



TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

County Council

MINUTES

August 11, 2015

Present – President Corey W. Pack, Vice President Laura E. Price, Dirck K. Bartlett, Chuck F. Callahan, Jennifer L. Williams, County Manager R. Andrew Hollis, County Attorney Michael Pullen and Assistant County Attorney Anthony Kupersmith.

- I. Agenda – Mr. Pack requested and received Council’s unanimous consent for approval of the Agenda of Tuesday, August 11, 2015.
- II. Disbursements – Mr. Pack requested and received Council’s unanimous consent for approval of the Disbursements of Tuesday, August 4, 2015 and Tuesday, August 11, 2015.
- III. Announcement of Postponement of Public Hearing: Mr. Pack stated that the public hearing scheduled for 2:00 p.m. today on Bill No. 1304, *A BILL TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT TALBOT COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 56, ELECTRICAL STANDARDS GOVERNING THE BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS; ELIMINATING THE BOARD’S POWER TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS AND ALSO DECIDE COMPLAINTS; TRANSFERRING POWER TO HIRE ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS FROM THE ELECTRICAL BOARD TO THE BUILDING OFFICIAL; PROVIDING THAT THE COUNTY WILL ISSUE PERMITS FOR ELECTRICAL WORK; CHANGING THE STANDARD OF REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS FROM A STANDARD THAT REQUIRES A SHOWING THAT THE DECISION WAS CONTRARY TO LAW, FRAUDULENT, ARBITRARY OR CAPRICIOUS, TO A STANDARD REQUIRING A SHOWING OF ERROR BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE; AND GENERALLY RELATING TO THE BUILDING OFFICIAL, THE BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS, ELECTRICAL LICENSES, PERMITS, INSPECTIONS, VIOLATIONS, AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE ELECTRICAL CODE*, has been postponed and removed from the agenda.
- III. Quarterly Update by Talbot County Sheriff, Joe Gamble – Sheriff Gamble introduced K9 Raven, the new drug detection dog, and her handler, PFC Joey Timms. Sheriff Gamble stated that K9 Raven had recently been purchased by the Talbot County Sheriff’s Department through the generous donations of several individuals and groups, including Thomas and Maria Mitchell and Allen Bryan of the Bryan Foundation, with anonymous donors also contributing to the cost. Sheriff Gamble presented the Mitchells and Mr. Bryan with a Sheriff’s Salute award for their generous donation. He then briefed the Council on the activities of his department, including making over 100 drug arrests in the first seven months of 2015, the training of all deputies in the use of NARCAN, a drug administered to reverse the results of a drug overdose, the deployment of a full-time school resource officer to Easton High School; and expressed his appreciation to Preston Automotive for providing the Drug Task Force with various undercover vehicles at no charge. Sheriff Gamble then briefed the Council on several partnership initiatives with other law enforcement agencies in the county, specifically issues involving drugs in the county. Sheriff Gamble will continue to update the Council on a regular or as-needed basis.
- IV. Presentation on Talbot Association of Clergy and Laity (TACL) – The Right Reverend Joe Marcus Johnson, Bishop, The Anglican Diocese of the Chesapeake; Rabbi Peter Hyman, MAHL, DD, Temple B’Nai Israel, Easton – Rabbi Hyman gave a brief outline of a new initiative developed by TACL, Talbot Association of Clergy and Laity, entitled “Conversation on Race,” the purpose of which is to bring the

entire Talbot County community together through various programming venues, social events, etc. Bishop Johnson then gave a brief history of his activism on behalf of civil rights beginning in the 1960s. He stated that, in his opinion, although great strides have been made in race relations since that time, much work remains to be done and is one of the reasons TACL is organizing the Conversation on Race. Bishop Johnson stated that the response from all facets of the community has been overwhelmingly in favor of the initiative, the mission of which is as follows:

The Talbot County Conversation on Race promotes understanding of racial issues and strengthens relationships so to make Talbot County a more loving and compassionate community. We do so through grassroots public activities, social and educational, through our religious congregations, civic and social organizations, utilizing forums of leaders in the justice system, the voluntary and medical services community, secondary and higher education, and the business community. Our partners include like-minded organizations committed to this mission.

