



TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

County Council

MINUTES

July 23, 2019

Present – President Corey W. Pack, Vice President Chuck F. Callahan, Pete Leshner, Laura Price, County Manager R. Andrew Hollis, County Attorney Anthony Kupersmith. Councilman Frank Divilio and Assistant County Attorney Mary O'Donnell were absent.

- I. Agenda – Mr. Pack requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Agenda of Tuesday, July 23, 2019.
- II. Minutes – Mr. Pack requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Minutes of Tuesday, May 28, 2019 and Tuesday, June 11, 2019.
- III. Disbursements – Mr. Pack requested and received Council's unanimous consent for approval of the Disbursements of Tuesday, July 16, 2019 and Tuesday, July 23, 2019.
- IV. Presentation of Certificates of Commendation for Lifesaving Efforts in the Choptank River near Oxford, Maryland in November 2018 – Prior to presentation of the certificates of commendation, Clay Stamp, Director, Talbot County Department of Emergency Services, read a statement into the record of the account of an incident near Oxford in November 2018 which led to the successful rescue of three brothers from the cold waters of the Choptank River after their boat capsized. The statement commended the quick thinking and quick acting groups and individuals involved in the water rescue to avert what could have resulted in tragedy. Mr. Stamp then presented certificates of commendation to the 14 individuals involved in the lifesaving rescue. Council members expressed their appreciation to everyone for their team effort.
- V. Update by Maryland Environmental Service – Steve Tomczewski, Program Director, Environmental Operations, Maryland Environmental Service – Mr. Tomczewski provided the Council with information on activities at the former Mid-Shore Regional Landfill in Talbot County (Mid-Shore I) which closed in 2010; the facility now serves as a transfer station for Mid-Shore II. The information included tonnage of trash and other materials received at both Mid-Shore I and at Mid-Shore II in Ridgely, Caroline County. He briefed the Council on the recent repair of the tipping floor at Mid-Shore I which has been in operation for almost 30 years, and the logistics involved with continuing to receive trash while repairs were made. He stated that 80 million cubic feet of landfill gas was sold to Easton Utilities generating \$40,000 in revenue for Mid-Shore I's closure fund; Maryland Environmental Service and Easton Utilities share the carbon credits. With regard to Mid-Shore II, Mr. Tomczewski stated that phase 2 of 5 continues in Cell 2, and Cell 3 is anticipated to be completed by September; the 20-year surface mining permit for the Ackerman Farm adjacent to the Holly Road Homeowner Drop-off site is in progress; the wetland mitigation project on the Ackerman Farm is anticipated to be completed by October 2020. He stated that recycling product received by Mid-Shore Recycling remains consistent. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Tomczewski as various items were brought forward. Maryland Environmental Service will continue to update the Council on a regular or as-needed basis.

VI. Council Discussion of Talbot County Board of Elections Response to Easton Volunteer Fire Department's Denial of Space for the 2020 Presidential Primary Early Voting (Thursday, April 16, 2020 through Thursday, April 23, 2020) and the 2020 Presidential General Election Early Voting (Thursday, October 22, 2020 through Thursday, October 29, 2020) – Jeri Cook, Election Director; Members, Talbot County Election Board – Ms. Cook briefed the Council on recent security concerns expressed by the Easton Fire Department and the Talbot County Board of Elections with regard to early voting for the 2020 Presidential Primary and General Election; specifically voter safety when firefighters are responding to a call and trying to gain access to their equipment and with members of the fire department walking through the polling location to get to their equipment and in doing so, must walk behind voters as they are trying to vote. Ms. Cook stated that following discussion with representatives of Easton Fire Department, the Board of Elections had received a letter from the Department denying use of the early voting site for the 2020 election. She stated that since Easton has 51% of the voting population in the county, the Easton Fire Department location is, in her opinion, an ideal location for voting since citizens are very familiar with the facility and the location. She stated that she had reached out to Mr. Pack, and after she and Mr. Pack had met with Fire Department Trustees, it was agreed that the Board of Elections would use the bingo hall instead of the bay area of the Easton Fire Department facility. Ms. Cook expressed her appreciation to the Easton Volunteer Fire Department and to Mr. Pack for their assistance in reaching an amicable resolution quickly. Ms. Cook stated that the Talbot County Board of Education had agreed to close schools to students for Election Day 2020. Council discussion ensued with Ms. Cook and members of the Board of Elections in attendance. Ms. Cook will provide another update prior to early voting for the 2020 election.

