

October 8, 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 Section 10-503(c) of the State Government Article of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*, the County Commissioners went into closed session for the purpose of conducting an administrative function meeting; "The County Commissioners held a Closed Session on a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, 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 and Ms. Margie Houck, Executive Assistant.

The Board discussed a board member resigning.

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 Moran, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, 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 5:30 p.m. Those in attendance were Mr. Todd Mohn, County Administrator and Ms. Margie Houck, Executive Assistant.

The Board discussed property in Centreville.

MINUTES:

On a motion made by Commissioner S. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the Agenda for the current meeting and the Closed and Regular Minutes of September 24, 2019 and the Regular Minutes of October 1, 2019.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

1. Mary Margaret Goodwin

WEEKLY CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESENTATION OF DOCUMENTS FOR

SIGNATURE:

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

LETTER – DECK REHABILITATION PROJECT SCHEDULE:

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to send a new letter to Secretary Rahn in regards to the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Bridge, Deck Rehabilitation Project Schedule. As part of the motion, Commissioners Corchiarino, Moran, J. Wilson and S. Wilson made comments on this topic.

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

LETTER – SCHOOL START DATE FOR THE 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR:

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed to sign the letter. As part of the motion, Commissioners J. Wilson and Dumenil made comments on this topic.

Dear Dr. Kane,

October 8, 2019

We would like to express our dissenting opinion regarding the Board’s decision to start the 2020/2021 school year on August 31 which is before the Labor Day Holiday.

While the State’s intent by starting the school year after Labor Day was largely for economic considerations, it also provided a welcomed highlight to summer for both families and citizens. It is our understanding that a recent survey conducted by the Board of Education returned overwhelming support to a post Labor Day Holiday start. We agree with this position and would encourage this as a traditional schedule in the future.

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

HISTORIC CHRIST CHURCH OWNERSHIP TRANSFER:

Mr. Dave MacGlashan, Chief Property Manager, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Historic Christ Church Ownership Transfer.

The Board reviewed a deed prepared by the county attorney to transfer ownership of the property known as Historic Christ Church to Friends of Historic Christ Church. All required conditions for the transferring of county property have been met.

On a motion made by Commissioner Corchiarino, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, Commissioner Dumenil opposed, the Board agreed to sign the deed transferring ownership of the Historic Christ Church property to Friends of Historic Christ Church. As part of the motion, Commissioners Moran, Dumenil and Corchiarino made comments on this topic.

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

SHINE LIKE STARS PRE-SCHOOL 1-YEAR LEASE EXTENSION:

Mr. Dave MacGlashan, Chief Property Manager, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Shine Like Stars Pre-School one-year Lease Extension (Historic Christ Church).

The Board reviewed a one-year lease extension with Shine Like Stars Pre-School. The lease expires June 30, 2020. Any future lease negotiations will be between Shine Like Stars Pre-School and Friends of Historic Christ Church.

On a motion made by Commissioner Corchiarino, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to sign the 1-Year lease with Shine Like Stars Pre-School.

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

RESPONSE TO RFP – 2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE:

Having issued a Request for Proposals for the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update on 12 October 2019 and publicly opened all proposals in received on 13 September 2019 as outlined in the RFP, staff met with the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Proposal Selection Committee on 30 September 2019 to rank the proposals received. The County received the following 4 proposals (listed below from high to low bid):

JMT
 40 Wight Avenue
 Hunt Valley, MD 21030
 Fee: \$300,000.00

AECOM
 Sabre Building, Suite 300
 4051 Ogletown Road
 Newark, DE 19713
 Fee: \$29,366.00

Wallace Montgomery
 222 South DuPont Highway, Suite 202
 Dover, DE 19901
 Fee: \$258,976.00

Smith Planning and Design, LLC
 76 Baltimore Street
 Cumberland, MD 21502
 Fee: \$191,142.00

The FY2020 budget allocation for the Comprehensive Plan totals \$250,000.00 for consultant services.