Bishop Johnson then outlined the five tiers developed for the Conversation on Race: (1) Community special events; (2) Sunday suppers where all denominations and races come together over a meal to discuss issues; (3) Community conversations where various segments of the community come together to meet with representatives of the public safety, law enforcement, medical service, and educational communities about their successes and frustrations; (4) History days – the telling of stories by members of the public who have encountered racial discrimination; and (5) Meeting of Planning Committee to assess how the various meetings and events have gone and what can be done to improve the process. He stated that TACL is sponsoring a community meeting on race, religious tolerance, and other issues facing the community at the Talbot County Free Library Meeting Room on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Council members expressed their appreciation to Rabbi Hyman and Bishop Johnson for bringing the discussion to the forefront.

V. Public Hearings:

Bill No. 1304, A BILL TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT TALBOT COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 56, ELECTRICAL STANDARDS GOVERNING THE BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS; ELIMINATING THE BOARD'S POWER TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS AND ALSO DECIDE COMPLAINTS; TRANSFERRING POWER TO HIRE ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS FROM THE ELECTRICAL BOARD TO THE BUILDING OFFICIAL; PROVIDING THAT THE COUNTY WILL ISSUE PERMITS FOR ELECTRICAL WORK; CHANGING THE STANDARD OF REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS FROM A STANDARD THAT REQUIRES A SHOWING THAT THE DECISION WAS CONTRARY TO LAW, FRAUDULENT, ARBITRARY OR CAPRICIOUS, TO A STANDARD REQUIRING A SHOWING OF ERROR BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE; AND GENERALLY RELATING TO THE BUILDING OFFICIAL, THE BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS, ELECTRICAL LICENSES, PERMITS, INSPECTIONS, VIOLATIONS, AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE ELECTRICAL CODE, was read into the record by the Clerk. Mr. Pullen requested Council's consideration to table Bill No. 1304 in order to provide staff additional time to redraft the legislation in a way that is consistent with direction from the Council. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council tabled Bill No. 1304 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Ms. Williams – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye

The FY 2015-2016 Capital Enabling bills were read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for public hearing.

A public hearing was held on Bill No. 1306, A BILL TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE 9-1-1 CENTER AT THE TALBOT COUNTY OPERATIONS CENTER, and the public was provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

A public hearing was held on Bill No. 1307, A BILL TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE MAPPING AND EVALUATION OF COUNTY CULVERTS, and the public was provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

A public hearing was held on Bill No. 1308, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE TALBOT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' ONE-TO-ONE LAPTOP INITIATIVE, and the public was provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

A public hearing was held on Bill No. 1309, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF PORTABLE CLASSROOMS FOR TALBOT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL, and the public was provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

A public hearing was held on Bill No. 1310, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT TO UPGRADE THE REGION V (TILGHMAN) WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT WITH ENHANCED NUTRIENT REMOVAL (ENR) TECHNOLOGY, and the public was provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

A public hearing was held on Bill No. 1311, A BILL TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO ALLOW THE ACCEPTANCE, PROCESSING, AND DISPOSAL OF GREASE AND UPGRADING THE COUNTY'S EXISTING BIO-SOLIDS TREATMENT FACILITY LOCATED ON 9786 KLONDIKE RD., EASTON, MARYLAND, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,916,000, AND TO AUTHORIZE REFINANCING OF \$2,650,000 ON THE LOAN INCURRED TO PURCHASE THE FACILITY, FOR A TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE OF \$7,566,000, ALL OF WHICH SHALL BE REPAID EXCLUSIVELY FROM THE REVENUES GENERATED FROM OPERATION OF THE FACILITY, and the public was provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

A public hearing was held on Bill No. 1312, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR EASTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FACILITIES (MOTON AND DOBSON BUILDINGS), and the public was provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

