



TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

County Council

MINUTES

June 10, 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, June 10, 2025.
- II. Minutes – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Minutes of Tuesday, May 6, 2025.
- III. Disbursements – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Disbursements of Tuesday, June 3, 2025, and Tuesday, June 10, 2025.
- IV. Request from Talbot County Public Schools for FY25 Categorical Budget Transfers – Sarah Jones, CPA, Chief Financial Officer, Talbot County Public Schools; Dr. Sharon Pepukayi, Superintendent, Talbot County Public Schools – Ms. Jones briefed the Council on Talbot County Public Schools' request for several categorical budget transfers for the purpose of incurring some expenses in FY25 in order to balance the FY26 budget, and to meet identified needs in other categories. Ms. Jones stated that Talbot County Public Schools is requesting to utilize \$1,225,000 in savings from Instructional Salaries; \$40,00 from Materials of Instruction; \$400,000 from Special Education; \$100,000 from Pupil Personnel Services and \$50,000 from Transportation to increase the budgets of the following categories: \$480,000 to Other Instructional Costs for the purchase of instructional hardware and software for FY26; \$405,000 to Operation of Plant to cover projected overages in contract services, supplies, utilities and equipment and purchase of supplies for FY26; \$290,000 to Maintenance of Plant to cover projected overages in HVAC replacements and fixed maintenance; and \$740,000 to Fixed Charges to prepay employee benefits for FY26. Council discussion ensued with Ms. Jones and Dr. Pepukayi. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mr. Stepp, the Council approved the Categorical Budget Transfers, as requested, by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- V. Introduction of Administrative Resolution:

An ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTION REGARDING THE DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION STATEMENT ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2020, AND DIVERSITY TRAINING FOR EMPLOYEES OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND was read into the record in its entirety by the Clerk and

brought forward for introduction. Prior to introduction, Mr. Stepp read the following statement into the record:

As many of you know, I've led the charge on sponsoring this fiscally responsible legislation several months ago and also here today. I forewarned this Council and our residents about these ramifications months ago, but Council fell short on repealing these two resolutions, leaving Talbot County in a very risky and vulnerable position. Some recent history - the letter Talbot County received from the Department of Transportation dated April 24, 2025, is indeed a public letter and can easily be found online by anyone wishing to read it by Googling Department of Transportation follow law letter. It will indeed be the first thing that pops up. Contained in that four-page letter is verbiage that clearly defines the Constitution, law, and binding Supreme Court precedence set around that law, most of which I've already clearly articulated in my past comments when I presented to this Council and our residents months ago. We now find ourselves in a position today where Talbot County has been called to the carpet. \$46.8 million worth of federally funded airport modernization dollars are at imminent risk, not only in the form of current and future funding, but also in the form of clawback funds that have already been spent. If we do not repeal these two 2020 resolutions by passing today's resolution, our airport cannot pursue their next round of funding, as doing so would only exacerbate the extreme financial, legal, and economic risk that Talbot County is already in. If I'm being completely honest, I have to share that this is very frustrating that we even need to be discussing this again here today. It should have been dealt with months ago. This matter has been highly politicized and turned into something that it simply is not. To be clear yet again, today's action is fiscal in nature and such legislation shouldn't be met with politicization, hate, judgment, and mistreatment that I know I personally endured the first go-round from members of our community. And as of today, it's bubbling up yet again from some members of our community who either don't understand what this is or simply don't care about the financial wellbeing of others in the same community. The irony behind those who can treat others like that and then in the same breath claim to support diversity, equity, and inclusion is beyond belief. Moving forward, it's time we all face reality and begin to act and operate within the law. Every Talbot County citizen has their rights and freedoms under actual law. Two Talbot County resolutions do not increase your rights and freedoms under the law. They only hurt your wallets. It's time that we keep this fiscal, take action, act civil, and just treat others respectfully. Folks, disagreement and disrespect are two different things; don't conflate the two. In closing, I'd like to end by thanking Councilman Leshner for working through the final draft of this resolution with me. And I urge all Council to join me in a "yes" vote today to repeal these two resolutions so we can move on to other pressing County matters on behalf of our citizens.