The RFP and the proposals were forwarded to the Selection Committee members for review in advance of the meeting on September 30. The Committee is comprised of the of following members: Jim Moran, President of the County Commissioners; Jeff Reiss, Chairman of the Planning Commission; Mike Wisnosky, Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning, and me.

Based on a thorough review and ranking of all proposals submitted, the selection committee is unanimous in its recommendation that the County enter into a contract with Smith Planning and Design, LLC (SP&D). While this firm was among the smallest to submit a proposal, the committee felt that it was the most thorough in its response to the RFP Scope of Services, Deliverables, and Key Roles and Responsibilities. While this was not a key factor in the selection process, it is worth noting that SP&D also put forward the lowest proposed fee.

It also bears mentioning that all 4 proposals were of high quality, and the selection committee spent a considerable amount of time discussing the merits and shortcomings of each proposal. In general, SP&D was significantly more contemplative of the needs of the County. There is a sharp focus on the needs outlined in the RFP. Efficiencies are identified in the proposal, and it is apparent that the SP&D team has done a great deal of background analysis already. There is a clear understanding where updates are needed and where streamlining might best-serve the clarity of the Plan.

In addition, SP&D has outlined a full-bodied schedule of public meetings, as well as web-based outreach opportunities (managed by the Company). SP&D outlines complete management of the project and a mechanism for reporting to key staff and stakeholders.

Therefore, the 2029 Comprehensive Plan Proposal Selection Committee recommends that the County Commissioners of Queen Anne’s County hire Smith Planning and Design, LLC and enter into a contract for their services to update the 2020 Queen Anne’s County Comprehensive Plan.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed that the County hire Smith Planning and Design, LLC and enter into a contract for their services to update the 2020 Queen Anne’s County Comprehensive Plan and authorize Planning Director Mike Wisnosky to sign the contract on behalf of the County Commissioners.

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

ROAD NAME REQUEST:

Mr. John E. Shelton, Management Analyst I, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Road Name Request.

On Monday, September 23, 2019, Mr. Shelton met with three (3) of the homeowners, Jeff Morgan from DES, and Tyler Pease from the GIS Division to discuss the naming of what will be a private lane off of Grange Hall Road. After a moderate discussion, the parties involved agreed on Little Star Lane.

This lane will serve at least seven (7) property addresses. The two (2) existing addresses will have to change once this new street is approved. That point was stressed several times during this meeting and it was understood by all parties involved.

Mr. James Alfree from the Department of Emergency Services has reviewed this request and doesn't have any issues with the name. The road name has not been duplicated in the House Numbering Database.

The Department recommends the County Commissioner's favorable action on this request.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to name the un-named private lane off of Grange Hall Road, Little Star Lane, which will be serving Map 61, Parcel #134 with 2 lots, Parcel #132 with 1 lot and Parcel #8 with main farm and 3 other lots.

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 70, Parcel 93, Lot 36, 325 325 Utah Road, Stevensville (\$160.00)
- Map 5C, Grid 17, Parcel 134, 213 Fourth Street, Crumpton (\$325.00)
- Map 60, Grid 13, Parcel 16, 114 Wye Knot Ct., Queenstown (\$280.00)
- Map 58H, Grid 18, Parcel 287, 203 Gravel Run Road, Grasonville (\$250.00)
- Map 58I, Grid 24, Parcel 375, 1005 Cemetery Road, Grasonville (\$235.00)

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 19-39, 19-40, 19-41, 19-42 and 19-43 to place a lien on each of the properties listed in the County Zoning Administrator’s memorandum dated October 8, 2019 for nuisance violations.

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

DRAFT STANDARD OPERATING POLICIES:

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

The Board reviewed several revised policies for approval.

1. Family & Medical Leave Policy

This policy has been revised to reserve the right to prohibit employees from working secondary employment while out on FMLA unless they request otherwise from the County Administrator. Please refer to page seven of the policy for the updated wording which has been reviewed by our attorney.

