**COUNTY COUNCIL**

**OF**

**TALBOT COUNTY**

2017 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No.: January 10, 2017

Resolution No.: 238

Introduced by: Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Callahan, Mr. Pack, Ms. Price, Ms. Williams

**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE VILLAGE CENTER BOARD ("BOARD") FOR THEIR WORK ON TALBOT COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, EXPRESSING THE COUNCIL'S APPRECIATION TO THE BOARD FOR ACCOMPLISHING THEIR MISSION AND DISCHARGING THE BOARD WITH THE THANKS OF THE COUNCIL**

By the Council: January 10, 2017

Introduced, read the first time, and ordered posted, with Public Hearing scheduled on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

By order: Susan W. Moran

Susan W. Moran, Secretary

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**WHEREAS**, the 2005 Talbot County Comprehensive Plan identified village master planning as a key strategy to guiding future infill and redevelopment in the villages compatible with their existing character and density; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Council adopted Resolution 127 to create the Village Center Board (the "Board") to be composed of volunteer residents from each of the County's twenty-two (22) rural villages to coordinate master planning for each village center area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board convened numerous meetings since its creation to discuss village-related issues, and through outreach with village residents, the Board assisted in preparing village plans for Bruceville, Claiborne, Cordova, Fairbank, Ivytown, Neavitt, Newcomb, Royal Oak, Tilghman, Tunis Mills, and Unionville, which were submitted to the County in connection with the 2016 Talbot County Comprehensive Plan update. The Board also assisted in drafting a key text amendment to the Talbot County zoning ordinance creating two additional village zoning classifications (VC1 and VC2), to allow greater flexibility and differentiation for village land use. The 2016 Comprehensive Plan acknowledges the Board's accomplishments; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to village land use, the Board has proven itself an important means of communication between the County government and village residents. For instance, the Board facilitates the dissemination of critical public safety and emergency management information from the Talbot County Department of Emergency Services and in turn provides a way for village residents to alert the County government to their needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board officially completed its assigned duties with the adoption of the 2016 Talbot County Comprehensive Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, through this Resolution, the County Council desires to recognize the Board's accomplishments and to thank all of those village residents who have contributed to the Board's efforts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Talbot County, Maryland that:

1. The recitals above are incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

2. The County Council hereby recognizes the important accomplishments of the Board as described in the 2016 Talbot County Comprehensive Plan.

3. The County Council finds that the Board has performed its duties as pursuant to the 2005 Talbot County Comprehensive Plan and Resolution 127 and, consequently, the Board is hereby officially disbanded and discharged from further duty.

4. The County Council extends sincere gratitude and thanks to all of those village residents who participated in the Board and supported its efforts.

5. The County Council recognizes that village residents may choose to continue regular informal meetings to maintain communication among the villages and between the villages and the County, and the Council supports this initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its date of passage.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Having been posted and Notice, Time and Place of Hearing, and Title of Resolution No. _____having been published, a public hearing was held on _____ in the County Council Meeting Room, Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland.

**BY THE COUNCIL**

Read the second time:

Enacted: _____

By Order: _____

Secretary

Williams -

Price -

Bartlett -

Pack -

Callahan -