



# TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

County Council

MINUTES

April 26, 2022

Present – President Chuck Callahan, Vice President Pete Leshner, Frank Divilio, Corey Pack, Laura Everngam Price, County Manager Clay Stamp, and County Attorney Patrick Thomas.

- I. Agenda – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Agenda of Tuesday, April 26, 2022.
- II. Minutes – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Minutes of Tuesday, March 22, 2022.
- III. Disbursements – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Disbursements of Tuesday, April 26, 2022.
- IV. Update by Talbot Humane – Patty Crankshaw-Quimby, Executive Director, Talbot Humane — Ms. Crankshaw-Quimby provided statistical information for the 2021 calendar year at Talbot Humane on the number of animals reunited with their owners, adopted into homes or foster care, microchipped, benefitted from the retention and intervention programs, and Animal Control’s response to complaints. She stated that in FY21, Talbot Humane saw a 14% increase in animal intake over FY20 and the same is anticipated for FY22; Talbot Humane continues its work with other rescue groups to place animals. Ms. Crankshaw-Quimby stated that Talbot Humane is currently hiring for an entry level animal control position, offering an opportunity to individuals who are interested in pursuing the field of animal control and humane law enforcement. She briefed the Council on Animal Cruelty and Humane Violence Awareness Week, celebrated each year during the third week of April, and reminded everyone that it is a known fact that there is a correlation between cruelty to animals and human violence, both of which are community issues. She provided information on Talbot Humane’s ongoing microchipping and spay/neuter programs and stated that Talbot Humane was again a recipient of the Department of Agriculture’s spay/neuter grant for 2022 in the sum of \$31,500 which will provide 500 surgeries for dogs and cats free of charge for qualifying residents of Talbot and Dorchester counties; matching funding from Talbot Humane will provide the same surgeries for dogs and cats of qualified owners on a sliding scale. Ms. Crankshaw-Quimby briefed the Council on the internship program for high school seniors, noted the importance of volunteers to her organization, and that events are being planned for August 3, 2022 to mark the 90<sup>th</sup> year of the organization’s service to the community. She stated that Talbot Humane purchased the property adjacent to its current facility in November 2021 from Saints Peter and Paul; planning for a state-of-the-art facility is in progress. Council discussion ensued with Ms. Crankshaw-Quimby as various matters were brought forward. Talbot Humane will continue to update the Council on a regular or as-needed basis.
- V. Presentation of Priority Listing to Maryland Department of Transportation – Ray Clarke, County Engineer - Mr. Clarke stated that, at Council’s request following the April 12, 2022 meeting, staff had revised the project priority listing to include the changes as discussed on April 12<sup>th</sup>. He outlined the revised listing for Council and discussion ensued as to the ranking order and verbiage for the rankings, including removal of the word “overpass” and insertion of “expansion of existing intersections to provide for more through traffic...”. At the request of the Town of Oxford, an item had been included which requested the State’s

review of flooding issues on the Oxford Causeway (MD Rt. 333) which are a safety concern to emergency vehicles and evacuation of town residents and visitors during storm events. Council discussion again ensued with Mr. Clarke. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the priority listing as outlined by Mr. Clarke by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Talbot County’s 2022 Project Priority Listing for the Consolidated Transportation Program will be forwarded to the Maryland Department of Transportation.

VI. Continuation of Public Hearings:

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 and brought forward for continuation of the public hearing of Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Prior to the public hearing, Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the Public Works Advisory Board, at its meeting on March 17, 2022, recommended that the Council approve Resolution No. 315 by a vote of 3 – 0. Miguel Salinas, Planning Officer, stated that the Planning Commission, at its meeting on April 20, 2022, unanimously certified that Resolution No.315 was consistent with the County’s Comprehensive Plan. Members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Ms. Price, Resolution No. 315 was moved forward for vote. The Council approved Resolution No. 315 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Resolution No. 315 is effective immediately.

