

September 24, 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 4:30 p.m.

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 4:30 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; Patrick Thompson, Esquire, County Attorney; Mr. Jonathan Seeman, Budget & Finance & IT Director; and Ms. Beverly Churchill, Director of the Department of Human Recourses.

The Board discussed a former employee's contract, People Award Nomination, Employee Moral Committee request, contract extension request, Housing Authority Board Chairman and a committee for the use of the old court house.

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 Regular and Closed Session minutes of September 10, 2019.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

WEEKLY CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESENTATION OF DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNATURE:

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

MOBILE INTEGRATED COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM LETTER:

On a motion made by Commissioner Dumenil, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed to sign the Mobile Integrated Community Health Program Letter.

We, the Queen Anne’s County Board of County Commissioners, are pleased to support the Queen Anne’s County Department of Health for the continuance of their Mobile Integrated Community Health (MICH) program. The MICH program targets county residents who are considered high-risk for overutilization of emergency medical services, emergency department visits, and frequent inpatient hospital readmissions. As with many rural areas, Queen Anne’s County faces health disparities rooted in economic, social, geographic and health care workforce factors, limiting access to care and resulting in poorer health outcomes. Since 2014, the MICH program has sought to help individuals overcome health disparities by utilizing an innovative and integrated approach to transform the health prospects of the most vulnerable and medically high-risk citizens of Queen Anne’s County.

The MICH program proposes to continue to address the healthcare needs of Queen Anne’s County by targeting vulnerable, medically high-risk, and underserved citizens. Additionally, the MICH program will continue to utilize the telehealth component of their program by performing medication reconciliation and education by linking patients to a Pharmacist located at the University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Easton.

As County Commissioners, we pledge our willingness to financially and logistically support the MICH program in continuing to improve coordination of medical, behavioral, and social services; enhance existing health care systems and resources; help fill the resource gap within the local community; and to improve the overall quality of care.

Thank you for your consideration.

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

Corchiarino	x	
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CERTIFICATE OF NEED:

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to sign the Certificate of Need letter.

As the Commissioners of Queen Anne’s County, we write to express our strong support for the vision of regional health care and for the Certificate of Need (CON) Exemption request submitted by University of Maryland Shore Regional Health for relocation of the inpatient behavioral health unit from UM Shore Medical Center at Dorchester (UM SMC D) to UM Shore Medical Center at Chestertown (UM SMC C). We understand that this move would occur when UM SMC D opens a new freestanding medical facility in the summer, 2021 and includes the relocation of Inpatient medical-surgical beds from UM SMC D to existing UM Shore Medical Center at Easton (UM SMC E) at the same time.

We believe that this move not only supports the need for a modern, state of the art health care facility for inpatient behavioral health and related services, but will also contribute toward a sustainable future for inpatient care at UM SMC C, to meet the needs of the northern part of Shore Regional Health’s service area. In addition, the location of an acute behavioral health unit in Chestertown will promote advantageous collaborations with the many existing and potentially new programs and services offered by our community partners in and throughout our region. We also acknowledge the importance of providing robust outpatient services throughout our region and we appreciate UM Shore Regional Health’s efforts to lead the way in that regard.

Further, we recognize that the relocation of behavioral health inpatient beds to Chestertown supports progress on plans for a new regional medical center at Easton by reducing costs of that project through relocation of the behavioral health unit to Kent County. As you are aware, the need to replace the aged hospital on Washington Street in Easton has been well-documented and has been a part of the health system’s service delivery planning for more than eight years. A new state of the art hospital is needed in Maryland’s mid-Shore region and is long overdue.

In summary, given University of Maryland Medical System’s and UM Shore Regional Health’s excellent reputation for quality care, and their strong dedication to this rural region, we applaud their intentions and are in full support of the current requests to relocate their behavioral health inpatient unit to UM SMC C and to build a new hospital in Easton.

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

MATAPEAKE INDUSTRIAL PARK GRANT:

Mr. Michael Clark, Chief of Housing & Family Services, presented to the Board for their review and approval, Signature Requested for Matapeake Industrial Park Grant, Semi-Annual Progress Report - Grant Number MD-11-ED-70.

The Board reviewed the Semi-Annual Progress Report for grant number MD-11-ED-70 which regards the Matapeake Industrial Park grant. The staff in the Division of Housing have completed the form after talking with the representatives of the four businesses located in the Industrial Park who are eligible to be included in the progress reports. The grant has been in effect since 2011 when the original award of \$575,000 was made. The park is adjacent to the Matapeake Beach and Clubhouse facility.

