



TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

County Council

MINUTES

July 8, 2025

Present – President Chuck Callahan, Vice President Pete Leshner, Keasha N. Haythe, Lynn L. Mielke, Dave Stepp, 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, July 8, 2025.
- II. Disbursements – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Disbursements of Tuesday, July 8, 2025.
- III. Introduction of Andrew Kitzrow, Town Manager, Town of Easton – Megan Cook, Mayor, Town of Easton, introduced Andrew Kitzrow, the new Easton Town Manager. Mr. Kitzrow comes to Talbot County having previously worked for the past 20 years in Wicomico County in the Department of Recreation and Parks, and for the last eight years with the City of Salisbury. Mr. Kitzrow stated that he is very familiar with the relationships which need to take place between municipalities and the County. Council members welcomed Mr. Kitzrow to Talbot County.
- IV. Presentation of Proclamation: National Parks and Recreation Month – July 2025 – Prior to presentation of the proclamation, Emily Gilmer, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, expressed appreciation on behalf of her department for Council's support of the various programs of the Department of Parks and Recreation. Council members expressed their appreciation for the many benefits Parks and Recreation programs provide to the Talbot County community. The Clerk read a proclamation into the record in recognition of July as National Parks and Recreation Month. The proclamation spoke of various recreational and leisure activities provided to communities by departments of parks and recreation throughout the country, the positive impacts the programs bring to the families and communities they serve and encouraged individuals to participate in the many activities offered by the Talbot County Department of Parks and Recreation. Upon motion by Mr. Stepp, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved the proclamation by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe – Aye

Mr. Stepp presented the Proclamation to Ms. Gilmer and members of the staff of the Department of Parks and Recreation in attendance.
- V. County Manager's Report:

- A. Animal Control Board – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of Mary Newcomb and Cassandra Vanhooser to three-year terms on the Animal Control Board; said terms will expire on July 1, 2028. Upon motion by Ms. Haythe, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved the reappointments by voting 5 - 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

- B. Board of Appeals – Requested Council approval for the appointment of Meredith Watters to the Board of Appeals as a full member; said term will complete the unexpired term of Mr. Patrick Forrest which will expire on February 11, 2027; requested the appointment of Elizabeth Connelly as an alternate on the Board of Appeals; said term will complete the unexpired term of Meredith Watters which will expire on February 11, 2026. Upon motion by Ms. Haythe, seconded by Mr. Stepp, the Council approved the appointments by voting 4 – 0 – 1 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Abstain
Ms. Haythe - Aye

- C. Ethics Commission – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of James Bell to a three-year term on the Ethics Commission; said term will expire on July 1, 2028. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Ms. Haythe, the Council approved the reappointments by voting 5 - 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

- D. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of Kurisha Hoffman to a four-year term on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board as a representative of the Talbot County Board of Education; said term will expire on July 1, 2029. Upon motion by Mr. Stepp, seconded by Ms. Haythe, the Council approved the reappointment by voting 5 - 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

- E. Tourism Board – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of the Honorable Maureen Curry to a four-year term on the Tourism Board as a representative of the Town of Easton; and requested the appointment of Eric Levinson to a four-year term on the Tourism Board as a representative of the Bed & Breakfast sector; said terms will expire July 1, 2029. Upon motion by Ms. Haythe, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved the reappointment and the appointment by voting 5 - 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

- F. Bid 25-09, Tilghman on Chesapeake Resilient Green Infrastructure Project – Requested Council approval of the County Engineer’s recommendation to award Bid No. 25-09 to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Unity Landscape Design/Build, Inc., in the sum of \$988,060; the award is conditioned upon approval by the Maryland Department of Resources (DNR). Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the project will utilize \$1.4 million in grant funding from DNR and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) to construct a shoreline restoration project at the Tilghman on Chesapeake Community in Tilghman, Maryland; Talbot County is the pass-through entity for the funding since the project is for a private landowner; no County funds are required. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Ms. Mielke, the Council approved the conditional award by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

- G. Request from Department of Public Works – Requested Council approval of the County Engineer’s recommendation to award the contract for relocation of utility poles on the south side of Goldsborough Neck Road to Easton Utilities in the sum of \$50,555.22 as part of the Goldsborough Neck Road culvert, road widening, and drainage improvement project. Council discussion ensued with Ray Clarke, County Engineer, who provided an update on the improvement project. Upon motion by Mr. Stepp, seconded by Ms. Haythe, the Council approved the contract as outlined by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe – Aye

