



# Talbot County, Maryland



Easton, Maryland

MINUTES

November 13, 2012

Present – Vice President R. Andrew Hollis, Dirck K. Bartlett, Thomas G. Duncan, Laura E. Price, County Manager John C. Craig, and County Attorney Michael Pullen. President Corey W. Pack was absent.

- I. Agenda – Agenda of November 13, 2012 was approved upon motion by Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Duncan, with the Council voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Hollis – Aye  
Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Duncan – Aye

- II. Minutes – The Minutes of October 23, 2012 were brought forward for approval. Ms. Price requested that her title be corrected from Mr. Price to Ms. Price on page 5 under Council Comments. Upon motion by Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Duncan, the Council approved the Minutes of October 23, 2012, as amended, by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Hollis – Aye  
Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Duncan – Aye

- III. Disbursements – Disbursement of October 30, 2012, November 6, 2012 and November 13, 2012 were approved upon motion by Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Duncan, with the Council voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Hollis – Aye  
Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Duncan – Aye

- IV. Update on Allied Health Building and Athletics Facility at Chesapeake College – Dr. Barbara Viniar, President, Chesapeake College; Mike Kilgus, Vice President for Administrative Services, Chesapeake College – Dr. Viniar and Mr. Kilgus briefed the Council on proposed plans for the new Center for Allied Health and Athletics Building at Chesapeake College. They provided a PowerPoint presentation depicting the architect's conceptual design of options for use of the planned floor space, including 4,840 more square footage of space than submitted in the original Program Statement to the State. Dr. Viniar stated that the extra square footage is being requested in order to accommodate additional specific laboratory and training space not incorporated in the original Program Statement but deemed necessary to keep pace with ever changing technology in the nursing field. Dr. Viniar emphasized that if the additional square footage is approved by the State, the participating counties' financial contribution toward construction of the proposed building will not be affected. Council discussion ensued with Dr. Viniar and Mr. Kilgus on the proposed plans for the Allied Health Building. Chesapeake College will continue to update the Council as the project moves forward. Council discussion also ensued with the representatives regarding recent correspondence from Caroline and Dorchester Counties relating to the respective counties' plan to request legislative changes to the process for approval of capital projects at Chesapeake College; current legislation

authorizes the approval of capital projects by a majority of the counties; Caroline and Dorchester Counties have indicated they will be requesting a change to the legislation requiring that a four-fifths, or super majority of the participating counties, must approve capital projects. Caroline and Dorchester Counties have also indicated they plan to request that legislation be considered which would require the Governor to make appointments to the Board of Trustees from a list of candidates provided by each county, with the advice and consent of the House of Delegates; the current process provides an opportunity for any citizen to submit nominations for the Governor's consideration, including for themselves. The Council indicated they would be discussing the matter with the local delegation later in the day.

- V. Update on Homestead Tax Credit Eligibility Application Program – Angela Lane, Finance Director – Ms. Lane briefed the Council on the Homestead Tax Credit which limits the amount of assessment increase eligible homeowners pay on their property taxes and is a credit given to eligible homeowners on property taxes for their primary residence in the county in which they live. She stated that despite increases in properties' assessments, Talbot County has limited the amount of the taxable assessment increase to 0% since 1992. Ms. Lane stated that in order to be eligible to receive, or continue to receive, the Homestead Tax Credit, an application must be filed with the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation by December 31, 2012; she then outlined the online process for filing an application, as mandated by the Maryland General Assembly since 2007. To date, approximately 3,420 Talbot County taxpayers have not filed for a Homestead Tax Credit eligibility application. Applications for the Homestead Credit may be obtained online on the Department of Assessments and Taxation website at <http://dat.state.md.us>, or at the Talbot County Finance Office. Access Numbers, required for filing online, may be obtained by calling 410-767-2165 in the Baltimore Metropolitan area, or 1-866-650-8783 for other locations in Maryland. Ms. Lane stated that the County has requested that the Department of Assessments and Taxation forward a letter to each taxpayer who has not yet filed an eligibility application to help ensure that those homeowners who are eligible for the Homestead Tax Credit are aware that they must file an application before December 31, 2012. She emphasized that individuals who fail to file before the deadline will receive higher tax bills in July 2013, with no exceptions. At Council's request, Ms. Lane will contact WCEI and MCTV to publicize the matter. Information on the Homestead Tax Credit Eligibility Application Program will be posted on the homepage of the County's website at [www.talbotcountymd.gov](http://www.talbotcountymd.gov).

