



TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

County Council

MINUTES

April 12, 2022

Present – President Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Corey Pack, Laura Everngam Price, County Manager Clay Stamp, and County Attorney Patrick Thomas. Vice President Pete Leshar participated in the meeting via telephone.

- I. Agenda – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Agenda of Tuesday, April 12, 2022.
- II. Minutes – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Minutes of Tuesday, March 8, 2022.
- III. Disbursements – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Disbursements of Tuesday, March 29, 2022, Tuesday, April 5, 2022 and Tuesday, April 12, 2022.
- IV. Proclamation: Maryland Flood Awareness Month – April 2022 – The Clerk read a proclamation into the record in recognition of April 2022 as Flood Awareness Month in Maryland. The proclamation spoke of how changing weather patterns, rising seas and increased storm activity are affecting more residential structures and businesses than in previous times and are cause for preparation of personal safety and protection of structures by knowing the risk, making a plan and acting on the plan if and when necessary. Greg Allis, Talbot County Zoning and Floodplain Coordinator, stated that his job responsibilities include ensuring that building permits in the floodplain are in compliance with the County’s Floodplain Management Ordinance so that Talbot County can participate in the National Flood Insurance Program and managing the Community Rating System (CRS) for the Program so owners of property in flood prone areas of the unincorporated areas of the county can receive appropriate discounts on their flood insurance policies. Mr. Allis outlined various facets of the National Flood Insurance Program and the CRS and Council discussion ensued with Mr. Allis. Council members expressed their appreciation to Mr. Allis for his work to raise awareness of the seriousness of flooding to the safety of Talbot County citizens and property. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the proclamation by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshar – Aye (via phone)
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack - Aye
- V. Presentation of Priority Listing to Maryland Department of Transportation – Ray Clarke, County Engineer; Mike Mertaugh, Roads Engineer – Mr. Clarke and Mr. Mertaugh briefed the Council on staff’s recommendations for Talbot County’s project priority listing as requested annually by the Maryland Department of Transportation. Mr. Mertaugh stated that the County’s top priority on the 2021 priority listing was a request to the State to replace the flashing red light at the southern end of the Easton Bypass (MD Rt. 322) where it meets U.S. Rt. 50 with a traffic signal; the change was made shortly after the request was made. Mr. Mertaugh stated that the top priority is now a recommendation that the highway infrastructure at the northern intersection of MD Rt. 322 (Easton Bypass) and U.S. Rt. 50 be evaluated and changes made to reduce fatalities, personal injuries, and property damage at the location. As each item on the priority listing was brought forward, Council discussion ensued with Mr. Clarke and Mr. Mertaugh, and

requests for revisions in the priority rankings made. At Council’s request, staff will provide an updated listing for Council’s consideration at the Tuesday, April 26, 2022 Council meeting.

VI. Introduction of Administrative Resolution:

ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY (THE “COUNTY COUNCIL”), PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF BILL NO. 1494 ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 9, 2021 (THE “PUBLIC LOCAL LAW”), AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A MASTER LEASE AGREEMENT, EQUIPMENT SCHEDULE NO. 001, AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS BETWEEN TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND, AS LESSEE, AND SIGNATURE PUBLIC FUNDING CORP., AS LESSOR, FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE COUNTY’S REPURPOSING CENTER LOCATED AT 28128 ST. MICHAELS ROAD, EASTON, MARYLAND was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for introduction. Prior to introduction, Joye Nagle, Finance Director, stated that the administrative resolution is one of the components required for the lease purchase of equipment for the Talbot County Repurposing Center located on St. Michaels Road. The administrative resolution was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner (via phone), Ms. Price, and Mr. Pack. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved the Administrative Resolution by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

- Mr. Callahan – Aye
- Mr. Divilio – Aye
- Mr. Leshner – Aye (via phone)
- Ms. Price – Aye
- Mr. Pack – Aye

VII. Public Hearings:

Prior to the public hearings, Mr. Callahan stated that the Planning Commission had not yet had an opportunity to provide recommendations on the resolutions; therefore, the public hearings would be continued. Individuals who wished to testify would be provided an opportunity to do so. County Attorney, Patrick Thomas, stated that the record on the resolutions would remain open until the next meeting (April 26, 2022) should individuals wish to testify at that time.

