

COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

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1 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS 2 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We'll go ahead and 4 get started. I want to welcome everybody. 5 If we could please stand. We're going to 6 do the Pledge of Allegiance of the Flag and the 7 Prayer. 8 (Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.) 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Let's go ahead and 10 get started on the agenda. So the agenda has 11 been before us. Is there any additions, 12 deletions, or corrections to the agenda, 13 Council? 14 MR. STEPP: Mr. President, I have two, if 15 we may. 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. 17 MR. STEPP: First, I've got one addition 18 and one deletion, if I could. 19 Under the addition, could I put a note 20 under county manager's report for Public Works 21 for purchase of some needed pumps?	1 taken a look at those. And is there any 2 deletions, addition, or corrections to the 3 minutes? None. Okay. Hearing none, the chair 4 moves that the minutes be accepted as unanimous 5 consent. 6 Next is the disbursements of July 7th and 7 July 14th. Once again, we've taken a look at 8 it. Is there any additions, deletions, or 9 corrections to the disbursements, Council? 10 Okay. Hearing none, the chair moves that the 11 disbursements be accepted as unanimous consent. 12 Okay. 13 First on the agenda is behavioral health. 14 Katie, you want to come on up? How are you 15 guys doing? 16 MS. DILLEY: Good. 17 MR. CALLAHAN: Good. 18 MS. DILLEY: Thank you for having us. We 19 do have a PowerPoint. 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. 21 MR. STAMP: There you go.
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1 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. 2 MR. STEPP: And second, if I could remove 3 the item number E on the county manager for the 4 evaluation letter for the State Highway. 5 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. 6 MR. LESHER: I'll second the agenda as 7 amended. 8 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and 9 second. Madam Secretary, could you call the 10 vote. 11 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan. 12 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 13 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 14 MR. STEPP: Aye. 15 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 16 MR. LESHNER: Aye. 17 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 18 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 19 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Great. Thank you, 20 Mr. Stepp, for that. 21 Next is the minutes of June 30th. We've	1 MS. DILLEY: Okay. All right. Well, good 2 evening. Thank you for having us. My name is 3 Katie Dilley, and I have the pleasure of 4 serving as the chief executive officer at 5 Mid-Shore Behavioral Health. 6 MS. JOYCE: Good evening. I'm Shannon 7 Joyce, behavioral health coordinator at Aging 8 Population. Happy to be here this evening. 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. 10 MS. DILLEY: And Shannon also is the 11 Talbot County behavioral health coordinator. 12 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Great. 13 MS. DILLEY: So thank you for having us 14 this evening. We're here to provide you with 15 our annual update as well as request your 16 support for the endorsement of Mid-Shore 17 Behavioral Health continuing to serving as your 18 core service agency in FY27. 19 So we do have a letter of agreement for 20 you as well. 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.

Page 6 1 MS. DILLEY: Usually we make our way in 2 front of you during the month of May, which is 3 Mental Health Awareness Month. But we're glad 4 that we're here in July and able to get on your 5 schedule. 6 So thank you for having us. 7 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you. 8 MS. DILLEY: We have a lot of material to 9 cover, and I know we have a limited time. So 10 there are a couple of slides that we may skip 11 over, but you have the presentation for your 12 review and reference if there are any 13 questions. 14 MR. CALLAHAN: That's fine. 15 MS. DILLEY: So we are sensitive to the 16 time this evening. 17 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes. 18 SECRETARY: You should just be able to 19 left click. 20 MS. DILLEY: The left click? 21 SECRETARY: Yeah. And it will --	Page 8 1 have a more systems level role in how we serve 2 the community, supporting our behavioral health 3 providers in the region. So this is just an 4 illustration of sort of how we fit into the 5 system of care. 6 We do partner formally with our five 7 health departments in the region to do our 8 annual planning. So we refer to our group as 9 the Mid-Shore Planning Collaborative. And we 10 work very closely with our health departments 11 with their local addictions authority role. 12 This is just a snapshot over the last 13 several years of the funding that Mid-Shore 14 Behavioral Health has overseen and procured for 15 the region. We are funded primarily through 16 State general fund dollars and about 50 percent 17 federal funding. This past fiscal year, we 18 were responsible for managing just over 19 \$25 million on behalf of the five counties. 20 So these dollars are procured, put out for 21 bid, and support primarily programming in the
Page 7 1 MS. DILLEY: Okay. Great. So I'm going 2 to just advance through these first couple of 3 slides. 4 Mid-Shore Behavior Health, for those who 5 aren't aware, we serve as a regional core 6 service agency as well as a partial local 7 behavioral health authority for the midshore 8 counties. 9 Just a couple of years ago, in addition to 10 our mission and vision, we added our 11 organizational values, which are here, which 12 are integrity, collaboration, progressive 13 leadership, and advocacy. 14 So a lot of times it's kind of confusing 15 to explain what Mid-Shore Behavioral Health 16 does. We are not a direct service provider. 17 We are a local behavioral health systems 18 manager that serves at the pleasure of, of 19 course, our county support as well as the 20 Maryland Department of Health under the 21 Behavioral Health Administration. So we really	Page 9 1 region. We really only retain about just under 2 three percent for administrative to support the 3 organization. 4 So this is a slide that provides a quick 5 snapshot of all of the different services that 6 are grant funded that that \$26 million supports 7 here in the region. So we've broken it out by 8 we have crisis and wellness and recovery 9 services, we have services that support 10 primarily an adult and aging population focus, 11 we have some specialty population services that 12 we support, our child and adolescent young 13 adult services, we have a unique program that 14 supports forensic mental health, which are 15 individuals that have behavioral health needs 16 that are involved in the criminal justice 17 system. And one program that is a big part of 18 the responsibility of our organization is we 19 also serve as a continuum of care for the five 20 counties. So we have a responsibility to our 21 homeless service providers.

Page 10 1 We do receive funding from the Department 2 of Housing and Community Development as well as 3 the housing and urban development funds through 4 our federal partners to support our homeless 5 population in the region. 6 For those of you who might be familiar 7 with Mid-Shore, we are very well known for our 8 workgroups and how we coordinate and convene 9 different populations in the region. We also 10 encourage public participation, if there's 11 interest in joining and getting more involved. 12 I will highlight that one of our newer or 13 two of our newer new coalitions Shannon will 14 touch on in a moment, but we have a Mid-Shore 15 Suicide Coalition. That is a newer group that 16 we've formed that we've formed over the last 17 couple of years. And coming up in the new 18 fiscal year, we will be starting a workgroup 19 that is primarily focused on our veteran 20 population and convening providers in the 21 region that are supporting our veterans' needs.	Page 12 1 providing intensive services to children and 2 adolescents and their support networks 3 available in six Eastern Shore counties, and 4 which is the duration of eight weeks. 5 MS. DILLEY: And we recently applied for a 6 mobile response and stabilization service team 7 to specifically just serve Talbot County 8 through the rural health funds that have been 9 made available to Maryland in the rural 10 jurisdictions. So we're hopeful to bring a 11 team just for Talbot County for that mobile 12 response and stabilization service. 13 A newer program that has moved into the 14 region in the last couple of years through 15 funding that is earmarked out of Maryland's 16 blueprint model are the consortium coordinated 17 care support funds. So these are dollars that 18 are earmarked specifically for the expansion of 19 behavioral health services in our public 20 schools systems. So Mid-Shore serves as the 21 hub for all five counties to support the
Page 11 1 I'm going to hand it to over to Shannon. 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. 3 MS. JOYCE: So we're going to go through 4 some regional highlights, which includes crisis 5 response, community support partnership, needs 6 assessments, suicide prevention, going -- oh, 7 thank you. Going Purple Together, Rural 8 Advancement of Maryland Peers. 9 So first we'll start with crisis response. 10 So the Eastern Shore Operations Center in 11 fiscal year 26, and this is about six months 12 worth of data, it served 3,671 calls. For 13 crisis intervention training, same thing as far 14 as the six-month timeline. Thirty individuals 15 trained. And 988 received backup calls, texts, 16 and chat service. 17 For mobile crisis dispatches, just want to 18 highlight as far as Talbot County having 96 19 dispatches. 20 And then we do also have mobile response 21 and stabilization services. So that's	Page 13 1 application and work with the school systems to 2 identify their behavioral health priority needs 3 to bring in additional providers into the 4 school systems. And this has been a 5 tremendously impactful program. We're very 6 grateful for this additional funding. 7 It's been a little challenging because the 8 legislative allocation has shifted a little 9 over the last couple of years, but we've still 10 been able to retain just around \$5 million for 11 the region. And this has brought in several 12 additional providers into the county that have 13 served many of the students just in this past 14 year. 3,963 students were served in the first 15 six months of the year, which is pretty 16 tremendous. 17 Out of the first year of the consortium 18 funding, we were able to partner with an 19 organization called Due East to perform a 20 regional across the lifespan needs assessment 21 for the five midshore counties where primarily