- VI. Council Discussion of Proposed Text Amendment to Chapter 190 Concerning Funeral Homes and Crematoria – Prior to Council discussion, Patrick Thomas, County Attorney, stated that his office had received a request from Attorney Brendan Mullaney, regarding a proposed zoning text amendment that, if approved, would permit funeral homes and crematoria in the AC (Agricultural

Conservation) zoning district. Mr. Thomas stated that they are already permitted either by right or special exception in the VM (Village Mixed), LC (Limited Commercial), GC (General Commercial), and LI (Limited Industrial) zoning districts. Mr. Mullaney stated that his client, Woodlawn Memorial Park, LLC, is a funeral home operator, and, since 2018, the owner of the cemetery on U.S. Rt. 50 north of Easton (generally known as Woodlawn). He stated that his client is requesting the text amendment so that families and friends of the decedent may gather at a funeral home on the site for services. He stated that the Woodlawn location is currently the construction site of a crematoria building but current zoning does not permit a funeral home on the site. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Mullaney who outlined the specifics of the proposed text amendment, including that the property must be a minimum of 40 acres, must abut a State highway and must be operated with a cemetery established prior to January 1, 2025. Council discussion again ensued with Mr. Mullaney. Upon motion by Mr. Stepp, seconded by Ms. Mielke, the Council approved forwarding the request for text amendment to the Planning Commission by voting 3 – 1 – 1 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Nay
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Abstain

VII. Public Hearings:

Resolution No. 378, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN TO RECLASSIFY AND REMAP CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON KEMP ROAD, EASTON, MARYLAND, SHOWN ON TAX MAP 24 AS PARCEL 41 FROM “UNPROGRAMMED” TO “S-1” IMMEDIATE PRIORITY STATUS, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION FILED BY BACK NINE, LLC, 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 Friday, June 20, 2025, reviewed the resolution and voted to recommend that the resolution be tabled until additional information can be obtained from the property owner. Brennan Tarleton, Planning Officer, stated that the Planning Commission, at its meeting on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, reviewed the resolution and also voted to table the resolution, pending receipt of additional information as requested by the Public Works Advisory Board. Members of the public were then afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation. The public hearing on Resolution No. 378 will remain open.

Resolution No. 379, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN TO RECLASSIFY AND REMAP CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8294 BOZMAN NEAVITT ROAD, ST. MICHAELS, MARYLAND, SHOWN ON TAX MAP 31, GRID 10, AS PARCEL 333, LOT 1 FROM “UNPROGRAMMED” TO “S-1” IMMEDIATE PRIORITY STATUS PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION FILED BY BARBARA PORTNOY LEVINE SPECTOR, 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 Friday, June 20, 2025, reviewed Resolution No. 379 and voted 4 – 0 to recommend that the Council approve the resolution. Mr. Clarke stated that the lot referenced in Resolution No. 379 is one of the lots identified in Resolution No. 250 as a future area for sewer service. Brennan Tarleton, Planning Officer, stated that the Planning Commission, at its meeting on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, reviewed Resolution No. 379 and voted 4 – 0 that the resolution was consistent with the 2016 County Comprehensive Plan and recommended that the Council approve the resolution. Mr.

Tarleton confirmed for the Council that there are no additional development rights for the subject property. Members of the public were then afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation. The Council approved Resolution No. 379 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe – Aye

Resolution No. 379 is effective immediately.

Resolution No. 380, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN TO RECLASSIFY AND REMAP CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7874 BOZMAN NEAVITT ROAD, BOZMAN, MARYLAND, SHOWN ON TAX MAP 31 AS PARCEL 21 FROM “UNPROGRAMMED” TO “S-1” IMMEDIATE PRIORITY STATUS PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION FILED BY DANIEL BALL, 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 Friday, June 20, 2025, reviewed Resolution No. 380 and voted 4 – 0 to recommend that the Council approve the legislation. Brennan Tarleton, Planning Officer, stated that the Planning Commission, at its meeting on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, reviewed Resolution No. 380 and voted 4 – 0 that the resolution was consistent with the 2016 County Comprehensive Plan and recommended that the Council approve the legislation. Mr. Tarleton confirmed for the Council that there are no remaining development rights for the subject property. Members of the public were then afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation. The Council approved Resolution No. 380 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe – Aye

Resolution No. 380 is effective immediately.