A public hearing was held on Bill No. 1313, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE DESIGN OF ROOF REPLACEMENT SYSTEMS AND REPLACEMENT OF A PORTION OF THE ROOF AT EASTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (MOTON BUILDING), and the public was provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

A public hearing was held on Bill No. 1314, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A PUBLIC LANDINGS MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, and the public was provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

A public hearing was held on Bill No. 1315, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE IMPROVEMENTS AT TUNIS MILLS BRIDGE LANDING, and the public was provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

A public hearing was held on Bill No. 1316, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A COUNTYWIDE WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, and the public was provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

A public hearing was held on Bill No. 1317, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND ROAD UPGRADES TO GOLDSBOROUGH NECK ROAD AND AIRPORT ROAD, and the public was provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

A public hearing was held on Bill No. 1318, A BILL TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PASSIVE PARK ON OXFORD ROAD, and the public was provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

A public hearing was held on Bill No. 1319, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SCREW PRESS TO UPGRADE THE REGION II (ST. MICHAELS) WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, and the public was provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

Upon motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Price, Bill No. 1306 through Bill No. 1319 were brought to third reader. Upon motion by Mr. Bartlett, and no objection by the Council, a full reading of the legislation was waived.

The Council approved Bill No. 1306 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Ms. Williams – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye

The provisions of Bill No. 1306 will take effect as provided for in the legislation.

The Council approved Bill No. 1307 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Ms. Williams – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye

The provisions of Bill No. 1307 will take effect as provided for in the legislation.

The Council approved Bill No. 1308 by voting 4 – 1 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Ms. Williams – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Nay
Mr. Callahan – Aye

The provisions of Bill No. 1308 will take effect as provided for in the legislation.

The Council approved Bill No. 1309 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Ms. Williams – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye

The provisions of Bill No. 1309 will take effect as provided for in the legislation.

The Council approved Bill No. 1310 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Ms. Williams – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye

The provisions of Bill No. 1310 will take effect as provided for in the legislation.

The Council approved Bill No. 1311 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Ms. Williams – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye

The provisions of Bill No. 1311 will take effect as provided for in the legislation.

The Council approved Bill No. 1312 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Ms. Williams – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye

The provisions of Bill No. 1312 will take effect as provided for in the legislation.

The Council approved Bill No. 1313 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Ms. Williams – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye

The provisions of Bill No. 1313 will take effect as provided for in the legislation.

The Council approved Bill No. 1314 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Ms. Williams – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye

The provisions of Bill No. 1314 will take effect as provided for in the legislation.

The Council approved Bill No. 1315 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Ms. Williams – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye

The provisions of Bill No. 1315 will take effect as provided for in the legislation.

The Council approved Bill No. 1316 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Ms. Williams – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye

The provisions of Bill No. 1316 will take effect as provided for in the legislation.

The Council approved Bill No. 1317 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Ms. Williams – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye

The provisions of Bill No. 1317 will take effect as provided for in the legislation.

The Council approved Bill No. 1318 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Ms. Williams – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye

The provisions of Bill No. 1318 will take effect as provided for in the legislation.

The Council approved Bill No. 1319 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Ms. Williams – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye

The provisions of Bill No. 1319 will take effect as provided for in the legislation.

- VI. Update on Comprehensive Plan for Town of St. Michaels – Martin Sokolich, Long Range Planner – Mr. Sokolich provided a brief outline of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan for the Town of St. Michaels and Council discussion ensued with Mr. Sokolich over various categories outlined in the Plan, including future growth areas proposed for the Town, differentiation of Tier designations by the State for towns versus counties, and “gateway overlay districts”; the County has 60 days to provide its comments on the Plan. Mr. Sokolich stated that the Talbot County Planning Commission had provided its comments on the Plan, concurring that it is consistent with the direction the County has with regard to planning and recommends that Council approve the Plan. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Council approved acceptance of the recommendations of the Planning Commission and to forward those comments back to the Town of St. Michaels by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Ms. Williams – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Callahan - Aye