In order to finalize this report, a signature from the President of the Board of County Commissioners is required on the CDBG Semi-Annual Progress Report form.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to sign the Semi-Annual Progress Report as Presented for the Community Development Block Grant number MD-11-ED-70, regarding Matapeake Industrial Park, which covers the time period of January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019.

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

PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR DISABLED OR FALLEN EMERGENCY WORKER:

Mr. Jonathan Seeman, Budget & Finance & IT Director, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Property Tax Credit for Disabled or Fallen Emergency Workers.

The Board reviewed an application for the Property Tax Credit for Dwelling owned by a Disabled Emergency Worker, Robert L. Owen, has been reviewed by the County Attorney Patrick Thompson, is recommended for approval.

On a motion made by Commissioner Corchiarino, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the Property Tax Credit Dwelling owned by a Disabled Emergency Worker, Robert L. Owen, in the estimated amount of \$2,141.49. As part of the motion, Commissioners Dumenil and J. Wilson made comments on this topic.

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

CAPITAL REQUEST:

Ms. Catherine R. Willis, Department of Community Services Director, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Capital Request for FY20 Vehicle.

The Department of Community Services requested a new motion to purchase one vehicle that was requested and approved in the FY20 Capital Budget for a total of \$35,000. This department thanks Dean Rhodes of DPW who obtained three quotes determining the best quote according to the budgeted amount.

Aging, LMB and Housing requested to purchase (1) F150. This vehicle will replace a 2006 Dodge Caravan with 206,000 miles on it which has exceeded its useful life cycle. This vehicle will be used on a daily basis by Aging, Housing and Local Management staff for meetings, home visits, special events, and various client needs.

Staff often have large events offsite that require booths or displays to be set up which include tables, chairs, tri-fold boards, give aways, and service literature which has to be delivered. Also, working with vulnerable populations, you will find the staff removing old furniture from homes and/or delivering new household items such as furniture or appliances that have been purchased or donated for those in need.

The Board reviewed the approved capital equipment budget summary along with a copy of the quote from Preston Ford for \$31,000. This vehicle is not available through the state contract nor NJPA however Preston Ford has provided the best out of three quotes and has served the county most efficiently for many past purchases.

On a motion made by Commissioner S. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to purchase (1) 2019 F150 through Preston Ford for the approved purchase price of \$31,000 for a savings of \$4,000 per the originally budgeted amount. As part of the motion, Commissioner J. Wilson made comments on this topic.

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

Corchiarino	x	
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BUDGET AMENDMENT:

Dr. Andrea M. Kane, Ph.D. Superintendent, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Budget Amendment C-7.

In accordance with Section 5405(c) of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Board of Education requested the County Commissioner approval of an additional appropriation request of \$230,000 in capital funds, specifically the line item Bus Replacement, for the period ending June 30, 2019.

In the FY2020 Capital Budget, as approved by the County Commissioners on May 28, 2019, the line item for School Buses was reduced by \$100,000 from the Board of Education request. This reduction was less than the amount needed to fund the four (4) replacement buses for QACPS. These buses had reached their maximum useful life and are required by state law to be replaced.

Also, since the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year, an additional student placement at a non-public school not previously serviced by QACPS has necessitated the purchase of an additional bus, the varied operating schedules of these schools makes it difficult to schedule multiple ridership per bus.

This request for the additional appropriation authority of \$230,000 in capital funds for the period ending June 30, 2020 will increase the FY2020 Capital Budget to \$5,134,000.

#	CC-7								Date	09/16/19
Entered by	QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY									
	REQUEST FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT									
	FY 2020									
										Increase (Decrease) Amount
	Description of expenditure/revenue accounts to increase/(decrease):			Fund	Account Code					
					PROJECT ONLY					
	increase	Gen Capital Projects	BOE Equipment	410	413500	8821	700195			230,000
	increase	Gen Capital Projects	FY20 Prior Year Fund Balance	410	413500	39940	700195			230,000
	COMMENTS:									
	This amendment will establish budget authority to use \$230,000 of General Capital fund balance for the Board of Education to purchase									
	two school buses. The FY2020 capital budget was reduced and the final approved amount was less than the amount needed to fund the necessary									
	replacement buses, based on the useful life and what State law requires. In addition, since the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year,									
	an additional student placement at a non-public school has necessitated the purchase of an additional bus.									