- VI. Introduction of Administrative Resolution:

AN ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTION TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE AIRPORT MANAGER, WITH THE ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE AIRPORT BOARD AND SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY MANAGER, TO LEASE OR GRANT ANY LEASEHOLD RIGHT OR INTEREST IN THE AIRPORT AND TO ESTABLISH ANY CHARGES, RENTALS, OR FEES FOR THE USE OF THE AIRPORT was not introduced.

- VII. Introduction of Legislation:

A BILL TO ADOPT A TIER CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM PURSUANT TO REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED IN *THE SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION ACT OF 2012* (SB 236) ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TO IMPLEMENT POLICIES OF THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND TO ADOPT A MAP TO CLASSIFY LAND IN THE COUNTY INTO ONE OF SEVEN TIER CLASSIFICATIONS THAT ESTABLISH THE TYPE OF SUBDIVISION AND THE KIND OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM PLANNED FOR EACH SUBDIVISION TYPE was brought forward for introduction. Prior to introduction, Sandy Coyman, Talbot County Planning Officer, stated that the purpose of the legislation is to serve as a companion bill to Bill No. 1227, A BILL TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 190, "ZONING, SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT", TO CREATE AND DEFINE SMALL SCALE SUBDIVISIONS, AND THEREBY MAINTAIN THE EXISTING DEVELOP-

MENT POTENTIAL OF PROPERTIES IN THE TIER IV MAP DESIGNATION UNDER *THE SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION ACT OF 2012* (SENATE BILL 236) ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY. Bill 1227 provides for a revised definition of minor and major subdivisions than are currently listed in the Talbot County Code; if approved, current land development rights in the Tier IV area would be maintained both under the provisions of the County Code and under the provisions of SB 236, under certain circumstances. The proposed legislation to adopt a four-tiered land classification system for the County, including a map for same, identifies areas planned for growth and development and whether those areas will be served by public sewerage systems or on-site wastewater treatment systems. Mr. Coyman stated that local jurisdictions are required by the State to adopt legislation incorporating the provisions of SB 236, including the tiered land use classification system, by December 31, 2012; he then outlined each of the four Tiers and sub-tiers within Tiers II and III. Mr. Coyman stated that the Planning Commission, at its meeting on November 7, 2012, had reviewed the draft as amended by staff following a work session with the County Council and advised that the Commission's recommendations had been incorporated into the maps as presented. A BILL TO ADOPT A TIER CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM PURSUANT TO REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED IN *THE SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION ACT OF 2012* (SB 236) ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TO IMPLEMENT POLICIES OF THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND TO ADOPT A MAP TO CLASSIFY LAND IN THE COUNTY INTO ONE OF SEVEN TIER CLASSIFICATIONS THAT ESTABLISH THE TYPE OF SUBDIVISION AND THE KIND OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM PLANNED FOR EACH SUBDIVISION TYPE was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hollis, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1229. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT TO PURCHASE LAND IDENTIFIED ON TAX MAP 34, PARCEL 36, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 41.431 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF ST. MICHAELS ROAD APPROXIMATELY ONE MILE FROM THE EASTON BYPASS was brought forward for introduction. Prior to introduction, County Attorney Michael Pullen stated that the purpose of the legislation is for the acquisition of land which will serve as a substitute for Program Open Space (POS) land adjacent to the Talbot County Community Center which has been offered to Shore Health System for the proposed relocation of the Memorial Hospital at Easton. The legislation was then introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hollis, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1230. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

