



# TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

County Council

MINUTES

July 12, 2022

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

- I. Agenda – The Agenda for Tuesday, July 12, 2022 was brought forward for approval. Mr. Divilio made a motion to move Item IX. *County Manager's Report* forward on the agenda, prior to Item VII. *Public Hearings*, as Ms. Price would be late in arriving at the meeting; Mr. Leshner seconded the motion. The Council approved the Agenda as amended, by voting 4 – 0 as follows:  
  
Mr. Callahan – Aye  
Mr. Divilio – Aye  
Mr. Leshner – Aye  
Mr. Pack - Aye
- II. Minutes - Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Minutes of Tuesday, June 28, 2022.
- III. Disbursements – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Disbursements of Tuesday, July 5, 2022 and Tuesday, July 12, 2022.
- IV. Introduction of Martha Sparks, Talbot County Finance Director – Mr. Callahan introduced Martha Sparks, the new Talbot County Finance Director. Ms. Sparks stated that she had worked in government for the past eight years, seven of which had been in government finance offices as finance officer, accounting manager, and assistance finance director and furthering her knowledge of government through the Maryland Municipal League and the Maryland Association of Counties; she received her MBA in 2018. Ms. Sparks stated that she has lived in Talbot County for 24 years and looks forward to bringing her professional knowledge and skills to work for her home county. Council members welcomed Ms. Sparks and spoke highly of the skills and experience she brings to the position of Finance Director.
- V. Requests from Talbot County Department of Economic Development and Tourism to Apply for and Accept Grants from the Maryland Rural Economic Development Fund – Cassandra Vanhooser, Director, Talbot County Department of Economic Development and Tourism - Ms. Vanhooser briefed the Council on the appropriation of \$50 million by Governor Hogan for economic development projects in Maryland's rural counties. She stated that \$10 million will be allocated to each of the five regional councils and administered locally; the funding is to be used for investment in projects having a significant economic development impact in the community. She stated that Scott Warner, Executive Director, Mid-Shore Regional Council, comprised of Talbot, Caroline, and Dorchester counties, deferred to the economic development directors of the respective counties to provide a list of projects for which use of the funding could be considered, with regional projects taking precedence. Ms. Vanhooser stated that the Talbot County Economic Development Commission (EDC) heard from 20 organizations on their projects with regard as to how they would like to see the funding spent. Ms. Vanhooser then outlined the following grant applications to be submitted on behalf of Talbot County:

Goldsborough Neck Road Culvert Improvement Project - \$1,000,000  
Frederick Douglass Park on the Tuckahoe Master Plan Phase II Pre-Development and Implementation Costs - \$750,000

Strategic Plan for Talbot County Economic Development and Tourism - \$125,000  
Development and Implementation of Minority Ventures Program - \$100,000  
Feasibility Study for Talbot County Visitors Center - \$50,000  
Feasibility Study for Chesapeake Bay Passenger Ferry (Matching funds for Economic Development Administration Grant Application) - \$25,000

Following review and ranking of the grant proposals by a subcommittee of the EDC, the final list of projects will be presented to the County Council for review and action at their July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Upon motion Mr. Divilio, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved submitting letters of support for the six (6) proposals as presented, by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

VI. County Manager’s Report:

A. Talbot Family Network Board of Directors - Requested Council approval for the reappointment of Samantha Martinez to a three-year term on the Talbot Family Network Board of Directors; said term will expire on June 30, 2025. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved the reappointment by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

B. Request from Department of Parks and Recreation – Requested Council approval to utilize \$55,000 in FY23 Contingency Funds for the unanticipated and emergency purchase of a flooring cooling mat for the Talbot County Community Center ice rink to save the 2022-2023 ice season; the Finance Director has certified that the Contingency Funds are available, Mr. Stamp stated that the request is being made following the discovery of leakage from the failing chilling mechanism on the 40-plus year-old floor causing its deterioration; County discussion ensued with Mr. Stamp and Preston Peper, Director, Department of Recreation. Upon motion by Mr. Divilio, seconded by Mr. Pack, the Council approved use of the Contingency Funds as outlined by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

C. Request from Department of Administrative Services – Requested Council approval for a sole source purchase of Human Resource Information System (HRIS) software from ADP, the County’s current provider of payroll and time and attendance software, in the sum of \$51,828.69; funding for the purchase was included in the FY23 Budget. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the sole source purchase by voting 4– 0 - 1 as follows:

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

Ms. Price stated that she abstained from voting as she had not been in attendance to hear the matter being discussed; she had arrived at the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