Mr. Leshner then made the following statement:

Well, this is a difficult issue for me. And I am going to disappoint some and surprise others in this room and outside. The challenge here is that we have a vindictive and maleficent federal administration that is seeking to root out DEI policies on the erroneous presumption that they are discriminatory in a reverse sense. Of course, the County has no such discriminatory policy and we fully comply with all federal and State civil rights. The risk is that some incompetent political appointee will read only the title of our statement, misconstrue it as an illegal policy and deny a federal grant on that basis. In an event like that, even if we win on appeal, it could leave us in a state of construction limbo for an unacceptably long time. We simply need to ensure that we are using none of the language

that could trigger some snowflake in Washington. Is this self-censorship? Yes. Is it distasteful? Yes. But does it change one letter of County employment policy, absolutely not. With or without this statement, we will continue to seek, to attract, and retain a diverse workforce, treat them equitably in hiring, promotion, training, and all other employment matters, and ensure that they continue to feel welcome, respected, and included. I would like to request from the dais that staff draft a replacement welcoming statement for the employee handbook that will set the tone for an expectation of respect and fairness in all of our employment practices.

Ms. Mielke then made the following statement:

I'd like to concur with Councilman Leshner. I never read these two prior resolutions as being within the meaning of what everybody considers to be the DEI policies – I think our government always had been a merit-based operation. My hesitation is that by enacting this, are we admitting that that's what it said? because I would object to that. But, taking the bigger picture, I have to concur with Mr. Leshner.

Council discussion ensued with County Attorney, Patrick Thomas, regarding various statements included in his recent Letter of Opinion to Council on the matter before them. Mr. Callahan expressed his appreciation to Mr. Stepp and Mr. Leshner for working together on language to bring the matter to a conclusion. The administrative resolution was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Mr. Stepp, Mr. Leshner, and Ms. Mielke. The Council approved the administrative resolution by voting 4 – 1 as follows:

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

VI. Introduction of Numbered Resolutions:

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, Ray Clarke, County Engineer, outlined how the applicant's request relates to the extension of sewer service to areas defined in Resolution No. 235; Council discussion then ensued with Mr. Clarke. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Resolution No. 378. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the subject property would provide a connection point at the County's force main for the sewer line being installed along Bozman

Neavitt Road; Council discussion then ensued with Mr. Clarke. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Resolution No. 379. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the property which is the subject of the resolution is on the edge of the Resolution No. 250 sewer service area along Bozman Neavitt Road; Council discussion then ensued with Mr. Clarke. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Resolution No. 380. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the septic system of the subject property was reviewed by Accurate Environmental, LLC and was found to have issues. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Resolution No. 381. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that although the septic system of the subject property is not failing, it does have high ground water and poorly draining soils. He stated that the Public Works Advisory Board has reviewed similar properties in the past and noted them as potential candidates to come into the sewer service area and that his office will work with the Office of Environmental Health to gain their support for connecting the properties outlined in the four resolutions to public sewer service. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Resolution No. 382. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

VII. Introduction of Legislation:

Prior to the FY26 Capital Enabling Legislation being brought forward for introduction, Martha Sparks, Finance Director, outlined the purpose of capital enabling legislation and the process by which it is developed following approval of the County’s Annual Budget and Appropriation

Ordinance in accordance with §§ 603 and 607 of the Talbot County Charter. She stated that in addition to the budget and funding sources for County projects, each capital improvement project is required under § 612 of the County Charter to have its own legislation.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Sparks. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1586. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Kaitlin Foster-Clark, Assistant Finance Director. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1587. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Sparks. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1588. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Foster-Clark. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1589. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Sparks. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1590. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Foster-Clark. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1591. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Sparks. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1592. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Foster-Clark. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1593. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Sparks. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1594. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Foster-Clark. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1595. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Sparks. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1596. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Foster-Clark. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1597. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Sparks. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1598. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Foster-Clark. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1599. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Sparks. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1600. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Foster-Clark. The legislation was introduced by

Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1601. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Sparks. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1602. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Foster-Clark. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1603. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Sparks. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1604. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Foster-Clark. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1605. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Sparks. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1606. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Foster-Clark. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1607. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Sparks. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1608. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 brought forward for introduction. Prior to introduction, Ms. Foster-Clark read a statement into the record which noted that the bills related to the sanitary district capital projects will be funded by a combination of federal and State grants, long-term borrowing, and funds from the Sanitary District Fund; all costs incurred for these capital projects shall be repaid from the revenues generated from fees paid by the users of and/or operation of these facilities and our sewer systems. The bill was then read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for introduction. and a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Foster-Clark. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1609. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Sparks. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1610. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Foster-Clark. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1611. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Sparks. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1612. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Foster-Clark. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1613. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Sparks. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1614. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Foster-Clark. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1615. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, a brief outline of the purpose of the proposed legislation was provided by Ms. Sparks. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1616. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Bryce Yelton, Assistant Planning Officer, stated that the legislation is being proposed by the Planning Commission following the Commission’s work with Planning and Zoning staff over the past year. He stated that the proposed legislation is being offered for Council’s consideration so that Talbot County’s regulations on this matter are similar or mirror the legislation of surrounding local jurisdictions. Brennan Tarleton, Planning Officer, stated that the proposed legislation has already been reviewed and found consistent with the County’s 2016 Comprehensive Plan and is being recommended for Council’s approval. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1617. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, Brennan Tarleton, stated that in early 2024, the County Council directed the Office of Law, in cooperation with the Department of Planning and Zoning, to draft regulations related to cannabis in Talbot County. He stated that a work session with the Planning Commission and the County Council was subsequently held in September 2024 and in December 2024 the Planning Commission reviewed the draft cannabis legislation, provided several minor amendments, along with a recommendation of the legislation now before the Council for consideration of introduction. Mr. Tarleton then outlined various facets of the proposed legislation. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, and Mr. Leshner as Bill No. 1618. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

VIII. County Manager’s Report:

- A. Request for Letter of Support – Requested Council approval of a request from Talbot County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a letter in support of an application for an FY26 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) planning grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation in the sum of \$300,000. Mr. Stamp stated that the grant requires a 20% in-kind or cash match. Council discussion ensued with Heather Grant, Chairperson of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, who stated that if approved, the funding would be utilized to hire a planning expert to gather data,

identify safety priorities, and make recommendations to the Council for consideration for infrastructure improvements to ensure that streets and roadways throughout the county are safe for all users. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Ms. Haythe, the Council approved the letter of support by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- B. Request from Hog Neck Golf Course – Requested Council’s retroactive approval to award a contract and payment to H&H Marine in the sum of \$60,825 for an emergency repair to the 9th hole bridge at Hog Neck Golf Course. Mr. Stamp stated that there are sufficient funds in the FY25 budget for the project. Council discussion ensued with Rich Setter, General Manager/Head Golf Professional for Hog Neck Golf Course. Upon motion by Mr. Stepp, seconded by Ms. Haythe, the Council approved the payment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- C. Request from Department of Public Works – Requested Council approval of a contract with Good Life Lawn Care & Landscaping, LLC for an emergency repair in April 2025 at the Region V (Tilghman) Wastewater Treatment Plant in the sum of \$67,622.00. Council discussion ensued with County Engineer, Ray Clarke. Upon motion by Mr. Stepp, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved the contract by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- D. Request from Department of Public Works – Requested Council approval of the County Engineer’s recommendation to award the contract for relocation of utility lines on Goldsborough Neck Road to Verizon in the sum of \$105,213.50. Council discussion ensued with Ray Clarke, County Engineer who stated that the relocation of the utility lines is part Goldsborough Neck Road (between Villa Road and Glebe Road) culvert and road widening project. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Ms. Haythe, the Council approved the contract by voting 4 – 0 – 1 as follows:

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

Ms. Haythe - Aye

- E. Bid No. 25-08, PACKAGE 3: IMPROVE RSA AND EXTEND RUNWAY 4-22 EASTON/NEWNAM FIELD AIRPORT (ESN) – EASTON, TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND – Requested Council approval of the recommendation of the Easton Airport Manager to reject the sole bid received for Bid No. 25-08. Micah Risher, Manager, Easton Airport, stated that the price submitted for the one bid received was far outside the parameters the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will accept and therefore, the bid is considered unusable. Mr. Risher stated that if Council approves rejection of the bid, his office will repackage the project with a reduced scope and rebid the project in the next few weeks so that the Airport's modernization project can continue to move forward. Upon motion by Ms. Haythe, seconded by Mr. Stepp, the Council approved rejecting the sole proposal received for Bid No. 25-08 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- F. Request from Easton Airport – Requested Council approval to have Easton Airport apply for and accept Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Infrastructure Grant (AIG) Funding in the sum of \$6,000,000; Council discussion ensued with Micah Risher, Manager, Easton Airport, who stated that the application would be a revised bid for Bid No. 25-08. Upon motion by Ms. Haythe, seconded by Mr. Stepp, the Council approved submittal of the grant application as outlined by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- G. Request from Easton Airport – Requested Council approval to have Easton Airport forward a letter to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources advising that the Airport will be submitting an application to again participate in the State's Deer Cooperator Permit Program. Micah Risher, Manager, Easton Airport, stated that the purpose of the Public Safety Permit is to allow the Airport to remove deer from Airport property which are hazardous to the Airport's runway operations. Mr. Risher stated that a letter of support is also required from the County Attorney. Upon motion by Ms. Haythe, seconded by Mr. Stepp, the Council approved the request by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

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

X. Council Comments:

Mr. Stepp - No comments.