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Budget Amendment CC-7.

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 Lien.

- Map 58D, Grid 24, Parcel 0120, 3809 Main Street, Grasonville (\$205.00)
- Map 64, Grid 10, Parcel 0059, 1513 Little Creek Road, Chester (\$235.00)
- Map 30, Grid 15, Parcel 56, 1118 Price Station Road, Price (\$280.00)
- Map 59A, Grid 9, Parcel 164, 6303 Main Street, Queenstown (\$220.00)
- Map 49, Grid 00, Parcel 35, 919 May Lane, Stevensville (\$175.00)

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 II §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 Corchiarino, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Resolutions 19-34 and 1935 to place a lien on each of the properties listed in the County Zoning Administrator’s memorandum dated September 24, 2019 for nuisance violations.

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

TOWN OF BARCLAY RESOLUTION 19-01WAIVER REQUEST:

Ms. Amy G. Moredock, Principal Planner, presented to the Board for their review and approval, Town of Barclay Resolution 19-01 (Annexation of the land of DeMoss and Semans) - Waiver Request.

On behalf of the Town of Barclay, Town Attorney Patrick Thomas has submitted an Annexation Plan for County review and action. In addition, Mr. Thomas has requested that the County approve the proposed zoning reclassification of the lands. This approval takes the form of the County approving a waiver of the 5-year hold on the existing zoning classification. Specifically, the petition for annexation includes 4 parcels totaling approximately 83 acres adjacent to the Town of Barclay. The Town introduced the proposal at its 19 June 2019 town council meeting and approved it to move forward to a public hearing scheduled for 21 August 2019 at 7pm. The land which is the subject of the proposal is zoned Agricultural. The town wishes to annex and reclassify 3 parcels as Industrial and 1 parcel as Residential.

The Town's requested re-designation exceeds the zoning density limit of a 50% increase in density from the current zoning; therefore, there is a 5-year hold on the zoning unless the Town requests and the County grants a waiver of that requirement. The Town has requested that waiver of the County.

In accordance with Maryland Annotated Code 4-415 (Annexation plan) and § 4-416 (Planning and zoning authority), the Town and County must adhere to the following process:

- Once received by the County Commissioners, the proposal must be forwarded to the Planning Commission for findings of Comprehensive Plan and Zoning consistency.
 - The Planning Commission favorably reviewed this application at its 12 September 2019 meeting - please find the attached letter of recommendation.
- If requested (as it has been in this case), the Planning Commission must make findings on the granting of a waiver on the 5-year hold on the current zoning.
 - The Planning Commission recommended that the County Commissioners approve the Town's request for a waiver at its 12 September 2019 meeting - please find the attached letter of recommendation.
- The Commissioners will receive a letter of recommendation from the Planning Commission.
 - Attached for your consideration.
- The County Commissioners will then submit a letter of approval of the proposed annexation and waiver (if it is found to be consistent); generally, this process should occur prior to the Town's public hearing.
 - Findings of fact: The Planning Commission has found the proposal consistent with the Queen Anne's County Comprehensive Plan strategies articulated in the Town Plan Consistency and Implementation, as well as Plans for Growth sections. In addition, the Planning Commission recommends that Commissioners grant the Town's request for a waiver of the 5-year hold on the existing zoning citing the following:

- Per § 4-415, the Town has amended its Municipal Growth Element to include these 4 parcels specifically. Town of Barclay Resolution 2016-5, approved in December 2016, removed parcels located to the west of MD Route 313 and redefined its Municipal Growth Area to include the parcels identified in this annexation plan. These parcels are identified at a density of 3.5 dwelling units per acre or greater within the MGA. Therefore, the Town is enacting its planning vision for this area with this Annexation Plan and waiver request.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed with the recommendations outlined in the Planning Commission’s letter dated 24 September 2019 and echo the finding of fact articulated therein. Therefore, I move that the Town of Barclay Annexation Plan (Resolution #2019-01) is consistent with the County Comprehensive Plan and further move that the County grant a waiver of the 5-year hold on the existing zoning classification.

This approval is conditioned upon the Town will pursue the following amendments following the adoption of Annexation Resolution #2019-01:

- Queen Anne’s County Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan Amendment
- Priority Funding Area expansion per Annotated Code of Maryland §5-7B (State Planning, Priority Funding Areas)

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 19-05.