VII. Public Hearings:

Resolution No. 276, A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXECUTION OF A LEASE OF APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED SIXTY (360) SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE INSIDE THE TERMINAL AT THE EASTON AIRPORT, 29137 NEWNAM ROAD, EASTON, MARYLAND 21601, TO FLIGHT SUPPORT SERVICES, LLC, D/B/A MARYLAND AIR, FOR A TERM OF FIVE (5) YEARS WITH BASE RENT OF SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$700.00) PER MONTH WITH THE RIGHT TO RENEW FOR UP TO ONE (1) ADDITIONAL FIVE (5) YEAR TERM was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for public hearing. Prior to the public hearing, Micah Risher, Manager, Easton Airport, stated that Maryland Air is a long time tenant at the Airport who wishes to lease additional space to expand their business. The public was then afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved Resolution No. 276 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye (via Absentee Ballot)
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

Resolution No. 276 is effective immediately.

Resolution No. 277, A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXECUTION OF A LEASE OF APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED-EIGHTY (180) SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE INSIDE THE TERMINAL AT THE EASTON AIRPORT, 29137 NEWNAM ROAD, EASTON, MARYLAND 21601, TO THOMAS M. ROSENTHAL, M.D., FOR A TERM OF FIVE (5) YEARS WITH BASE RENT OF THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) PER MONTH, WHICH SPACE SHALL BE USED BY DR. ROSENTHAL TO PROVIDE AVIATION MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS TO PILOTS OPERATING AT THE AIRPORT was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for public hearing. Prior to the public hearing, Micah Risher, Manager, Easton Airport, stated that having an aviation medical

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examiner located in the Airport terminal will be of great benefit to the Airport community and will bring other pilots to Easton Airport. The public was then afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved the Resolution by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye (via Absentee Ballot)
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

Resolution No. 277 is effective immediately.

Bill No. 1418, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE CONNECTION OF BAR NECK AND FAIRBANK COMMUNITIES TO THE REGION V (TILGHMAN) WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Bill No. 1419, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A BELT FILTER PRESS TO UPGRADE THE REGION II (ST. MICHAELS) WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Bill No. 1420, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE RENOVATION OF CLASSROOMS AT THE EASTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DOBSON BUILDING FOR THE EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM

Bill No. 1421, A BILL TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW EASTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Bill No. 1422, A BILL TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND UPGRADES OF GOLDSBOROUGH NECK ROAD AND AIRPORT ROAD

Bill No. 1423, A BILL TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE DREDGING OF KNAPPS NARROWS AND DOGWOOD HARBOR, TILGHMAN, MARYLAND

Bill No. 1424, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF LAND FOR FUTURE COUNTY PURPOSES

Bill No. 1425, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A PUBLIC LANDING MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Bill No. 1426, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR SANITARY DISTRICT REGION I (UNIONVILLE, TUNIS MILLS, COPPERVILLE) AND REGION II (ROYAL OAK, NEWCOMB, BELLEVUE AND ST. MICHAELS) PUMP STATION UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS

Bill No. 1427, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RECYCLING STATION FOR THE BAY HUNDRED AREA

Bill No. 1428, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE IMPROVEMENTS TO REESES LANDING

Bill No. 1429, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE WEST AREA OF THE REGION II (ST. MICHAELS) WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AREA

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Bill No. 1430, A BILL TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE REGION II (ST. MICHAELS) SEWER REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENTS

Bill No. 1431, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A REGION V (TILGHMAN) WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FEASIBILITY STUDY

Bill No. 1432, A BILL TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION FOR PARKING EXPANSION AT BROOKLETTS PLACE, THE TALBOT COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