- D. Request from Roads Department – Requested Council approval to have the Roads Department purchase a 2023 International CV515 4x4 truck, with utility body, in the sum of \$151,393.00 from Beltway International, LLC utilizing the 2023 Sourcewell cooperative purchasing agreement; funding for the purchase was included in the FY23 Budget. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the purchase by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- E. Request from Hog Neck Golf Course – Requested Council approval to have Hog Neck Golf Course purchase nine (9) garage doors from First Choice Garage Doors in the sum of \$72,855.00; said price includes installation of the doors which will be used to renovate the Hog Neck Pavilion for use as a year-round facility; funding for the purchase was included in the FY23 Capital Outlay Budget; Council discussion ensued with Rich Setter, General Manager/Head Golf Professional. Upon motion by Mr. Divilio, seconded by Mr. Pack, the Council approved the request by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- F. Request from Department of Corrections – Requested Council approval to have the Department of Corrections apply for and accept an Opioid Operational Command Center (OCCC) Examination and Treatment Grant in the sum of \$352,194. Mr. Stamp stated that the Talbot County Department of Corrections will partner with the Talbot County Health Department on the two-year grant to enhance the Medication for Opioid Use Disorder Program at the Detention Center's to address chronic opioid use. Council discussion ensued with Terry Kokolis, Director, Talbot County Department of Corrections; no County funding is required. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved applying for and accepting the funds allocated to Talbot County by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- G. Request for Letter of Support for Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund Entrepreneurship Grant Application for Workboat Repair Program – Requested Council approval for a letter in support of a grant application in the sum of \$100,000 to the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund Entrepreneurship Grant program for a workboat repair program; if approved, Talbot County will partner with Dorchester County to assist commercial waterman with grant funding for boat repairs and upgrades. Cassandra Vanhooser, Director, Department of Economic Development and Tourism, stated that there is a \$25,000 match but that the program is set up to have recipients of the grant funding make repairs or upgrades to their workboats and submit for reimbursement of 75% of the cost; Council discussion ensued with Ms. Vanhooser; no County funding is required. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved submittal of the grant application and forwarding a letter of support for same by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

VII. Public Hearings:

Resolution No. 330, 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 \$1.5 MILLION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SOUTH WELL FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for public hearing. Prior to the public hearing, Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the Public Works Advisory Board, at its meeting on Thursday, June 23, 2022, recommended that the Council adopt the resolution by a vote of 3 – 0.; Brennan Tarleton, Acting Planning Officer, stated that the Planning Commission, at its meeting on Wednesday, July 6, 2022, unanimously voted 5 – 0 that Resolution No. 330 was consistent with the County’s Comprehensive Plan. Members of the public were then afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved moving Resolution No. 330 to third reader by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

The Council approved Resolution No. 330 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Resolution No. 330 will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 331, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECLASSIFYING AND REMAPPING TWO

PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 29659 MATTHEWSTOWN ROAD (MARYLAND ROUTE 328), EASTON, MARYLAND, SHOWN ON TAX MAP 26 AS PARCEL 45 AND LOCATED ON CAMAC STREET, EASTON, MARYLAND, SHOWN ON TAX MAP 26 AS PARCEL 186, FROM “W-2” AND “S-2”, PLANNED WATER AND SEWER SERVICE IN 3 TO 5 YEARS, TO “W-1” AND “S-1”, IMMEDIATE PRIORITY STATUS, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for public hearing. Prior to the public hearing, Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the Public Works Advisory Board, at its meeting on Thursday, June 23, 2022, recommended that the Council adopt the resolution by a vote of 3 – 0.; Brennan Tarleton, Acting Planning Officer, stated that the Planning Commission, at its meeting on Wednesday, July 6, 2022, unanimously voted 5 – 0 that Resolution No. 331 was consistent with the County’s Comprehensive Plan. Members of the public were then afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation and Council discussion ensued. Mr. Divilio made a motion to move Resolution No. 331 forward for vote; Mr. Leshner requested Council’s consideration to leave the public record open on Resolution No. 331 until the Tuesday, July 26, 2022 Council meeting; there was no objection. Written comments on Resolution No. 331 will be accepted until the close of business on Friday, July 15, 2022. Resolution No. 331 is eligible for vote on Tuesday, July 26, 2022.