Resolution No. 381, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN TO RECLASSIFY AND REMAP CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7930 CHURCH NECK ROAD, ST. MICHAELS, MARYLAND, SHOWN ON TAX MAP 32, GRID 13 AS PARCEL 154, LOT B FROM “UNPROGRAMMED” TO “S-1” IMMEDIATE PRIORITY STATUS PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION FILED BY JILL AND JON OLMSTEAD, 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 Friday, June 20, 2025, voted 4 – 0 to recommend that the Council adopt Resolution No. 381. Bryce Yelton, Assistant Planning Officer, stated that the Planning Commission, at its meeting on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, voted 4 – 0 that the resolution was consistent with the 2016 County Comprehensive Plan and recommended that the Council approve Resolution No. 381. Members of the public were then afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation. The Council approved Resolution No. 381 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe – Aye

Resolution No. 381 is effective immediately.

Resolution No. 382, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN TO RECLASSIFY AND REMAP CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6163 LONG POINT ROAD, NEAVITT, MARYLAND, SHOWN ON TAX MAP 39 AS PARCEL 66, LOT 17 FROM “UNPROGRAMMED” TO “S-1” IMMEDIATE PRIORITY STATUS PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION FILED BY WILLIAM AND KAREN KING, 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 Friday, June 20, 2025, voted 4 – 0 to recommend that the Council adopt Resolution No. 382. Bryce Yelton, Assistant Planning Officer, stated that the Planning Commission, at its meeting on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, voted 4 – 0 that the resolution was consistent with the 2016 County Comprehensive Plan, recommended that the Council adopt Resolution No. 382, and confirmed that there are no remaining development rights for the subject property. Members of the public were afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation. The Council approved Resolution No. 382 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe – Aye

Resolution No. 382 is effective immediately.

Prior to the public hearings on Bill Nos. 1586 – 1616, the FY26 Capital Enabling Legislation, Martha Sparks, Finance Director, stated that the Council, at its meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, approved Bill No. 1585, AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE 2025-2026 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, as amended. She stated that per Sections 603 and 607 of the Talbot County Charter, the budget consists of the current expense budget, the capital projects and capital program which includes an itemized list of the capital projects which an agency proposes to undertake in the upcoming fiscal year. She stated that although the budget and funding sources of the projects were approved in Bill No. 1585, as amended, Capital Enabling Legislation for each capital improvement project is required under Section 612 of the County Charter, and each bill approved by the Council is subject to referendum under Section 217 of the County Charter.

Bill No. 1586, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1549, 1479 AND 1244 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF ROOFS OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES OWNED BY TALBOT COUNTY, and

Bill No. 1587, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1558 AND 1391 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF HVAC SYSTEMS AT FACILITIES OWNED BY TALBOT COUNTY, and

Bill No. 1588, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) IMPROVEMENTS TO BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES OWNED BY TALBOT COUNTY, and

Bill No. 1589, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE TALBOT COUNTY OWNED BUILDING AND PROPERTY LOCATED AT 100 SOUTH HANSON STREET IN EASTON, MARYLAND, and

Bill No. 1590, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1554 AND 1427 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RECYCLING STATIONS IN TALBOT COUNTY, and

Bill No. 1591, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1559, 1536 AND 1187 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR EXTENSION OF WATER AND SEWER LINES TO THE TALBOT COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER AND THE PROPOSED UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SHORE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL SITE LOCATED BETWEEN LONGWOODS ROAD (MARYLAND RT. 662) AND U.S. ROUTE 50 IN EASTON, MARYLAND, and

Bill No. 1592, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1560, 1537, 1509 AND 1484 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES STATIONS, and

Bill No. 1593, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1563, 1542 AND 1505 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF 911 DIVISION TECHNOLOGIES AND THE 911 DIVISION COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH (CAD) SYSTEM, and

Bill No. 1594, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE GREENS AT THE TALBOT COUNTY HOG NECK GOLF COURSE, and

Bill No. 1595, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE CART PATHS AND PAVED AREAS AT THE TALBOT COUNTY HOG NECK GOLF COURSE, and

Bill No. 1596, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1571 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF DEHUMIDIFIERS AT THE TALBOT COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER, and