Bill No. 1433, A BILL TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE DREDGING OF TONGERS BASIN, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BOAT SLIPS, AND FOR THE REPAIR AND/OR REPLACEMENT OF THE BULKHEAD AT TONGERS BASIN, TILGHMAN, MARYLAND, were brought forward for public hearing. Finance Director, Angela Lane, stated that all the bills are part of capital enabling legislation for projects approved in the FY2020 Budget adopted by the Council. She stated that Section 213 of the Talbot County Charter requires that each capital project have its own legislation. Ms. Lane read each of the bills into the record and the public was afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved moving Bill Nos. 1418 through 1433 to third reader by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

Upon motion by Ms. Price, and no objection by the Council, a full reading of the bills was waived.

The Council approved Bill No. 1418, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE CONNECTION OF BAR NECK AND FAIRBANK COMMUNITIES TO THE REGION V (TILGHMAN) WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye (via Absentee Ballot)
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1419, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A BELT FILTER PRESS TO UPGRADE THE REGION II (ST. MICHAELS) WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye (via Absentee Ballot)
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1420, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE RENOVATION OF CLASSROOMS AT THE EASTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DOBSON BUILDING FOR THE EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM, by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio –Aye (via Absentee Ballot)
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshar – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1421, A BILL TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW EASTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye (via Absentee Ballot)
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshar – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1422, A BILL TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND UPGRADES OF GOLDSBOROUGH NECK ROAD AND AIRPORT ROAD, by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye (via Absentee Ballot)
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshar – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1423, A BILL TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE DREDGING OF KNAPPS NARROWS AND DOGWOOD HARBOR, TILGHMAN, MARYLAND, by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio –Aye (via Absentee Ballot)
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshar – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1424, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF LAND FOR FUTURE COUNTY PURPOSES, by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio –Aye (via Absentee Ballot)
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshar – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1425, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A PUBLIC LANDING MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye (via Absentee Ballot)
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1426, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR SANITARY DISTRICT REGION I (UNIONVILLE, TUNIS MILLS, COPPERVILLE) AND REGION II (ROYAL OAK, NEWCOMB, BELLEVUE AND ST. MICHAELS) PUMP STATION UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS, by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye (via Absentee Ballot)
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1427, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RECYCLING STATION FOR THE BAY HUNDRED AREA, by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

Mr. Divilio did not cast a vote.

The Council approved Bill No. 1428, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE IMPROVEMENTS TO REESES LANDING, by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye (via Absentee Ballot)
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1429, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE WEST AREA OF THE REGION II (ST. MICHAELS) WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AREA, by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye (via Absentee Ballot)
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1430, A BILL TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE REGION II (ST. MICHAELS) SEWER REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENTS, by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye (via Absentee Ballot)
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1431, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A REGION V (TILGHMAN) WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FEASIBILITY STUDY, by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye (via Absentee Ballot)
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1432, A BILL TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION FOR PARKING EXPANSION AT BROOKLETTS PLACE, THE TALBOT COUNTY SENIOR CENTER, by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye (via Absentee Ballot)
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1433, A BILL TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE DREDGING OF TONGERS BASIN, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BOAT SLIPS, AND FOR THE REPAIR AND/OR REPLACEMENT OF THE BULKHEAD AT TONGERS BASIN, TILGHMAN, MARYLAND, by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye (via Absentee Ballot)
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

Bill Nos. 1418 through 1433 will become effective as provided for in the legislation.