Page 14 1 our community members and constituents were 2 interviewed about the needs that they find most 3 prevalent to what's happening here in the 4 jurisdiction. So just as a quick snapshot of 5 some of the data that we were able to collect 6 through that needs assessment. 7 So specific to behavioral health, most 8 counties identified substance use and mental 9 health as a primary concern. An interesting 10 trend, which we saw in almost all five 11 counties, is the substance of most concern is 12 actually alcohol. So a lot of individuals 13 expressed concerns around the amount of alcohol 14 consumption in the jurisdiction. 15 Most counties identified that school 16 mental health is a priority, and that stigma 17 continues to be an issue with why folks are 18 reluctant to access services. 19 Of course, housing and transportation also 20 are top on the list, which I'm sure is no 21 surprise to any of us.	Page 16 1 Training and Prevention, and establishment of a 2 (indiscernible) subcommittee. 3 And then as far as moving into gun safety, 4 so 900 gun locks were distributed in FY26. 5 Highlighting a little bit of overall 6 Maryland data, so 599 suicide deaths occurred. 7 So that's up 1.8 percent from 2022, and 8 45 percent involved firearms. 9 We do also want to highlight an upcoming 10 event. So it's September 26th, in the fall, 11 Going Purple, which will be at Moton Park right 12 in Talbot County. 13 MS. DILLEY: So this is our regional event 14 that we do in collaboration with all five 15 counties. Not to cast any shadow over the 16 Purple event that is kicked off on August 31st 17 for Talbot County. But we will be closing out 18 the month here at Moton Park. So we do travel 19 county by county. So we are back in Talbot 20 County this year to celebrate the regional 21 event.
Page 15 1 So specific to Talbot County, as I 2 mentioned, that concern around the alcohol 3 consumption as well as depression were the two 4 top priority concerns that came out of the 5 needs assessment. Also, of course, just access 6 to care, folks slipping through the cracks, not 7 enough providers in the region, which may 8 contribute to hospitalization. 9 And of course, just the ongoing concern 10 with the higher incident of mental health needs 11 and suicide and suicidal behaviors in our young 12 adults is becoming a really emerging concern 13 that we've spent a lot of time addressing in 14 the most recent months. 15 MS. JOYCE: And as Katie had mentioned, 16 there is a Mid Shore Suicide Collision 17 available. In partnership with Channel Marker, 18 the efforts of the coalition provide education 19 and awareness. 20 So key events have included Kevin Hines 21 the Stay Alive presentation, Sugar Hill	Page 17 1 One of the opportunities that we've been 2 able to secure some funding for this year 3 through the Department of Labor is the Rural 4 Advancement of Maryland Peers. This is an 5 opportunity to provide funding and 6 transportation and training support for 7 individuals that are interested in becoming a 8 peer support specialist. 9 So we just started this program over the 10 last few months and have our first cohort 11 convening. Their first class is actually 12 tomorrow. The hope over two years was to train 13 15 peers. And next, our cohort starting 14 tomorrow actually has eight individuals already 15 enrolled. 16 So we have a lot of enthusiasm for this. 17 Our peer support network is a part of the 18 behavioral health workforce that's growing 19 rapidly. 20 One of the unique responsibilities through 21 this grant is that we will not only help

Page 18 1 support individuals get trained and certified, 2 but we will help them find employment and we'll 3 follow them through their first employment 4 experience with that certification. So this is 5 a really exciting opportunity that Maryland has 6 extended that we're really glad that we were 7 able to bring to the region. So we'll have 8 this grant for two years. 9 I'm going to skip over these next couple 10 of slides because we're going to get to the 11 Talbot highlights. 12 Just highlight of some of our signature 13 annual events that we do offer for the 14 community. They are open to the public. They 15 are always free and normally have continuing 16 education units. 17 We have our sequential intercept mapping 18 opportunity, which we'll be hosting this 19 November. That is looking at how individuals 20 move through the criminal justice system from 21 community back to reentry and getting our	Page 20 1 training. 2 And we love a good visit from our State 3 partners. So the Community Health Resource 4 Commission came to visit us last August. And 5 more than once this year we've had our partners 6 from the Office of the Maryland Office of 7 Overdose Response come down and have an 8 in-person site visit. 9 MS. JOYCE: And we do have a couple of 10 Talbot County highlights. There are a few 11 slides with it. So we're going to just 12 highlight a couple here. 13 So first is the Talbot County Safe 14 Station. So that's funded by SOAR, serving 176 15 participants. 16 Mid-Shore participates on the Senior 17 Citizen Task Force and adult community partner 18 meetings with Talbot County Department of 19 Social Services. 20 The Good Samaritan Law training was held 21 in Cordova and St. Michael's, as Katie had
Page 19 1 partners together to identify opportunities 2 where there might be service needs or diversion 3 opportunities. 4 Our Across the Lifespan, we had our 15th 5 annual conference this past spring, which we 6 focused on suicide prevention across the 7 lifespan. That is an opportunity we host in 8 the spring. 9 And then as Shannon just mentioned, we 10 have our Going Purple Together event, which 11 this fall I think actually marks our seventh 12 annual. 13 We also were able to bring some additional 14 expanded trainings to the region this year. 15 One I want to highlight is the Good Samaritan 16 Law training. Through Talbot County Opioid 17 Restitution funds, we applied for a mini grant. 18 And we were able to get a little bit of funding 19 to support some special training here in the 20 county to educate our community about the Good 21 Samaritan Law as well as provide Narcan	Page 21 1 mentioned. 2 And Mid-Shore Behavioral Health staff 3 participates in the Santa Fun Run 5K for 4 Hospice. 5 Some additional include Mid-Shore 6 participating on the Planning Committee and 7 sponsored the Out of the Darkness Suicide 8 Awareness Walk, which was held in Easton, 9 participating in the October 11, 2025, event. 10 Mid-Shore also participated in and 11 advocated for Operation Green Light. So an 12 initiative to raise awareness about resources 13 for veterans and their families. 14 And Mid-Shore also participated in the 15 Talbot County Walk with county partners and 16 agencies. 17 MS. DILLEY: A couple of new initiatives 18 that we are involved with. The assisted 19 outpatient treatment program went live on 20 July 1st. The Eastern Shore counties, all nine 21 Eastern Shore counties, are a priority one

Page 22 1 rollout jurisdiction for this model, along with 2 Anne Arundel County and Baltimore City. 3 This is a process by which an individual 4 may be eligible, after meeting several 5 criteria, to have an assisted outpatient 6 treatment order, which is a court-ordered 7 process that requires an individual to 8 participate in their care for their behavioral 9 health needs. 10 So we are working closely with the State, 11 who is primarily responsible for this program 12 with rolling this out. 13 There may be some additional nuance to how 14 counties are involved along the way, which I 15 will come back and find time to do a more 16 refined presentation on what that might look 17 like. But we are definitely involved and at 18 the table with this process. 19 Our Rural Health Transformation program is 20 a wonderful opportunity that has been afforded 21 to 18 of the 24 counties in Maryland.	Page 24 1 lot. We tried to move through in our time 2 allotted. 3 MR. CALLAHAN: You did a great job. 4 That's for sure. You did a good job. 5 MS. DILLEY: We promised Susan we would 6 try our best. 7 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah. Good. I appreciate 8 it. 9 Ms. Mielke, got anything? 10 MS. MIELKE: The grant program, is that 11 dealing with alcohol and drugs? 12 MS. DILLEY: It's individuals that are in 13 recovery. So you have to have 18 months of 14 demonstrated time in recovery to be eligible to 15 participate in the grant program. 16 MS. MIELKE: And what does this cost? 17 MS. DILLEY: It's free. 18 MS. MIELKE: Okay. Because I just 19 wondered why AA and NA are not sufficient to 20 meet these needs. They've been around, at 21 least AA has been around 90 years almost.
Page 23 1 We recently applied for the behavioral 2 health competitive dollars in hopes of bringing 3 in some expanded services into the region. So 4 we should hear any day now on the outcome of 5 that application with the hope of rolling out 6 some new initiatives starting in August. 7 MS. JOYCE: And some statistics to 8 highlight. So the mental health consumers in 9 Talbot County included 1,904, and there were 10 for substance use consumers, about 777. 11 MS. DILLEY: So these are individuals 12 being served through the Medicaid benefit. 13 MS. JOYCE: And then point in time in 14 Talbot County is a count of sheltered and 15 unsheltered people experiencing hopelessness on 16 a single night in the month of January. For a 17 total county sheltered, there were 67 18 individuals. 19 MS. DILLEY: And this is from this past 20 January. 21 And that's all we have. I know it's a	Page 25 1 MS. DILLEY: Well, the State requires 2 individuals that want to have that peer support 3 certification to participate in the required 4 trainings. 5 So through that grant, we do have an 6 individual trainer that we've been able to 7 secure that is able to do in-person as well as 8 virtual training. And then we have a 9 coordinator that's helping to get the 10 individuals enrolled in the coursework and stay 11 on track. There's a lot of hours required to 12 get your final certification. It's a pretty 13 involved process. 14 MS. MIELKE: Thank you. 15 MS. DILLEY: But it's free. 16 And we actually this morning, we hosted 17 Talbot County Local Drug & Alcohol Abuse 18 Council. And we're looking to see how we could 19 partner with some individuals in detention that 20 might be interested to get that program started 21 even before release to see how they can get