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

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 19-05

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING the Amendment and Update of the Queen Anne’s County Critical Area Maps;

FOR THE PURPOSE of adopting the comprehensive update of the Critical Area Buffer Exempt Area Maps by replacing the same with a digitally generated geo-referenced Modified Buffer Area mapping as part of the Queen Anne's County Critical Area Overlay Maps;

BY AMENDING the official Queen Anne's County Critical Area Maps by replacing the Critical Area Buffer Exempt Area Maps with the Modified Buffer Areas shown on the digitally generated geo-referenced Modified Buffer Area mapping.

SECTION I

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND that the Queen Anne's County Official Critical Area Overlay Maps be and are hereby AMENDED as respects Buffer Exempt Areas by REPLACING the Critical Area Buffer Exempt Area Maps with the digitally generated geo-referenced Modified Buffer Area mapping.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance shall take effect on the forty-sixth (46th) day following its adoption.

YMCA UPDATE:

Mr. Robby Gill, presented to the Board for their review, YMCA Update.

He thanked the Board for the opportunity to provide an update on his efforts to bring a full facility YMCA to Centreville, Maryland. When the County Commissioners provided land for the future YMCA in November 2015, the YMCA invested nearly \$500,000 to establish a full-time presence in the County. Located at 123 Coursevall Drive in Centreville, the Queen Anne's County Family YMCA has grown from 300 members to over 2,800 members. As a not-for-profit 501(C)(3) organization, the Y provides financial assistance ensuring no one is turned away due to the inability to pay. In 2019, the Queen Anne's County YMCA will provide over \$87,000 in financial assistance for membership and program assistance. This site has been a good launching point for YMCA programs and services, but is limited in space and amenities. The Y leases the current location along with other facilities to operate summer camping programs at a total annual expense of \$173,000. Knowing the current Y only serves as a launching point and isn't sustainable long term, our goal break ground on a debt free full-facility YMCA in the next 18 months - 2 years.

Working with Becker Morgan and Willow Construction we've been able to develop a facility design that address site challenges and meets key programmatic needs. The concept drawings and pricing estimate is included in your packet for your review. We're excited that the County has voiced an interest in working with the Y to embed a Senior Center within the new facility. The model is working very well in 5t. Michaels, Maryland creating a hub for community programming. The partnership will provide additional opportunities to work together on Senior Programs throughout the County. Over the next year, Y staff will work with County staff to apply for grant funding through the Department of Aging and for a Community Development Block Grant.

A new full-facility YMCA will provide access and opportunities for County residents that do not currently exist. Our new YMCA/Senior Center will provide the first community pool in Queen Anne's County. Drowning is one of the leading causes of death for children and the vast majority of children in this County have limited opportunities to learn to swim. Children that take an interest in swimming must travel out of the County to the Easton YMCA or over the Chesapeake Bay Bridge to Annapolis, putting lower income families at a severe disadvantage. Years ago, when we were still working on a land donation for the YMCA, I attended a County Commissioners meeting. A community member stood up during the public session and said "My son drowned in the Corsica River in 1972. I don't know if he was pushed in or fell in, but what I do know is that if there had been a YMCA in our community, he'd still be here today." I will never forget his testimony. It was a rallying cry for us to keep the faith and continue our work to connect with people that have a common vision for creating a place where everyone is welcome, programs and services address critical needs, and collaboration and partnerships are common place.

We have worked hard over the last three years growing the YMCA in Queen Anne's County and connecting people to our charitable mission and vision. As you may recall, in 2013, we conducted a market study to determine how many people in Queen Anne's County a YMCA, located in Centreville, would serve. The results validated community need. The study showed that the YMCA would serve 12,000 members; making this location one of our largest YMCAs on the Eastern Shore. The study highlighted the need for aquatics programs, youth programs, and an overall safe place for families to spend quality time together. The Queen Anne's YMCA currently serves over 800 children in summer camp programs all run at offsite locations. Without adequate program space at our current facility, off-site locations provide transportation challenges for some families and limit the number of children we're able to serve. The new YMCA will provide an easy and accessible site for families and will double the number of campers we serve each summer.