Bill No. 1597, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1556 AND 1533 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TALBOT COUNTY DETENTION CENTER, and

Bill No. 1598, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1555, 1532 AND 1516 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO AND EXPANSION OF THE ST. MICHAELS BRANCH OF THE TALBOT COUNTY FREE LIBRARY, and

Bill No. 1599, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1557, 1534, 1486 AND 1424 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION TO PURCHASE IMPROVED OR UNIMPROVED REAL PROPERTY FOR FUTURE COUNTY PURPOSES, and

Bill No. 1600, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1368 AND 1343 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS TO COUNTY FACILITIES, and

Bill. No. 1601, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1546 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR, AND POSSIBLE FUTURE CONSTRUCTION OF, A TALBOT COUNTY VISITORS CENTER, and

Bill No. 1602, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF AND IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNTY STORAGE FACILITIES, and

Bill No. 1603, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1567, 1541 AND 1506 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNTY ROADS, and

Bill No. 1604, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1518, 1285 AND 1082 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TUNIS MILLS BRIDGE, and

Bill No. 1605, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1507, 1361, 1332, 1307 AND 1267 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE MAPPING, EVALUATION AND REHABILITATION OR REPLACEMENT OF COUNTY CULVERTS, and

Bill No. 1606, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1569 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CONCESSION STAND AT THE TALBOT COUNTY COMMUNITY SPORTS COMPLEX, and

Bill No. 1607, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE REPLACEMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS OF COUNTY COMMUNITY POOLS AND ASSOCIATED PROPERTY, and

Bill No. 1608, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF STADIUM LIGHTING AT ST. MICHAELS MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL (SMMHS), and

Bill No. 1609, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1364 AND 1341 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE EAST AND NORTHEAST AREAS OF THE REGION II (ST. MICHAELS) WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AREA, and

Bill No. 1610, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1429 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE WEST AREA OF THE REGION II (ST. MICHAELS) WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AREA, and

Bill No. 1611, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1502 AND 1418 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE CONNECTION OF THE BAR NECK AND FAIRBANK COMMUNITIES TO THE REGION V (TILGHMAN) WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, and

Bill No. 1612, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1431 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE REGION V (TILGHMAN) WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, PUMP STATIONS, COLLECTION SYSTEMS AND ENHANCED NUTRIENT REMOVAL (ENR) TECHNOLOGY, and

Bill No. 1613, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE SEWER SYSTEM EXTENSION TO THE MARINE ENGINEERS' BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION (MEBA) ENGINEERING SCHOOL OFF OF ST. MICHAELS ROAD IN TALBOT COUNTY, and

Bill No. 1614, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE REPLACEMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO PUMP STATIONS AND SURROUNDING PROPERTY IN REGION I OF THE TALBOT COUNTY SANITARY DISTRICT, and

Bill No. 1615, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE REPLACEMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO PUMP STATIONS AND SURROUNDING PROPERTY IN THE ROYAL OAK, NEWCOMB AND BELLEVUE AREAS IN REGION II OF THE TALBOT COUNTY SANITARY DISTRICT, and

Bill No. 1616, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE REPLACEMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO PUMP STATIONS AND SURROUNDING PROPERTY IN THE ST. MICHAELS AREA IN REGION II OF THE TALBOT COUNTY SANITARY DISTRICT, were read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for public hearing.

Prior to the public hearings, Mr. Leshner requested that Ms. Sparks clarify the process by which Bill No. 1588, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) IMPROVEMENTS TO BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES OWNED BY TALBOT COUNTY would be implemented if approved. Council discussion ensued with County Manager, Clay Stamp, regarding several bills included in the Capital Enabling Legislation. Members of the public were then afforded an opportunity to comment on Bill Nos. 1586 – 1616. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mr. Stepp, the Council voted to move Bill Nos. 1586 – 1616 to third reader by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1586, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1549, 1479 AND 1244 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF ROOFS OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES OWNED BY TALBOT COUNTY, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1586 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1587, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1558 AND 1391 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF HVAC SYSTEMS AT FACILITIES OWNED BY TALBOT COUNTY, was read into the record