Resolution No. 332, A RESOLUTION TO PLACE QUESTIONS ON THE BALLOT AT THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION TO AMEND SECTION 207 OF THE CHARTER OF TALBOT COUNTY TO INCREASE THE COMPENSATION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL FROM \$14,400 PER ANNUM TO \$25,000 PER ANNUM, WITH THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL \$1,000 PER ANNUM AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE COUNCIL MAY SET, BY RESOLUTION, COMPENSATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL DIFFERING FROM THAT SET FORTH IN SECTION 207; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH RESOLUTION SHALL REQUIRE AT LEAST A FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE OF THE COUNCIL, BE ADOPTED PRIOR TO THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER, AND TAKE EFFECT COMMENCING WITH THE FORTHCOMING COUNCIL TERM, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for public hearing. Prior to the public hearing, Mr. Leshner stated that he wished to offer an amendment to the resolution which would increase the compensation of Councilmembers from \$14,400 to \$19,200 per annum instead of \$25,000 per annum as initially introduced and outlined his reasons for offering the amendment; Council comment and discussion ensued. The amendment was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner and Mr. Pack. Ms. Price respectfully requested that Council keep the proposed increase at \$25,000; Council comment and discussion again ensued. Ms. Price made a motion to amend Mr. Leshner’s amendment to increase Council’s compensation from \$19,200 to \$22,900 per annum; Mr. Divilio then made a motion to amend Ms. Price’s amendment to increase Council’s compensation to \$23,000 per annum and to increase the president’s salary to \$25,000, or \$2,000 more per year rather than the \$1,000 as initially introduced in Resolution No. 332; Mr. Divilio then changed his motion to reflect on the increase in compensation for the Council members to \$23,000 with no change to the additional \$1,000 for the Council president. Ms. Price seconded the motion and Council discussion ensued. Mr. Divilio then withdrew his motion and Ms. Price made a motion to amend the amendment to increase Council’s compensation from \$14,400 to \$23,000 per annum; Mr. Divilio seconded the motion; all other wording in Resolution No. 332 will remain as initially introduced. The Council approved amending the amendment by voting 4 – 0 – 1 as follows:

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

The Council approved the amendment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

The Council approved Resolution No. 332, as amended, by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

*In accordance with Section 805 of the Talbot County Charter, the question to adopt this proposed amendment to the Charter (Resolution No. 332) shall be submitted to the voters of the County at the 2022 general election. If, at the election the majority of votes cast on each question are in favor of the proposed amendment, the amendment stands enacted from and after the thirtieth calendar day following the election.*

VIII. Eligible for Vote:

Bill No. 1501, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1474 TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO AIRPORT ROAD, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved Bill No. 1501 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Bill No. 1501 will become effective as provided for in the legislation.

Bill No. 1502, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1418, TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE CONNECTION OF BAR NECK AND FAIRBANK COMMUNITIES TO THE REGION V (TILGHMAN) WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved Bill No. 1502 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Bill No. 1502 will become effective as provided for in the legislation.

Bill No. 1503, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNTY BRIDGES, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved Bill No. 1503 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Bill No. 1503 will become effective as provided for in the legislation.

Bill No. 1504, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1478 TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE EXPANSION OF BROADBAND TO UNSERVED AND UNDERSERVED AREAS OF TALBOT COUNTY, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved Bill No. 1504 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Bill No. 1504 will become effective as provided for in the legislation.

Bill No. 1505, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A STUDY FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE 911 DIVISION COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH (CAD) SYSTEM, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved Bill No. 1505 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Bill No 1505 will become effective as provided for in the legislation.

Bill No. 1506, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNTY ROADS, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved Bill No. 1506 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Bill No. 1506 will become effective as provided for in the legislation.

Bill No. 1507, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1361, 1332, 1307 AND 1267 TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE MAPPING AND EVALUATION AND REHABILITATION OR REPLACEMENT OF COUNTY CULVERTS, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved Bill No. 1507 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Bill No. 1507 will become effective as provided for in the legislation.

Bill No. 1508, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE DESIGN, RENOVATION/CONSTRUCTION OF OFFICES AND OTHER WORK AREAS FOR THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved Bill No. 1508 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Bill No. 1508 will become effective as provided for in the legislation.

Bill No. 1509, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1484, TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES STATIONS, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved Bill No. 1509 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Bill No. 1509 will become effective as provided for in the legislation.

Bill No. 1510, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1457, 1422, 1335, AND 1317 TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND UPGRADES FOR GOLDSBOROUGH NECK ROAD AND AIRPORT ROAD, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved Bill No. 1510 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:



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

Bill No. 1510 will become effective as provided for in the legislation.

Bill No. 1512, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF AN EMERGENCY GENERATOR FOR THE MARTINGHAM SANITARY DISTRICT, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. Upon motion by Mr. Divilio, seconded by Mr. Pack, the Council approved Bill No. 1512 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Bill No. 1512 will become effective as provided for in the legislation.

