

October 24, 2023

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

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

2023 ANNUAL MDOT TOUR FY 2024-2029 CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PLAN:

Maryland Deputy Transportation Secretary Paul J. Wiedefeld and other representatives of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) met with Board to discuss the 2024-2029 Consolidated Transportation Plan. The Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) is Maryland's six-year capital budget for transportation projects. The Capital Program includes major and minor projects for the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) modal administrations: the Secretary's Office (TSO); the Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA); the Maryland Port Administration (MPA); the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA); the State Highway Administration (SHA); the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) - and authorities that are a part of MDOT, including the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)

2024 LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES:

Senator Hershey, Delegates Ghrist and Jacobs meet with the Board and discussed the County's current legislative priorities for the upcoming State General Assembly. The following was highlighted

- 1) Amend Abandoned Boat Laws to eliminate problems associated with derelict boats being tied up to mooring piles, in some cases for many months or indefinitely, where the County has no recourse to otherwise remedy.
- 2) To expand how local Impact fees collected from developers can be used for school "replacement and maintenance" projects and not solely for adding new capacity (ie. new classroom seats).
- 3) To consider legislation for using camera systems to enforce and fine motorists that drive in RED X lanes and large vehicles over 5-tons (trucks and/or trucks & trailers) that drive in restricted contraflow lanes on the Bay Bridge.

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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 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 5:10 p.m. Those in attendance were Mr. Todd Mohn, County Administrator and Ms. Margie Houck, Executive Assistant.

The Board reviewed various parcels of land throughout the county.

Pursuant to State Government Law Section 3-305(b), (8) to consult with staff, consultants or other individuals about pending or potential litigation; “The County Commissioners held a Closed Session on a motion of Commissioner Dumenil, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, at 5:10 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, County Attorney and Mr. Alan Quimby, Director of the Department of Public Works.

PFAS Litigation — Class Action Settlement Legal Services Retainer.

In open session on a motion made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to execute to authorize the County Attorney to enter into the Legal Services Agreement with Grant & Eiscnhofer, PA and further authorize staff to ‘Opt-Out’ of the proposed Class Action Settlement with both 3M and E. J. DuPont de Nemours.

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

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

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MINUTES:

On a motion made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the Agenda for the current meeting, the Regular Minutes October 10, 2023 and the Sanitary/Solid Waste October 10, 2023.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Ms. Teresa Erhart – Midshore III
2. Ms. Anna Queller – Midshore III
3. Mr. David Erhart – Midshore III
4. Ms. Eileen Shaffer – Midshore III
5. Mr. Bill Kyle – Midshore III
6. Joe Stevens, Esq – Jemal
7. Mr. Paul Millstein – Jemal
8. Ms. Bente Cooney - Plastic Free
9. Mr. Brad Dutton – Midshore III

PRESENTATION:

PROCLAMATION #23-51 FRIEL LUMBER 120TH ANNIVERSARY:

Friel Lumber Company of Queenstown, Maryland, a family-owned company, is celebrating 120 years of business. The company which operates Friel Lumber and S.E.W. Friel’s Canning House is owned and operated by five generations of the Friel Family.

Commissioner Moran read the following proclamation:

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WHEREAS, Friel Lumber Company of Queenstown, Maryland, a family-owned company, is celebrating 120 years of business. The company which operates Friel Lumber and S.E.W. Friel’s Canning House is owned and operated by 5 generations of the Friel Family; and

WHEREAS, in 1903 Samuel Edward Whiting Friel began Friel Lumber as a lumber mill operating several sawmills in the area manufacturing primarily construction lumber, railroad ties and veneer products such as fruit baskets. The company began canning tomatoes in 1912 at the Queenstown Cannery; and

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WHEREAS, Friel Lumber Company continued to grow its footprint in Queen Anne’s County by adding additional warehouse facilities and a Kitchen and Bath Showroom. S.E.W. Friel is the largest private label manufacturer of sweet corn in the country and the only remaining cannery on the eastern shore of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, most recently Friel’s is one of Queen Anne’s County’s larger employers providing employment for an estimated 250 employees most of which are county residents; and

WHEREAS, Queen Anne’s County values and appreciates the significant contributions to our community made by the Friel family and its employees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS wishes to recognize Friel Lumber Company, S.E.W. Friel’s, its employees, and the Friel family for their commitment and contribution to Queen Anne’s County’s economy and to congratulate Friel Lumber Company on its 120th Anniversary.

PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATE:

Mr. Steve Chandlee, Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation met with the Board and highlighted the activities in the various departments: Parks, Recreation, Park Ranger Programs, Public Landings, Bay Bridge Airport and Blue Heron Golf Course.

ECONOMIC & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:

Ms. Heather Tinelli, Director, Director of the Department of Economic & Tourism Development met with the Board and highlight the following:

Strategic Pillars, Economic Indicators, Business Retention & Expansion, Property Sales, Value of New Commercial, Retail Guide, Rural Maryland Economic Development Fund, Outreach & Events, New Visitors Guide 2024, Events and Update on the Passenger Ferry Feasibility Study.