We've set a goal to raise \$12,000,000 to build the new YMCA/Senior Center. Based on our fundraising feasibility study, we believe we can raise \$5,000,000 within the community for this project. That leaves a large portion of funds left to reach our goal. Knowing we needed several transformational lead gifts, the Y has work tirelessly, sharing the story and working to connect potential donors to this effort. I'm excited to share that the Y has received a \$2.5 million

lead gift to build the Queen Anne's County Family YMCA/Senior Center! This anonymous gift comes from outside the community and creates the momentum we need to tackle our goal and make this dream a reality. I look forward to sharing with you our funding strategy on September 24. We have been hard at work building a dynamic capital campaign committee of community leaders and I feel confident we can accomplish this goal working together

Queen Anne's County Family YMCA
Facility Funding Strategy

Funds	Amount	Status
Secure lead gift #1 donation	\$2,500,000	√
Secure lead gift #2 donation	\$2,500,000	
Community Capital Campaign	\$5,000,000	
Secure Department of Aging Funding	\$800,000	County will Support
Secure CDGB Funds	\$800,000	County will Support
Secure grant from the Governor's Budget	\$500,000	2020 Session Ask
Total	\$12,100,000	

TEACHER OF THE YEAR:

The Commissioners presented Ms. Heather Efland, Centreville Elementary School Music Teacher the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS, Heather Efland, a music teacher at Centreville Elementary School, is currently in her eleventh year of teaching; and

WHEREAS, Heather Efland began her career at Kent Island Elementary School where she taught for eight years, and has been teaching at Centreville Elementary School for three years; and

WHEREAS, Heather Efland, as an undergraduate, attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas where she earned a dual degree in Vocal Performance and Music Education; and

WHEREAS, Heather Efland, as a postgraduate student, attended Walden University where she earned a Master's degree in teacher leadership; and

WHEREAS, Heather Efland founded and directed the Chesapeake Children's show choir, and she was certified in five different types of Zumba, including a Mommy and Me Zumba class where she was featured on Fox 45 morning news; and

WHEREAS, Heather Efland, when not teaching, enjoys spending time with her beautiful family, which includes her loving and supportive husband, Adam Efland, her rambunctious three-year-old son, Spencer, and her adorable one-year-old daughter, Reese; and

WHEREAS, Heather Efland was awarded the Queen Anne's County Public School Spirit Award; and

WHEREAS, Heather Efland's co-workers call her "Little Mary Sunshine" because she is always smiling and enjoys making others shine, this includes not only her students, but also her co-workers; and

WHEREAS, Heather Efland, last year, led a teacher flash mob, to the theme of Thriller, at the school's Halloween parade and also led an all-school sing-along which featured fabulous Centreville Elementary School teacher talent;

NOW THEREFORE, WE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY do hereby recognize Heather "Little Mary Sunshine" Efland for her dedication to her talent, her students and her co-workers and for being named the 2019-20 Teacher of the Year.

**CENTREVILLE ROTARY CLUB 48th ANNUAL ARTISANS FESTIVAL
PROCLAMATION:**

The Commissioner read the following Proclamation:

Centreville Rotary Club 48th Annual Artisans Festival
Saturday and Sunday
October 5 and October 6, 2019
Chesapeake College, Wye Mills, MD

WHEREAS, Rotary International was founded by Paul Harris and his business friends on 23 February, 1905 in Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International is now a worldwide influence for good fellowship, international communication and a promoter of the higher objectives for the building of goodwill among men; and

WHEREAS, during the summer of 1971, a group of Rotarians and several craftsperson's began discussing the idea of a Crafts Festival to highlight local artists and allow them to interact with their guests and explain their art; and

WHEREAS, the Centreville Rotary Club continuously developed and has proudly sponsored for 48 years the Artisans Festival, starting with 29 participating craftsmen and this year, we expect to have over 40 artists with our featured artist, Russ Orme, with his original pen and ink on wood artwork; and

WHEREAS, the Artisans Festival was created as a premier community event in the county, and this year we are continuing our partnership with CHESAPEAKE COLLEGE; and

WHEREAS, we continue to add new and exciting activities so that guests of all ages can enjoy the Artisans Festival like the Children’s Area with pumpkin decorating, DNR “Scales and Tales”, the Choptank River Big Band on Saturday, and the Food Court; and

WHEREAS, the Centreville Rotary Club intends to utilize any and all funds generated by this event to fund various civic-minded causes such as our Rotary House, Transitional Housing for Victims of Family Violence, Youth and College Scholarships, and many other charitable activities that the Club recognizes as needing additional support;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY, that the Centreville Rotary Club is hereby commended for its sponsorship of the Artisans Festival; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the citizens of Queen Anne’s County and surrounding area are encouraged to support the Festival on Saturday, October 5 and Sunday, October 6, 2019 by their attendance.

FOR ALL SEASONS UPDATE:

Ms. Beth Anne Langrell, MS, Executive Director, presented to the Board for their review, For All Seasons Update.