Resolution No. 315, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING OR MODIFYING THE TALBOT COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 AND 2024 TO ADD A NEW CAPITAL PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8.6 MILLION FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPLACING THE TOWN OF EASTON’S GLEBE WATER TREATMENT PLANT WITH UPGRADED TECHNOLOGY, was read into the record by the Clerk, brought forward for public hearing, and members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

Resolution No. 316, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING OR MODIFYING THE TALBOT COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 AND 2024 TO ADD A NEW CAPITAL PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$800,000 FOR FORCE MAIN PRESSURE SENSORS AND VACUUM SENSORS FOR THE REGION I – UNIONVILLE, TUNIS MILLS, AND COPPERVILLE, REGION II – ROYAL OAK, NEWCOMB, AND BELLEVUE AND REGION II - MARTINGHAM SEWER SERVICE AREAS, was read into the record by the Clerk, brought forward for public hearing, and members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

Resolution No. 317, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING OR MODIFYING THE TALBOT COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 AND 2024 TO ADD A NEW CAPITAL PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$360,000 FOR A NEW EMERGENCY GENERATOR FOR THE REGION II – MARTINGHAM SEWER SERVICE AREA AND MARTINGHAM WATER SYSTEM, was read into the record by the Clerk, brought forward for public hearing, and members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

Resolution No. 318, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING OR MODIFYING THE TALBOT COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 AND 2024 TO ADD A NEW CAPITAL PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2.190 MILLION TO ELIMINATE SEPTIC SYSTEMS IN THE VILLAGES OF BAR NECK AND FAIRBANK BY EXTENDING SEWER SERVICE FROM THE REGION V (TILGHMAN) WASTEWATER SYSTEM, was read into the record by the Clerk, brought forward for public hearing, and members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

Resolution No. 319, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING OR MODIFYING THE TALBOT COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 AND 2024 TO ADD A NEW CAPITAL PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,688,300 FOR THE REGION V (TILGHMAN) WASTEWATER SYSTEM ENHANCED NUTRIENT REMOVAL (ENR) UPGRADES AND ELIMINATING SEPTIC SYSTEMS IN AND AROUND THE VILLAGES OF SHERWOOD, WITTMAN, MCDANIEL, AND CLAIBORNE BY EXTENDING SEWER FROM THE REGION V (TILGHMAN) WASTEWATER SYSTEM, was read into the record by the Clerk, brought forward for public hearing, and members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

Resolution No. 320, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN TO ADD OR MODIFY THE TALBOT COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 AND 2024 TO ADD A NEW CAPITAL PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$800,000 FOR INDIVIDUAL GRINDER PUMPS IN THE REGION I (UNIONVILLE, TUNIS MILLS, COPPERVILLE) SEWER SERVICE AREA, was read into the record by the Clerk, brought forward for public hearing, and members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

Resolution No. 321, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING OR MODIFYING THE TALBOT COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 AND 2024 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING A NEW CAPITAL PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.5 MILLION FOR SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE REGION V (TILGHMAN) SANITARY DISTRICT, was read into the record by the Clerk, brought forward for public hearing, and members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

Resolution No. 322, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECLASSIFYING AND REMAPPING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON UNIONVILLE ROAD, EASTON, MARYLAND, SHOWN ON TAX MAP 24, AS PARCEL 129, FROM UNPROGRAMMED TO “S-1” IMMEDIATE PRIORITY STATUS (*Kemp*), was read into the record by the Clerk, brought forward for public hearing, and members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