- VIII. Council Consideration of Traffic Advisory Committee Recommendation of Request for Temporary Road Closure of Three Bridge Branch Road for Chesapeake Bay Balloonfest (Friday, August 2, 2019 and Saturday, August 3, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and on Sunday, August 4, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.) – Mike Mertaugh, Assistant County Engineer – Mr. Mertaugh stated that the Traffic Advisory Committee had recently met to consider a request for a temporary road closure of Three Bridge Branch Road for the upcoming Balloonfest event the weekend of Friday, August 2, 2019 through Sunday, August 4, 2019. He stated that the Committee recommends closure of the road for two (2) hours prior to and after the event each day. Council discussion ensued regarding proposed conditions under which the event could proceed. Ms. Price made a motion that monies owed in arrears by the event provider be paid prior to this year's event or the road will not be closed, and that this year's costs must be paid within 60 days of the event or interest will begin to accrue. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Mertaugh and Mr. Leshner seconded Ms. Price's motion. Ms. Price requested to amend her motion as follows: (1) that monies owed

in arrears be paid by the close of business on Friday, July 26, 2019; (2) that site plans for the event must be in and complete by Friday, July 26, 2019, one week prior to this year's scheduled event or the event will not go forward; and (3) payment for costs associated with this year's event must be paid within 60 days or interest will accrue at 1.5% per month. Council discussion again ensued with Mr. Mertaugh and Ms. Leshler seconded Ms. Price's amended motion. The Council approved temporary closure of Three Bridge Branch Road for the dates and times as presented, with the conditions outlined, by voting 3 – 1 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Nay
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshler - Aye

IX. County Manager's Report:

A. Bid No. 19-04, DREDGING OF DOGWOOD HARBOR AND TONGERS BASIN WITH DREDGED MATERIAL BEING PLACED IN THE DOGWOOD FARM DREDGE MATERIAL PLACEMENT SITE TILGHMAN ISLAND, TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND – Requested Council approval of the County Engineer's recommendation to award Bid No. 19-04 to Dissen and Juhn, LLC, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in the sum of \$385,240.00; funding for the project will come from \$200,000 in Maryland Department of Natural Resources Waterway Improvement Grants and local funding. Council discussion ensued with Ray Clarke, County Engineer. The Council approved the award as recommended by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshler – Aye

B. Request for Reconsideration – Replacement of Back Creek Park Playground – Tilghman, Maryland – Requested Council reconsideration of funding for replacement of the playground at Back Creek Park in Tilghman by utilizing Contingency Funds in the sum of \$120,000. Preston Peper, Director, Talbot County Department of Parks and Recreation, stated that the playground was recently removed for safety concerns due to its age. He stated that the item was removed from the FY2020 Parks and Recreation Capital Outlay Budget Board since there is a playground located at Tilghman Elementary School. A motion was made by Mr. Callahan to use \$120,000 in Contingency Funds to replace the Back Creek Park playground; there was no second and the motion failed.

C. Request from Talbot County Roads Department – Requested Council approval of the Roads Department's request to purchase two (2) Freightliner dump trucks with plows from Johnson Truck Center in the sum of \$206,510 each; said purchase will be made under a Maryland State Highway Administration contract utilizing funds in the Department's FY2020 Budget. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Mr. Leshler, the Council approved purchase of the dump trucks by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshler – Aye

- D. Request for Letter of Support from Eastern Shore Land Conservancy - Requested Council approval for a letter of support to the Maryland Agricultural Education Rural Development Assistance Fund (MAERDAF) for grant funding for the Eastern Shore Climate Adaptation Partnership; if approved, the grant funding will be used for regional planning related to disaster preparedness and resilience; it is an in-kind contribution of staff time; no County funds are required. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved forwarding a letter of support by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

- E. Request for Letter of Support – Knapps Narrows Bridge Enhancement Project – Requested Council approval of a request by a group of Tilghman residents for a letter of support for placement of a mural on the Knapps Narrows Drawbridge in order to enhance tourism and visitor experience. Mr. Hollis stated that the citizens making the request have indicated that the Maryland State Highway Administration is supportive of the project. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved forwarding a letter in support of the project by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

- F. Talbot County Ethics Commission – Requested Council approval for the appointment of James Bell to a three-year term on the Talbot County Ethics Commission; said term will expire on July 1, 2022. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved the appointment by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

- G. Talbot County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of Jeff Parks to a four-year term on the Talbot County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board as a representative of the Town of Easton; said term will expire on July 1, 2023. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved the reappointment by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

- H. Talbot County Department of Social Services Board of Directors – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of Mary Gregorio and Rabbi Peter Hyman to three-year terms

on the Department of Social Services Board of Directors; requested Council approval for the appointment of Brenda Wooden, Rosalee Potter, Sarah Cloxton, and Heather Plutschak to three-year terms on the Department of Social Services Board of Directors; said terms will expire on June 30, 2022. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved the reappointments and appointments by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

- I. Thank You to Talbot County Free Library – Mr. Hollis expressed his appreciation to the Talbot County Free Library in Easton for remaining open during the past weekend to serve as a cooling center for members of the community.