- VII. Presentation on Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy’s Clean Water Signage Initiative – Ray Clarke, County Engineer – Ray Clarke, County Engineer; Matt Pluta, Choptank Riverkeeper, Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy – Mr. Clarke briefed the Council on Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy’s request for Council’s consideration to support the Conservancy’s application for grant funding for its clean water signage initiative. Mr. Clarke stated that the initiative would involve partnering with the Conservancy for the placement of interchangeable messaging signs at various public water access sites in Talbot County. The purpose of the signage is to act as a public education and awareness campaign to promote the importance of clean water and what citizens can do to assist in contributing to those efforts. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Clarke and Mr. Pluta as to the anticipated cost of the signage, maintenance for and durability of the signage, etc. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Mr. Bartlett, the Council approved proceeding with the educational signage initiative by partnering with Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy, with the caveat that the feasibility for the cost and maintenance of the proposed signage continue to be explored and that Council would be provided with information on the proposed wording for the signs by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Ms. Williams – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye

Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved forwarding a letter of support of Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy’s application for grant funding from Chesapeake Bay Trust by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Ms. Williams – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye

Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved adding the public education signage efforts to the County's Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) goals for 2016 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Ms. Williams – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye

VIII. County Manager's Report:

- A. Request from Department of Public Works– Requested Council approval to have the Department of Public Works accept grant funding from the Maryland Department of the Environment in the sum of \$30,000 to be used to offset operation and maintenance costs for the Region II (St. Michaels) Wastewater Treatment Plant; the Region II Plant was eligible for the additional funding due to its outstanding performance for reduction of pollutant concentrations. The Council approved acceptance of the grant funding by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Ms. Williams – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Callahan - Aye

- B. Mid-Shore Mental Health Systems, Inc. Behavioral Health Advisory Committee - Requested Council approval for the appointment of Emily Kloppers to the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee to complete the unexpired term of Joseph Holt; requested approval for the appointment of John Plaskon to a three-year term; said terms will expire on May 31, 2017 and July 31, 2018, respectively. Upon motion by Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved the appointments by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Ms. Williams – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Callahan - Aye

- C. Talbot County Tourism Board – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of Kelley Cox and Alan Silverstein to four-year terms on the Talbot County Tourism Board as representatives of Tilghman and the Chamber of Commerce, respectively; said terms will expire on July 1, 2019. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved the reappointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Ms. Williams – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Callahan - Aye

- D. Deep Water Point Road Culvert Work – Mr. Hollis stated that culvert work on Deep Water Point Road near Martingham has begun, resulting in some road closures. He stated that a notice regarding the work has been published in *The Star Democrat*; Reverse 9-1-1 calls have been made to the property owners and representatives of the Roads Department have met with representatives of the community.
- E. St. Vincent de Paul Society – Mr. Hollis stated that St. Vincent de Paul Society recently received \$450,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding which will be used to assist in an expansion of their Easton facility to better serve those in need in the community. He commended Assistant County Manager, Jessica Morris, for assisting St. Vincent de Paul with the grant application; Talbot County is sponsor of the grant and Ms. Morris will provide grant administration services for the grant.

IX. Council Comments:

Ms. Williams – No comments.

Mr. Bartlett – Mr. Bartlett stated that he was looking forward to attending the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) Summer Conference in Ocean City where the Council will have an opportunity to attend educational programs as well as meet leaders from across the state.

Ms. Price- Ms. Price concurred with Mr. Bartlett’s comments and stated that the programming at the MACo Conference has expanded to a full four days. She stated that, in her opinion, the educational opportunities at the Conference are incredible and there are numerous opportunities to interact with members from both small and large jurisdictions. She stated that she is amazed that MACo can always find common issues and problems on which the counties can come together despite the jurisdictions being very different. Ms. Price concluded her comments by stating that, in her opinion, MACo is a wonderful organization and she is looking forward to attending the Conference.