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1 more involved, which would be a great 2 opportunity. 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. 4 MR. LESHER: No questions from me. But 5 just a note of thanks for how you make these 6 services available through all these other 7 agencies with really remarkably little 8 overhead. And it's important work. And thank 9 you for all you do. 10 MS. DILLEY: Thank you. We appreciate the 11 support. 12 MR. STEPP: I got a statistics question. 13 MS. DILLEY: Sure. 14 MR. STEPP: Back on your statistics slide. 15 You said mental health customers in Talbot 16 County, 1,904. Is that across youth and adult? 17 MS. DILLEY: Yes, that is. But the adult 18 cap stops at 65. So this is data that is 19 primarily for the Public Behavioral Health 20 System. 21 So consumers that are utilizing their	1 But we appreciate you engaging in this 2 framework where all nonprofits can come 3 together and share efforts to help those in 4 need. So thank you very much. 5 MS. DILLEY: Absolutely. Thank you, Clay. 6 MR. STAMP: Thank you, Mr. Council 7 President. 8 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. No problem. 9 Thanks a lot, Katie. And you said that -- 10 MS. DILLEY: There's a letter of 11 agreement. 12 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. 13 MS. DILLEY: Yup. Thank you. 14 SECRETARY: We need a motion and a second 15 to approve the plan. 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Correct. So is there a 17 motion? 18 MR. STEPP: So moved. 19 MR. LESHER: Second. 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and 21 second. Madam Secretary, could you call the
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1 Medicaid benefit, we don't get private carrier 2 data. So these are individuals just for that 3 one year that accessed mental health services. 4 So that is youth through the age of 65. 5 MR. STEPP: Youth through 65. Okay. 6 Awesome. Thank you. 7 MS. DILLEY: Yeah. 8 MR. STAMP: Council, I'd just like to also 9 take the opportunity to thank Katie and her 10 team. Katie, for your consistency and your 11 passion for making a difference in our 12 community. Your organization does such a great 13 job. 14 And I'd also like to thank you for working 15 closely with Nancy Andrew. Council, as you 16 know, has created the Office of Community 17 Partnerships. 18 MS. DILLEY: Yes. 19 MR. STAMP: And there's so much need out 20 there in the community. And you serve a 21 component, a very important component of that.	1 vote. 2 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan. 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 4 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 5 MR. STEPP: Aye. 6 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 7 MR. LESHER: Aye. 8 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 9 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 10 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay, guys. Appreciate it. 11 MS. DILLEY: Thank you very much. 12 MS. JOYCE: Thank you. 13 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. 14 MR. STAMP: We'll get that back to you 15 tomorrow. 16 MS. DILLEY: I don't know how to escape 17 out of this with the mouse. So I'll let... 18 MR. STAMP: We'll take care of it. 19 MS. DILLEY: Thank you so much. 20 MS. JOYCE: Have a good night. 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Next on the agenda,

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1 introduction of legislation. Madam Secretary, 2 could you go ahead and read the bill, please. 3 SECRETARY: A bill to amend Chapter 131, 4 road naming and property numbering, of the 5 Talbot County Code for the purposes of 6 modernizing Talbot County's addressing 7 standards to be Next Generation 911 compliant 8 and to clarify staff responsibilities in 9 administering the provisions of Chapter 131. 10 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Welcome. 11 MR. YELTON: Council, thank you. My name 12 is Bryce Yelton. I'm the assistant director of 13 Talbot County Planning & Zoning. 14 Next to me is a new face to the Council. 15 It's Katie Stafford. She is our GIS technician 16 in the Department of Emergency Services as well 17 as our Technology Department. 18 We are here today, as Susan had read out, 19 essentially seeking a text amendment to Chapter 20 131. This Chapter goes over the rights and 21 responsibilities of the Planning & Zoning	1 to fix and adjust our existing standards based 2 on what we've actually been doing with the new 3 consultant. 4 We're here today essentially to change the 5 responsibilities of how we do our addressing. 6 So currently when you apply for a building 7 permit for a new house, you go through our 8 permit process. We issue a new address through 9 the Department of Planning & Zoning. We used 10 to send out notification letters to the 11 property owner and to the mail service to allow 12 them essentially to know what their new address 13 is. 14 That has now changed because every new 15 address that we have has to be entered into a 16 GIS database. It also has to be checked 17 through another system that Katie can tell you 18 a little bit more about through the NG911 19 system. 20 And so what Talbot County has been doing 21 internally has been working with a consultant
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1 Department in the county to initiate all of the 2 road naming and the address labeling and naming 3 and numbering that goes on within Talbot 4 County. 5 I think it's best for us to start where we 6 actually begin with the address numbering in 7 the county to kind of give you an idea of what 8 has changed over the past couple of years. 9 So the way that historically the County 10 has seen address numbering started back in 11 1990. We did our last manual for the actual 12 addressing, and it went over how streets are 13 named, how county, new builds and existing 14 addresses were formed through our office. 15 What has changed in the last couple of 16 years is that the State and the nation as a 17 whole has changed their addressing standards to 18 be part of this NG911 compliance. So they have 19 changed nationally how addressing standards 20 have been adopted. 21 And so locally, this is what we're seeking	1 to change our 1990 addressing standards 2 document. 3 And what we're here before you today is to 4 change the actual responsibilities that are in 5 that. 6 And so to go along with this document is 7 another one that the Council has. The planning 8 officer, based on this text change from time to 9 time, and that has not changed since 1990. 10 So did you want to talk about just a 11 little bit about the 911 stuff with this? 12 MS. STAFFORD: Sure. So I'm just going to 13 read here. 14 So in 2024, to minimize addressing 15 disruptions in the 911 call center, county 16 addressing primary duties were moved to DES so 17 that all of the county addressing is created 18 and reviewed under the standards of Next 19 Generation 911. 20 As a result of that change and to 21 modernize the current code, like Bryce

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1 mentioned, the county contracted with a 2 consultant, DATAMARK, who is Next Generation 3 911 GIS technology-based company, to assist in 4 reviewing and recommending changes to our 5 current code and the addressing standard. 6 These recommendations are aligned with the 7 ongoing efforts with the National Emergency 8 Number Association, which is NENA, to 9 standardize and provide the best practices for 10 911 GIS data throughout the country because 11 we'll all using Next Generation 911 software. 12 And along with that, I sit on the NENA 911 13 addressing working group, along with our 14 consultant, as a local government addressing 15 authority to ensure that all NENA standards 16 fulfill our local PSAP duties and ensure that 17 the first responders can adequately and 18 efficiently locate 911 callers because that's 19 what it's all for. The 911 addressing data is 20 feeding into the 911 software, and that's how 21 the communications specialists are locating	1 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any other questions, 2 Council? 3 MS. MIELKE: No. 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Raise our hands. 5 MR. LESHER: This is to introduce the 6 bill. 7 Introduced by Callahan, Stepp, Lesher, and 8 Mielke. 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. 10 MR. YELTON: Thank you, Council. 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you. 12 MS. STAFFORD: Thank you. 13 SECRETARY: This will be known as Bill 14 Number 1652, and the public hearing will be 15 held on Tuesday, August 11th, at 5:30 p.m. 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. That sounds good. 17 All right. Next is the public hearings. 18 So we've got around 30 bills I guess. Isn't 19 it? 20 SECRETARY: Twenty-three. 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Twenty-three. We got
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1 them with the 911 call. And that's how, in the 2 field, the first responders are going to locate 3 them after they receive the call. 4 MR. YELTON: And so essentially we're just 5 here to change the responsibilities that the 6 code actually outlines from just the planning 7 director's responsibility to the planning 8 director in consultation with DES. That's one 9 of the biggest topical changes in this text 10 amendment. 11 The other is essentially just a 12 modernization of how we do the actual address 13 notification and the readdressing 14 notifications. So that's the first part. 15 The second part is essentially just 16 stating that we use (indiscernible) software or 17 an online platform, and we also send out a PDF 18 document instead of a physical mail document 19 now. 20 So that's really the only changes based on 21 this text amendment.	1 around 23. Yup. Okay. 2 So we're going to try to go ahead and get 3 through these as quick as we can. 4 And if there is any questions on these 5 bills, okay, you're welcome to come up here. 6 We'll give you three minutes for an individual 7 and five minutes for if you're representing a 8 business. 9 So please, we're going to run through 10 them. So if you hear one, I'll pause and then 11 we'll get to the next one. You're welcome to 12 come on up. 13 MR. LESHER: I think what we proposed was 14 that you can ask Mrs. Moran to read all the 15 titles, we'll do a joint public hearing, and 16 we'll just ask anybody to be clear about which 17 bill they're -- 18 MR. CALLAHAN: That's fine, too. 19 MR. LESHER: -- commenting on. 20 MR. CALLAHAN: That's fine, too. All 21 right.

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1 So you can go right through them, then. 2 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1628, a bill to 3 amend Bill Number 1607 for the purpose of 4 amending the appropriation for the replacements 5 and improvements at county community pools and 6 associated property. 7 Bill Number 1629, a bill to amend Bill 8 Numbers 1600, 1368, and 1343 for the purpose of 9 amending the appropriation for security 10 enhancements at facilities and properties owned 11 by Talbot County. 12 Bill Number 1630, a bill to amend Bill 13 Number 1539 for the purpose of amending the 14 appropriation for the construction of and 15 improvements to a driving range complex at the 16 Talbot County Hog Neck Golf Course. 17 Bill Number 1631, a bill to amend Bill 18 Number 1594 for the purpose of amending the 19 appropriation for the replacement and 20 improvement of the greens at the Talbot County 21 Hog Neck Golf Course.	1 Bill Number 1637, a bill to amend Bill 2 Numbers 1587, 1558, and 1391 for the purpose of 3 amending the appropriation for the replacement 4 and improvement of HVAC systems at facilities 5 owned by Talbot County. 6 Bill Number 1638, a bill to authorize the 7 assessment of and design for improvements to 8 the Talbot County Courthouse Music Hall. 9 Bill Number 1639, a bill to amend Bill 10 Numbers 1599, 1557, 1534, 1486, and 1424 for 11 the purpose of amending the appropriation to 12 purchase improved or unimproved real property 13 for future county purposes. 14 Bill Number 1640, a bill to amend Bill 15 Numbers 1605, 1507, 1361, 1332, 1307, and 1267 16 for the purpose of amending the appropriation 17 for the mapping, evaluation, and rehabilitation 18 or replacement of county culverts. 19 Bill Number 1641, a bill to authorize 20 improvements to Deep Water Point Road, 21 St. Michael's, Maryland.
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1 Bill Number 1632, a bill to amend Bill 2 Number 1595 for the purpose of amending the 3 appropriation for the replacement and 4 improvement of the cart paths and paved areas 5 at the Talbot County Hog Neck Golf Course. 6 Bill Number 1633, a bill to amend Bill 7 Numbers 1531, 1480, 1452, and 1393 for the 8 purpose of amending the appropriation for the 9 development of the Frederick Douglass Park on 10 the Tuckahoe located at 13213 Lewistown Road, 11 Queen Anne, Maryland. 12 Bill Number 1634, a bill to amend Bill 13 Numbers 1597, 1556, and 1533 for the purpose of 14 amending the appropriation for improvements to 15 the Talbot County Detention Center. 16 Bill Number 1635, a bill to authorize the 17 replacement and improvement of the roof at 18 Easton Middle School. 19 Bill Number 1636, a bill to authorize the 20 exterior repair, improvement, and painting of 21 the Talbot County Education Center facility.	1 Bill Number 1642, a bill to authorize 2 improvements to county roads in and surrounding 3 the Town of Trappe. 4 Bill Number 1643, a bill to amend Bill 5 Number 1613 for the purpose of amending the 6 appropriation for the sewer system extension to 7 the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, 8 MEBA, Engineering School. 9 Bill Number 1644, a bill to amend Bill 10 Number 1573 for the purpose of amending the 11 appropriation for improvements to the vacuum 12 collection system serving the Region II 13 Martingham sewer service area. 14 Bill Number 1645, a bill to amend Bill 15 Number 1616 for the purpose of amending the 16 appropriation for replacements and improvements 17 to pump stations and surrounding property in 18 the St. Michael's area in Region II of the 19 Talbot County Sanitary District. 20 Bill Number 1646, a bill to amend Bill 21 Numbers 1535 and 1488 for the purpose of