Mr. Leshner - Mr. Leshner stated that a community “show and tell” of history and heritage entitled “Talbot Treasures” will be taking place at the Waterfowl Festival Building in downtown Easton on Saturday, June 14, 2025. He stated that, in his opinion, the unique event invites members of the public to share meaningful pieces of Talbot County’s history – photos, one-of-a-kind artifacts, etc. and he encouraged members of the public to stop by on Saturday, June 14, 2025, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to view the collection of local history on display.

Ms. Mielke - No comments.

Ms. Haythe - No comments.

Mr. Callahan - Mr. Callahan expressed his appreciation to County staff for their work on putting the Capital Enabling Legislation together for the Council.

Upon motion by Mr. Stepp, seconded by Ms. Haythe, Council voted to reconvene in Open Session at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, and to 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 7:05 p.m.

The transcript of the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, County Council meeting is available for review in the Office of the Talbot County Manager during regular office hours.

XI. Work Session with Talbot County Planning Commission on Proposed Text Amendment for Short-Term Rental Regulations and Short-Term Rental Review Board – The Council held a work session with members of the Planning Commission on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room. Those in attendance were as follows: James “Jim” Corson, Chairman, Planning Commission; Michael Strannahan, Vice Chairman, Planning Commission; Chip Councill, Member, Planning Commission; Andy Meehan, Attorney for the Planning Commission; Chuck Callahan, President, County Council; Pete Leshner, Vice President, County Council; Keasha Haythe, Lynn Mielke, and Dave Stepp, members, County Council; Patrick Thomas, County Attorney. The purpose of the work session was to discuss a proposed text amendment related to several short-term rental regulations and the composition of Short-Term Rental Review Board as had been requested

by Ms. Mielke to the Office of Law. Mr. Meehan reviewed proposed changes in the following categories: licensing; length of minimum stays in various zoning districts; requirements for a landline telephone at the short-term rental property for emergency telephone calls; terms of Board members; contents of applications for short-term rentals; criteria for notification of the public hearing on the short-term rental application; renewals of licenses, etc. Council discussion ensued with members of the Planning Commission and Mr. Meehan as each proposed change was brought forward. Mr. Council stated that the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed changes at its May meeting; the record will remain open until the Planning Commission's July meeting. The work session concluded at 3:29 p.m. The video of the work session is available at: <https://talbotcountymd.gov/strworksession>.

XII. Summary of Closed Session Held on June 10, 2025:

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

Time of closed session: 3:40 p.m. to 4:30 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
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 brief Council on a legal matter regarding lease at Easton Airport	GP § 3-305(b)(7)	Attorney-client privilege regarding legal advice	Chuck Callahan, Pete Leshner, Keasha Haythe, Lynn Mielke, Dave Stepp, Clay Stamp, Jessica	No action

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		TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND		
		WEEKLY CASH STATEMENT		
		6/03/2025		

		TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND WEEKLY CASH STATEMENT 6/10/2025	
OPERATING FUNDS - SHORE UNITED BANK			
OPERATING FUNDS AT		6/3/2025	\$ 17,993,235.29
	Deposits		11,658,312.94
	Checks		(130,197.65)
	ACH Disbursements		(587,973.58)
	EFT'S		(301,543.31)
	Wire Transfers		(5,231,474.57)
	Voided Checks		105.00
OPERATING FUNDS AT		6/10/2025	\$ 23,400,464.12
PETTY CASH FUNDS			\$ 18,105.00
INVESTMENT FUNDS			
		<u>Yield</u>	
	Maryland Local Government Investment Pool (MLGIP)	4.31%	\$ 23,244,496.90
	Bayvanguard Bank	4.15%	\$ 11,177,855.61
	Shore United Money Market Account	4.33%	\$ 62,513,175.08
INVESTMENT FUNDS TOTAL			\$ 96,953,632.59
<u>TOTAL ALL CASH AND INVESTMENTS</u>			<u>\$ 120,354,096.71</u>