CENTER FOR THE MILITARY AND VETERAN FAMILY “OPERATIONAL UPDATE:

Mr. Eric Johnson, Executive Director, Executive Director QAC Veteran and Military Support Alliance met with the Board and Highlighted the following:

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Impact Year To Date

- 3 Suicide Saves
- 8 Combat PTSD Support Groups
- 1 (just started) Spouse/Caregiver Support Group serving 6 spouses
- 3 Massage Therapy Sessions for Veterans/spouses
- 3 Holistic Therapies provided directly to 20 Veterans
- 525 Veterans/Family Members provided information (healthcare, claims, legal, education, behavioral health, support groups)
 - 6 American Legions sent out our Support Group and other VAMSA information to a total of 400+ members
- 8 “Thank You for Your Service” veteran stories shared on QACTV - reaching over 3,000+ QAC residents
- 10 Veteran Crisis Calls
- 19 Book Club sessions serving a total of 200+ attendees
- 40 Weekly “Coffee Meetup” weekly at Centreville Dunkin Donuts serving over 250 veterans
- 33 Referrals to partner agencies
- 15 VA Claims Support Clients
- 99 Members of the Veteran and Military Support Alliance (VAMSA)

What’s on the horizon

1. Working to secure enough funding to open the Center full time
Anticipating imminent grant awards and large donor gifts
2. Continue investing in training opportunities/other activities with the Sea Cadets
3. Promote events calendar for National Veterans and Military Families Month
 - Veterans Day (Legion, VFW and other agency events)
 - Open Houses for the Center for the Military and Veteran Family:
 - Wed, Nov 8— 6:30 to 8:30 pm
 - Sun, Nov 12— 1:00 to 4:00 pm
4. Spring 2024— Launch Project Healing Waters
5. Working with UMD Shore Regional Health to ID veterans and provide cultural training on the unique backgrounds/experiences of veterans

WEEKLY CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESENTATION OF DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNATURE:

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

ACTION ITEMS:

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ADMIN/ENGINEERING:

MID-SHORE REGIONAL DETENTION CENTER NOTICE OF INTENT:

This is a letter to the State Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services Corrections notifying them of the County’s intent to commence with the planning study to construct a new Mid-Shore Regional Detention Center with our neighboring counties of Caroline and Kent on the site of the former Eastern Pre-Release Unit (EPRU) located at 700 Flat Iron Square Road near Church Hill. We do anticipate receiving similar letters from Kent and Caroline Counties for this initiative and staff recommends execution of this letter.

On a motion made by Commissioner Corchiarino, seconded by Commissioner McLaughlin, the Board unanimously agreed to execute the letter of support to investigate the feasibility of constructing a new Mid-Shore Regional Detention Center with our neighboring counties of Caroline and Kent on the site of the former Eastern Pre-Release Unit (EPRU) located at 700 Flat Iron Square Road near Church Hill.

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

MID-SHORE REGIONAL DETENTION CENTER – PART 1 AND PART 2 PROGRAMMING STUDY PROPOSAL:

Mr. Alan Quimby submitted to the Board for their review and approval the Mid-Shore Regional Detention Center Part 1 and Part 2 Programming Study Proposal. The County has had two productive meetings with representatives of Caroline County and Kent County, as well as staff from the State of Maryland Department of Public Safety & Correction Services and the Department of Budget & Management. The first step in the design process is to complete what is know as a Part 1 and Part 2 Programming Study. This study will determine each Counties needs as far as beds, programming space, medical space, etc. and then combine the needs into a single program. In order to keep this progress progressing, the State needs to have this study completed by March 2024. We have received a proposal from our existing Detention Center architect, Colimore Architects, to conduct the regional study in the amount of \$98,900. Each County has agreed to pay one-third of this fee. Staff recommends moving forward with this contract.

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On a motion made by Commissioner McLaughlin, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the Part 1 and Part 2 Programming Study proposal from Colimore Architects in the amount of \$98,900 for the Mid Shore Regional Detention Center and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute the proposal as well as to invoice Kent County and Caroline County for one-third of the fee upon completion of the study. As part of the motion, Commissioners Moran, Wilson and McLaughlin asked questions and/or made comments on this topic.

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

ROAD NAME CHANGE REQUEST:

Mr. John Shelton, Planning Supervisor submitted to the Board for their review and approval a request for a road name change request. A County resident has submitted a request to rename her private lane name to “Happy Camper Lane”. The private lane was previously named Sportmans Neck Circle. A total of three residents will be affected by this change and all have agreed to the name change. This change has been reviewed by the Planning & Zoning, DPW and DES. Staff has no objection on this request.

On a motion made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the road name change from Sportmans Neck Circle to Happy Camper Lane.

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

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

COMMISSIONER’S ROUNDTABLE:

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Commissioner McLaughlin discussed the following:
Great ribbon cutting ceremony for the YMCA

Commissioner Moran discussed the following:

Attended a BMC meeting in Minnesota

The new YMAC is awesome

At the Senior Town Hall there was a lot of question asked about the Housing Authority

There being no further business, they adjourned at 7:11 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, November 14, 2023.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

PRESIDENT

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