VIII. Public Hearings:

Resolution No. 199, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER & SEWERAGE PLAN (THE "PLAN"), TABLE 18, "*OXFORD SEWERAGE SYSTEM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS*" TO ELIMINATE EARLIER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS PROPOSED THROUGH FY 2006, AND TO ADD A NEW CAPITAL PROJECT TO UPGRADE THE EXISTING WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT TO BIOLOGICAL NUTRIENT REMOVAL (BNR) STANDARDS, AND TO ENHANCED NUTRIENT REMOVAL (ENR) STANDARDS IF ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE was brought forward for public hearing. Prior to the public hearing, County Engineer Ray Clarke stated that the Planning Commission and the Public Works Advisory Board, at their respective meetings on October 3, 2012, had reviewed the application by the Town of Oxford to amend the County's Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan, had found the project to be consistent with the County Comprehensive Plan, and had each voted 5 - 0 to recommend approval of the resolution to the Council. Brynja Booth, Attorney for the Town of Oxford, stated that the Town of Oxford is requesting the amendment as it is the Town's intention to upgrade its existing wastewater treatment plant to BNR standards, and if feasible, to ENR standards so that the Town can continue to meet the requirements of its

discharge permit. Ms. Booth stated that incorporation of the amendment into the County's Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan would assist the Town of Oxford in its pursuit of funding for the project. Mr. Duncan made a motion to bring Resolution No. 199 to third reader but subsequently withdrew the motion following continued opportunity for the public to comment on the legislation. Resolution No. 199 is eligible for vote on Tuesday, November 27, 2012.

Bill No. 1228, A BILL TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL SALARY OF THE SHERIFF FOR TALBOT COUNTY TO BECOME EFFECTIVE FOR TERMS BEGINNING IN AND AFTER 2014 was brought forward for public hearing. Prior to the public hearing, County Attorney Michael Pullen stated that the purpose of the legislation is to set the Talbot County Sheriff's salary in 2014 and thereafter. He stated that the Sheriff is a State Constitutional Officer whose salary is authorized by legislation from the Maryland General Assembly to be set by the County. The public was afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Upon motion by Ms. Price, and no objection by the Council, Bill No. 1228 was brought to third reader. The Council approved Bill No. 1228 by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Hollis – Aye  
Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Duncan – Aye

Bill No. 1228 will become effective sixty (60) days after enacted for terms beginning in and after the year 2014.

IX. County Manger's Report:

- A. Talbot County Golf Board – Requested Council approval for the appointment of Jim Willey to the Talbot County Golf Board; said term will complete the unexpired term of Mark Cherwien and will expire July 1, 2014. Upon motion by Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved the appointment by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Hollis - Aye  
Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Duncan - Aye

- B. Talbot County Planning and Zoning Commission – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of Michael Sullivan to a five-year term on the Talbot County Planning and Zoning Commission; said appointment will expire at Midnight on December 2, 2017. Upon motion by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Bartlett, the Council approved the reappointment by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Hollis - Aye  
Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Duncan – Aye

- C. Talbot County Tourism Board – Requested Council approval for the appointment of Jean Weisman to a four-year term on the Talbot County Tourism Board as a representative from the Town of St. Michaels; said term will expire July 1, 2016. Upon motion by Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Duncan, the Council approved the appointment by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Hollis - Aye  
Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Duncan – Aye

- D. Request from Information Technology – Requested Council approval of the recommendation of the Director of Information Technology for the installation a 100 Mb link upgrade between the County Courthouse and the County Government Building at 215 Bay Street in the sum of \$19,320.00; said installation will be completed by Business Information Group (BIG) Wireless who has maintained the Talbot County Government Wireless network since 2002; funding for the upgrade will come from cost savings from the purchase of new servers as approved in the FY 2013 budget. Upon motion by Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Duncan, the Council approved the request by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Hollis - Aye  
Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Duncan – Aye

- E. Bid No. 12-15, TIMBER BULKHEAD MAINTENANCE REPAIRS – CUMMINGS CREEK PUBLIC LANDING – Requested Council approval of a recommendation from the Department of Public Works to award Bid No. 12-15 to the low bidder, Chesapeake Shoreline Restoration, Inc. in the sum of \$36,114.63; said cost will be funded by a Maryland Department of Natural Resources Waterway Improvement Grant; no County funds are required. Upon motion by Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Duncan, the Council approved the award by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Hollis - Aye  
Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Duncan – Aye

- F. Bid No. 12-16, REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN FOR TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND AND THE TOWNS OF EASTON, OXFORD, ST. MICHAELS AND TRAPPE – Requested Council approval of the Director of the Office of Economic Development and the Economic Development Commission to award Bid No. 12-16 to Sage Policy Group, Inc. in the sum of \$30,000; said project will be funded by a Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund (MEDAAF) Grant in the sum of \$15,000 and matching funds from Talbot County and the participating towns. Upon motion by Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved the award by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Hollis - Aye  
Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Duncan – Aye

X. Council Comments:

Ms. Price - No comments.