X. Council Comments:

- Mr. Leshner – Mr. Leshner congratulated Harold Baines on his induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame and expressed his appreciation for Mr. Baines’ remarks encouraging everyone to give back to the community. Mr. Leshner offered condolences to the family of Joe Hickey who recently lost his life at an intersection on the north side of Easton. He stated that Mr. Hickey relied on bicycle transportation to get to and from work and around the community. He stated that, in his opinion, we need to work with the State Highway Administration and others to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety at that location. Mr. Leshner concluded his comments by stating that Joe was a valued member of the community, had a big and generous heart, and he will be missed.
- Ms. Price – Ms. Price concurred with Mr. Leshner’s comments regarding Mr. Baines. She stated that the Council had recognized Mr. Baines several months ago and, in her opinion, he is a wonderful, humble man, and to watch his speech was very neat. She stated that she is looking forward to seeing him again in August at the National Night Out. Ms. Price expressed her condolences to the family of Oxford Fire Chief John Fox. She stated that the Foxes lived down the street from her family when she was a child and that even though she did not see John very often except at fire department events, you never forget childhood friendships and the people you grew up with. Ms. Price concluded her comments by stating that her heart goes out to his family and to everybody who loved him.
- Mr. Callahan - Mr. Callahan echoed his colleagues’ comments about Harold Baines. He stated that, in his opinion, it is a phenomenal accomplishment for himself, Talbot County, and St. Michaels, and something all of us should be proud of. Mr. Callahan stated that he wished Mr. Baines’ father were here. Mr. Callahan stated that Joe Hickey was special to him and to a lot of people. He stated that two of Mr. Hickey’s family members, his brother and his niece work for him, and his tragic loss has really affected his employees. He stated that Mr. Hickey was going to Channel Marker, as he had done for 20 or 25 years, when the accident happened. He stated that his death is a huge loss for his family and for Talbot County. Mr. Callahan stated that anyone wanting to express their condolences can do so tomorrow evening at Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in Easton from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; funeral services will be held on Friday at 11:00 a.m. in Oxford. Mr.

Callahan offered Council's assistance to the family, if needed. He stated that, in his opinion, John Fox was a great guy, a great business guy, and was way, way too young to leave us. He stated that he liked John a lot, he was a character, was fun, and he will miss him a lot. He stated that Mr. Fox was a pillar of the community and, in his opinion, we've lost too many pillars of the community. Mr. Callahan concluded his comments by stating that every time he goes into the Acme parking lot he will be thinking of Joe who would run to his truck wanting to know how his brother was which set a precedent on how kind Joe was and we're all going to miss him.

Mr. Pack - Mr. Pack stated that he did not know Mr. Hickey personally; his interactions with him were at Acme where Mr. Hickey would see him coming and call out his name and go into a concern or question he had. Mr. Pack stated that, in his opinion, Mr. Hickey was always a lighthearted gentle soul. He stated that he happened to be in Acme when the news was delivered that a member of their staff had been involved in a fatal crash but he did not know it was Joe until he saw his picture in the paper. He stated that Joe will be missed and offered thoughts and prayers to his family. Mr. Pack stated that our Emergency Services Department has been very, very busy this year and he encouraged everyone to be careful and to watch out for each other in traffic. He stated that, in his opinion, Harold Baines' induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame could not have happened to a nicer guy. He stated that it is hard for designated hitters to get into the Hall of Fame since they don't really play the field and noted that Mr. Baines was inducted on the first ballot. He stated that the Council would be seeing him in St. Michaels on August 6th for their second annual National Night Out. He encouraged everyone to come to the St. Michaels event and to attend the National Night Out event in Easton as well.