Mr. Callahan - Mr. Callahan concurred with his colleagues’ statements that he is looking forward to attending the MACo Conference and going to some classes. He reminded the public that the Council is dealing with a lot of sensitive issues and, in his opinion, it seems like every two days the Council is in *The Star Democrat* or the Council is getting emails. He stated that if citizens have issues with some of the things the Council is doing, he would appreciate being personally contacted so that he can sit down with them to discuss the issue instead of having his name splashed across an email or in the newspaper. Mr. Callahan stated that he takes offense at things that are not true when all he is trying to do is to reach out to the individuals who would really like to hear from the Council. He stated that, in his opinion, meeting with the Council members provides the individual with an opportunity to understand what the Council member feels about a particular issue and to better understand it. He stated that he wants citizens to know that he is available to listen to them and to

help them better understand what the Council sees behind the scenes that individuals do not see and what the paper writes about that is not true. He concluded his comments by reiterating that he is looking forward to attending the MACo Conference.

Mr. Pack - Mr. Pack echoed Mr. Hollis' previous statements regarding Jessica Morris' efforts on behalf of St. Vincent de Paul, and that, in his opinion, it is a big plus for them to have received the grant funding; he commended Ms. Morris for her hard work on the grant. Mr. Pack stated that the Council had held several work sessions on the draft Comprehensive Plan; the next, and 7th work session, will take place on Monday, August 17, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the Wye Oak Room at the Talbot County Community Center. He stated that the work session is scheduled to conclude at 6:00 p.m.; however, it may be extended for another hour. Mr. Pack reminded everyone that the Talbot Association of Clergy and Laity (TACL) will be sponsoring a community meeting on race and other sensitive issues at the Talbot County Free Library in Easton on Wednesday, September 9, 2015; the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m., is open to the public, and provides an opportunity for members of the public to share their thoughts with one another. Mr. Pack stated that, in his opinion, we may not always agree, but we have to be able to learn to disagree in a civil manner, we need to learn how to talk to one another even if we do not agree. Mr. Pack concluded his comments by stating that he would also be attending the MACo Conference in Ocean City.

X. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council voted to adjourn to Executive Session for discussion of legal, personnel, and real estate matters and to reconvene on Monday, August 17, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the Wye Oak Room at the Talbot County Community Center for the 7th work session with staff on the draft Comprehensive Plan. The Council will reconvene at 5:00 p.m. in Executive Session on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 for discussion of legal, personnel, and real estate matters, and for the regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. by voting 5 - 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack - Aye
Ms. Williams - Aye
Mr. Bartlett - Aye
Ms. Price - Aye
Mr. Callahan - Aye

The meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

The transcript of the August 11, 2015 County Council meeting is available for review in the Office of the County Manager during regular office hours.

XI. On Tuesday, August 11, 2015, an Executive Session of the Talbot County Council convened at 12:35 p.m. in the County Council Conference Room. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Council met in Executive Session by voting 5 - 0 as follows:

Mr. Bartlett - Aye
Mr. Callahan - Aye
Mr. Pack - Aye
Ms. Price - Aye
Ms. Williams - Aye

In accordance with State Article § 10-508(a)(1)(i)(3)(7)(8) the purpose of the Executive Session was for personnel matters to discuss appointments to various County boards and committees; to discuss a personnel matter at the Office of Permits and Inspections; and to discuss a personnel matter at Hog Neck Golf Course; for a legal/real estate matter for legal advice regarding contract negotiations regarding the lease of property for a public purpose; and for a legal matter to discuss a lawsuit involving the County. The Executive Session recessed at 1:30 p.m. and reconvened at 3:35 p.m. The Executive Session ended at 7:30 p.m.