Mr. Duncan - No comments.

Mr. Bartlett- Mr. Bartlett congratulated the Waterfowl Festival on another successful event. He stated that although he had been unable to attend this year, he had heard that it had been great.

Mr. Hollis- Mr. Hollis expressed appreciation to all veterans for their service, including Council Member Duncan, and commended the Town of Easton and all groups which had held ceremonies for Veteran's Day.

XI. Upon motion by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council voted to adjourn to a 3:00 p.m. meeting with the local delegation in the Bradley Meeting Room to discuss the upcoming legislative session; a 4:00 p.m. meeting with representatives of the Maryland Department of Transportation and State Highway Administration in the Library Meeting Room, and a 5:15 p.m. Work Session with the Blue Ribbon Commission on Critical Area Buffer Regulations in the Bradley Meeting Room; to reconvene in Executive Session for discussion of legal, personnel and real estate matters, and to reconvene in Executive Session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday November 27, 2012 for discussion of legal, personnel, and real estate matters, and for the regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye  
Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Duncan - Aye

The meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

The transcript of the November 13, 2012 County Council meeting is available for review in the Office of the County Manager during regular office hours.

XII. On Thursday, November 1, 2012, an Executive Session of the Talbot County Council convened at 6:00 p.m. in the County Council Conference Room and the Bradley Meeting Room. Upon motion by Mr. Bartlett seconded by Ms. Price, the Council met in Executive Session by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Mr. Duncan – Aye  
Mr. Hollis – Aye  
Mr. Pack – Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye

In accordance with State Article § 10-508 (a)(1)(i)(3)(4)(7) the purpose of the Executive Session was for a personnel matter to discuss candidates for Director of Parks and Recreation vacancy; for a real estate matter to discuss possible acquisition of property for a public purpose; and for a legal/real estate matter for legal advice to discuss possible relocation of Memorial Hospital at Easton to County owned property and the timetable for same. The Executive Session ended at 7:20 p.m.

XIII. Work Session: Tier Maps for Maryland Senate Bill 236, Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012 - On Tuesday, November 1, 2012, the Council held a Work Session on Tier Maps for Maryland Senate Bill 236, *Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012*. Sandy Coyman, Planning Officer, and Mary Kay Verdery, Assistant Planning Officer, provided the Council with an overview of the proposed Tier maps for Talbot County. Mr. Coyman stated that the maps were developed by a subcommittee comprised of members of the Planning Commission and Public Works Advisory Board. Under the provisions of SB 236, the Tier maps, which classify land in the County into

one of several Tier classifications to establish the type of subdivision and wastewater treatment system planned for each subdivision type, are required to be developed and incorporated into the County's Comprehensive Plan by December 31, 2012. Mr. Coyman then outlined each of the proposed Tiers and Council discussion ensued. At Council's request, several sub-Tiers will also be included in the County's Tier classification system. The Council also requested that the maps include an overlay of the Priority Funding Areas with the County's Comprehensive Plan and a depiction of the current wastewater treatment plants. Legislation to adopt the Tier maps will be scheduled at a later date.

- XIV. On Tuesday, November 13, 2012, an Executive Session of the Talbot County Council convened at 12:35 p.m. in the County Council Conference Room and the Bradley Meeting Room. Upon motion by Mr. Hollis, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council met in Executive Session by voting 5 - 0 as follows:

Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Mr. Duncan – Aye  
Mr. Hollis – Aye  
Mr. Pack – Aye (via conference call)  
Ms. Price - Aye

In accordance with State Article § 10-508 (a)(1)(i)(3)(4)(7)(8) the purpose of the Executive Session was for personnel matters to discuss candidates for Director of Parks and Recreation vacancy, to discuss appointments to various County boards and committees, and to discuss Tourism Director vacancy; for real estate matters to discuss possible acquisition of property for a public purpose and to discuss possible disposal of County owned property; and for a legal/real estate matter for legal advice to discuss possible relocation of Memorial Hospital at Easton to County owned property and the timetable for same. The Executive Session recessed at 1:30 p.m., reconvened at 7:00 p.m. and ended at 7:25 p.m.