2. Social Media Policy

This policy has been updated to reflect the continuing changes in technology. In addition, the policy reflects that posts that promote illegal activity or threaten the safety of others of the public system will be forwarded to the Office of the Sheriff for investigation. The policy has been reviewed by Community Affairs, QACTV, IT and our attorney.

3. Workplace Violence Policy

This policy has been revised to add an additional form of communication to employees to report workplace violence through the Office of the Sheriff’s tip line. This recommendation came through our Active Threat Workgroup.

These policies have been reviewed by the department heads and other appropriate committees for any suggestions.

On a motion made by Commissioner S. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed that the Family & Medical Leave Policy, Social Media Policy and Workplace Violence Policy be adopted as presented, to be effective in seven business days.

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

CORSICA RIVER DREDGING PROJECT:

Mr. Steven Chandlee, Parks and Recreation Director and Mr. James Wood, Public Landings Supervisor submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Dredge Material Placement Site Remediation for Corsica River Dredging Project.

The Department of Parks and Recreation seeks approval to contract with Retallack & Sons, Inc. to provide Dredge Material Placement Site (DMPS) Remediation for Corsica River Dredging Project.

An Invitation to Bid was advertised in accordance with Queen Anne’s County’s procurement procedures on August 28, 2019. A pre-bid meeting was held on September 10, 2019. Seven bids were received and read aloud at a Bid Opening on September 23, 2019.

Retallack & Sons, Inc. submitted the lowest qualifying base bid with a cost of \$150,825. County’s engineering consultant, County staff and the MD-Department of Natural Resources (MD-DNR) dredging coordinator reviewed the proposals. Retallack & Sons, Inc. references were favorable. There is concurrence Retallack & Sons, Inc. as the low bidder, has the required experience, equipment and personnel to effectively complete this project as requested.

Funding for this contract will come from the approved CORSICA RIVER DREDGING project (#330001) budget that has ample funds available for this expense. The project is primarily funded by a 5300,000 FY2017 State of Maryland Waterway Improvement grant. Therefore, the Local Vendor Preference was not applied.

On a motion made by Commissioner S. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to authorize the Department of Parks and Recreation enter into a contractual agreement with Retallack & Sons, Inc. for DMPS Remediation. This contract will be for the base bid of \$150,825 for services described in the invitation to bid, addendums and bid proposal. Funding will be provided by MD-DNR grant funds as identified in the Corsica River Dredging Capital Project #330001. As part of the motion, Commissioners Dumenil and S. Wilson made comments on this topic.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK:

Ms. Jean Fabi, Economic Development Manager, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Economic Development Week - October 20 through 26, 2019.

The Department of Economic and Tourism Development, with the support of the Economic Development Commission, is pleased to present, for your consideration, a Proclamation to proclaim the week of October 20 - 26, 2019 as Economic Development Week.

Throughout the state, this week is celebrated annually by counties and jurisdictions through events and special programs to highlight economic development and how it transforms lives of Marylanders. The Maryland Economic Development Association (MEDA) is the organization that unites its membership in this effort. MEDA is holding its Fall Conference in Easton on October 21, 2019. Elected officials are invited to attend free of charge. In Queen Anne’s County, the Department is hosting the Business Success Roundtable on October 22. The event is sponsored by Shore United Bank and hosted at RTI Commons in the Chesapeake Bay Business Park. Panelists include representatives from the Maryland Department of Commerce, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Small Business administration, will provide business owners with information on how to access capital, tax credits and employment grant programs. Representatives from SCORE and the Maryland Department of Labor also are attending. The Economic Development Commission will hold its regular meeting on October 23. A tour of manufacturers is scheduled for October 24 to highlight the Queen Anne’s County companies that play an instrumental role in protecting our nation and first responders.

Thank you for the opportunity to showcase economic development in Queen Anne’s County.

RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 20 - 26, 2019 AS

**Economic Development Week
in Queen Anne’s County, Maryland**

Whereas, the economic growth and stability of the State of Maryland affects all regions and jurisdictions; and

Whereas, Queen Anne’s County is an important component of the State’s economic success; and

Whereas, the Queen Anne’s County Department of Economic and Tourism Development is an active member of the Maryland Economic Development Association (MEDA), a non-profit organization that promotes economic development as an investment in Maryland and Marylanders; and

Whereas, MEDA members promote the economic well-being of Maryland by working to improve the state’s business climate and professionalism of those working in the field of economic development; and

Whereas, the Department of Economic and Tourism Development, with the support of the Economic Development Commission, shall highlight the county’s business community by hosting a business resource event and a tour of companies during the week of October 20 - 26, 2019;

Now, Therefore , Be It Resolved, that we, the Board of Commissioners of Queen Anne’s County proclaim the week of October 20, 2019 to October 26, 2019 as Economic Development Week in Queen Anne’s County, and asks all to join with us to recognize and reaffirm the importance of economic development as it creates new opportunities and transforms lives.

On a motion made by Commissioner S. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board unanimously agreed to approve proclaiming the week of October 20 to 26, 2019 as Economic Development Week in Queen Anne’s County.

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

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DONATION REQUEST:

Ms. Nola Willis, Benedict A. Andrew, American Legion Auxiliary Unit #296, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Wreaths Across America Donation Request.

Last year, for the first time, a wreath was placed on every grave at the Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery. The Benedict A. Andrew American Legion Auxiliary Unit #296, in partnership with the Federated Garden Clubs of MD District 1 (MD Eastern Shore), is assisting in the Wreaths Across America Fundraising Campaign again. This campaign is for the purchase

of wreaths, so that one can again be placed on each grave at the Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery in Hurlock on December 14, 2019 at 10 am.

This letter is a request for your support by purchasing wreaths at \$15 each. For every two wreaths purchased (\$30) Wreaths Across America will donate one free to the Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery. The cemetery now has more than 7,900 graves and your support, as a memorial to the veterans here on the Eastern Shore, would be greatly appreciated

On a motion made by Commissioner S. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed to purchase 40 of wreaths at \$15 each for Wreaths Across America to honor the Eastern Shore Veterans in the Hurlock Cemetery on December 14, 2019 at 10am.

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

FFA TRIP TO THE NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION:

Audrey Karbaum, FFA President, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, FFA Trip to the National FFA Convention.

The Queen Anne’s County FFA will be attending National Convention this year October 29 - November 2. Throughout the National FFA Convention, Maryland State winners compete in various Career Development Events, participate in leadership workshops, volunteer for service learning activities, tour the Career Show and view the official business sessions. National Convention is a great learning experience for any youth interested in pursuing a career in agriculture. This trip is quite costly due to flying, hotel, food and registration. To fundraise we have participated in the fruit sale last fall and sold snow cones at our county fair. Excluding food cost for everyone attending, this trip has cost almost \$8,000. We are still in need of any donations and would appreciate any to help offset the cost of this trip.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to donate \$6,000.00 to help fund the Queen Anne’s County FFA trip to the National FFA Convention.

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

Corchiarino	x	
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SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLER WAIVER PROVISION:

Mr. Todd Mohn, County Administrator, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Request for Support of State Legislation for Single-Family Residential Fire Sprinkler Waiver Provision.

The Maryland Rural Counties Coalition is reviewing this proposed legislation which would remove the mandatory requirement of automatic fire sprinkler systems in all new single-family dwellings in the state. I have also attached information from Worcester County requesting support and a memo from Director Scott Haas opposing.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed that Queen Anne’s County not take a position on this legislation and to support the position taken by the Maryland Rural Counties Coalition for State Legislation for a Single-Family Residential Fire Sprinkler Waiver Provision.

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 5:35 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 19-15.

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

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 19-15

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."