Bill No. 1513, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. Upon motion by Mr. Divilio, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved Bill No. 1513 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Bill No. 1513 will become effective as provided for in the legislation.

Bill No. 1515, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE RESURFACING/REPAVING OF THE ST. MICHAELS SCHOOL PARKING LOT, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved Bill No. 1515 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Bill No. 1515 will become effective as provided for in the legislation.

Bill No. 1516, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE RENOVATION OF THE ST. MICHAELS BRANCH OF THE TALBOT COUNTY FREE LIBRARY, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. Upon

motion by Mr. Divilio, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved Bill No. 1516 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Bill No. 1516 will become effective as provided for in the legislation.

Bill No. 1517, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STORAGE FACILITY FOR THE TALBOT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved Bill No. 1517 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Bill No. 1517 will become effective as provided for in the legislation.

Bill No. 1518, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1082 AND 1285 TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TUNIS MILLS BRIDGE, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved Bill No. 1518 by voting 4 - 1 as follows:

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

Bill No. 1518 will become effective as provided for in the legislation.

Bill No. 1519, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE COUNTYWIDE WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Pack, the Council approved Bill No. 1519 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Bill No. 1519 will become effective as provided for in the legislation.

Bill No. 1520, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF A SUN SHADE STRUCTURE FOR AN OUTDOOR CLASSROOM AND PLAYGROUND FOR THE WHITE MARSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. Upon motion by Mr. Divilio, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved Bill No. 1520 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Bill No. 1520 will become effective as provided for in the legislation.

Bill No. 1521, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF A SECURITY FENCE FOR THE WHITE MARSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved Bill No. 1521 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Bill No. 1521 will become effective as provided for in the legislation.

IX. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

X. Council Comments:

Mr. Divilio - No comments.

Mr. Leshner – Mr. Leshner stated that four years ago he had learned about gaps in broadband Internet service throughout Talbot County and although municipalities and densely settle areas generally all have service, there are areas with wide gaps where it had not made business sense for Internet providers to offer coverage. He stated that the Council had issued a request for proposals for expansion of broadband in the county and had awarded the project to Easton Utilities, which in turn, had secured \$13 million in USDA Rural Connect funding to cover 90 percent of the approximately 2,800 unserved and underserved addresses in the county; in addition, Easton Utilities received State broadband funding in order to serve additional addresses. Mr. Leshner stated that earlier in the year, the Council had allocated \$1.75 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies as matching funding to eliminate capital charges for new customers. He stated that Easton Utilities recently released a statement that the State’s Connect Maryland project will fund the remainder of the unserved addresses in Talbot County; resulting in funding for 100 percent of the addresses in the county - a promise kept. Mr. Leshner stated that construction remains to be completed but is taking place every day; citizens can follow progress of the construction via the Easton Utilities

Connect Talbot map. He stated that, in his opinion, that this is good news for Talbot County and is a transformative moment for the county.

Mr. Pack - Mr. Pack stated that he concurred with Mr. Lesher’s statements and that it was exciting, in his opinion, to have received an email from John Horner of Easton Utilities advising that funding for the “last mile” had been received so that new customers who are being connected to the broadband service will not have to pay a capital charge and that the work continues to move along. Mr. Pack reiterated a previous statement he had made during discussion on the proposed ballot question that this Council has been an award-winning Council over the past four years through, in his opinion, some very trying times. He stated that the Council had won an award at the Maryland Community Action Partnership Conference in Ocean City for the work it is doing with the Neighborhood Service Center, of which Mr. Divilio is chair of the Board of Directors; had received the 2022 Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties for Talbot County’s program entitled Creativity in County Government: Talbot County Leverages Resiliency Strategy to Address COVID-19. He stated that the County put a lot of time and effort into COVID-19, noting that Cassandra Vanhooser, Director of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, assisted the business community with getting funding, distributing approximately \$6 million to the business community; the County also coordinated with the towns, various feeding programs and other State departments and agencies. He stated that, in his opinion, even when citizens may not see what we are doing behind the scenes because it is not a Tuesday, the Council is still at work. Mr. Pack concluded his comments by stating that the recognition the County received from the Maryland Community Action Partnership and the National Association of Counties speaks to the impact this Council has made over the last four years.

Ms. Price - Ms. Price expressed her appreciation to her colleagues for their flexibility in meeting yesterday to do some work on the Police Accountability Board instead of as originally scheduled prior to open session today in order to accommodate her MACo schedule this year. She again expressed appreciation to her colleagues for the schedule flexibility and for holding off on the public hearings until she arrived for the Council meeting.