- XV. Annual Meeting with Local Delegation - The Talbot County Council held their annual meeting with members of the local delegation, Senator Richard Colburn and Delegate Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room; Delegate Adelaide Eckardt was unable to attend. The Council presented several issues of concern to the delegation including, (1) discussion of two bills which Caroline and Dorchester Counties have indicated they will be requesting the local delegation's assistance in introducing during the 2013 Legislative Session: (a) a bill requiring a supermajority (four fifths) vote of the Mid-Shore Counties supporting Chesapeake College to authorize major capital project debt at the College; and (b) a bill requiring that the Governor make appointments to the Chesapeake College Board of Trustees from a list of candidates provided by each county, with the advice and consent of the House of Delegates; (2) Proposed replacement of aging Public Safety Radio Communications System known as UMDES System owned by Caroline, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties; Clay Stamp, Director of Talbot County Emergency Services briefed the delegation on the option of partnering with the State of Maryland to build and operate a statewide radio communications system known as Maryland FIRST Network and the proposed creation of a Radio Control Board to manage the statewide network; (3) proposed re-introduction of pre-paid cell phone legislation which, if approved, would apply a 9-1-1 fee to pre-paid cell phones in Maryland in order to administer the 9-1-1 system within the 24 jurisdictions in Maryland; (4) salary legislation for Talbot County Sheriff – the Council advised the local delegation that the Council had introduced and approved legislation to establish the salary for the Sheriff for Talbot County beginning and after 2014; the legislation includes a provision that should an incumbent be re-elected, the salary will not reset. Council expressed their opinion that the County should retain authority to set the Sheriff's salary; (5) possible amendments to that portion of the State Ethics Law relating to financial reporting requirements for local elected officials, candidates for local elected office and School Board members; Council expressed their concerns that the current State Ethics Law is onerous and intrusive and discourages qualified candidates from seeking public office; and (7) recent petition from Senator Pipkin to the Maryland Health Care Commission requesting a change in the Commission's rules of

procedure which would give Queen Anne's and Caroline Counties interested party status in the pending Certificate of Need application by Shore Health System. Council requested the local delegation's support in keeping the new regional medical center at its current proposed location near the Talbot County Community Center. Council discussion ensued with members of the local delegation on the various matters brought forward. The meeting ended at 3:55 p.m.

XVI. Annual Consolidated Transportation Plan Meeting with Maryland Department of Transportation and State Highway Administration Officials – Darrell B. Mobley, Acting Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation; Beth Kreider, Director, Local Transit Support, Maryland Transit Administration; Sean Adgeron, Deputy Administrator, Operations, Motor Vehicle Administration; Melinda Peters, Administrator, State Highway Administration; Terry Wright, District Engineer, State Highway Administration; Ashish Solanki, Director, Office of Regional Aviation Assistance, Maryland Aviation Administration; Frank Hammond, Maryland Port Administration – Department of Transportation officials met with members of the Talbot County Council and the public at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 in the Meeting Room of the Talbot County Free Library. Acting Secretary Mobley thanked the Council for Talbot County's assistance in working with the State during Hurricane Sandy and for the patience of citizens when the Bay Bridge was closed during the hurricane. He stated that 18% of Maryland's Consolidated Transportation Program projects are funded with federal monies but advised that the funding does not include monies for any new projects and that State and federal revenues for CTP projects remain flat. Representatives of the various departments represented then provided a status report on several projects affecting Talbot County including, (1) the planned installation of guardrails from Rabbit Hill Road to Schwaninger Road; (2) Ms. Kreider stated that transit ridership continues to increase; she stated that Delmarva Community Transit, on behalf of Dorchester, Caroline and Talbot Counties had received approximately \$900,000 in funding for FY 2013; (3) Mr. Adgeron stated that the Motor Vehicle Administration is striving to implement as many services as possible outside the branch offices, including via phone and the Internet, kiosks, and email reminders for renewals; (4) Mr. Solanki stated Easton Airport is a cornerstone demonstrator of the economic impact of airports on local economies; Council expressed concern about the possible closure of the contract tower at Easton Airport should Sequestration occur in January, particularly with the construction of the Memorial Hospital at Easton to property adjacent to the Airport and the planned helipad for the site; (5) Ms. Peters thanked the County for its patience as the Rt. 50/301 overpass undergoes rehabilitation, adding that addressing safety concerns and preservation of the transportation system preservation are the No. 1 priorities of her department; she cited installation of crosswalks and the 511 Traffic System as safety initiatives; the 511 System provides live up-to-date traffic conditions, accidents, detours, closures, weather problems via cell phone or Internet. Mr. Wright briefed the Council on on-going or recently completed projects in Talbot County, including completion of the replacement of MD Rt. 328 Bridge over Tuckahoe Creek; removal of the old bridge is anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2013; the completion of the design for the replacement of the Rt. 331 Dover Bridge; right-of-way acquisition is anticipated to be funded in the near future; funding for construction has not yet been appropriated; dualization of MD Rt. 404 is on-going as funding permits. Council discussion ensued with the representatives over various projects. The meeting ended at 5:10 p.m.