Resolution No. 323, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECLASSIFYING AND REMAPPING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON ST. MICHAELS ROAD (MARYLAND ROUTE 33), EASTON, MARYLAND AND SHOWN ON TAX MAP 33 AS PARCELS 38 AND 105 FROM UNPROGRAMMED TO “S-1” IMMEDIATE PRIORITY STATUS (*Kirkham Station*), was read into the record by the Clerk, brought forward for public hearing, and members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

Resolution No. 324, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECLASSIFYING AND REMAPPING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 26491 ROYAL OAK ROAD (MARYLAND ROUTE 329), ROYAL OAK, MARYLAND AND SHOWN ON TAX MAP 41 AS PARCEL 156 AND CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON ROYAL OAK ROAD (MARYLAND ROUTE 329), ROYAL OAK, MARYLAND AND SHOWN ON TAX MAP 41 AS PARCEL 233, LOT 1 FROM UNPROGRAMMED TO “S-1” IMMEDIATE PRIORITY STATUS (*Stevenson/McEachern*), was read into the record by the Clerk, brought forward for public hearing, and members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

Resolution No. 325, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECLASSIFYING AND REMAPPING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 26383 ROYAL OAK ROAD (MARYLAND ROUTE 329), EASTON, MARYLAND AND SHOWN ON TAX MAP 41 AS PARCEL 214 FROM UNPROGRAMMED TO “S-1” IMMEDIATE PRIORITY STATUS (*Stockhausen*), was read into the record by the Clerk, brought forward for public hearing, and members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

Resolution No. 326, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN TO AUTHORIZE TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND’S ACQUISITION OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SERVING THE PRESERVE AT WYE MILLS WITH THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT BEING LOCATED AT RUSTLING OAKS DRIVE, WYE MILLS, MARYLAND 21679, DESCRIBED AS TAX MAP 01, PARCEL 98, was read into the record by the Clerk, brought forward for public hearing, and members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

Resolution No. 327, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING THAT START-UP WASTEWATER TREATMENT FOR PHASE 1, SECTION 1 OF THE LAKESIDE PROJECT AND ITS TREATED EFFLUENT SHALL AT LEAST MEET ENHANCED NUTRIENT REMOVAL STANDARDS AND FURTHER PROVIDING THAT CONNECTION TO THE EXISTING TRAPPE WASTEWATER SYSTEM IS CONDITIONED IN PART UPON THE EXISTING SYSTEM NOT HAVING ANY OUTSTANDING MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS, CONSENT ORDERS, OR VIOLATIONS, was read into the record by the Clerk, brought forward for public hearing, and members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

Resolution No. 328, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN TO REVISE CHAPTER THREE – AMENDMENT PROCEDURES was read into the record by the Clerk, brought forward for public hearing, and members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

Resolution No. 329, A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR LARGE-SCALE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS BEYOND THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION STAGE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) MONTHS PENDING CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF SUCH LEGISLATION AS THE COUNTY COUNCIL MAY CONSIDER ADVISABLE TO PROMOTE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE, was read into the record by the Clerk, brought forward for public hearing, and members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

Bill No. 1497, A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 24 (BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS) OF THE TALBOT COUNTY CODE IN ORDER TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE V ENTITLED “POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGING COMMITTEE” was read into the record by the Clerk, brought forward for public hearing, and members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Written comments on Bill No. 1497 will be accepted until the close of business on Thursday, April 14, 2022. Bill No. 1497 is eligible for vote on Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

VIII. County Manager’s Report:

- A. Talbot County Board of Electrical Examiners – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of Timothy “Tim” Fluharty to a four-year term on the Talbot County Board of Electrical Examiners; said term will expire on April 1, 2026, Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the reappointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- B. Talbot County Commission on the Aging – Requested Council approval for the appointment of Grace Lyons to the Talbot County Commission on the Aging as an Ex-Officio member. Upon motion by Mr. Divilio, seconded by Mr. Pack, the Council approved the appointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- C. Talbot County Emergency Services Advisory Board – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of Debbie Timms, Steve Mroczek, and Scott Mergenthaler to three-year terms on the Talbot County Emergency Services Advisory Board as representatives of the University of Maryland Medical System Shore Regional Health, Talbot County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association, and law enforcement, respectively; said terms will expire on February 1, 2025. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Pack, the Council approved the reappointments by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye

Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye (via phone)
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

- D. Request from Department of Public Works– Requested Council approval of the County Engineer’s recommendation to apply for and accept funding from the Maryland Energy Administration’s Clean Fuels Incentive Program; if approved, the funding will be used for the purchase of two to four new pickup trucks and propane conversion kits for use by the Talbot County Sanitary District. Discussion ensued with County Engineer, Ray Clarke. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved submittal of the grant application by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- E. Request from Building African American Minds, Inc. (BAAM) – Requested Council approval to forward letters to Senator Ben Cardin and Senator Chris Van Hollen in support of BAAM’s application for Congressionally Directed Spending Funds; if approved, the funding will be used toward construction of an Academic Center; no County funding is required. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the letters of support by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- F. Request from Commissioners of Queen Anne’s County – Requested Council approval of a request from the Commissioners of Queen Anne’s County to forward a letter in support of construction of a new William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Bridge (Chesapeake Bay Bridge). Council discussion ensued. At Council’s request, the Clerk read a draft letter into the record and Council discussion again ensued. At Council’s request, County Attorney, Patrick Thomas, will revise the letter to reflect Council’s discussion and requested changes. Upon motion by Mr. Divilio, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved forwarding the letter once it has been revised and each Council member had an opportunity to review the changes by voting 4 - 1 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Nay (via phone)
Ms. Price – Aye

Mr. Pack – Aye

The revised letter will be scheduled for consideration of approval at the Tuesday, April 26, 2022 Council meeting.

- G. Bid No. 22-02, INTEGRATED VIDEO/RECORDING SECURITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – TALBOT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS – TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND – Requested Council approval to award Bid No. 22-02 to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, to ARK Systems, Inc., in the sum of \$330,736, and to permit staff to negotiate a best and final offer with the company to separate the project into a two fiscal year project. Council discussion ensued with Terry Kokolis, Director, Talbot County Department of Corrections. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the award by voting 5 - 0 as follows:

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

- H. Request from Department of Corrections – Requested Council approval of the recommendation of the Director of the Department of Corrections to extend the contract with Wellpath, formerly known as Correct Care Solutions, LLC (Bid No. 15-33), to provide inmate medical and mental health services in the sum of \$467,128.15 for 2022-2023, the last year of the contract; funding for the contract extension is included in the proposed FY23 County Budget; and

Request from Department of Corrections – Requested Council approval of the recommendation of the Director of the Department of Corrections to extend the contract with Trinity Food Services Group (Bid No. 18-16) in the sum of \$248,800 for 2022-2023; funding for the contract extension is included in the proposed FY23 County Budget. Council discussion ensued with Terry Kokolis, Director, Talbot County Department of Corrections, as each item was brought forward. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Pack, the Council approved extension of the contracts by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Mr. Kokolis congratulated Mr. Pack on his reappointment to the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards.

Ms. Price briefed Mr. Kokolis and the Council on attempts to have the General Assembly approve legislation to have Talbot County correctional officers join CORS (Correctional Officers' Retirement System), similar to the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System (LEOPS) for Sheriff's deputies. She apologized to Mr. Kokolis that the legislation was not approved during the 2022 Legislative Session but stated that the bill would be pre-filed for the 2023 Session.

Mr. Stamp congratulated Mr. Kokolis on having completed a recent Department of Corrections audit, achieving 100 percent with no recommendations. Mr. Stamp stated that he attributed the achievement to Mr. Kokolis' leadership and the staff of the facility.