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1 amending the appropriation for the upgrade or 2 replacement of the wastewater treatment plant 3 at The Preserve at Wye Mills. 4 Bill Number 1647, a bill to amend Bill 5 Numbers 1612 and 1431 for the purpose of 6 amending the appropriation for improvements to 7 the Region V Tilghman wastewater treatment 8 plant and enhanced nutrient removal, ENR, 9 technology. 10 Bill Number 1648, a bill to authorize 11 replacements and improvements to the Region II 12 St. Michael's wastewater treatment plant and 13 enhanced nutrient removal, ENR, technology. 14 Bill Number 1649, a bill to authorize the 15 sewer system extension to and the 16 implementation of an approved approach to 17 providing safe drinking water in the Village of 18 Claiborne. 19 Bill Number 1650 a, bill to authorize the 20 rehabilitation of and improvements to the 21 Region V Tilghman wastewater treatment	1 area. 2 I have a whole thing that can maybe wait 3 until the end. It's a long schpeel, but that 4 just happened to line up with what I wanted to 5 talk about a little bit. 6 So yeah. It's really important that we 7 preserve what wildlands we do have around here. 8 And even if we -- even if they're in town, we 9 got lots of rabbits, we've got foxes, raccoons. 10 They need a place to live, too. And unless 11 you're going to offer them to live in your 12 house with proper wildlife setup, it's probably 13 a good idea to make sure they have some areas, 14 too, especially with extra water features 15 around town as we are in a era of global water 16 bankruptcy. So I think that's pretty important 17 for you to consider. 18 I can wait on the other things I had to 19 say if that's more amenable for you. 20 MR. CALLAHAN: That's fine. And you're 21 welcome to make a copy of that and give it to
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1 collection system and accompanying pump 2 stations. 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Great job. Take a 4 breather. 5 So right now, Madam Secretary read 1628 to 6 1650, these bills. 7 So now that the public hearing is open, 8 you're welcome to come up and discuss any of 9 these bills at any time now. You're welcome to 10 come on up. Anybody want to come up? 11 MS. DAWSON: I will. 12 MR. LESHER: Ask her to state her name and 13 address. 14 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. Just state your name 15 and address, please. 16 MS. DAWSON: Erin Dawson. I live over in 17 Hawks Hill Road. 18 The bill about purchasing properties for 19 the future use of the county, I think you 20 should at least, 30 percent of what you buy 21 should be used for wildlife preservation in our	1 us, too, if there's some stuff in there you 2 want us to read. 3 MS. DAWSON: I mean definitely. I can do 4 that. 5 MR. CALLAHAN: Well, just take your time. 6 That's no problem. 7 MS. DAWSON: I mean I'm here. I'd rather 8 be home. 9 MR. CALLAHAN: So would I. 10 MS. DAWSON: Well, this is your job. So 11 that's okay. You'll be all right. 12 One of the issues I have and that my 13 friends and colleagues have had with town is 14 we've noticed the new installment of Flock 15 cameras over by Lowe's and there's some in 16 Oxford. 17 MR. CALLAHAN: So let me help you 18 understand. We're talking about these bills 19 now. 20 MS. DAWSON: I know. 21 MR. CALLAHAN: If you have anything with

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1 the bills. That's what we're talking about. 2 So we got -- 3 MS. DAWSON: Yeah. I can wait until the 4 end for that. 5 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got to stay on 6 that subject of if you have any problem with 7 these bills. 8 MS. DAWSON: I just want you to consider 9 the -- with taking -- when you're purchasing 10 lands, that maybe you should set up public 11 gardens. 12 MR. CALLAHAN: That sounds good. Okay. I 13 appreciate you coming up here. 14 MS. DAWSON: Okay. 15 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you. 16 MS. DAWSON: I'll be back up when you're 17 ready for it. 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Is there anybody 19 else that would like to come on up and discuss 20 any of these bills? Be glad for you to come 21 up. Okay. Sounds good.	1 SECRETARY: Want me to call the roll? 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Call the roll, yeah. 3 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan. 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 5 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 6 MR. STEPP: Aye. 7 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 8 MR. LESHER: Aye. 9 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 10 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. 12 MR. LESHER: And I will move Bill 1629 to 13 third reader. 14 We should have a second and a vote on 15 that. 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah. 17 SECRETARY: Bill 1629, a bill to amend 18 Bill Numbers 1600, 1368, and 1343 for the 19 purpose of amending the appropriation for 20 security enhancements of facilities and 21 properties owned by Talbot County.
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1 MR. LESHER: You want to close the public 2 hearings? 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. I want to go ahead 4 and close the public hearing. 5 And this is eligible to vote if we go to 6 the third reader. 7 MR. LESHER: We can take these. I will 8 move Bill 1628 to third reader. 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. 10 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1628, a bill to 11 amend Bill Number 1607 for the purpose of 12 amending the appropriation for the replacements 13 and improvements at county community pools and 14 associated property. 15 MR. LESHER: Okay. And do we want to take 16 that to a vote then? 17 MR. CALLAHAN: Sure. Council okay with 18 that? 19 MR. STEPP: I'm fine with moving it to 20 third reader and vote. 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup.	1 MR. LESHER: You can call the call. 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. 3 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan. 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 5 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 6 MR. STEPP: Aye. 7 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 8 MR. LESHER: Aye. 9 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 10 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 11 MR. LESHER: I will move Bill 1630 to 12 third reader. 13 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1630, a bill to 14 amend Bill Number 1539 for the purpose of 15 amending the appropriation for the construction 16 of and improvements to a driving range complex 17 at the Talbot County Hog Neck Golf Course. 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. 19 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan. 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 21 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.

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1 MR. STEPP: Aye. 2 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 3 MR. LESHER: Aye. 4 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 5 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 6 MR. LESHER: I'll move Bill 1631 to third 7 reader. 8 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1631, a bill to 9 amend Bill Number 1594 for the purpose of 10 amending the appropriation for the replacement 11 and improvement of the greens at the Talbot 12 County Hog Neck Golf Course. 13 Mr. Callahan. 14 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 15 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 16 MR. STEPP: Aye. 17 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 18 MR. LESHER: Aye. 19 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 20 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 21 MR. LESHER: I will move Bill 1632 to	1 the Tuckahoe located at 13213 Lewistown Road, 2 Queen Anne, Maryland. 3 Mr. Callahan. 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 5 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 6 MR. STEPP: Aye. 7 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 8 MR. LESHER: Aye. 9 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 10 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 11 MR. LESHER: I will move Bill Number 1634 12 to third reader. 13 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1634, a bill to 14 amend Bill Numbers 1597, 1556, and 1533 for the 15 purpose of amending the appropriation for 16 improvements to the Talbot County Detention 17 Center. 18 Mr. Callahan. 19 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 20 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 21 MR. STEPP: Aye.
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1 third reader. 2 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1632, a bill to 3 amend Bill Number 1595 for the purpose of 4 amending the appropriation for the replacement 5 and improvement of the cart paths and paved 6 areas at the Talbot County Hog Neck Golf 7 Course. 8 Mr. Callahan. 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 10 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 11 MR. STEPP: Aye. 12 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 13 MR. LESHER: Aye. 14 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 15 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 16 MR. LESHER: I'll move 1633 to third 17 reader. 18 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1633, a bill amend 19 Bill Numbers 1531, 1480, 1452, and 1393 for the 20 purpose of amending the appropriation for the 21 development of the Frederick Douglass Park on	1 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 2 MR. LESHER: Aye. 3 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 4 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 5 MR. LESHER: I'll move Bill Number 1635 to 6 third reader. 7 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1635, a bill to 8 authorize the replacement and improvement of 9 the roof at Easton Middle School. 10 Mr. Callahan. 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 12 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 13 MR. STEPP: Aye. 14 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 15 MR. LESHER: Aye. 16 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 17 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 18 MR. LESHER: I'll move Bill 1636 to third 19 reader. 20 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1636, a bill to 21 authorize the exterior repair, improvement, and

