

October 11, 2022

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

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

CLOSED SESSION:

Pursuant to State Government Law Section 3-305(b), (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter; "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, Kurt Fischer, Esquire and Mr. Patrick Thompson, Esquire, County Attorney. Commissioner S. Wilson was not present during this part of the meeting.

The Board discussed a letter from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

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

MINUTES:

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the amended Agenda for the current meeting and the Regular September 27, 2022, Roads Minutes of September 13, 2022 and Sanitary/Solid Waste Minutes of September 13, 2022.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

None

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HEARING COUNTY ORDINANCE 22-11:

The County Commissioners of Queen Anne’s County held a public hearing on County Ordinance NO. 22-11 A BILL ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING Treatment Charges for Septage; FOR THE PURPOSE of revising the provisions regarding treatment charges for sewage septage; providing that such charges will be established under the Queen Anne’s County Sewer System Rate Schedule and may be amended from time to time by Resolution of the County Commissioners of Queen Anne’s County; and generally revising and updating the provisions on septage treatment charges in Queen Anne’s County; BY AMENDING Section 24-120 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne’s County, Maryland.

Patrick Thompson, County Attorney conducted the hearing on behalf of the county and noted all legal requirements were met.

No public testimony was given.

The record will remain open for two weeks for any written comments.

PRESENTATIONS:

QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Joseph Ciotola MD, Health Officer, met with the Board and reviewed the various services his department offers to Queen Anne’s County residences. He noted that the health department has not had IT for 10 months since the breach, they should be reconnected next month. He noted that the Board of Directors of the University of Maryland Medical System has approved a plan by UM Shore Regional Health to submit a Letter of Intent next month to the Maryland Health Care Commission to construct a new regional medical center in Talbot County.

Program to Encourage Active & Rewarding LiveS (PEARLS):

Dr. Ciotola presented to the Board for their review and approval a request to purchase a program to encourage active and rewarding LiveS (Pearls). This is a sole source contract to provide one-on-one telephonic services designed to treat individuals with depression, physical impairments and/or social isolation. In addition, this covers staff enrollment for training into the chronic disease self-management program (for up to 12 members of the health department staff). Overall this program will handle up to 60 clients and the total cost of \$48,000 is funded through a grant. No county funds are needed. This is a new and unique program for our region.

On a motion made by Commissioner Dumenil, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously approved the Health Department’s Request to Purchase the Program to Encourage Active and Rewarding LiveS in the amount of \$48,000.

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 Todd Mohn, County Administrator.

ADMIN/ENGINEERING:

ACQUISITION OF STATE-OWNED RIGHT-OF WAY:

Mr. Dave MacGlashan, DPW submitted to the Board for their review and approval a request to purchase state owned right of way. The County was sent correspondence from State Highway Administration (SHA), Office of Real Estate, regarding their intent to surplus a portion of the State Right-of-Way. The State gives the County ‘Right of First Refusal’ before advertising for sale on the open market. The County has a Sewer Force Main running through this ROW. With the Sewer Force Main crossing this ROW and the ROW being adjacent to the Kent Island High School, County Staff is recommending purchasing this portion of the ROW (Parcel I) in order to preserve the Sewer Force Main access/integrity and the Board of Education Buffer. Parcel 1 is the land County staff is recommending purchasing in the amount of \$18,500 (eighteen thousand five hundred dollars).

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to purchase the State Right-of-Way land identified as Parcel 1 adjacent to the Kent Island High School for the amount of \$18,500.

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

2022 ANNUAL MDOT TOUR-FY2023-2028 CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PLAN:

Mr. Steve Cohoon, Public Facilities Planner, Department of Public Works submitted to the Board for their review the Queen Anne’s County Projects listed in the FY23-28 Consolidated Transportation Plan. Secretary Ports is scheduled to hold the MDOT annual Tour Meeting to discuss the Draft Consolidated Transportation Plan on Tuesday October 25, 2022 at 3:00 pm. Attached is information that will be discussed during the meeting. If there are additional topics or improvements, you wish to discuss please let me know so MDOT can be prepared.

- 1)Continue and expedite the process to add capacity crossing the Chesapeake Bay to reduce congestion in the Bay Bridge corridor (NEPA Tier 2)
- 2) Construct improvements on the MD 18 corridor from Castle Marina Road to the Kent Narrows
- 3) Construct the US 50 & 213 interchange
- 4) Construct at-grade intersection improvements on the US 301 corridor
- 5) Provide repair and repaving on US 301 Southbound
- 6) Continued support of local transit efforts
- 7) Continued support for bicycle and pedestrian improvements (Overpass to connect Cross Island Trail and Cross County Connector Trail)
- 8) Support regional coordination for transportation projects

The Board request several items to be added to the list.