- I. Special Legislative Day – Mr. Stamp requested Council approval to declare Tuesday, April 19, 2022 a Special Legislative Day for introduction of the FY23 Budget. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the request by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Ms. Price stated that she would not be in attendance at the April 19, 2022 Council meeting due to her previously scheduled obligations as president of the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo).

- J. County Offices Closed - Mr. Stamp stated that County offices will be closed on Friday, April 15, 2022 in recognition of Good Friday.
- K. National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week – Mr. Stamp stated that April 10, 2022 through April 16, 2022 is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week which recognizes those who work as 9-1-1 operators to dispatch ambulances, fire engines and police to those in crisis while calmly assuring the individual in crisis that help is on the way. He commended those who work at Talbot Center for the professionalism and dedication to their duties as 9-1-1 operators.

IX. Public Comments: Members of the public were afforded an opportunity to comment on matters of interest to them.

X. Council Comments:

Mr. Pack - Mr. Pack stated that although he would not be in this chair in the next term, Mr. Kokolis and his staff at the Talbot County Detention Center have his support for Correctional Officers' Retirement System (CORS) legislation and he offered his support to Mr. Kokolis and the next Council for same. He stated that it had been a pleasure to serve Talbot County over the past 15 years and although it was a very personal decision to not seek reelection, it was a decision that did not come easily because of the people that he has worked with over those 15 years, including department heads, staff, County Managers, and Council members. He stated that, in his opinion, although the Council members certainly do not always agree, each member has the best interest of the county in mind and that he has always done his best to make sure Talbot County was a little better than he found it 15 years ago. He stated that, in his opinion, this Council and past Councils have accomplished a lot, including selecting the first African American department head, Ms. Joye Nagle (Finance Director), the first Hispanic department head, Miguel Salinas (Planning and Zoning), and placed Talbot County Sheriff's Deputies in LEOPS (Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System). He concurred with Ms. Price's comments

regarding not getting the correctional officers into the CORS, stating that it was, in his opinion, one of his greatest failures; he again offered his support to the next Council to move the initiative forward. Mr. Pack concluded his comments by stating that had been a pleasure to serve Talbot County.

Mr. Leshner - No comments.

Ms. Price - Ms. Price stated that yesterday (April 11, 2022) marked the 90th day of the legislature – Sine Die. She provided an update on the emergency medical transport legislation which passed, with amendments, stating that prior to the bill’s passage, jurisdictions were only reimbursed \$100 if the patient were transported to an emergency room; jurisdictions will now be reimbursed regardless of where the patient is transported or is treated on site, in \$100 increments. She stated that the legislation will provide jurisdictions the ability to bill the insurance companies of those patients who have insurance; the legislation currently has a three-year sunset clause. Ms. Price then provided an update on *HB1448, Concurrent Civil Jurisdiction – Violation of Ordinances* which established that the District Court has concurrent civil jurisdiction with a governing body of a county or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore over a proceeding for adjudication of a violation of certain ordinances. She stated that the legislation which was brought about in part, by a specific case involving a Talbot County property owner who had numerous zoning violations for which they were assessed fines of over \$700,000, only to have the County learn, after the property owner went through a series of appeals, that the County did not have the right to enforce civil penalties at the local level and therefore was unable to recoup the fines, attorneys’ fees, and court costs. Ms. Price stated that although Baltimore City was the lead sponsor of the legislation, it affected all the counties as well, therefore MACo was a primary force in promoting the statewide importance of the legislation to both the House and Senate which subsequently passed unanimously in both houses. Ms. Price expressed her appreciation to County Attorney, Patrick Thomas, for his assistance in providing the history of the matter and the language for her testimony. Ms. Price concluded her comments by stating that the legislation will have a huge statewide impact in preventing what happened to Talbot County from happening to other jurisdictions.

