



TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

County Council

MINUTES

April 19, 2022

Present – President Chuck Callahan, Vice President Pete Leshner, Frank Divilio, Corey Pack, County Manager Clay Stamp, and County Attorney Patrick Thomas. Council member Laura Everngam Price was absent.

- I. Agenda – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Agenda of Tuesday, April 19, 2022.
- II. Disbursements – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Disbursements of Tuesday, April 19, 2022.
- III. Introduction of Legislation:

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE 2022-2023 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for introduction. Prior to introduction, County Manager, Clay Stamp, read a statement in to the record which highlighted items included in the proposed FY23 Budget. He stated that the proposed budget continues to maintain core services to provide workforce stability, investment in capital projects, address infrastructure needs, and provide improvements in public safety, education, and general services. He stated that the proposed FY23 Budget closely mirrors FY22 funding levels and maintains a healthy Fund Balance so that the County is well-positioned for any future economic uncertainties while continuing to invest in personnel, processes, and projects, key elements to effectively provide for public safety and general services. Mr. Stamp concluded his presentation by stating that the proposed budget also includes 20 Capital Improvement Program projects. Joye Nagle, Finance Director, and Ken Davis, Assistant Finance Director, utilized a PowerPoint presentation to outline various facets of the proposed FY23 Budget which totals \$112,607,000, and includes \$33 million for capital projects and capital outlay equipment-related projects; the sources of funding for the projects will come from revenues from operations and anticipated federal and State grants or long-term borrowing. Ms. Nagle stated that operating expenses for FY23 increased 7.7 percent over FY22, which is less than the rate of inflation, 8.5 percent; the budget is partially funded by \$14.3 million in prior year fund balance which helps moderate the need for property tax increases. She stated that the proposed Budget includes a one cent (\$.01) increase in the Real Property Tax rate above what is allowed under the current Real Property Tax cap as approved by county voters in November 2020, and a one-cent (\$.01) educational supplement to support Talbot County Public Schools; the tax rate for unincorporated areas of the county is set at \$.6820 per \$100 of assessed value, an increase of 3.9 percent over the FY22 rate of \$.6565. Ms. Nagle highlighted items in the proposed budget, stating that Public Safety continues to be a top priority for the County and is reflected in the proposed budget. She provided statistical information and charts detailing County General Fund Revenue sources and dollar amounts for FY22, anticipated for FY23, and the General Fund Expenditures for same, including the percentage of increase or decrease from FY22. She outlined proposed projects included in the Capital Projects Fund and provided a history of the Discretionary Fund Balance from FY2011 to present, stating that the County continues to maintain a healthy Fund Balance. Council members expressed their appreciation to Ms. Nagle, Mr. Davis and County staff for their diligence and hard work in putting the budget together and were provided an opportunity to comment on the proposed budget. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner, and Mr. Pack as Bill No. 1498. Public hearings were scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton and at 7:00 p.m. in the Easton

Elementary School Cafeteria located at 307 Glenwood Avenue, Easton, Maryland 21601. The FY2022-2023 County Budget, as introduced, is available on the County website at www.talbotcountymd.gov.

IV. Public Comments: Members of the public were afforded an opportunity to comment on matters of interest to them.

V. Council Comments:

Mr. Divilio - No comments.

Mr. Leshner - No comments.

Mr. Pack - Mr. Pack expressed his condolences to the family of Judge Horne who recently passed away. He stated that he had known Judge Horne during the time when he worked with the State and ran the Probation Office here. He stated that, in his opinion, Judge Horne was a studied man of the law and a quick-witted man off the bench, a delight to be around and to join in conversation with. Mr. Pack apologized for not offering his condolences at the last Council meeting.

Mr. Callahan - No comments.

VI. Upon motion by Mr. Divilio, seconded by Mr. Pack, the Council voted to adjourn and to reconvene on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 in Open Session at 4:30 p.m. and then adjourn into Closed Session for discussion of legal, personnel and real estate matters as listed on the statement for closing the meeting, and at 6:00 p.m. for the regularly-scheduled meeting by voting 5– 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan - Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

The transcript of the April 19, 2022 County Council meeting is available for review in the Office of the Talbot County Manager during regular office hours.

VII. Summary of Closed Session Held on April 19, 2022:

1. Statement of the time, place, and purpose of the closed session:

Time of closed session: 5:35 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.
Place of closed session: County Council Office
Purpose of the closed session: To consider various matters as set forth in the statement for closing the meeting

2. Record of the vote of each member as to closing the session:

Names of members voting aye: Callahan, Divilio, Leshner, Pack
Members opposed: None
Abstaining: None

Absent: Price

3. Statutory authority to close session and listing of each topic actually discussed, persons present, and each action taken in the session:

Topic Description	Statutory Authority	Reason for Closed Session Discussion	Persons Present	Action Taken
To discuss personnel matter in the County Attorney's office	GP § 3-305(b)(1)(i)	Discussion involves specific individual	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris	No action

CASH STATEMENT 4/19/2022

BALANCE 4/12/2022	48,945,505.28
TOTAL ADP PAYROLL PPE 4/1/2022	(739,719.60)
PENSION DED PPE 4/1/2022	(42,284.54)
DEFERRED COMP DED PPE 4/1/2022	(19,862.78)
DEFERRED COMP PPE 4/1/2022 PLAN 401(A)	(6,670.11)
CIGNA CLAIMS PAID THRU 4/11/2022	(42,668.59)
WELLS FARGO GOLF EQUIPMENT LEASE PYMT	(4,092.00)
STATE REPORT 3/2022	(68,743.06)
INTEREST ON ACCOUNTS 3/2022	(8,403.47)
DEPOSITS	1,763,798.75
CHECKS	(617,221.02)
VOIDED CHECK(S) #358345	2,910.35
BALANCE 4/19/2022	<u>49,162,549.21</u>

INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		0.30%	20,500,000.00
BAYVANGUARD BANK			10,225,657.52

TOTAL INVESTED	<u>30,725,657.52</u>
PETTY CASH BALANCE	<u>12,625.00</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>	<u>79,900,831.73</u>