



TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

County Council

MINUTES

October 11, 2022

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

- I. Agenda – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Agenda of Tuesday, October 11, 2022.
- II. Minutes – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Minutes of Tuesday, September 27, 2022.
- III. Disbursements – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Disbursements of Tuesday, October 4, 2022 and Tuesday, October 11, 2022.
- IV. Update by Easton Utilities on Connect Talbot Broadband Expansion Project – Hugh Grunden, President & CEO, Easton Utilities; John Horner, Executive Vice-President & COO, Easton Utilities – Mr. Grunden expressed his appreciation to the Council for providing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funding to Easton Utilities for the *Connect Talbot* broadband expansion project. He and Mr. Horner then updated the Council on the project to expand broadband to the unserved and underserved areas of Talbot County. Mr. Grunden stated that to date, Easton Utilities has installed approximately 100 miles of fiber to serve more than 575 customers; the goal is to complete construction by the end of 2026, making Talbot County one of the few counties in Maryland to have 100% access to broadband. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Grunden and Mr. Horner regarding various aspects of the broadband expansion project. Information on the broadband expansion project may be obtained at [www.EastonVelocity.com/Connect Talbot](http://www.EastonVelocity.com/ConnectTalbot). The Council presented a check to Easton Utilities in the sum of \$1.75 million in ARPA grant funds for the project. Easton Utilities will continue to update the Council as the project moves forward.
- V. Update on Regional Medical Center Project – Ken Kozel, President and Chief Executive Officer, University of Maryland Medical System Shore Regional Health; Arvin Singh, Vice President, Strategy and Communications, University of Maryland Medical System Shore Regional Health – Mr. Kozel utilized a PowerPoint presentation to provide a brief history of University of Maryland Medical System Shore Regional Health since the merger of Shore Health System with the University of Maryland Medical System in 2006. He stated that since that time, beginning in 2013, there has been a vision for a five-county integrated healthcare system predicated on the regional medical center being based in Easton; he elaborated on the services instituted in each county. Mr. Kozel then announced that the University of Maryland Medical System Board of Directors and the University of Maryland Medical System Shore Regional Health Board of Directors had unanimously approved forwarding a Letter of Intent to the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) on November 4, 2022 with regard to the filing of a Certificate of Need (CON) for the new Regional Medical Center in Easton. Mr. Kozel stated that the CON is anticipated to be filed on January 6, 2023. He stated that pending approval of the CON, the anticipated timeline for completion and occupancy of the new facility is in the spring and summer of 2028, respectively. Mr. Kozel provided the architect’s renderings of the new Regional Medical Center and Council discussion ensued with Mr. Kozel. County Council members, and Megan Cook, speaking on behalf of the Town of Easton, congratulated Mr. Kozel on the announcement. Mr. Kozel will continue to update the Council on a regular or as needed basis.
- VI. Proclamation: 100th Anniversary – Avalon Theatre – The Clerk read a proclamation into the record which spoke of the importance of the Avalon Theatre to the citizens of, and visitors to, Easton and Talbot County

as a movie theater, center for arts and entertainment, and cultural hub since its founding in 1922. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved the proclamation by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Al Bond, President & CEO, Avalon Foundation, Inc., noted the numerous organizations in Easton and Talbot County which partner with the Avalon Theatre to bring the community together and to serve the community with the resources it has available including assisting the Talbot County Health Department with vaccination appointments a couple years ago during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Council commended Mr. Bond and the Avalon Theatre for its contributions to the community. Mr. Bond stated that the Avalon Foundation, Inc. had recently purchased the space formerly occupied by Bannings Tavern and with that purchase, the Avalon Foundation, Inc. now owns the entire building. Mr. Bond stated that the use of the newly purchased space will be determined at a later date.

Mr. Leshner presented the Proclamation to Mr. Bond and representatives of the Avalon Foundation, Inc. in attendance.

- VII. Presentation of Proposal for KIA Memorial Bench – Nancy Gooding and Agnes Blades, VFW Post 5118 Auxiliary – Ms. Gooding requested Council consideration for placement of a Killed in Action (KIA) memorial bench on the Courthouse lawn between the Vietnam Memorial and the WWI, WWII and Korean War KIA memorials as a way to connect the memorials and provided an artist’s rendering of same. Ms. Gooding outlined where the 60” long backless granite bench would be placed and the minor site preparations, including grading and removal/replacement of shrubbery, required to accomplish connection of the memorials; the cost of the memorial bench is approximately \$3,300, including installation, and will be paid for by the VFW Post 5118; no County funding is required. She stated that Brian Moore, Talbot County Facilities Manager, has reviewed the proposal and expressed no concerns. Council members expressed their appreciation to Ms. Gooding and Ms. Blades for their work on the project. Upon motion by Mr. Divilio, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved having the project move forward for consideration of approval by the Town of Easton Historic District Commission.

VIII. Public Hearings:

Resolution No. 335, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECLASSIFYING AND REMAPPING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4480 BACHELORS POINT ROAD, OXFORD, MARYLAND, SHOWN ON TAX MAP 53 AS PARCEL 77, FROM “W-2” AND “S-2” TO “W-1” AND “S-1” IMMEDIATE PRIORITY STATUS FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE FROM THE OXFORD WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM 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 regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2022 voted 5 – 0 to recommend that the Council approve Resolution No. 335, pending approval by the Maryland Department of the Environment. Brennan Tarleton, Acting Planning Officer, stated that the Planning Commission, at its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 voted 4 – 0 (one member was absent) that Resolution No. 335 was consistent with the 2016 Comprehensive Plan. Members of the public were then afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved moving Resolution No. 335 forward for vote by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

The Council approved Resolution No. 335 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Resolution No. 335 is effective immediately.