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 and brought forward for continuation of the public hearing of Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Prior to the public hearing, Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the Public Works Advisory Board, at its meeting on March 17, 2022, recommended that the Council approve Resolution No. 316 by a vote of 3 – 0. Miguel Salinas, Planning Officer, stated that the Planning Commission, at its meeting on April 20, 2022, unanimously certified that Resolution No. 316 was consistent with the County’s Comprehensive Plan. Members of the public were provided an opportunity to

comment on the legislation. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Ms. Price, Resolution No. 316 was moved forward for vote. The Council approved Resolution No. 316 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Resolution No. 316 is effective immediately.

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 and brought forward for continuation of the public hearing of Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Prior to the public hearing, Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the Public Works Advisory Board, at its meeting on March 17, 2022, recommended that the Council approve Resolution No. 317 by a vote of 3 – 0. Miguel Salinas, Planning Officer, stated that the Planning Commission, at its meeting on April 20, 2022, unanimously certified that Resolution No. 317 was consistent with the County’s Comprehensive Plan. Members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Ms. Price, Resolution No. 317 was moved forward for vote. The Council approved Resolution No. 317 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Resolution No. 317 is effective immediately.

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 and brought forward for continuation of the public hearing of Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Prior to the public hearing, Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the Public Works Advisory Board, at its meeting on March 17, 2022, recommended that the Council approve Resolution No. 318 by a vote of 3 – 0. Miguel Salinas, Planning Officer, stated that the Planning Commission, at its meeting on April 20, 2022, unanimously certified that Resolution No. 318 was consistent with the County’s Comprehensive Plan. Members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Ms. Price, Resolution No. 318 was moved forward for vote. The Council approved Resolution No. 318 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Resolution No. 318 is effective immediately.

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 and brought forward for continuation of the public hearing of Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Prior to the public hearing, Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the Public Works Advisory Board, at its meeting on March 17, 2022, recommended that the Council approve Resolution No. 319 by a vote of 3 – 0. Miguel Salinas, Planning Officer, stated that the Planning Commission, at its meeting on April 20, 2022, unanimously certified that Resolution No. 319 was consistent with the County’s Comprehensive Plan. Members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Ms. Price, Resolution No. 319 was moved forward for vote. The Council approved Resolution No. 319 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Resolution No. 319 is effective immediately.

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 and brought forward for continuation of the public hearing of Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Prior to the public hearing, Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the Public Works Advisory Board, at its meeting on March 17, 2022, recommended that the Council approve Resolution No. 320 by a vote of 3 – 0. Miguel Salinas, Planning Officer, stated that the Planning Commission, at its meeting on April 20, 2022, unanimously certified that Resolution No. 320 was consistent with the County’s Comprehensive Plan. Members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Ms. Price, Resolution No. 320 was moved forward for vote. The Council approved Resolution No. 320 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Resolution No. 320 is effective immediately.

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 and brought forward for continuation of the public hearing of Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Prior to the public hearing, Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the Public Works Advisory Board, at its meeting on March 17, 2022, recommended that the Council approve Resolution No. 321 by a vote of 3 – 0. Miguel Salinas, Planning Officer, stated that the Planning Commission, at its meeting on April 20, 2022, unanimously certified that Resolution No. 321 was consistent with the County’s Comprehensive Plan. Members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Ms. Price, Resolution No. 321 was moved forward for vote. The Council approved Resolution No. 321 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Resolution No. 321 is effective immediately.

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 and brought forward for continuation of the public hearing of Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Prior to the public hearing, Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the Public Works Advisory Board, at its meeting on March 17, 2022, recommended that the Council approve Resolution No. 322 by a vote of 3 – 0. Miguel Salinas, Planning Officer, stated that the Planning Commission, at its meeting on April 20, 2022, unanimously certified that Resolution No. 322 was consistent with the County’s Comprehensive Plan. Members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Ms. Price, Resolution No. 322 was moved forward for vote. The Council approved Resolution No. 322 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Resolution No. 322 is effective immediately.

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 and brought forward for continuation of the public hearing of Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Prior to the public hearing, Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the Public Works Advisory Board reviewed the resolution at its meeting on March 17, 2022 and voted to table the matter until their meeting of April 21, 2022. He stated that the Board, at its meeting on April 21, 2022, determined that the way Resolution No. 175 is currently drafted, the Public Works Advisory Board would have to vote down Resolution No. 323; he stated that it was the recommendation of the Board that Council adopt Resolution No. 323 after amending Resolution No. 175 for this one-time exception for the Kirkham Station property. Mr. Clarke provided a brief history of property owner’s efforts to obtain sewer in order to rebuild on the subject property. Miguel Salinas, Planning Officer, stated that the Planning Commission approved continuing the discussion of Resolution 323 at its May 4, 2022 meeting in order to hear the recommendation of the Public Works Advisory Board. Council discussion ensued. Members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Upon consensus of the Council, Resolution No. 323 will remain open until the Council has had an opportunity to review Resolution No. 175.