Mr. Divilio - Mr. Divilio expressed his appreciation to Brian Schmidt, Councilmember, Town of Trappe, for being in attendance. He stated that he does not like to see comments posted on Facebook questioning how “this little town” is going to be able to employ someone to be able to manage a wastewater treatment facility - he stated that they already do employ someone. He stated that, in his opinion, there are so many people that like to strike up fear, use false statements, and twist facts – almost like they have no integrity. He stated that, in his opinion, Talbot County employs some amazing people, many of whom have second and third jobs and give back to the community. Mr. Divilio recognized Greg Harris (Sheriff’s Office) and his wife, Kim, who is holding a golf tournament for the Virtuous Women Project on June 18, 2022 in Queenstown to raise funds for scholarships. He stated that he had first met Greg’s wife at an Easton High School scholarship night at which time they were presenting the scholarship for which they had raised the funds. Mr. Divilio encouraged individuals interested in participating in the golf tournament to contact him for more information. Mr. Divilio concluded his comments by expressing his appreciation to Greg and Kim Harris.

Mr. Callahan- Mr. Callahan wished everyone a Happy Easter weekend.

- XI. Upon motion by Mr. Divilio, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council voted to adjourn and to reconvene on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 in Open Session at 4:30 p.m. and then adjourn into Closed Session for discussion of legal, personnel and real estate matters as listed on the statement for closing the meeting, and at 6:00 p.m. for the Special Legislative Day by voting 5– 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan - Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye (via phone)
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

The transcript of the April 12, 2022 County Council meeting is available for review in the Office of the Talbot County Manager during regular office hours.

- XII. Work Session on Proposed Rate Increase for Talbot County Sanitary Districts – The Council met with County Engineer, Ray Clarke, Joye Nagle, Finance Director, Ken Davis, Assistant Finance Director, and Russell Lease, Environmental Manager, at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 in the Bradley Room to discuss proposed rate increases for the Talbot County Sanitary Districts. Mr. Clarke stated that he had met with representatives of the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) in Fall 2021 regarding funding for the County’s planned sewer extension projects as outlined in Resolution Nos. 235 and 250. He stated that MDE had advised that in order to obtain funding, for the sewer extension projects, the operational cost to debt ratio needs to at least break-even. Mr. Clarke utilized a PowerPoint presentation to outline the status of various past, current, and proposed future Talbot County Sanitary District projects, loan amounts and yearly payments to be paid by the users of the systems. He outlined current staffing shortages and the challenges the shortages present to the Sanitary Districts. He then provided information on increased operational costs for the Sanitary Districts including, replacement of equipment, salaries for additional staff, the planned addition of approximately 1,000 new connections, chemical costs, the repair and replacement fund, remote monitoring systems, and transportation costs due to an increase in the number of users resulting in increased travel. Mr. Clarke used charts to detail various scenarios for the Council as to the amount of revenue which would be generated if the current rates were not increased, or raised \$100, \$200, \$300, and \$400 on an annual basis; He stated that \$300 is the annual increase needed to break-even. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Clarke and Ms. Nagle. The Council’s consensus was that the proposed rate increase which should be considered is \$325 for the Unionville/Tunis Mills/Copperville, Royal Oak/Newcomb and Bellevue, St. Michaels and Martingham Sanitary Districts; and \$225 for the Tilghman Sanitary District. Mr. Clarke and Ms. Nagle will continue to review the matter as necessary. The work session concluded at 4:06 p.m.

- XIII. Summary of Closed Session Held on Thursday, March 24, 2022:

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

Time of closed session: 4:00 p.m. to 5:10 p.m.
Place of closed session: Bradley Meeting Room and County Council Office
Purpose of the closed session: To consider various matters as set forth in the statement for closing the meeting

2. Record of the vote of each member as to closing the session:

Names of members voting aye: Callahan, Divilio, Leshner, Pack, Price

Members opposed: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

3. Statutory authority to close session and listing of each topic actually discussed, persons present, and each action taken in the session:

Topic Description	Statutory Authority	Reason for Closed Session Discussion	Persons Present	Action Taken
To discuss personnel matter in Administrative Services	GP § 3-305(b)(1)(i)	Discussion involves specific individuals	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Joye Nagle, Ken Davis, Susan Moran	No action
To discuss personnel matter in Circuit Court	GP § 3-305(b)(1)(i)	Discussion involves specific individuals	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Joye Nagle, Ken Davis, Susan Moran	No action
To discuss personnel matter in County Manager’s Office	GP § 3-305(b)(1)(i)	Discussion involves specific individuals	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Joye Nagle, Ken Davis, Susan Moran	No action
To discuss personnel matter in Finance Office	GP § 3-305(b)(1)(i)	Discussion involves specific individuals	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Joye Nagle, Ken Davis, Susan Moran	No action
To discuss personnel matter in Parks and Recreation	GP § 3-305(b)(1)(i)	Discussion involves specific individuals	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Joye Nagle, Ken	No action

			Davis, Susan Moran	
To discuss personnel matter in Planning and Zoning	GP § 3-305(b)(1)(i)	Discussion involves specific individuals	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Joye Nagle, Ken Davis, Susan Moran	No action
To discuss personnel matter in Roads Department	GP § 3-305(b)(1)(i)	Discussion involves specific individuals	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Joye Nagle, Ken Davis, Susan Moran	No action
To discuss personnel matter in Sheriff's Office	GP § 3-305(b)(1)(i)	Discussion involves specific individuals	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Joye Nagle, Ken Davis, Susan Moran	No action

XIV. Summary of Closed Session Held on April 5, 2022:

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

Time of closed session: 4:00 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.
 Place of closed session: Bradley Meeting Room and County Council Office
 Purpose of the closed session: To consider various matters as set forth in the statement for closing the meeting

2. Record of the vote of each member as to closing the session:

Names of members voting aye: Callahan, Divilio, Leshner, Pack, Price
 Members opposed: None
 Abstaining: None
 Absent: None

3. Statutory authority to close session and listing of each topic actually discussed, persons present, and each action taken in the session:

Topic Description	Statutory Authority	Reason for Closed Session Discussion	Persons Present	Action Taken
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To discuss personnel matter regarding position compensation and benefits	GP § 3-305(b)(1)(i)	Discussion involves specific individuals and positions	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Joye Nagle, Ken Davis, David Edwards, Jessica Morris, Mary LeCompte, Jamie Honigman (HRInTune) and Scott Gaul (HRInTune)	No action
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XV. Summary of Closed Session Held on April 12, 2022:

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

Time of closed session: 5:00 p.m. to 5:40 p.m.
 Place of closed session: Bradley Meeting Room and County Council Office
 Purpose of the closed session: To consider various matters as set forth in the statement for closing the meeting

2. Record of the vote of each member as to closing the session:

Names of members voting aye: Callahan, Divilio, Leshner, Pack, Price
 Members opposed: None
 Abstaining: None
 Absent: None

3. Statutory authority to close session and listing of each topic actually discussed, persons present, and each action taken in the session:

Topic Description	Statutory Authority	Reason for Closed Session Discussion	Persons Present	Action Taken
To discuss appointments to various County boards and committees	GP § 3-305(b)(1)(i)	Public discussion would discourage individuals from volunteering to serve	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Patrick Thomas, Jessica Morris	No action
To discuss contract negotiations for Bid No. 22-02	GP § 3-305(b)(14)	To discuss contract negotiations	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura	Council concurred with contract negotiation as presented

		before bid is awarded	Price, Clay Stamp, Patrick Thomas, Jessica Morris	
To discuss legal counsel for Board of Appeals	GP § 3-305(b)(7)	Attorney-client discussion regarding legal counsel representation	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Patrick Thomas, Jessica Morris	Council concurred with appointment of legal counsel
Update on litigation involving Angel Enterprises	GP § 3-305(b)(7)(8)	Attorney-client discussion regarding possible settlement of litigation	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Patrick Thomas, Jessica Morris	Council rejected proposal from opposing counsel
Update on litigation (Civil Action No: 1:21-cv-01088)	GP § 3-305(b)(7)(8)	Attorney-client discussion regarding status of litigation	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Patrick Thomas, Jessica Morris	No action