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1 painting of the Talbot County Education Center 2 facility. 3 Mr. Callahan. 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 5 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 6 MR. STEPP: Aye. 7 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 8 MR. LESHER: Aye. 9 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 10 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 11 MR. LESHER: I move Bill Number 1637 to 12 third reader. 13 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1637, a bill to 14 amend Bill Numbers 1587, 1558, and 1391 for the 15 purpose of amending the appropriation for the 16 replacement and improvement of HVAC systems at 17 facilities owned by Talbot County. 18 Mr. Callahan. 19 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 20 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 21 MR. STEPP: Aye.	1 amend Bill Numbers 1599, 1557, 1534, 1486, and 2 1424 for the purpose of amending the 3 appropriation to purchase improved or 4 unimproved real property for future county 5 purposes. 6 Mr. Callahan. 7 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 8 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 9 MR. STEPP: Aye. 10 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 11 MR. LESHER: Aye. 12 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 13 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 14 MR. LESHER: I move Bill Number 1640 to 15 third reader. 16 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1640, a bill to 17 amend Bill Numbers 1605, 1507, 1361, 1332, 18 1307, and 1267 for the purpose of amending the 19 appropriation for the mapping, evaluation, and 20 rehabilitation or replacement of county 21 culverts.
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1 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 2 MR. LESHER: Aye. 3 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 4 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 5 MR. LESHER: I move Bill Number 1638 to 6 third reader. 7 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1638, a bill to 8 authorize the assessment of and design for 9 improvements to the Talbot County Courthouse 10 Music Hall. 11 Mr. Callahan. 12 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 13 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 14 MR. STEPP: Aye. 15 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 16 MR. LESHER: Aye. 17 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 18 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 19 MR. LESHER: I move Bill Number 1639 to 20 third reader. 21 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1639, a bill to	1 Mr. Callahan. 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 3 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 4 MR. STEPP: Aye. 5 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 6 MR. LESHER: Aye. 7 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 8 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 9 MR. LESHER: I move Bill Number 1641 to 10 third reader. 11 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1641, a bill to 12 authorize improvements to Deep Water Point 13 Road, St. Michael's, Maryland. 14 Mr. Callahan. 15 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 16 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 17 MR. STEPP: Aye. 18 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 19 MR. LESHER: Aye. 20 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 21 MS. MIELKE: Aye.

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1 MR. LESHER: I move Bill Number 1642 to 2 third reader. 3 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1642, a bill to 4 authorize improvements to county roads in and 5 surrounding the Town of Trappe. 6 Mr. Callahan. 7 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 8 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 9 MR. STEPP: Aye. 10 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshar. 11 MR. LESHER: Aye. 12 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 13 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 14 MR. LESHER: I move Bill Number 1643 to 15 third reader. 16 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1643, a bill to 17 amend Bill Number 1613 for the purpose of 18 amending the appropriation for the sewer system 19 extension to the Marine Engineers Beneficial 20 Association, MEBA, Engineering School. 21 Mr. Callahan.	1 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 2 MR. LESHER: I move Bill Number 1645 to 3 third reader. 4 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1645, a bill to 5 amend Bill Number 1616 for the purpose of 6 amending the appropriation for replacements and 7 improvements to pump stations and surrounding 8 property in the St. Michael's area in Region II 9 of the Talbot County Sanitary District. 10 Mr. Callahan. 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 12 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 13 MR. STEPP: Aye. 14 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshar. 15 MR. LESHER: Aye. 16 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 17 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 18 MR. LESHER: I move Bill Number 1646 to 19 third reader. 20 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1646, a bill to 21 amend Bill Numbers 1535 and 1488 for the
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1 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 2 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 3 MR. STEPP: Aye. 4 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshar. 5 MR. LESHER: Aye. 6 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 7 MS. MIELKE: Abstain. 8 MR. LESHER: I move Bill Number 1644 to 9 third reader. 10 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1644, a bill to 11 amend Bill Number 1573 for the purpose of 12 amending the appropriation for improvements to 13 the vacuum collection system serving the Region 14 II Martingham sewer service area. 15 Mr. Callahan. 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 17 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 18 MR. STEPP: Aye. 19 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshar. 20 MR. LESHER: Aye. 21 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.	1 purpose of amending the appropriation for the 2 upgrade or replacement of the wastewater 3 treatment plant at The Preserve at Wye Mills. 4 Mr. Callahan. 5 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 6 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 7 MR. STEPP: Aye. 8 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshar. 9 MR. LESHER: Aye. 10 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 11 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 12 MR. LESHER: I move Bill Number 1647 to 13 third reader. 14 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1647, a bill to 15 amend Bill Numbers 1612 and 1431 for the 16 purpose of amending the appropriation for 17 improvements to the Region V Tilghman 18 wastewater treatment plant and enhanced 19 nutrient removal, ENR, technology. 20 Mr. Callahan. 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.

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1 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 2 MR. STEPP: Aye. 3 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 4 MR. LESHNER: Aye. 5 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 6 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 7 MR. LESHNER: I move Bill Number 1648 to 8 third reader. 9 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1648, a bill to 10 authorize replacements and improvements to the 11 Region II St. Michael's wastewater treatment 12 plant and enhanced nutrient removal, ENR, 13 technology. 14 Mr. Callahan. 15 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 16 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 17 MR. STEPP: Aye. 18 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 19 MR. LESHNER: Aye. 20 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 21 MS. MIELKE: Aye.	1 accompanying pump stations. 2 Mr. Callahan. 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 4 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 5 MR. STEPP: Aye. 6 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 7 MR. LESHNER: Aye. 8 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 9 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 10 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. 11 MR. LESHNER: Do we give Mrs. Moran a 12 performance bonus based on -- 13 MR. CALLAHAN: Oh, yeah. Absolutely. 14 Good job, good job. Okay. Get that woman some 15 water or something. 16 When you get all set, we've got one more 17 bill that's eligible for vote. So when you get 18 a chance, you can start on that one if you 19 could, please. 20 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1627, a bill to 21 amend Chapter 190, zoning, subdivision, and
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1 MR. LESHNER: I move Bill Number 1649 to 2 third reader. 3 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1649, a bill to 4 authorize the sewer system extension to and the 5 implementation of an improved approach to 6 providing safe drinking water in the Village of 7 Claiborne. 8 Mr. Callahan. 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 10 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 11 MR. STEPP: Aye. 12 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 13 MR. LESHNER: Aye. 14 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 15 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 16 MR. LESHNER: And I move Bill Number 1650 17 to third reader. 18 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1650, a bill to 19 authorize the rehabilitation of and 20 improvements to the Region V Tilghman 21 wastewater treatment collection system and	1 land development, of the Talbot County Code for 2 the purpose of providing for the partial or 3 complete release of a reserved land agreement 4 or a preservation of development rights 5 agreement if the parcel is subject to an option 6 contract with the State of Maryland 7 Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, 8 MALPF, subject to certain conditions. 9 MR. YELTON: Council, again, thank you. 10 Bryce Yelton, Talbot County Planning & Zoning. 11 I know the Council has already discussed 12 this bill at length because it is eligible for 13 vote tonight. 14 I just wanted to -- the last thing I 15 wanted to say on this bill is that the bill, 16 because these are individual contracts 17 essentially that the land owners and the county 18 sign, this essentially is just allowing for the 19 person that has the reserved land agreement, in 20 this instance it's only for one specific MALPF 21 easement, to petition the County Council

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1 yourselves for that partial or complete 2 release. 3 And so this bill wouldn't essentially be 4 the end-all. You would see this project again 5 if it were approved tonight. 6 The applicant's attorney is behind me. 7 I'd encourage him to speak or if the Council 8 has any questions. 9 Here if the Council has any more 10 questions. 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. That sounds great. 12 MR. LESHER: So just to clarify. The 13 narrow date range, the two-year date range on 14 this is intended, to your knowledge, it narrows 15 the applicability of this language to a single 16 property, a single application? 17 MR. YELTON: That is correct. And that 18 was intentionally done by the Planning 19 Commission at their request. So that was 20 really the reasons because they didn't know how 21 many of these reserved land agreements were out	1 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. You good? 2 MR. LESHER: I continue to be not a fan of 3 this legislation, even though it's been 4 narrowed. 5 It strikes me as favoritism or privilege, 6 special treatment, which is counter to the way 7 that government at any level should be 8 administered. 9 We acknowledge that it's not good policy 10 to allocate scarce MALPF funds to lands that 11 have already been restricted from further 12 subdivision with a reserved lands agreement, 13 but nevertheless, we're stepping forward to 14 carve out with this legislation an exception 15 for one owner for whatever reason for 16 favoritism to that one owner. I just don't 17 think that we should, I just don't think that 18 we should touch this one. 19 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any other questions? 20 Okay. 21 Madam Secretary, could you call the vote.
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1 there in the county, and we didn't want to be 2 opening up the box for everybody that had ever 3 had one to come back in. 4 MR. LESHER: And yet, Mr. Thomas, this is 5 written in a way that it has broad 6 applicability. And so even though we know it 7 applies only to one property, it meets, at 8 least on the appearance, of broad 9 applicability? 10 MR. THOMAS: Yes. 11 MR. LESHER: For legal purposes? 12 MR. THOMAS: Yes. 13 MR. LESHER: But the owner has no 14 obligation to lose or reverse the subdivision 15 privilege in the process of removing the 16 reserved lands agreement? 17 MR. YELTON: That is correct. 18 MR. LESHER: Okay. 19 MR. CALLAHAN: Any other questions? Okay. 20 Thank you. 21 MR. YELTON: Thank you, Council.	1 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan. 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 3 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 4 MR. STEPP: Aye. 5 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 6 MR. LESHER: Nay. 7 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 8 MS. MIELKE: Nay. 9 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe. 10 MR. THOMAS: Aye. 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Next on the agenda 12 is Clay's stuff. You're up, Buddy. 13 MR. STAMP: County manager report for this 14 evening. Good evening, Council. 15 Under board and committee appointments 16 this evening, I have two. The first one is a 17 request for the reappointment of Mr. Walter 18 Chase, who has served well representing the 19 Town of Trappe, as a representative on the 20 Economic Development Commission. Asking for 21 reappointment.