XVII. Work Session: Blue Ribbon Commission on Critical Area Buffer Regulations – Gene Slear, Chairman; Bruce Armistead, Member, Blue Ribbon Commission on Critical Area Buffer Regulations; Sandy Coyman, Planning Officer, Mary Kay Verdery, Assistant Planning Officer – The Council held a work session with the Blue Ribbon Commission on Critical Area Buffer Regulations in the Bradley Meeting Room. Mr. Armistead stated that the Blue Ribbon Commission was appointed by the Council to address concerns expressed by County citizens that the Critical Area planting regulations were onerous to homeowners. He stated that the recommendations being presented attempt to address those concerns while still focusing on the improvement of water quality. Mr. Slear presented the Commission's recommendations of goals, objectives, and policies for possible inclusion in the County's Local Critical Area Program through modification of various components of Maryland's Critical Area Program; a Local Critical Area Program,



subject to review and approval of the Critical Area Commission, is mandated by State Critical Area Law. Mr. Slear also presented the Commission’s proposed changes to current Critical Area law and provided various scenarios for accomplishing water quality improvement goals implemented by the Critical Area Commission. At Council’s request, members of the Commission and staff will meet with the Critical Area Commission to ascertain their feedback on the proposed Local Critical Area Program; once the Critical Area Commission has had an opportunity to review the proposed Program, the Blue Ribbon Commission will again meet with the Council.

**CASH STATEMENT 10/30/2012**

<b>BALANCE 10/23/2012</b>			\$20,921,169.38
UHC CLAIMS THRU 10/23/2012			(25,285.76)
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS PPE 10/2/2012			(4,785.16)
TALBOT COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITY BONDS OF 2012			(179,915.00)
PAYROLL –FD/SS/MS WH 10/26/2012			(104,495.81)
SECUR DED			(8,059.19)
DEFERRED COMP DED			(9,872.72)
MD WH			(27,840.30)
PENSION DED			(27,829.29)
ACH TRANSFER			(10,221.75)
FLEX SPENDING ACCT			(2,369.42)
DEPOSITS			1,617,073.45
CHECKS			(761,225.91)
VOID CHECK NO.S 278002			225.00
<b>BALANCE 10/30/2012</b>			<b><u>\$21,376,567.52</u></b>
<b><u>AIRPORT ACCOUNTS</u></b>			
AIP-RUNWAY 4-22 EXTENSION ANALYSIS			--
AIP-34			15,304.15
AIP-35			36,285.84
AIP36			8,535.74
AIP37			379.89
AIP38			3,612.00
<b>AIRPORT ACCOUNTS TOTAL BALANCE</b>			<b><u>\$64,117.62</u></b>
<b>INVESTMENTS – CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT</b>			
<u>CERTIFICATE DATE</u>	<u>MATURITY DATE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
12/20/2011	12/20/12	0.37%	3,000,000.00
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		0.14%	18,000,000.00
<b>TOTAL INVESTED</b>			<b><u>\$21,000,000.00</u></b>
<b>PETTY CASH BALANCE</b>			<b><u>\$8,320.00</u></b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>			<b><u>\$42,449,005.14</u></b>