Ms. Langrell shared an overview of their Mental Health Services, Rape Crisis Center Services, and our Education and Outreach in Queen Anne’s County. She shared highlights from their Latino Outreach program, their ASPIRE MD program (serving K-12, Higher-Ed, families and workplace), and their Center for Learning which brings Trauma-Informed training to schools throughout Queen Anne’s.

CHARACTER COUNTS:

The Commissioners presented Ms. Kelly Huber, Character Counts Coach Specialist the following Proclamation:

Pillar of the Month for October 2019
“Trustworthiness”

WHEREAS, Queen Anne’s County was declared a Character Counts! Community; and

WHEREAS, the citizens have been called upon to embrace the “Six Pillars of Character” and incorporate them into their daily activities and to model these traits of good character; and

WHEREAS, the Character Counts! Pillar of the Month for October is “Trustworthiness”; and

WHEREAS, all athletes, coaches and members of teams will incorporate this value in their daily lives by being honest, by telling the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, by being sincere, and by being forthright and candid; and

WHEREAS, all members will strive to be reliable by keeping their promises, honoring their word and commitments, by being dependable and by being on time; and

WHEREAS, the Queen Anne’s County Field Hockey and all athletic programs will make every effort to have integrity, to stand up for their beliefs, follow their conscience, be honorable and upright, live by their principles no matter what others say, have the courage to do what is right and try new things even when it is hard; and

WHEREAS, all members will make every effort to build a good reputation; and

WHEREAS, all members will be loyal to friends, family and country, be a good friend and look out for those who care about you;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY, do hereby designate the Character Counts! Pillar of the Month for October is “Trustworthiness”.

Submitted by:

The Women’s Field Hockey Program and the Athletic Department of Queen Anne’s County High School
Shana Corder – Coach
David Wagner – Athletic Director
Amy Hudock – Principal

HEROIN/OPIOID POSTER AWARD:

Mr. Warren Wright presented to the Board for their review, the Heroin/Opioid Poster Award.

Miss Marina Scott, Kent Island High School Student and Miss Hannah Kries, Queen Anne’s County High School Student were awarded the Heroin/Opioid Poster Award.

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE REQUEST FOR 2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE SYSTEMS:

Mr. Todd Mohn, County Administrator, presented to the Board for their review, Draft Legislative Requests for 2020 State Legislative Session.

- 1) Residential Sprinklers - Waiver of requirements in single new family residences (Worcester County).
- 2) Local Liquor laws:
 - i) Remove stipulation that you can only have one financial interest in a license
 - ii) Review residency/ownership provisions to hold a liquor license
 - iii) Remove provision that you must be 500-feet from a “place of worship”
 - iv) Provide County Commissioners authority to employ staff
- 3) Adjust Hotel Tax Limited by State Law, currently it is 5-percent.
- 4) TIF - The TIF is predicated on having a backup special tax, levied only as necessary on the property owners (with their permission/agreement). The State authorizing legislation for this backup tax lists various Counties but Queen Anne’s is not on the list. It would be in our interest to change the State law so we are included, per bond counsel.
- 5) Broadband
 - i) Support Choptank initiatives
 - ii) Levy of special benefit assessment for fiber (Broadband expansion)
 - iii) Establish process to access government fiber lines for citizen/business use
- 6) Restrict sewer tank pump outs from boats in open water.
- 7) Establish quicker process to remove derelict boats from waterways.
- 8) Establish local authority to close SHA ramps from 50 onto MD 18.
- 9) BBRAG - Not happy with proposed process to enlist new members, address the process with new legislation.
- 10) CTE Bill (HB 513 from last year) - To enable two (2) or more Counties to enter into a Memorandum of understanding to establish a regional Tech Center at Chesapeake College.

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 meeting scheduled for Wednesday
Kirwan Commission

Commissioner S. Wilson discussed the following:

Attended Centreville Debate

Commissioner Corchiarino discussed the following:

Noted next school year will start before Labor Day. If you don’t agree contact the Board of Education.

Board should send a letter to the Board of Education regarding the early start of the school year.

Commissioner Moran discussed the following:

Would like to asked the citizens, what they would like to see go in where the Kmart is.

Reminded everyone that on Monday, the Bay Bridge lanes will change.

Would like to know what economic impact does the bay bridge have on Queen Anne's County Business'

There being no further business, they adjourned at 7:40 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

PRESIDENT