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1 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. 2 MR. STEPP: So moved. 3 MR. LESHER: Second. 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and 5 second. Madam Secretary, could you call the 6 vote. 7 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan. 8 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 9 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 10 MR. STEPP: Aye. 11 SECRETARY: Mr. Lesh. 12 MR. LESHER: Aye. 13 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 14 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 15 MR. STAMP: Secondly, requesting the 16 appointment of Mr. Al Sikes to serve as the 17 Oxford district representative on the Police 18 Accountability Board. 19 MR. STEPP: So moved. 20 MS. MIELKE: Second. 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and	1 DR. DeSHIELDS: Yes. Hi. My name is 2 Dennis DeShields. Thank you. 3 We are applying for another grant through 4 the MHT for also completion of our capital 5 project for the Bellevue Passage Museum. 6 We are planning on breaking ground on 7 August 5th from 9:30 to 11. I will be sending 8 out invitations to you. 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Great. 10 DR. DeSHIELDS: To you as well. 11 And I just want to say thank you for all 12 the support for making this process happen. 13 MR. CALLAHAN: Sounds great. Okay. 14 MR. LESHER: I'll move for the issuance of 15 the letter of support. 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. 17 MR. STEPP: Second. 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and 19 second. Madam Secretary, could you call the 20 vote. 21 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.
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1 second. Madam Secretary, could you call the 2 vote. 3 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan. 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 5 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 6 MR. STEPP: Aye. 7 SECRETARY: Mr. Lesh. 8 MR. LESHER: Aye. 9 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 10 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 11 MR. STAMP: Dr. DeShields, would you like 12 to come up? 13 I believe next thing, Council, the 14 Bellevue Passage Museum is requesting a letter 15 of support for their grant application to the 16 Maryland Historical Trust in the amount of 17 \$121,000 for the museum project. 18 No county funds are required. 19 And Dr. DeShields is here. And I know I 20 probably stole your thunder, but I'm sure 21 Council would love to hear from you.	1 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 2 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 3 MR. STEPP: Aye. 4 SECRETARY: Mr. Lesh. 5 MR. LESHER: Aye. 6 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 7 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 8 DR. DeSHIELDS: Thank you. 9 MR. STAMP: Thank you, Dr. DeShields. 10 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you. 11 MR. STAMP: Next, Council, I'll invite 12 Josh Elliott, your assistant county engineer, 13 soon-to-be county engineer, up. 14 Department of Public Works has a request 15 for the purchase of a vehicle. 16 I'll let you go from here and fill in 17 where necessary. 18 MR. ELLIOTT: Good evening, Council. Josh 19 Elliott, assistant county engineer. 20 Included in the fiscal year 27 budget is 21 the purchase of a pump truck for the Sanitary

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1 District. Russell Lease has reached out to Mid 2 Atlantic Truck & Equipment based in Cordova. 3 They have a State contract with the State of 4 Virginia's heavy equipment procurement program. 5 And Mid Atlantic can supply the required truck 6 through this bid. 7 The budget includes \$200,000 for this pump 8 truck. The price from Mid Atlantic Truck & 9 Equipment is \$185,567. 10 And I'm happy to answer any questions you 11 have about it. 12 MR. CALLAHAN: Any questions on the pump 13 truck? Okay. 14 MR. LESHER: I'll move approval of the 15 request. 16 MR. STEPP: Second. 17 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and 18 second. Madam Secretary, could you call the 19 vote. 20 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan. 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.	1 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Well, we vote on it. 2 Madam Secretary, could you call the vote. 3 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan. 4 MR. CALLAHAN: No. 5 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 6 MR. STEPP: Aye. 7 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 8 MR. LESHNER: Nay. 9 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 10 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Madam Secretary, I need to 12 change my vote. 13 SECRETARY: Okay. 14 MR. CALLAHAN: It's against, correct? 15 SECRETARY: It's against. 16 MR. CALLAHAN: I'm sorry. I'm a yay. 17 Sorry. 18 SECRETARY: Okay. 19 MR. STAMP: Thank you, Council. 20 Next item I have is invite Martha Sparks 21 up and Bryce Yelton. They're here this evening
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1 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 2 MR. STEPP: Aye. 3 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 4 MR. LESHNER: Aye. 5 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 6 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 7 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. 8 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Josh. Appreciate 9 that. 10 MR. ELLIOTT: Thank you. 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you. 12 MR. STAMP: Council, next item I have is 13 requesting Council approval to send a letter to 14 the Maryland Aviation Administration opposing 15 the application of coastal seaplanes to 16 establish a seaplane base on the Miles River. 17 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. 18 MR. STEPP: I make a motion. 19 MS. MIELKE: Second. 20 MR. LESHNER: I fail to understand why the 21 county is meddling in this.	1 for direction from Council regarding the 2 automatic annual adjustment to the development 3 impact fees outlined in Section 64-13(c) of the 4 Talbot County Code. 5 Martha and Bryce, go ahead. And I'll fill 6 in where necessary. 7 MS. SPARKS: Okay. Martha Sparks, finance 8 director for Talbot County. 9 I'd like to briefly highlight why 10 continuing the annual adjustment of development 11 impact fees is both necessary and consistent 12 with county policy. 13 Impact fees were established in 2005 to 14 ensure that new development contributes to the 15 public facilities it relies on; road, bridges, 16 parks, schools, and libraries. As the county 17 grows, these facilities must expand and 18 construction costs continue to rise each year. 19 The authority for these fees is set forth 20 in Chapter 64, Section -- Article 3 of the 21 Talbot County Code.

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1 In Section 64-13(c), the code requires 2 that impact fees be adjusted annually based on 3 the Engineering News-Record construction cost 4 index. This ensures the fees remain aligned 5 with actual construction costs and maintains 6 the integrity of the policy adopted more than 7 two decades ago. 8 The county has historically made this 9 adjustment every year, with the only recent 10 exceptions occurring during administrative 11 transitions in '23 and '24. 12 The annual adjustment is not a fee 13 increase in the traditional sense. It is an 14 inflation alignment that keeps the fee at the 15 same real value it had when the ordinance was 16 adopted. 17 Without it, existing taxpayers end up 18 subsidizing infrastructure needed for new 19 development. 20 Maintaining the adjustment protects 21 residents by ensuring growth continues to fund	1 64-13(c). Doing so protects the county's 2 fiscal health, supports responsible planning, 3 and ensures fairness among all who benefit from 4 growth. 5 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Good job. 6 Bryce, you want to say anything? 7 MR. YELTON: Council, thank you. Bryce 8 Yelton, Talbot County Planning & Zoning. 9 My office and Planning & Zoning is really 10 just responsible for the actual acceptances on 11 behalf of the county of these impact fees. 12 And so when you apply for a building 13 permit, the way that it works in both the towns 14 incorporated and the county is that we have the 15 developer, whoever is constructing the house or 16 development, could be commercial as well, they 17 actually come to our office and submit a impact 18 fee sheet that essentially gets calculated what 19 the actual impact fee is going to be. It's 20 different depending on whether it's commercial, 21 whether it's in town, in the county. And so
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1 its appropriate share of the costs. 2 This practice is fundamentally about 3 fairness and fiscal responsibility. When fees 4 are not updated to reflect rising costs, the 5 gap between what development requires and what 6 it contributes grows. And that gap shifts onto 7 existing taxpayers. 8 Continuing the annual adjustment ensures 9 the growth pays its fair share and that the 10 county can responsibly fund needed 11 infrastructure without overburdening residents 12 or future budgets. 13 This is not a change in policy. It's a 14 long-standing, codified procedure that 15 preserves the county's ability to plan 16 effectively, maintain essential infrastructure, 17 and uphold the original intent of the impact 18 fee ordinance. 19 It's for these reasons that I recommend 20 that the county continue the annual 21 inflationary adjustment as required by Section	1 our office is responsible for the intake of 2 those. 3 And the change that Martha is discussing 4 every year happens around this time where if 5 your permit is not issued before July 1st of 6 the year, those impact fee changes increase. 7 And so if you gave the county a check for the 8 impact fee for this year and you have not had 9 your permit issued by July 1st, that increase 10 actually takes into effect. 11 And we reach out to those applicants if 12 their building permits in both the town and the 13 county haven't been issued and ask for that 14 increase because that's what the county has in 15 the code. 16 So that's what my office is responsible 17 for every year. 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. All right. 19 Any other questions about impact fees? 20 Everybody knows I'm not a big fan of it. 21 MR. LESHER: Well, it's, obviously it's

