical assistance as a major barrier to achieving water quality goals. Six Eastern Shore localities responded by partnering with the Maryland Department of the Environment, National

Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to invest in a circuit rider who helps these communities collaboratively plan, finance, and implement environmental restoration projects. As Maryland seeks cost-effective ways to meet Bay restoration commitments, the three-year pilot tests the efficacy of technical assistance that is shared among rural local governments. Partners include Cambridge, Easton, Oxford, Salisbury, and Queen Anne's and Talbot counties.

Envision the Choptank

Established in 2015, Envision the Choptank brings together non-profits, government, scientists, and community groups to identify solutions that will provide fishable and swimmable waters in the Choptank River and enhance the health and productivity of native oyster reefs in a way that best meets the needs of surrounding communities. The collaborative's Common Agenda, informed by a diverse range of communities and stakeholders, pairs local knowledge with the latest science and technology to target work in places where it will be the most effective and long-lasting for improving Choptank River water quality, wildlife habitat, and community well-being.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Moran introduced County Ordinance Number 19-15:

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING the Prohibition of the Use of Shipping Containers as Accessory Structures in Queen Anne's County.

FOR THE PURPOSE of establishing a definition of "shipping container" in Chapter 18App and prohibiting the use of shipping containers as accessory structures in Queen Anne's County.

BY ADDING a definition of "Shipping Container" to Chapter 18App 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 the following definition be ADDED to Chapter 18App of the Code of Public Local Laws:

"Chapter 18App Appendix a: Glossary

. . .

Shipping containers: A container that is resealable and lockable that is used with standard equipment for intermodal

shipments; often found on shipping ships, trains, and trucks for the transport of goods."

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

COMMISSIONER'S ROUNDTABLE:

Commissioner J. Wilson discussed the following:

Project Bright Future
Tomorrow marks 18 years since 9-1-1

Commissioner Dumenil discussed the following:

Attended the Turf Field Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Kent Island High School

Commissioner S. Wilson discussed the following:

Made remarks regarding the presentation from Animal Welfare League

Commissioner Corchiarino discussed the following:

Thanked Commissioner Moran for his hard work putting up the signs that say
"QAC Goes Purple"
Just a reminder school is back in session

Commissioner Moran discussed the following:

Noted the meeting being held Thursday regarding Electronic Tolling
Received an email from MDTA regarding the Bay Crossing Committee

There being no further business, they adjourned at 7:45 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, September 24, 2019.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

PRESIDENT