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 and brought forward for continuation of the public hearing of Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Prior to the public hearing, Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the Public Works Advisory Board, at its meeting on March 17, 2022, recommended that the Council approve Resolution No. 324 by a vote of 3 – 0. Miguel Salinas, Planning Officer, stated that the Planning Commission, at its meeting on April 20, 2022, certified that Resolution No. 324 was consistent with the County’s Comprehensive Plan by a vote of 4 – 0 – 1. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Clarke and Mr. Salinas. Members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Ms. Price, Resolution No. 324 was moved forward for vote. The Council approved Resolution No. 324 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Resolution No. 324 is effective immediately.

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 and brought forward for continuation of the public hearing of Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Prior to the public hearing, Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the Public Works Advisory Board, at its meeting on March 17, 2022, recommended that the Council approve Resolution No. 325 by a vote of 3 – 0. Miguel Salinas, Planning Officer, stated that the Planning Commission, at its meeting on April 20, 2022, unanimously certified that Resolution No. 325 was consistent with the County’s Comprehensive Plan. Members of the public were afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Ms. Price, Resolution No. 325 was moved forward for vote. The Council approved Resolution No. 325 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Resolution No. 325 is effective immediately.

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 and brought forward for continuation of the public hearing of Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Prior to the public hearing, Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the Public Works Advisory Board, at its meeting on March 17, 2022, recommended that the Council approve Resolution No. 326 by a vote of 3 – 0, with the following amendments: to change Section VIII to add that all new lots be connected to the Region IV Sanitary District (The Preserve at Wye Mills) shall be assessed a connection fee of at least \$15,000; and to add a Section X. stating that The Preserve at Wye Mills Homeowners’ Association shall remain responsible for any problems resulting from the operation of the plant prior to Talbot County assuming ownership. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Clarke. Mr. Salinas stated that the Planning Commission, at its meeting on April 20, 2022 certified that Resolution No. 326 was consistent with the County’s Comprehensive Plan by a vote of 4 – 0 – 1. Mr. Councill abstained from voting as he is the owner of a neighboring property; Council discussion ensued with Mr. Clarke regarding the Public Works Advisory Board’s recommended change in the language for Section VIII and agreed that the current language in the legislation was sufficient; Mr. Clarke stated that, in his opinion, there was no need to add a Section X as his office is actively working with MDE on the project and that the transfer agreement with The Preserve at Wye Mills already includes the requested language. Council discussion again ensued regarding the changes suggested by the Public Works Advisory Board. Members of the public were then provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Ms. Price, Resolution No. 326 was moved forward for vote. The Council approved Resolution No. 326 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Resolution No. 326 is effective immediately.

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 and brought forward for continuation of the public hearing of Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Prior to the public hearing, Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the Public Works Advisory Board, at its meeting on March 17, 2022, approved a “no recommendation” on Resolution No. 327 by a vote of 3 – 0. Mr. Salinas stated that the Planning Commission, at its meeting on April 20, 2022, certified that Resolution No. 327 was consistent with the County’s Comprehensive Plan by a vote of 4 – 0 – 1, subject to the Council adding language clarifying that Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) standards are also applicable for any direct connection to the existing Trappe Wastewater Treatment Plant; Council discussion ensued with Mr. Salinas. Members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation. At Ms. Price’s request, Ryan Showalter, attorney for Trappe East Holdings Business Trust, developers of Lakeside in Trappe, will forward a letter to the Council stating that should MDE give its approval to the developer for the spray irrigation system, construction will begin immediately on the first phase of the Lakeside ENR wastewater treatment plant. Council discussion again ensued. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, Resolution No. 327 was moved forward for vote. The Council did not approve Resolution No. 327 by voting 2 – 3 as follows:

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

Resolution No. 327 did not pass.