Page 82 1 important because, as our finance director 2 said, without this adjustment, existing 3 taxpayers subsidize infrastructure. We 4 socialize the costs and shift them onto 5 existing taxpayers. 6 The costs are still paid. But we recall 7 at budget time how the cost of schools and this 8 time around the library, we were able to offset 9 that and not burden existing taxpayers with a 10 portion because we had those funds set aside 11 from new development. 12 MR. CALLAHAN: Well. 13 MR. LESHER: It's an important principle. 14 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah, I agree. 15 But it's also very important that we take 16 another look at this I think. 17 I think in the future we should do 18 something and help understand because it is a 19 burden on the developers and the contractors 20 and the homeowners when it comes to this stuff. 21 So I've got a little bit of a different	Page 84 1 schools. 2 MR. LESHER: Only if it's residential. 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. That's my point. 4 So, you know, I just, you know, there's 5 just, you know, I just think it needs to be 6 looked at in the future. Maybe not with this 7 Council, but the next Council probably ought to 8 be sort of aware of what's going on with it. 9 But at this stage, I'd like to pause it at 10 the moment and keep it as is and relook at this 11 next year. 12 MR. STEPP: If I can put in kind of a 13 parlay off of that. 14 So to your point, Josh, when you 15 mentioned, so the impact fees are still there. 16 Right. The matter at hand here is whether to 17 increase the impact fees or not according to 18 what you guys said. 19 But the one thing I don't necessarily see 20 as fair is if we have someone who has put in a 21 permit or request and, you know, so let's just
Page 83 1 approach when it comes to impact fees, if we 2 really need them or don't need them. 3 I understand. I mean what you said, I do 4 understand. 5 I just think it's nickel and diming 6 people. I just think it is. And that's just 7 sort of where I'm at and what I've grown up 8 with. I just don't like it. 9 MR. LESHER: But we're still paying for 10 those schools and we're still paying for those 11 roads. 12 MR. CALLAHAN: Well -- 13 MS. MIELKE: And you don't think that 14 developers should have to pay any of the 15 impacts. 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Well, some people don't 17 feel like they need to be paying for schools 18 because they're not in the schools. They don't 19 have kids in the schools. So you can argue 20 that, too. And they have to pay for schools 21 and they don't have anything to do with	Page 85 1 say they put it in June 1st and they don't hear 2 back by July 1st. And they paid X, and now 3 we're going to ask them for X plus Y because if 4 we said yes, they would have went up. 5 I think if we need to do anything as a 6 Council, I think we should probably implement 7 something to where we say okay, if your permit 8 is in by July 1st, you're grandfathered into 9 the rates that were in effect at that point. 10 That's just my thought. And then anything 11 that's put in July 1st or after, we would move 12 that. 13 Am I off base in any way? Is there 14 anything like that that exists right now? 15 MS. SPARKS: So I think as Bryce 16 mentioned, it's common practice throughout all 17 governments, towns, municipalities, counties, 18 that when you put that application in. 19 So what -- let me give you a hypothetical 20 where a developer has bought a piece of 21 property and they're going to develop and put

Page 86 1 in ten lots but they know -- and so that could 2 be a significant amount of development impact 3 fees. 4 So they come in real quick on June 1st and 5 put that application in for all those and they 6 pay the existing fees for that at June 1st. 7 And so July 1st is when the increases 8 come. That could be a significant impact to 9 the county. 10 It is a little different when it's a 11 single homeowner. But still, you have to be 12 careful and make sure that the field is level 13 for all people that apply for these permits. 14 MR. YELTON: The only other thing I'd add 15 is the State, in more recent years through 16 their legislative bodies, have been actually 17 pushing for, and DHCD, the Department of 18 Community and Housing Service for the State, 19 has been really pushing a lot of bills that 20 actually change the cost burden for developers 21 on when those development impact fees are done.	Page 88 1 we need a little bit more, you know. That just 2 seems a little off base to me. 3 MS. SPARKS: The other thing that I would 4 add is this somewhat mirrors our property tax 5 cap, our revenue cap. Each year our Charter 6 says that we can add two percent to our 7 revenues. 8 That used to contain an adjustment for -- 9 an inflationary adjustment. We, you know, the 10 county had not used that for years. And 11 actually kind of the county wasn't able to get 12 that two percent. 13 So then when that was taken off, that's 14 when we started experiencing three and 15 four percent inflation, and that would have had 16 a significant impact on the property tax 17 revenues that we were able to get. 18 You know, none of it, none of us, are goal 19 is -- I mean I'm a taxpayer. My dad was a 20 general contractor. We lived with -- I've 21 heard rocks thrown about impacts fees as well.
Page 87 1 So the State has already been talking about 2 this extensively through their departments. 3 And I think MACo actually brought this up 4 at last year's conference and internal talks 5 with their planning staff. 6 So I think this is something that the 7 State has a lot of information on and is kind 8 of pushing for more of what Mr. Stepp is kind 9 of pointing out here. 10 MR. STEPP: Yeah. I mean I would think 11 you use the developer with ten lots. Right. 12 If you're -- by that, you got your initial 13 part. I'm sure there's something once 14 constructed. Because I mean I guess it's one 15 thing to buy something and then sit on it for a 16 while and just pay the fees up front and then 17 sit on it for ten years and then those fees are 18 a little different. I mean I can see a 19 carve-out for something like that. 20 It just, it seems a little unfair if we 21 ask this of folks beforehand and then say oh,	Page 89 1 And I have a husband that doesn't like to pay 2 the fees that are necessary to build. So I 3 come from that perspective. I understand it. 4 But we also need to focus on the county 5 and the needs of the county. And we have very 6 limited ability to raise revenues through our 7 property tax. And this is another -- it's -- 8 to take that adjustment away or to suspend it 9 for a long period of time could have a 10 significant impact on our resources. So it was 11 just something else to consider. 12 MR. STAMP: So Council, I think this 13 breaks into two issues here. 14 One is whether Council wants to waive the 15 increase. Yes, no. 16 The second is whether you want to change 17 policy that says when somebody applies for a 18 permit, whether the fee, if they apply in June, 19 that the new fee doesn't apply. That's a 20 procedural question that Patrick will have to 21 examine and probably can't answer right now.

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1 MR. THOMAS: No. I can look into it. 2 MR. STAMP: So what we can ask Council 3 tonight is whether you want to waive the fee or 4 not. And we can get back with you on whether 5 procedurally requiring an amendment to the bill 6 or whether procedurally we could do that 7 administratively. And we could answer that at 8 the next meeting. 9 MR. LESHER: Okay. 10 MR. CALLAHAN: So the first one, the first 11 ask is. 12 MR. STAMP: Is whether you are directing 13 us to waive the increase of the impact fee this 14 year. 15 It's been set in code by previous Councils 16 to automatically each year it adjusts up based 17 on inflation. And that's what has been done. 18 But Council obviously in law has the 19 ability to waive that. And that's the question 20 tonight. 21 And then secondly, we will look into that	1 in place for that. I just don't want to be 2 unfair. 3 I'm not saying that not going to look at 4 what's already in place as far as the yearly 5 increases because obviously impact fees should 6 go towards our schools and our roads and things 7 like that, which they are. They're still going 8 to continue. This is just waiving that 9 increase right now. 10 So I'll make a motion that we waive the 11 fee increase. 12 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Is there a second? 13 I'll second it. 14 Madam Secretary, could you call the vote. 15 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan. 16 MR. CALLAHAN: No. Or aye. Sorry. 17 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 18 MR. STEPP: So again, yes to waiving? 19 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes to waiving. Yes. 20 MR. STEPP: Then I'm a yes for that. 21 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshar.
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1 and report back to see how we might address the 2 other that Mr. Stepp brought up. 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Madam Secretary. 4 MR. LESHER: There's no motion. 5 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. There's no motion. 6 Okay. 7 MR. LESHER: So it would require a motion 8 to waive? 9 MR. STAMP: Yes. 10 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. 11 MR. LESHER: We'll move along. 12 MR. CALLAHAN: Unless there's a motion to 13 waive. 14 MR. LESHER: Right. 15 MR. STAMP: So does Council have a motion 16 to waive the automatic increase in the impact 17 fees? 18 MR. STEPP: Yeah. Me, personally, I'd 19 like to make that motion just because for the 20 other mentions, for the other reasons that I 21 mentioned. I think we need to look at policy	1 MR. LESHER: Nay. 2 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 3 MS. MIELKE: Nay. 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. 5 MR. LESHER: Motion is defeated. 6 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. Okay. 7 MR. STAMP: Okay, Council. Thank you. 8 MR. CALLAHAN: And thank you. 9 MR. STAMP: Thank you, Martha. Thank you, 10 Bryce. 11 MR. CALLAHAN: No problem. Thank you. 12 MR. STAMP: Council, next item I have is 13 requesting Council approval for us to enter 14 into a contractor agreement for Mr. Victor 15 Butanis to serve as a Trial Board judge in an 16 upcoming Trial Board case. 17 MR. STEPP: So moved. 18 MR. LESHER: Second. 19 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Got a motion and 20 second. Madam Secretary, could you call the 21 vote.