by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1587 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1588, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) IMPROVEMENTS TO BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES OWNED BY TALBOT COUNTY, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1588 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1589, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE TALBOT COUNTY OWNED BUILDING AND PROPERTY LOCATED AT 100 SOUTH HANSON STREET IN EASTON, MARYLAND, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1589 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1590, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1554 AND 1427 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RECYCLING STATIONS IN TALBOT COUNTY, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1590 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1591, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1559, 1536 AND 1187 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR EXTENSION OF WATER AND SEWER LINES TO THE TALBOT COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER AND THE PROPOSED UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SHORE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL SITE LOCATED BETWEEN LONGWOODS ROAD (MARYLAND RT. 662) AND U.S. ROUTE 50 IN EASTON, MARYLAND, was brought forward for vote. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, and no objection by the Council, a full reading of the legislation was waived. The Council approved Bill No. 1591 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1592, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1560, 1537, 1509 AND 1484 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING 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. The Council approved Bill No. 1592 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1593, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1563, 1542 AND 1505 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF 911 DIVISION TECHNOLOGIES AND THE 911 DIVISION COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH (CAD) SYSTEM, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1593 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1594, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE GREENS AT THE TALBOT COUNTY HOG NECK GOLF COURSE, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1594 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1595, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE CART PATHS AND PAVED AREAS AT THE TALBOT COUNTY HOG NECK GOLF COURSE, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1595 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

Ms. Mielke – Aye

Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1596, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1571 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF DEHUMIDIFIERS AT THE TALBOT COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1596 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye

Mr. Stepp – Aye

Mr. Leshner – Aye

Ms. Mielke – Aye

Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1597, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1556 AND 1533 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TALBOT COUNTY DETENTION CENTER, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1597 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye

Mr. Stepp – Aye

Mr. Leshner – Aye

Ms. Mielke – Aye

Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1598, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1555, 1532 AND 1516 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO AND EXPANSION OF THE ST. MICHAELS BRANCH OF THE TALBOT COUNTY FREE LIBRARY, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1598 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye

Mr. Stepp – Aye

Mr. Leshner – Aye

Ms. Mielke – Aye

Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1599, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1557, 1534, 1486 AND 1424 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION TO PURCHASE IMPROVED OR UNIMPROVED REAL PROPERTY FOR FUTURE COUNTY PURPOSES, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1599 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye

Mr. Stepp – Aye

Mr. Leshner – Aye

Ms. Mielke – Aye

Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1600, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1368 AND 1343 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS TO COUNTY FACILITIES, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1600 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill. No. 1601, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1546 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR, AND POSSIBLE FUTURE CONSTRUCTION OF, A TALBOT COUNTY VISITORS CENTER, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1601 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1602, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF AND IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNTY STORAGE FACILITIES, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1602 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1603, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1567, 1541 AND 1506 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNTY ROADS, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1603 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1604, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1518, 1285 AND 1082 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TUNIS MILLS BRIDGE, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1604 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1605, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1507, 1361, 1332, 1307 AND 1267 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE MAPPING, EVALUATION AND REHABILITATION OR REPLACEMENT OF COUNTY CULVERTS, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1605 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1606, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1569 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CONCESSION STAND AT THE TALBOT COUNTY COMMUNITY SPORTS COMPLEX, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1606 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1607, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE REPLACEMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS OF COUNTY COMMUNITY POOLS AND ASSOCIATED PROPERTY, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1607 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1608, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF STADIUM LIGHTING AT ST. MICHAELS MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL (SMMHS), was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1608 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1609, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1364 AND 1341 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE EAST AND NORTHEAST AREAS OF THE REGION II (ST. MICHAELS) WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AREA, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1609 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1610, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1429 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE WEST AREA OF THE REGION II (ST. MICHAELS) WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AREA, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1610 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1611, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1502 AND 1418 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE CONNECTION OF THE 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. The Council approved Bill No. 1611 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1612, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1431 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE REGION V (TILGHMAN) WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, PUMP STATIONS, COLLECTION SYSTEMS AND

ENHANCED NUTRIENT REMOVAL (ENR) TECHNOLOGY was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1612 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1613, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE SEWER SYSTEM EXTENSION TO THE MARINE ENGINEERS' BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION (MEBA) ENGINEERING SCHOOL OFF OF ST. MICHAELS ROAD IN TALBOT COUNTY, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1613 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1614, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE REPLACEMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO PUMP STATIONS AND SURROUNDING PROPERTY IN REGION I OF THE TALBOT COUNTY SANITARY DISTRICT, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1614 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1615, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE REPLACEMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO PUMP STATIONS AND SURROUNDING PROPERTY IN THE ROYAL OAK, NEWCOMB AND BELLEVUE AREAS IN REGION II OF THE TALBOT COUNTY SANITARY DISTRICT, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1615 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1616, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE REPLACEMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO PUMP STATIONS AND SURROUNDING PROPERTY IN THE ST. MICHAELS AREA IN REGION II OF THE TALBOT COUNTY SANITARY DISTRICT, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1616 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye

Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe – Aye

Bill Nos. 1586 - 1616 will become effective as outlined in the legislation.