Mr. Callahan - Mr. Callahan expressed his appreciation to Martha Sparks, the new Talbot County Finance Director, for, in his opinion, coming home and settling in to dedicate her career with Talbot County. He also commended Ms. Sparks and Angela Lane, former Talbot County Finance Director, for being the backbone of the Council on budgetary matters by providing him and his colleagues with valuable information to better inform the public.

XI. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council voted to adjourn and to reconvene on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. in Open Session and to immediately 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 regularly scheduled meeting by voting 5 - 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan - Aye  
Mr. Divilio – Aye  
Mr. Lesher – Aye

Ms. Price - Aye  
Mr. Pack – Aye

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

The transcript of the July 12, 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 July 11, 2022:**

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

Time of closed session: 4:30 p.m. to 5:40 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, Leshler, 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 appointment 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 Leshler, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	No action

**XIII. Summary of Closed Session Held on July 12, 2022:**

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

Time of closed session: 5:00 p.m. to 5:55 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

Members opposed: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Price

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 appointment 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, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	No action
To discuss personnel matter in Planning & Zoning	GP § 3-305(b)(1)(i)	Discussion involves specific individual	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	No action
To discuss personnel matter in County Attorney's Office	GP § 3-305(b)(1)(i)	Discussion involves specific individual	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	No action
To discuss possible acquisition of property for a public purpose in Easton	GP § 3-305(b)(3)	To protect 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, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	Council declined pursuing acquisition of property
For legal advice regarding possible acquisition of property	GP § 3-305(b)(3)(7)	To protect 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, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	No action
To discuss legal matter regarding opioid litigation	GP § 3-305(b)(7)(8)	Attorney-client discussion regarding status of litigation	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	No action
For legal advice regarding	GP § 3-305(b)(7)(8)	Attorney-client discussion regarding	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete	No action

growth allocation process		growth allocation process	Leshner, Corey Pack, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	
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**CASH STATEMENT 7/05/2022**

BALANCE 6/28/2022	51,980,153.26
CIGNA CLAIMS PAID THRU 6/27/2022	(69,120.58)
USDA/RD QTRLY BOND PYMT #92-03	(9,478.60)
WELLS FARGO GOLF EQUIPMENT LEASE PYMT	(128.00)
ELECTION BOARD PPE 5/31, 6/14 & 6/21/2022	(19,135.49)
DEPOSITS	1,909,149.28
CHECKS	(2,578,102.69)
ACH DISBURSEMENT(S)	(4,262.31)
VOIDED CHECK(S)	
<b>BALANCE 7/05/2022</b>	<b><u>51,209,074.87</u></b>

**INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT**

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		1.26%	20,500,000.00
BAYVANGUARD BANK			10,234,205.76
<b>TOTAL INVESTED</b>			<b><u>30,734,205.76</u></b>
<b>PETTY CASH BALANCE</b>			<b><u>12,605.00</u></b>
<b><u>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u></b>			<b><u>81,955,885.63</u></b>

**CASH STATEMENT 7/12/2022**

BALANCE 7/05/2022	51,209,074.87
TOTAL ADP PAYROLL PPE 6/24/2022	(721,537.97)
TOTAL ADP MONTHLY PAYROLL PPE 6/30/2022	(14,514.05)
DEFERRED COMP DED PPE 6/24/2022	(20,589.16)
PENSION DED PPE 6/24/2022	(42,768.65)
DEFERRED COMP PPE 6/24/2022 PLAN 401(A)	(7,931.79)
DEFERRED COMP DED PPE 6/30/2022	(990.00)
PENSION DED PPE 6/30/2022	(803.95)
TALBOT CO. FREE LIBRARY 7/2022	(138,589.50)
TALBOT CO. HUMANE SOCIETY 7/2022	(36,900.00)
BOARD OF EDUCATION 7/2022	(7,808,635.00)
JULY 2022 RETIREE HEALTH PLAN #727	(35,965.10)
CIGNA CLAIMS PAID THRU 7/5/2022	(39,932.99)
DEPOSITS	2,106,113.90
CHECKS	(1,477,557.28)
ACH DISBURSEMENT(S)	(4,335.25)
VOIDED CHECK(S)	0.00
<b>BALANCE 7/12/2022</b>	<b><u>42,964,138.08</u></b>

**INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT**

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		1.32%	20,500,000.00
BAYVANGUARD BANK			10,234,205.76
<b>TOTAL INVESTED</b>			<b><u>30,734,205.76</u></b>
<b>PETTY CASH BALANCE</b>			<b><u>12,605.00</u></b>
<b><u>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u></b>			<b><u>73,710,948.84</u></b>