No persons gave public testimony.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board unanimously agreed to adopt County Ordinance 19-05. As part of the motion, Commissioners Moran and J. Wilson made comments on this topic.

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.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION UPDATE:

Mr. Steven Chandlee, Parks and Recreation Director, presented to the Board for their review, Department of Parks & Recreation Update.

- White Marsh Park
 - White Marsh Disc Golf - Developed 9-hole course
 - Potential grant and partnership with Maryland Forest Service for an Edible Forest Trail in Spring of 2020
 - White Marsh Baseball Field Renovation
 - Ballfield Renovation
- Artificial Turf
- Cross County Connector Trail
- Long Point Trail
- Parks and Recreation goes PURPLE
- Recreation
 - Recreation Leagues
 - Recreation Basketball League
- Kent Island South Trail
- Fireworks Celebration – July 1, 2020
- Parks and Resource
 - Best Management Practices
 - Eco Counters
- Public Landings

DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY UPDATE:

Ms. Janet Salazar, QAC Library Director, presented to the Board for their review, Dolly Parton Imagination Library Update.

How Imagination Library works

- o The purpose of the initiative is to provide high-quality, age-appropriate books for young children residing in Queen Anne’s County, free of charge.
- o Each month every child enrolled receives a new, carefully selected book in the mail.
- o A child enrolled at birth will receive 60 books by the time they turn 5 years old.
- o The cost of the program is \$25 per year for each year a child is enrolled in the program.

Books mailed since January 2018

MONTH	TYPE	Birth Year 2014	Birth Year 2015	Birth Year 2016	Birth Year 2017	Birth Year 2018	Birth Year 2019	TOTAL
Jan-18	Books Mailed	146	156	131	54	0		628
Feb-18	Books Mailed	147	158	133	59	0		632
Mar-18	Books Mailed	147	157	135	60	1		628
Apr-18	Books Mailed	148	161	139	66	3		635
May-18	Books Mailed	151	163	144	71	7		640
Jun-18	Books Mailed	228	188	177	107	16		852
Jul-18	Books Mailed	230	192	179	109	17		837
Aug-18	Books Mailed	236	196	184	116	23		845
Sep-18	Books Mailed	239	195	191	120	29		841
Oct-18	Books Mailed	238	199	195	124	35		829
Nov-18	Books Mailed	250	210	222	151	53		907
Dec-18	Books Mailed	258	214	225	156	63		916
Jan-19	Books Mailed	240	222	232	167	74	0	935
Feb-19	Books Mailed	216	223	233	170	75	0	917
Mar-19	Books Mailed	194	226	235	175	78	0	908
Apr-19	Books Mailed	171	228	238	180	96	0	913
May-19	Books Mailed	149	220	230	179	100	2	880
Jun-19	Books Mailed	128	221	235	186	108	5	883
Jul-19	Books Mailed	116	228	238	190	118	12	902
Aug-19	Books Mailed	93	229	240	196	120	18	896
Sep-19	Books Mailed	64	230	242	197	125	25	883

Graduated PTD	680
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How your contribution helps

- o Across the state the lowest average scores in Kindergarten Readiness are in Language and Literacy.
- o Our county is holding steady with the state in Language and Literacy readiness.

- Research shows that the single most important thing a parent can do to prepare their child for reading and learning is to read out loud to them.
- The number of words a child knows upon entering Kindergarten is a key predictor of future school success.
- Access to books contributes to reading and school readiness.

MACO UPDATE:

Mr. Michael Sanderson, Executive Director and Ms. Natasha Mehu, Legislative Director, MACo presented to the Board for their review, MACo Update.