Bill No. 1617, A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 190 (ZONING, SUBDIVISION, AND LAND DEVELOPMENT) OF THE TALBOT COUNTY CODE FOR THE PURPOSES OF ENACTING REGULATIONS REGARDING DISSOLVED AIR FLOTATION (DAF) RESIDUALS, FOOD PROCESSING RESIDUALS, AND LIQUID ORGANIC SOIL AMENDMENTS, PROVIDING THAT THE STORAGE OF SUCH MATERIALS IS A PERMITTED USE IN THE AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION (“AC”), COUNTRYSIDE PRESERVATION (“CP”), WESTERN RURAL CONSERVATION (“WRC”), AND RURAL CONSERVATION (“RC”) ZONING DISTRICTS, AND DEFINING TERMS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for public hearing. Prior to the public hearing, Bryce Yelton, Assistant Planning Officer, stated that the legislation was initiated by the Planning Commission after comments were received from Talbot County farmers and others involved with agriculture in the county following a matter which came before the Agricultural Resolution Board a couple of years ago involving DAF materials. Mr. Yelton stated that the purpose of the legislation is to hopefully resolve any future issues related to DAF residuals in Talbot County; he then provided a detailed explanation of the materials included in DAF residuals. Members of the public were then afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation. The public hearing on Bill No. 1617 will remain open. Bill No. 1617 is eligible for vote on Tuesday, July 22, 2025.

Bill No. 1618, A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 190 (ZONING, SUBDIVISION, AND LAND DEVELOPMENT) OF THE TALBOT COUNTY CODE FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING THAT CANNABIS GROWING AND THE PROCESSING OF CANNABIS GROWN ON-SITE SHALL BE PERMITTED USES IN THE AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION (“AC”), COUNTRYSIDE PRESERVATION (“CP”), AND WESTERN RURAL CONSERVATION (“WRC”) ZONING DISTRICTS, PROVIDING THAT THE PROCESSING OF CANNABIS NOT GROWN ON-SITE SHALL BE PERMITTED BY SPECIAL EXCEPTION IN THE AC, CP, AND WRC ZONING DISTRICTS, AND PROVIDING THAT CANNABIS DISPENSARIES SHALL BE PERMITTED BY SPECIAL EXCEPTION IN THE LIMITED COMMERCIAL (“LC”), GENERAL COMMERCIAL (“GC”), AND LIMITED INDUSTRIAL (“LI”) ZONING DISTRICTS, EACH SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS, AND DEFINING TERMS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for public hearing. Prior to the public hearing, Brennan Tarleton, Planning Officer, stated that the legislation before the Council was drafted by Planning and Zoning staff at Council’s direction to address all facets of the operational standards of cannabis as outlined in the State’s requirements related to the growing, processing, and sales of cannabis in the state of Maryland. Local legislation follows the passage of HB805 by the Maryland General Assembly, effective June 1, 2024. Mr. Tarleton stated that staff utilized legislation recently enacted by surrounding jurisdictions as a guide in drafting proposed legislation for Talbot County. He stated that the draft legislation was then forwarded to the Planning Commission for review, consideration and revision; following the Planning Commission’s review, the Council held a work session with the Planning Commission to discuss the draft legislation, revisions proposed by the Planning Commission and to receive further direction from the Council. Members of the public were then afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Tarleton and County Attorney, Patrick Thomas, regarding various provisions

outlined in the legislation. Bill No. 1618 is eligible for vote on Tuesday, July 22, 2025. The legislation will expire on August 14, 2025.