XI. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council voted to adjourn and to reconvene on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room for a work session with County Engineer, Ray Clarke, on the feasibility analysis for proposed extension of sewer service to the Ferry Point area; and at 5:30 p.m. for a Joint Meeting with the Talbot County Board of Education in the Meeting Room at the Talbot County Free Library; to reconvene on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in Open Session and immediately adjourn into Closed Session for discussion of legal, personnel and real estate matters as listed on the statement for closing the meeting; and to reconvene on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in Open Session and immediately adjourn into Closed Session for discussion of legal, personnel and real estate matters as listed on the statement for closing the meeting, and for the regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

The meeting recessed at 7:55 p.m.

The transcript of the July 23, 2019 County Council meeting is available for review in the Office of the Talbot County Manager during regular office hours.

XII. Summary of Closed Session Held on Tuesday, July 23, 2019:

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

Time of closed session: 5:03 p.m. to 5:55 p.m.
 Place of closed session: County Council Conference Room
 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: Pack, Callahan, Leshner, Price
 Members opposed: None
 Abstaining: None

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	Persons present	Action taken
Discuss appointments to various County boards and committees	GP § 3-305(b)(1)	Chuck Callahan, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Andy Hollis, Jessica Morris, Anthony Kupersmith	None
Discuss possible acquisition of real estate for a public purpose (Elk's Lodge property and Leeds Creek bridge easements)	GP § 3-305(b)(3)	Same as above	None

CASH STATEMENT 7/16/2019

BALANCE 7/09/2019	5,458,856.26
TOTAL ADP PAYROLL PPE 6/30/2019	(625,120.52)
DEFERRED COMP DED PPE 6/28/2019	(18,545.87)
PENSION DED PPE 6/28/2019	(37,599.12)
SECU DED PPE 6/28/2019	(3,378.66)
DEFERRED COMP DED PPE 6/28/2019 PLAN 401(A)	(6,715.75)
ELECTION BOARD PPE 6/4/2019	(8,790.55)
CIGNA CLAIMS THRU 7/8/2019	(35,036.31)
CIGNA CLAIMS THRU 7/11/2019	(148,367.61)
POSTAGE WIRE	(3,000.00)

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USDA/RD MTHLY BOND PYMT #97-08	(1,304.00)
RETIREMENT GIFT CARD FRAMPTON & THOMAS	(500.00)
STATE REPORT 6/2019	(1,405.03)
STOP PAYMENT CHARGE/CHECK # 333347	(35.00)

DEPOSITS	3,620,384.49
CHECKS	(543,534.11)
VOIDED CHECK(S) #331828	7,040.15

BALANCE 7/16/2019	<u>7,652,948.37</u>
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INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		2.36%	20,500,000.00
1880 BANK			10,086,480.78

TOTAL INVESTED	<u>30,586,480.78</u>
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PETTY CASH BALANCE	<u>15,570.00</u>
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<u>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>	<u>38,254,999.15</u>
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CASH STATEMENT 7/23/2019

BALANCE 7/16/2019	7,652,948.37
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CIGNA CLAIMS THRU 7/15/2019	(30,216.75)
WELLNESS/PRE-PAID USA REWARD CARDS	(7,261.23)
WF/GF EQUIPMENT LEASE PYMT	(4,092.00)
RETURNED CHECK #2366	(1,680.00)
INTEREST ON ACCOUNTS 6/2019	15,371.62
BANK CHARGES 6/2019	(3,317.34)

DEPOSITS	12,580,543.63
CHECKS	(1,134,368.39)
VOIDED CHECK(S) #331813	14,000.00

BALANCE 7/23/2019

19,081,927.91

INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		2.34%	20,500,000.00
1880 BANK			10,086,480.78
TOTAL INVESTED			<u>30,586,480.78</u>
PETTY CASH			<u>15,570.00</u>
BALANCE			
<u>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>			<u>49,683,978.69</u>