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1 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan. 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 3 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 4 MR. STEPP: Aye. 5 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 6 MR. LESHER: Aye. 7 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 8 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. 10 MR. STAMP: And finally, Council, I have 11 one more request. Talbot County Sanitary 12 District is requesting Council approval to 13 order ten E/One pumps from Freemire Associates 14 in the amount of \$41,618.56 for inventory 15 purposes. 16 There's sufficient funds in the budget. 17 And Josh Elliott is here to add any 18 additional that might be necessary. 19 MR. ELLIOTT: Yup. Following the recent 20 storms, our stock of replacement grinder pumps 21 was depleted. The Sanitary District has	1 vote. 2 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan. 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 4 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 5 MR. STEPP: Aye. 6 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 7 MR. LESHER: Aye. 8 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 9 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 10 MR. STAMP: And finally, Council, just in 11 the form of an announcement, I am overly glad 12 to say that on July 23rd at 10 a.m., there will 13 be a ribbon cutting at the north EMS Station in 14 Cordova. 15 SECRETARY: Twenty-first. 16 MR. STAMP: Sorry? 17 MR. STEPP: Twenty-first. 18 MR. STAMP: Yes. Tuesday, July 21st, at 19 10 a.m. You all will be cutting the ribbon at 20 the new EMS Station in Cordova. 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Sounds great.
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1 ordered ten pumps to restore our inventory. 2 These pumps serve single-family homes, 3 which have limited on-site tank capacity. And 4 keeping them on standby ensures we can replace 5 failed units quickly and avoid the expense of 6 parking a pump truck at someone's home to 7 continuously pump them out. 8 As Clay said, we're requesting approval to 9 issue a PO for the invoice total of \$41,618.56. 10 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Is there a motion? 11 MR. LESHER: And Mr. Elliott, these are 12 ultimately paid for by the rate payers of the 13 Sanitary District, not by the taxpayers 14 at-large? 15 MR. ELLIOTT: Correct. Yes. 16 MR. STEPP: And we do not want to not have 17 these on stock. So with that, I'll make a 18 motion. 19 MR. LESHER: Second. 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and 21 second. Madam Secretary, could you call the	1 MR. LESHER: Congratulations, Mr. Stamp, 2 to you and your team. 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. 4 MR. STAMP: Thank you. 5 And that concludes your county manager 6 report for this evening. 7 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Good job. Okay. 8 Next on the agenda is public comments. 9 Okay. 10 Yes. Come on up. 11 On public comments, we give you three 12 minutes. You can just introduce yourself. 13 MS. DAWSON: I'm Erin Dawson. I live on 14 Hawks Hill Road. 15 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. 16 MS. DAWSON: I'm very concerned about the 17 Flock cameras that are by Lowe's and in Oxford. 18 I want to give you some statistics from the 19 ACLU. 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Can you tell me -- I can't 21 quite -- you're talking so fast. You have to

Page 98 1 slow down so we can understand you. 2 MS. DAWSON: The Flock cameras in front of 3 Lowe's and Oxford are a big concern for me, and 4 I want to give you some statistics from the 5 ACLU about these Flock cameras. 6 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Can you help me 7 understand what that means, a Flock camera? 8 What is that? 9 MS. DAWSON: It is a license plate reader. 10 The parent company is Palantir. They use AI 11 tools to mark camera -- or mark cars that less 12 than one percent of cars scanned by Flock 13 cameras are connected to any crime or 14 wrongdoing. One in ten license plates scanned 15 by these Flock cameras are misread. And they 16 have problems with lack of transparency, 17 oversight, and regulation into how they 18 collect, store, and use our data and how they 19 hold public and private investors accountable 20 if they abuse it. 21 It's quite frankly concerning to see tools	Page 100 1 MR. STAMP: Social Services. 2 MS. DAWSON: Social Services. Thank you. 3 And it's dry. I've never seen it. I've been 4 here mostly my whole life. I've been here for 5 about 25 years, 26. And I've never seen it, 6 the water that low. That and in the river. 7 I grow ever concerned about the extremely 8 precarious position of our environments, data 9 centers. While none are currently planned 10 here, I very much oppose it. And I very much 11 encourage you guys to knock down any contracts 12 that may come in the future. I think that 13 anyone who approves of them is evil, stupid, or 14 corrupt. 15 They -- while modern or while older data 16 centers use less than 50 megawatts of 17 electricity, new centers include proposals for 18 massive complexes that would demand 1,000 to 19 4,000 megawatts of electricity. 20 And unchecked, this will cause health and 21 climate harming pollution, deplete our water
Page 99 1 of the surveillance state in my home town. 2 ICE and CBP repeatedly use these cameras 3 to go after immigrants without warrants. 4 And again, their parent company, Palantir, 5 is complicit in using it -- excuse me. They're 6 complicit in the genocide in Gaza, providing 7 advanced data analytics and AI tools that 8 supposedly provide precision targeting only to 9 kill mass civilians. And I really don't want 10 Talbot County to be associated with this 11 company. It's frankly disgusting. 12 Not only that, the AI used in here and the 13 rise of AI in our mainstream and all over town, 14 I see them in ads and flyers. And that's just 15 a, you know, that's no good either. 16 We need to protect our wildlands, as I 17 said earlier. 18 And AI is a massive waste of electricity 19 and water. 20 I just drove by the ponds behind -- not 21 Health and Human Services.	Page 101 1 supplies, which these new data centers requires 2 anywhere from one to 5 million gallons of water 3 a day to run for what, some generative AI that 4 was stolen off of artists without compensation. 5 Communities suffer. Air and water 6 pollution, electronic waste, and noise 7 pollution. 8 As the world enters an era of global water 9 bankruptcy, it is more important fundamental to 10 protect our waters for us and our future 11 generations. Keeping -- we have so many 12 important species here on the Eastern Shore and 13 I -- 14 MR. CALLAHAN: I would like for you to go 15 ahead and wrap this up, please. 16 MS. DAWSON: Okay. I only have one more 17 paragraph, and I seem to be the only public 18 commenter. I think we can accommodate 30 more 19 seconds. 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. 21 MS. DAWSON: The water plane base, I don't

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1 think that's a great idea either. Our coastal 2 wetlands are so pivotal to our environment and 3 we need to be protecting them, not building a 4 place for airplanes that run on gas, which is a 5 finite resource that we will run out of one 6 day. That seems like a complete waste of 7 money. 8 And I ask that you say no to any new data 9 center contracts. I ask that you take down the 10 Flock cameras and end your contracts with them, 11 you implement policy that forces contractors to 12 use environmentally friendly materials and plan 13 for ecosystem co -- I'm sorry. Coexist plans, 14 like water features, native plants, etc. 15 I ask that you no longer work with the -- 16 look through the financial contracts that are 17 Israeli-owned companies, because there are some 18 here in town, no longer work with them, make 19 sure ICE follows policy with proper warrants, 20 because I know they're in this town and they're 21 not following the law.	1 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you. 2 Anybody else want to come up and say 3 anything? Be glad to have you up here. Okay. 4 Let's move on to the next would be Council 5 comments. Mr. Stepp over there. 6 MR. STEPP: I am, I am good. 7 MR. CALLAHAN: You're good? 8 MR. STEPP: Yeah. 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Great. 10 How about you, Mr. Leshner? 11 MR. LESHER: This is jumping around on me. 12 MR. CALLAHAN: That's all right. That's 13 all right. Take your time. 14 MR. LESHER: Yesterday ICE agents 15 disappeared another Talbot County resident. 16 This time it was, it came closer to home 17 because it was the mother of one of the Eagle 18 Scouts into my Troop. 19 Mrs. Morales was neither a danger to our 20 national security nor a threat to public safety 21 or a convicted criminal of undocumented aliens
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1 I ask that you expand public transport to 2 mitigate our carbon footprint. We love our 3 buses. My kids love the bus. It's really 4 good. We need more public sidewalks. 5 Electronic bikes, like the ones they have in 6 the big cities, I think that would be a great 7 improvement to town. 8 I ask that you protect our wildlands a 9 minimum of 30 percent. Just keep them pristine 10 and don't develop them. Put people in our 11 environment over profits so that not only we 12 can enjoy these things but the generations 13 ahead of us. 14 We love our Waterfowl Festival so much. 15 We need to keep expanding protections for the 16 environments of the beautiful waterfowl that we 17 so cherish. So... 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you. 19 MS. DAWSON: There's your schpeel. 20 (Indiscernible) stuff I think. Thank you. 21 MR. LESHER: Thank you, Ms. Dawson.	1 and gang members, as described in the website 2 of enforcement and removal operations for ICE 3 as their priority. 4 This is not making us safer or greater. 5 This is simply terrorizing our community. 6 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. 7 MS. MIELKE: The only thing I wanted to 8 mention is following up on a comment that one 9 of the issues that I'm going to be exploring in 10 the coming weeks is data, a moratorium on data 11 centers in the county, a new task force to 12 explore that. 13 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Okay. 14 And did you want to say something? You 15 good? 16 MR. STAMP: No. I'm good. Thank you. 17 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Well, I hope 18 everybody had a great 4th of July and a 250 19 that went over well I think. I think the whole 20 nation come together at least that weekend. 21 That's for sure. And was glad to see how

Page 106 1 positive that was for everybody to come 2 together and how important this nation is. And 3 that's what it's about. Everybody can express 4 their thoughts and feelings, and that's what 5 it's about. 6 So other than that. 7 MR. LESHER: The County Council's next 8 meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 28th, 9 beginning at 5 o'clock p.m. The Council will 10 be convening in open session at 3:30 p.m. and 11 then adjourning into closed session, as listed 12 on the statement for closing that meeting. 13 Therefore, is there a motion to adjourn 14 this meeting and reconvene as noted? 15 MS. MIELKE: So moved. 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Sounds good. 17 MR. STEPP: Second. 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Madam Secretary, I 19 got a -- call the vote. Sorry. 20 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan. 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.	Page 108 1 STATE OF MARYLAND 2 I, Diane Houlihan, a Notary Public in and 3 for the State of Maryland, County of Talbot, do 4 hereby certify that the within named, Talbot County 5 Council Audio, personally appeared before me at the 6 time and place herein set according to law, was 7 interrogated by counsel. 8 9 I further certify that the examination was 10 recorded stenographically by me and then transcribed 11 from my stenographic notes to the within printed 12 matter by means of computer-assisted transcription 13 in a true and accurate manner. 14 15 I further certify that the stipulations 16 contained herein were entered into by counsel in my 17 presence. 18 19 I further certify that I am not of counsel 20 to any of the parties, not an employee of counsel, 21 nor related to any of the parties, nor in any way interested in the outcome of this action. AS WITNESS my hand Notarial Seal this 23rd day of July, 2026,  Diane Houlihan Notary Public My commission expires September 16, 2029
Page 107 1 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 2 MR. STEPP: Aye. 3 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 4 MR. LESHNER: Aye. 5 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 6 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 7 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you. I 8 appreciate everybody showing up. Thank you. 9 (Meeting concluded at: 6:25 p.m.) 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	

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