CASH STATEMENT 3/29/2022

BALANCE 3/22/2022	51,477,523.37
CIGNA HEALTH CLAIMS PAID THROUGH 3/21/2022	(127,715.83)
ELECTION BOARD PPE 2/22/2022	(11,753.57)
ENTERPRISE LEASE PYMT 3/2022	(11,698.35)
DEPOSITS	1,015,590.04
CHECKS	(623,054.54)
BALANCE 3/22/2022	<u><u>51,718,891.12</u></u>

INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL	0.21%	20,500,000.00
BAYVANGUARD BANK		10,221,316.07
TOTAL INVESTED		<u>30,721,316.07</u>
PETTY CASH BALANCE		<u>12,625.00</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>		<u>82,452,832.19</u>

CASH STATEMENT 4/05/2022

BALANCE 3/29/2022		51,718,891.12
TOTAL ADP PAYROLL PPE 3/18/2022		(680,002.25)
TOTAL ADP MONTHLY PAYROLL PPE 3/31/2022		(25,612.64)
PENSION DED PPE 3/18/2022 & 3/31/2022		(43,866.57)
DEFERRED COMP DED PPE 3/18/2022 & 3/31/2022		(21,157.32)
DEFERRED COMP PPE 3/18/2022 PLAN 401(A)		(6,617.37)
CIGNA HEALTH CLAIMS PAID THRU 3/28/2022		(55,456.13)
MD STATE RETIREMENT AGENCY FY21 ADMIN COST FEE		(9,647.42)
COMMUNITY CENTER ICE PLANT REPLACEMENT		(334,200.00)
USDA/RD QTRLY BOND PYMT #92-03		(9,478.60)
WELLS FARGO GOLF EQUIPMENT LEASE PYMT		(128.00)
REIMBURSE EASTON HIGH SCHOOL ROOF PROJECT		(167,765.38)
DEPOSITS		5,307,673.56
CHECKS		(2,481,261.69)
VOIDED CHECK(S) #354275, 357997, 358019, 358032, 358038		7,659.27
BALANCE 4/05/2022		<u>53,199,030.58</u>

INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		0.24%	20,500,000.00
BAYVANGUARD BANK			10,221,316.07
TOTAL INVESTED			<u>30,721,316.07</u>

PETTY CASH BALANCE	<u>12,625.00</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>	<u>83,932,971.65</u>

CASH STATEMENT 4/12/2022

BALANCE 4/05/2022	53,199,030.58
CIGNA CLAIMS PAID THRU 4/4/2022	(108,141.66)
ELECTION BOARD PPE 3/1/2022	(1,788.03)
TALBOT CO. FREE LIBRARY FY21-22 4/2022	(126,616.00)
TALBOT CO. HUMANE SOCIETY FY21-22 4/2022	(34,167.00)
BOARD OF EDUCATION 4/2022	(3,658,800.00)
APRIL 2022 RETIREE HEALTH PLAN #727	(34,061.42)
USDA/RD MTHLY BOND PYMT #97-08	(1,304.00)
MD STATE RETIREMENT AGENCY	(3,358.51)
BANK CHARGES 2/2022	(3,547.08)
DEPOSITS	785,080.04
CHECKS	(1,088,009.44)
VOIDED CHECK(S) #357621, 357813, 358125	21,187.80
BALANCE 4/12/2022	<u>48,945,505.28</u>

INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		0.27%	20,500,000.00
BAYVANGUARD BANK			10,221,316.07
TOTAL INVESTED			<u>30,721,316.07</u>
PETTY CASH BALANCE			<u>12,625.00</u>

GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS

79,679,446.35