PROCLAMATION WHITE CANE AWARENESS DAY:

Commissioner Dumenil read the following Proclamation:

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WHEREAS, the white cane, which every blind citizen of our county has the right to carry, demonstrates and symbolizes the ability to achieve a full and independent life and the capacity to work productively in competitive employment; and

WHEREAS, the white cane, by allowing every blind person to move freely and safely from place to place, makes it possible for the blind to fully participate in and contribute to our society and to live the lives they want; and

WHEREAS, every citizen should be aware that the law requires that motorists and cyclists exercise appropriate caution when approaching a blind person carrying a white cane; and

WHEREAS, Maryland law also calls upon employers, both public and private, to be aware

of and utilize the employment skills of our blind citizens by recognizing their worth as individuals and their productive capacities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland, through its public agencies and with the cooperative assistance of the National Federation of the Blind of Maryland, can and should facilitate the expansion of employment opportunities for and greater acceptance of blind persons in the competitive labor market:

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the County Commissioners of Queen Anne’s County, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2022, as **WHITE CANE AWARENESS DAY** in Queen Anne’s County and do call upon our schools, colleges, and universities to offer full opportunities for training to blind persons; upon employers and the public to utilize the available skills of competent blind persons and to open new opportunities for the blind in our rapidly changing society; and upon all citizens to recognize the white cane as a tool of independence for blind pedestrians on our streets and highways.

GROWTH ALLOCATION PETITION EXTENSION REQUEST-NASHVILLE PROPERTIES, LLC:

Ms. Stephanie Jones, Principal Planner submitted to the Board for their review and a growth allocation petition extension request. A growth allocation petition has been filed for Nashville Properties, LLC. requesting growth allocation to reclassify 2.811 acres of Limited Developed Area to Intensely Developed Area. This request includes Existing Parcels 351, 352, and 287 located on Tax Map 57 on Piney Creek Road and Nash Court. These parcels will be absorbed into Parcel 351 by administrative subdivision. The applicant is proposing a 156,000 square-foot, 4-story, self-storage facility with interior access only and associated parking. Currently, the County has approximately 461 acres of Growth Allocation remaining. The applicant is seeking more time (a 60-day review extension) to address the Planning Commission’s technical comments which will ensure that the growth allocation petition and affiliated concept plan are consistent.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to move to grant a 60-day review extension in accordance with § 14:1-77(C) for the growth allocation petition submitted by Nashville Properties, LLC. requesting to reclassify 2.811 acres of limited developed area to intensely developed area. As grounds to grant the 60-day extension, I cite the need to provide adequate time for the applicant to address the Planning Commission’s technical comments which will ensure that the growth allocation petition and affiliated concept plan are consistent.

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

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FUNDING REQUEST-ALUMNI OF SOUTH COUNTY AND KENNARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

The Alumni of South County and Kennard Elementary Schools will be hosting a cultural evening on November 5, 2022 at the Kent Island Fire Department. The evening will consist of honoring the teachers that taught at the two schools and also the recognition of the 6th graders in the last segregated classes in Queen Anne’s County. The South County and Kennard Elementary Schools Committee is respectfully requesting \$3,000 to assist in the funding for this event.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to move to assist with funding for the South County and Kennard Elementary Schools event on November 5, 2022 in the amount of \$4,000.

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT #CC-22 SHERFF’S OFFICE PACT GRANT:

The FY2023 Police Accountability, Community and Transparency (PACT) grant award is \$312,470 based on a letter received September 2022. This is a new grant and currently no funds are budgeted. This amendment establishes budget authority of \$31,200 for a part-time contractual Victims’ Rights Advocate, \$132,600 for training and contractual services, and \$148,670 for equipment. No additional County funds are requested.

On a motion made by Commissioner Dumenil, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Budget Amendment #CC-22 – Sheriff’s Office – PACT Grant .

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT #CC-23 RAILROAD AVE MOLD MITIGATION:

This amendment for \$150,000 will establish budget authority in the Railroad Ave Mold Mitigation project for emergency mold mitigation. It is necessary to change the ductwork and replace an HVAC unit. In addition, the ductwork in the “newer/east side” of the building will need to be cleaned.

On a motion made by Commissioner Dumenil, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Budget Amendment #CC – 23 – Railroad Ave Mold Mitigation. As part of the motion, Commissioner Dumenil made comments.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran		
J Wilson		
S Wilson		
Dumenil		
Corchiarino		

BUDGET AMENDMENT #CC-24 SKI COMMUNITY MAINS PHASE 4:

This amendment establishes budget authority for the SKI Community Mains Phase 4. The expenditures of this project are to be paid up front by the Sanitary District and then repaid by state loan. The entire project is expected to cost approximately \$12,000,000 however, this amendment will cover the near-term expenses up to \$100,000. No County (General) funds are requested.

On a motion made by Commissioner , seconded by Commissioner , the Board unanimously agreed to approve Budget Amendment #CC-24 – SKI Community Mains Phase 4.

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

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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The following persons spoke to the Commissioners on subjects of interest to them:
none

COMMISSIONER'S ROUNDTABLE:

Commissioner J. Wilson discussed the following:
none

Commissioner Dumenil discussed the following:
none

Commissioner S. Wilson discussed the following:
none

Commissioner Corchiarino discussed the following:
none

Commissioner Moran discussed the following:
none

There being no further business, they adjourned at 6:37 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, October 25, 2022.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

PRESIDENT

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