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 and brought forward for a continuation of the public hearing of Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Prior to the public hearing, Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the Public Works Advisory Board, at its meeting on March 17, 2022 recommended Council approval of Resolution No. 328, with the following amendments: at the end of paragraph I in Exhibit A – Procedures - where it says “*June or September*” add “*except for amendments initiated by the County Council*”; and at the end of the last sentence of paragraph I in Procedures - delete the proposed amendment: “*The application procedures set forth herein shall not apply to any Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan amendment initiated by the County, which may be introduced on any legislative day,*” by a vote of 3 – 0. Mr. Salinas stated that the Planning Commission, at its meeting on April 20, 2022, certified that Resolution No. 328 was consistent with the County’s Comprehensive Plan; in addition, the Commission requested that staff draft language to be included as part of the update to the Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan that assures intergovernmental cooperation. Members of the public were afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Council discussion ensued with Patrick Thomas, County Attorney. At Council’s request, Mr. Thomas will draft proposed amendments to Resolution No. 328 for consideration at the Council meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2022. The record on Resolution No. 328 will remain open. Resolution No. 328 will be eligible for vote at an upcoming meeting.



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 and brought forward for continuation of the public hearing of Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Miguel Salinas, Planning Officer, briefed the Council on the purpose of the resolution, to provide a timetable and plan for reviewing possible agricultural offsets for large scale solar energy systems and to make recommendations to Council for amendments to that portion of Chapter 190 of the County Code relating to solar regulations. The resolution was the result of a joint work session between the Council and the Planning Commission. Members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mr. Divilio, Resolution No. 329 was moved forward for vote. The Council approved Resolution No. 329 by voting 4 – 0 – 1 as follows:

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

Resolution No. 329 will take effect immediately.

VII. Eligible for Vote:

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 and brought forward for vote. Prior to the vote, Patrick Thomas, County Attorney, stated that most of the language included in Bill No. 1497 is required under State law, specifically Chapter 59, Laws of Maryland 2021, Maryland Police Accountability Act; other language in the legislation was incorporated following public work sessions with Sheriff Gamble and representatives of the local municipalities, including law enforcement. Council members expressed their appreciation to all parties for their input and efforts toward drafting of the legislation. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved Bill No. 1497 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Bill No. 1497 will become effective as provided for in the legislation.

VIII. Continuation of Discussion of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and Results of Community Survey – Pete Leshner, Vice-President, Talbot County Council – Mr. Leshner invited Cassandra Vanhooser, Director, Department of Economic Development and Tourism forward. He stated that Ms. Vanhooser serves as a member of the task force which made recommendations to the Council for distribution of ARPA funds. He stated that the Council had acted on three (3) of the team’s recommendations in March. He then outlined the remaining recommendations as follows: \$1,000,000 toward a back-up 911 Center/EMS station in the northern part of the county; \$300,000 for an ambulance for the Department of Emergency Services –

funding for both items has already been allocated in the County’s Capital Projects; use of ARPA funds would offset funds previously set aside; \$250,000 toward a non-profit grant fund which would utilize a review process for non-profit organizations similar to the process used to distribute funds through the CARES Act; \$150,000 to the seven (7) area food banks; \$50,000 to the Talbot County Free Library for an upgrade their audio/video system in the meeting room; \$160,000 for a cybersecurity upgrade for Talbot County; and \$235,000 for administrative costs related to the Survey conducted in December 2021 which was used to gather input from county residents as to how they would like to see the funding distributed and staff and other costs related to distribution of the ARPA funds. Mr. Leshner stated that the remaining \$2.7 million will be set aside for other projects or needs as they arise; the funds must be committed by December 2024 and spent by December 2026. Ms. Vanhooser concurred with the recommendations as presented by Mr. Leshner. Council discussion ensued and Ms. Vanhooser stated that there are several requests which need to be reviewed by the task force in the near future. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved the recommendations as presented by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