- XII. Meeting with Talbot County Chapter of NAACP – The Council meet with representatives of the Talbot County Chapter of the NAACP, at their request, on Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room to discuss the Confederate statue on the Talbot County Courthouse grounds, commonly referred to as the “Talbot Boys statue,” and any future designs or plans for the statue which may be forthcoming. Richard Potter, President of the Talbot County Chapter, NAACP, gave a brief PowerPoint presentation outlining the Civil War from an historic prospective; Rosalee Potter, 1st Vice President, outlined the NAACP’s position on the Talbot Boys statue, stating that, in the group’s opinion, it reflects only one side of the War, and as such, is a misrepresentation of the War, stating that the statue depicts a young soldier with a Confederate States of America (C.S.A.) flag which, in the NAACP’s opinion, has no place on public government grounds; Walter Black, 2nd Vice President, presented the NAACP’s recommendations with regard to the statue for Council’s consideration as follows: (1) to remove the statue from the Courthouse lawn and place it in a more appropriate setting; to commission a group of Talbot County Citizens to discuss the erection of a new statue that is inclusive of Union and Confederate soldiers; discussion also ensued regarding the addition of a statue to the Courthouse grounds depicting a Union soldier. Mr. Pack gave a brief history of the placement of the Talbot Boys statue on the Talbot County Courthouse grounds and the recognition of the Confederate soldiers as veterans by the U.S. Government in 1958. Council discussion ensued with the NAACP representatives and the Council agreed to take group’s recommendations under consideration.
- XIII. Work Session on Bill No. 1304 – The Council held a work session with members of the Talbot County Board of Electrical Examiners on Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room. The purpose of the work session was to further discuss the provisions outlined in Bill No. 1304, introduced on Tuesday, June 23, 2015. Council reviewed a comparison chart previously prepared by County Attorney, Michael Pullen, and discussion ensued with Board members, staff, and representatives of Middle Department Inspection Agency (M.D.I.A.) in attendance regarding permitting processes, inspection processes, renewal procedures, and duties of the members of the Board as currently defined and as proposed in Bill No. 1304. The public hearing on Bill No. 1304 was originally scheduled on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, but was rescheduled at the Council meeting on July 14, 2015 to Tuesday, August 11, 2015.
- XIV. Work Session on Draft Comprehensive Plan – Mary Kay Verdery, Planning Officer; Martin Sokolich, Long Range Planner; Jeremy Rothwell, Planner; Ray Clarke, County Engineer - The Council convened a work session with staff on Monday, August 3, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Talbot County Free Library to review the Matrix; the Matrix is the Council’s working document of revisions that one or more members requested be made to the draft Comprehensive Plan thus far and the Planning Commission’s recommendations to the proposed changes following their review of same at their meeting on Wednesday, July 1, 2015. Mr. Pack stated that the Matrix had been published on the County’s website, and the public had been encouraged to forward their comments to the Council; to date, no comments have been received. Prior to review of the Matrix, Mr. Sokolich provided an overview of the process for updating the Comprehensive Plan, beginning in 2011, which includes incorporating changes in State law since the last Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2005, particularly Senate Bill 236 (SB236), known as the septic bill or tier legislation. Mr. Clarke provided a PowerPoint presentation which outlined ongoing and recently completed upgrades to several wastewater treatment plants in Talbot County, the role of septic systems toward the contribution of nitrogen in our waterways, and the role extension of sewer service to

environmentally sensitive areas of the county would play in meeting the County’s Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) goals for the reduction of nitrogen. The Council then reviewed, discussed and took a straw vote on each item listed on the Matrix, requested additional amendments to the language of one or more items, or referred an item back to staff for more information. Mr. Pack stated that the purpose of the straw vote is to move the items from the Matrix to a working draft of the Comprehensive Plan for the Council. He stated that once the working draft has been completed, the document will be open for public comment. Due to time constraints, discussion of the Matrix will continue at the next work sessions scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Talbot County Free Library and Monday, August 17, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the Wye Oak Room at the Talbot County Community Center. Additional work sessions on the draft Comprehensive Plan will be scheduled as requested or needed.