NEXT-GENERATION 9-1-1

- Next-generation 9-1-1 reform bills got broad hi-partisan support, will help deliver needed service improvements statewide:
 - better call locating for wireless callers
 - receive text or video content from callers
 - better handling of overflow calls at crisis

PROTECTED LOCAL BUDGETS AND REVENUES

- The state budget passed this year: no new county cutbacks, cost shifts, or unfair new burdens
- Higher level of local transportation funding retained unanimous support, unchallenged by legislators and analysts

EDUCATION FUNDING BLUEPRINT: CARROTS RATHER THAN STICKS

- 3-year initial funding plan for school systems provides teacher salary incentive, not mandate on new county spending

DEFENDED LOCAL DECISION-MAKING

- 5G wireless technology (small cells) will remain a local matter, after statewide preemption legislation failed again
- Defeated broad and costly employer mandates on all local government employers, and comparable bill on community colleges
- Resolved intrusive bills on land use planning, forest protection, local licensing

Kirwan Blueprint Bill Sailing to Governor

The “Education Blueprint” bill with initial recommendations from the Kirwan Commission, and two-years’ worth of funding, is on its way toward passage.

Senate Bill 1030 has been amended and passed in the House of Delegates, with strong bi-partisan support, and appears headed to the Governor. The two-year spending plan includes targeted funding for special education students, schools with high density of poverty, and teacher salary incentives. The bill, with multiple changes and compromises incorporated at seemingly every turn, funds several priority areas but incorporates a variety of accountability measures supported by the Governor.

The core element affecting county budgets immediately is essentially unchanged – if counties fund a teacher salary increase of 3% or the equivalent in EN’ 2020 and 2021, the state will award a wealth-equalized grant (totaling \$75 million each year) to further enhance teacher pay.

From coverage in the Baltimore Sun:

The House version of the bill contains some significant changes to the Senate version. Unlike the Senate, the House made the funding mandatory, expanded the pool of school employees eligible for raises and made on inspector general, appointed to ensure accountability, subject to a unanimous vote of the governor, attorney general and treasurer.

Third Reader Bill, as passed by the Senate

Ways and Means Committee Amendments (adopted): Substantive (11 pages), and Procedural (1 page)

Delegate Cassilly Amendment, adopted on the House floor

Earlier Conduit Street coverage of bill as passed by the Senate

The Senate will receive the House amendments, and is widely expected to concur with the changes, avoiding a late-session conference committee, and approving the bill in this final form. An enrolled (final) version of the bill should be available soon afterward.

One element of the bill, uncodified language on page 44 of the bill gathering little attention, directs the Kirwan Commission to develop recommendations for a more evenly-smoothed cost schedule. The preliminary cost estimates of the Commission work included more than \$3 billion in annualized costs mounting as soon as the third and fourth year of the ten-year “phase in.” This direction could represent a strong signal on the more practical implementation schedule that may garner enough support in the 2020 legislative session, once the Commission concludes its remaining work regarding funding formulas and other fiscal matters

- House, Senate Pass MACo NG911 Initiative
- 2019 End of Session Wrap-Up: Planning & Zoning
- MACo Symposium Spotlights Anti-Human Trafficking Effort
- Governor Hogan Creates Task Force on Renewable Energy Development & Siting

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Mr. Jonathan Seeman, Budget & Finance & IT Director, presented to the Board for their review, Financial Update.

1. 911 Expenditures and Revenues
2. Kirwan
3. FY2019 Financial Results

4. Spending Affordability Committee

COMMISSIONER'S ROUNDTABLE:

Commissioner J. Wilson discussed the following:

- Optimistic news on Kirwan
- Project Bright Future
- Repeater on Fire Fighter Vehicles

Commissioner Dumenil discussed the following:

- Worked with Anthony's Run fundraiser
- Ask A Commissioner footage has been posted

Commissioner Corchiarino discussed the following:

- Project Bright Future
- Thanked Comptroller Franchot for speaking out about traffic
- Next Ask A Commissioner – Commissioner Corchiarino & Dumenil

Commissioner Moran discussed the following:

- Shout out to the Grasonville Senior Center for the hand-painted rocks along the trail for Anthony's Run for QAC Goes Purple

There being no further business, they adjourned at 8:10 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, October 22, 2019.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

PRESIDENT