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

IX. Update by Sarah Kilmon, Communications Manager – Ms. Kilmon stated that Talbot County citizens can sign up to receive weather-related and other emergency alerts in the county by logging onto www.talbotalerts.com; alerts will be sent via text, phone call or email message about approaching severe weather or other emergencies. Ms. Kilmon also stated that the Talbot250 Commission just completed its second quarterly report; the report notes the Commission's support of several projects and initiatives, including the first episode of Voices of Talbot which recently aired on WHCP 91.7 FM; subsequent episodes will air each Friday and can also be found online after airing at talbot250.org/voices. She stated that Talbot250 will be participating in the Talbot County Fair on Saturday, July 12th and she encouraged everyone to stop by the Talbot250 table and to attend the Tuckahoe Steam & Gas Show this weekend as well. Updates are posted on the talbot250.org website where individuals can sign up to receive the Commission's newsletter; the updates are also available on Facebook and Instagram.

X. Council Comments:

Mr. Stepp - No comments.

Mr. Leshner - Mr. Leshner stated that he had had the honor of participating on the front lawn of the Courthouse in reading the powerful words of Talbot County's most famous native son, Frederick Douglass, *What to the Slave is the Fourth of July* this past Saturday (July 5). He stated that a number of participants and others in attendance had noted the power and relevance of the words today.

Ms. Mielke - No comments.

Ms. Haythe - No comments.

Mr. Callahan - No comments.

Upon motion by Ms. Haythe, seconded by Mr. Stepp the Council voted to reconvene on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. for a joint meeting with the Talbot County Board of Education at the Talbot County Free Library – Easton Branch, and to reconvene on Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. in Open Session and immediately adjourn into Closed Session as listed on the statement for closing that meeting, then for the regularly scheduled meeting at 5:00 p.m. by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye

Mr. Stepp - Aye

Mr. Leshner – Aye

Ms. Mielke – Aye

Ms. Haythe – Aye

The meeting ended at 6:57 p.m.

The transcript of the Tuesday, July 8, 2025, County Council meeting is available for review in the Office of the Talbot County Manager during regular office hours.

XI. Summary of Closed Session Held on July 8, 2025:

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

Time of closed session: 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 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, Haythe, Leshner, Mielke, Stepp
 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 appointments to various County boards and committees | GP § 3-305(b)(1)(i) | Public discussion would discourage individuals from volunteering to serve | Chuck Callahan, Pete Leshner, Keasha Haythe, Lynn Mielke, Dave Stepp, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas | No action |
| To provide legal advice regarding Board of Appeals decision | GP § 3-305(b)(7) | Attorney-client privilege regarding legal advice | Chuck Callahan, Pete Leshner, Keasha Haythe, Lynn Mielke, Dave Stepp, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas, Brennan Tarleton | No action |
| To provide legal advice regarding project before the Public Service Commission – Case No. 9789 | GP § 3-305(b)(7) | Attorney-client privilege regarding legal advice | Chuck Callahan, Pete Leshner, Keasha Haythe, Lynn Mielke, Dave Stepp, Clay Stamp, Jessica | Council concurred with recommendation |

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|  | | TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND WEEKLY CASH STATEMENT 7/8/2025 | |
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| OPERATING FUNDS - SHORE UNITED BANK | | | |
| OPERATING FUNDS AT | | 7/1/2025 | \$ 43,303,409.54 |
| ADP Payroll PPE 6/6/2025 wk#27-2 | | | (5,841.87) |
| Total ADP Payroll PPE 6/20/2025 | | | (978,326.96) |
| Total ADP Monthly Payroll PPE 6/30/2025 | | | (18,369.72) |
| Returned Check #139 | | | (161.00) |
| Deposits | | | 11,980,490.51 |
| Checks | | | (311,426.56) |
| ACH Disbursements | | | (1,613,748.76) |
| EFT's | | | (802,009.44) |
| Wire Transfers | | | (553,989.53) |
| OPERATING FUNDS AT | | 7/08/2025 | \$ 51,000,026.21 |
| PETTY CASH FUNDS | | | \$ 18,105.00 |
| INVESTMENT FUNDS | | | |
| | | <u>Yield</u> | |
| Maryland Local Government Investment Pool (MLGIP) | | 4.33% | \$ 23,329,746.79 |
| Bayvanguard Bank | | 4.15% | \$ 11,215,308.35 |
| Shore United Money Market Account | | 4.33% | \$ 62,769,652.46 |
| INVESTMENT FUNDS TOTAL | | | \$ 97,332,812.60 |
| <u>TOTAL ALL CASH AND INVESTMENTS</u> | | | <u>\$ 148,332,838.81</u> |