**CASH STATEMENT 11/7/2012**

<b>BALANCE 10/30/2012</b>	\$21,376,567.52
UHC CLAIMS THRU 10/30/2012	(15,594.72)
BOARD OF EDUCATION 10/2012	(2,860,960.00)
RETURNED CHECKS	(220.63)
INTEGRA 11/2012	(14,077.76)
TRANSFER LOCAL SHARE TO AIP35	(1,500.00)
PAYROLL-FD/SS/MS WH 11/2/2012	(3,046.26)
MD WH	(597.71)
PENSION DED	(252.00)
FLEX SPENDING ACCT	(150.00)
DEPOSITS	1,368,136.22
CHECKS	(447,792.08)
VOID CHECK NO. 279227	289.00
<b>BALANCE 11/7/2012</b>	<b><u>\$19,400,801.58</u></b>

**AIRPORT ACCOUNTS**

AIP-RUNWAY 4-22 EXTENSION ANALYSIS	--
AIP-34	15,304.15
AIP-35	
BALANCE	\$36,285.84
DEPOSITS	56,999.00
TRANS FR GEN FUND	1,500.00
CHECKS	(59,999.61)
AIP-36	34,785.23
BALANCE	8,535.74
DEPOSITS	18,344.00
AIP-37	26,879.74
BALANCE	379.89
DEPOSITS	1,504.00
AIP-38	1,883.89
BALANCE	3,612.00
DEPOSITS	13,524.00
CHECKS	(3,479.74)
<b>AIRPORT ACCOUNTS TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$92,509.27</u></b>

**INVESTMENTS – CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT**

<u>CERTIFICATE DATE</u>	<u>MATURITY DATE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
12/20/2011	12/20/12	0.37%	3,000,000.00
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		0.14%	18,000,000.00
<b>TOTAL INVESTED</b>			<b><u>\$21,000,000.00</u></b>

<b>PETTY CASH BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$8,320.00</u></b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b><u>\$40,501,630.85</u></b>

**CASH STATEMENT 11/13/2012**

<b>BALANCE 11/7/2012</b>	\$19,400,801.58
UHC CLAIMS THRU 11/7/2012	(53,208.70)
UTMC QUARTERLY BOND PAYMENT	(2,833.00)
RETURNED CHECKS	(5,529.47)
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS PPE 10/16/2012	(4,785.18)
STATE REPORT 10/2012	(345,910.94)
TRANS LOCAL SHARE TO AIP34&AIP36	(31,404.45)
PAYROLL –FD/SS/MS WH 11/9/2012	(106,610.36)
SECU DED	(8,081.39)
DEFERRED COMP DED	(9,872.72)
MD WH	(28,106.42)
PENSION DED	(27,745.50)
ACH TRANSFER	(10,121.75)
FLEX SPENDING ACCT	(2,391.09)
DEPOSITS	877,173.61
CHECKS	(868,282.41)
<b>BALANCE 11/13/2012</b>	<b><u>\$18,773,091.81</u></b>

**AIRPORT ACCOUNTS**

AIP-RUNWAY 4-22 EXTENSION ANALYSIS	--
AIP-34	
BALANCE	15,304.15
TRANS FR GEN FUND	29,241.00
CHECKS	(29,241.00)
	15,304.15
AIP-35	34,785.23
AIP36	
BALANCE	26,879.74
TRANS FR GEN FUND	2,163.45
CHECKS	(2,163.45)
	26,879.74
AIP37	1,883.89
AIP38	13,656.26
<b>AIRPORT ACCOUNTS TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$92,509.27</u></b>

**INVESTMENTS – CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT**

<u>CERTIFICATE DATE</u>	<u>MATURITY DATE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
12/20/2011	12/20/12	0.37%	3,000,000.00
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL			18,000,000.00

<b>TOTAL INVESTED</b>	<b><u>\$21,000,000.00</u></b>
<b>PETTY CASH BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$8,320.00</u></b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b><u>\$39,873,921.08</u></b>