- XV. Work Session on Draft Comprehensive Plan – Mary Kay Verdery, Planning Officer; Martin Sokolich, Long Range Planner; Jeremy Rothwell, Planner - The Council convened a work session with staff on Monday, August 10, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Talbot County Free Library to continue review, discussion and straw vote on each item listed on the Matrix, requested additional amendments to the language of one or more items, or referred an item back to staff for more information. The purpose of the straw vote on the items listed in the Matrix is to move the items from the Matrix to a working draft of the Comprehensive Plan for the Council; once the working draft has been completed the document will then be open for public comment. Discussion of the Matrix will continue at a work session scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the Wye Oak Room at the Talbot County Community Center. Additional work sessions on the draft Comprehensive Plan will be scheduled as requested or needed.

CASH STATEMENT 8/4/2015

BALANCE 7/28/2015	\$38,610,189.81
UHC CLAIMS THRU 7/28/2015	(6,848.50)
BOARD OF EDUCATION NON RECURRING APPROP 7/2015	(97,500.00)
BOARD OF EDUCATION 7/2015	(2,931,326.00)
INTEGRA CLAIMS THRU 7/27/2015	(31,868.15)
WELLS FARGO GOLF COURSE EQUIP LEASE 7/2015	(4,222.00)
TALBOT BANK/DEPOSIT TICKET ORDER	(273.37)
PR/QTRLY RED EXCISE TAX Q2/2015	(1,084.00)
STATE ADMIN BRD OF ELECTIONS PPE 7/21/2015	(8,292.27)
INTEGRA 8/2015	(17,053.08)
PAYROLL – FD/SS/MS WH 7/31/2015	(141,871.02)
SECUR DED	(5,249.30)
DEFERRED COMP DED	(9,967.18)
MD WH	(34,274.77)
PENSION DED	(31,361.89)
ACH TRANSFER	(12,711.75)
FLEX SPENDING ACCT	(40.00)
DEPOSITS	7,395,835.61
CHECKS	(1,612,616.61)
BALANCE 8/4/2015	<u>41,059,545.53</u>

AIRPORT ACCOUNTS

AIP-RUNWAY 4-22 EXTENSION ANALYSIS	--
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AIP37			16,762.37
AIP39			73,794.25
AIP40	BALANCE 7/28/2015	27,036.21	
	DEPOSITS	57,918.00	84,954.21
AIP41			33,793.67

AIRPORT ACCOUNTS TOTAL BALANCE 209,304.50

INVESTMENTS – CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>CERTIFICATE DATE</u>	<u>MATURITY DATE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		0.07%	18,000,000.00

TOTAL INVESTED \$18,000,000.00

PETTY CASH BALANCE \$8,570.00

GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS \$59,277,420.03

CASH STATEMENT 8/11/2015

BALANCE 8/4/2015 \$41,059,545.53

UHC CLAIMS THRU 8/4/2015	(7,554.53)
INTEGRA CLAMS THRU 8/3/2015	(18,335.87)
USDA/RURAL DEV/AIRPORT MTHLY BOND 8/2015	(1,304.00)
USDA/RURAL DEV/UTMC QTRLY BOND 8/2015	(2,832.30)
AIP40/TRANS LOCAL SHARE FROM GEN FUND	(6,433.78)

PAYROLL-FD/SS/MS WH 7/31/2015	(3,001.38)
DEFERRED COMP DED	(1,240.00)
MD WH	(587.65)
PENSION DED	(336.00)
FLEX SPENDING ACCT	(193.33)

DEPOSITS	6,636,303.34
CHECKS	(719,366.21)

BALANCE 8/11/2015 46,934,663.82

AIRPORT ACCOUNTS

AIP-RUNWAY 4-22 EXTENSION ANALYSIS		--
AIP37		16,762.37
AIP39		73,794.25
AIP40	BALANCE 8/4/2015	84,954.21
	TRANS FR GEN FUND	6,433.78
	CHECKS	(64,351.78)
AIP41		37,036.21
		33,793.67

AIRPORT ACCOUNTS TOTAL BALANCE 151,386.50

INVESTMENTS – CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>CERTIFICATE DATE</u>	<u>MATURITY DATE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		0.07%	18,000,000.00
TOTAL INVESTED			<u>\$18,000,000.00</u>
PETTY CASH BALANCE			<u>\$8,570.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS			<u>\$65,094,620.32</u>