IX. County Manager’s Report:

A. Request from Talbot County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association (TCVFRA) - Requested Council approval of TCVFRA’s request to use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for the disposal of existing Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) and the purchase of replacement foam for all the fire companies in the county at a cost of \$15,903.75 and \$49,185.50, respectively, from Witmer Public Safety Group by piggybacking on a contract with Montgomery County. Ms. Price briefed the Council on a possible grant opportunity (SB273) and Council discussion ensued with Phil Starkey, President, Talbot County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association. Following discussion, Mr. Stamp revised the request for Council’s approval to allow the fire companies to purchase the new foam and to work with the State to return the old foam; funding for the purchase of the new foam would come from the \$500,000 in ARPA funding designated to the Talbot County fire companies for purchase of equipment and other specific needs. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved the request as outlined by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

B. Bid No. 22-09, FURNISHING & DELIVERY, WITH POSSIBLE APPLICATION, CRS-2L EMULSIFIED ASPHALT WITH POLYMER and/or CRS-2 EMULSIFIED ASPHALT– Requested Council approval to award Bid No. 22-02 to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Slurry Pavers, Inc.; funding for the product is included in the Roads Department’s FY22 Budget. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved the award by voting 5 - 0 as follows:

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

- C. Request for Letter of Support for William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Bridge (Chesapeake Bay Bridge) Construction – Requested Council approval to forward a letter to the Governor in support of a new William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Bridge (Chesapeake Bay Bridge). Patrick Thomas, County Attorney, stated that, at Council’s direction at the last meeting, the letter had been amended to reflect the discussion. Council requested that the wording of the letter remain as drafted but that a couple of paragraphs be rearranged. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved forwarding the letter by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- X. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

XI. Council Comments:

Mr. Divilio - No comments.

Mr. Leshner - No comments.

Mr. Pack - No comments.

Ms. Price - No comments.

Mr. Callahan- No comments.

- XII. Upon motion by Mr. Divilio, seconded by Mr. Pack, the Council voted to adjourn and to reconvene on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 in Open Session at 12:30 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 1:30 p.m. The Council will be holding two public hearings on Bill No. 1498, AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE 2022-2023 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ODINANCE, on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room and at 7:00 p.m. in the Easton Elementary School Cafeteria, 307 Glenwood Avenue, Easton, Maryland, by voting 5– 0 as follows:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

The transcript of the April 26, 2022 County Council meeting is available for review in the Office of the Talbot County Manager during regular office hours.

XII. Summary of Closed Session Held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022:

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

Time of closed session: 5:05 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.  
 Place of closed session: 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:

<b>Topic Description</b>	<b>Statutory Authority</b>	<b>Reason for Closed Session Discussion</b>	<b>Persons Present</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
To discuss personnel matter in the Finance Office	GP § 3-305(b)(1)(i)	Discussion involves specific individual	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	No action
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, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	No action
To discuss possible acquisition of property in Easton for a public purpose	GP § 3-305(b)(3)	To protect the County's bargaining position regarding the potential acquisition of a specific parcel of real property for a public purpose	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	No action

**CASH STATEMENT 4/26/2022**

BALANCE 4/19/2022	49,162,549.21
CIGNA CLAIMS PAID THRU 4/18/2022	(72,957.13)
ENTERPRISE LEASE PYMT	(11,685.15)
PROCESSING & GATEWAY FEES FOR GOLF COURSE	(150.72)
SALES & USE/HOG NECK GOLF COURSE DUE 4/20/2022	(547.13)
SALES & USE/COMMUNITY CENTER DUE 4/20/2022	(246.86)
SALES & USE/REPURPOSING CENTER DUE 4/20/2022	(893.65)
BRF RETURN FEE JAN-MAR 2022	(79,908.09)
RETURNED CHECK #204	(65.00)
TALBOT COUNTY CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS	(30,738.73)
BANK CHARGES 3/2022	(4,050.32)
DEPOSITS	2,132,081.49
CHECKS	(643,888.38)
VOIDED CHECK(S) #358541, 358600	405.11
<b>BALANCE 4/26/2022</b>	<b>50,449,904.65</b>

**INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT**

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		0.32%	20,500,000.00
BAYVANGUARD BANK			10,225,657.52
<b>TOTAL INVESTED</b>			<b><u>30,725,657.52</u></b>
<b>PETTY CASH BALANCE</b>			<b><u>12,625.00</u></b>
<b><u>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u></b>			<b><u>81,188,187.17</u></b>