Resolution No. 336, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING OR MODIFYING THE TALBOT COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 AND 2024 TO ADD A NEW CAPITAL PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4.718 MILLION FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE TOWN OF OXFORD 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 an application to amend the Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan was received from the Town of Oxford. He stated that since the Town will be soliciting funding from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), MDE requires that the project be incorporated into the County's Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan. Mr. Clarke stated that the Public Works Advisory Board, at its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2022 voted 5 – 0 to recommend that the Council approve Resolution No. 336, pending approval by the Maryland Department of the Environment. Brennan Tarleton, Acting Planning Officer, stated that the Planning Commission, at its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, voted 4 – 0 (one member was absent) that Resolution No. 336 was consistent with the 2016 County Comprehensive Plan. Members of the public were then afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved moving Resolution No. 336 forward for vote by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

The Council approved Resolution No. 336 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Resolution No. 336 is effective immediately.

IX. Eligible for Vote:

Resolution No. 334, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 175, A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH SEWER SERVICE CONNECTION POLICIES FROM THE UNIONVILLE, TUNIS MILLS, AND COPPERVILLE SEWER SERVICE AREA LOW-PRESSURE FORCE MAIN COLLECTION SYSTEM TO THE ROYAL OAK PUMP STATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXEMPTING COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL USES AND SERVICES FROM THE PROVISIONS THEREOF, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the Public Works Advisory Board, at its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2022 voted 5 – 0 to recommend that the Council not adopt Resolution No. 334. Brennan Tarleton, Acting Planning Officer, stated that the Planning Commission, at its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 voted 4 – 0 (one member was absent) that Resolution No. 334 was not consistent with the 2016 County Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Thomas clarified that Resolution No. 334 is not an amendment to the County’s Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan; therefore, a finding of consistency by the Planning Commission is not a requirement for the Council to approve the resolution. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council did not approve Resolution No. 334 by a vote of 1 – 4 as follows:

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

The provisions of Resolution No. 334 will not take effect.

Bill No. 1523, A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 190 OF THE TALBOT COUNTY CODE (ZONING, SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT) TO ADD A DEFINITION OF “COUNTRY CLUB” AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPANSION AND MAJOR MODIFICATION OF A NONCONFORMING COUNTRY CLUB IN THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION (RC) DISTRICT was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. Brennan Tarleton, Acting Planning Officer, stated that he had forwarded the Council a letter from the Critical Area Commission noting their comments with regard to findings of consistency that need to be made related to Bill No. 1523, and the Critical Area policy regarding commercial aspects of golf courses located outside the Resource Conservation Area (RCA) zoning designation. He stated that any legislation which affects the Critical Area is required to be forwarded to the Critical Area Commission for final review and approval prior to being put into the Talbot County Code. Mr. Tarleton stated that the letter had also been provided to the applicant. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Tarleton. Upon motion by Mr. Divilio, seconded by Mr. Pack, the Council approved Bill No. 1523 by voting 4 – 0 – 1 as follows:

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

Bill No. 1523 will become effective as provided for in the legislation.

Bill No. 1524, A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 190 OF THE TALBOT COUNTY CODE (ZONING, SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT) REGARDING SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS was read into the record. Brennan Tarleton, Acting Planning Officer, stated that the Planning Commission had previously recommended Council approve Bill No. 1524; subsequently, the Planning Commission received and reviewed Amendment No. 1 (introduced at the August 23, 2022 Council meeting) at its special meeting on Monday, September 26, 2022 and by a vote of 4 – 0 (one member was absent) approved forwarding a favorable recommendation to the Council that Amendment No. 1 was consistent with the 2016 County Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Tarleton outlined the provisions of Amendment No. 2 (introduced at the September 13, 2022 Council meeting) and stated that the Planning Commission reviewed Amendment No. 2 at its special meeting on Monday, September 26, 2022 and forwarded an unfavorable recommendation to the Council by a vote of 4 – 0 (one member was absent). Mr. Tarleton stated that although the Planning Commission noted that the amendment was consistent with the 2016 County Comprehensive Plan, the Commission expressed concerns that the language as written would not hold up to the Public Service Commission process and that the amendment could result in premature fragmentation of existing agricultural parcels larger than 100 acres. Mr. Tarleton stated that the Planning Commission also reviewed Amendment No. 3, an amendment to Amendment No. 1, at their special meeting on Monday, September 26, 2022. He stated that although the language of Amendment No. 3 was not scheduled to be introduced by the Council until Tuesday, September 27, 2022, the Planning Commission had a general idea of what the language might be and made a recommendation. Mr. Tarleton stated that the Planning Commission, by a vote of 4 – 0 (one member was absent) made a favorable recommendation to the Council that Amendment No. 3 was consistent with the 2016 County Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Tarleton outlined Amendment No. 4 (introduced by the Council on September 27, 2022) and stated that the Planning Commission, at its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, by a vote of 3 - 1 (one member was absent) made an unfavorable recommendation to the Council, stating that the amendment was not consistent with the goals of the 2016 County Comprehensive Plan and provided comments as to the reasons for their decision. At the conclusion of Mr. Tarleton’s presentation, Mr. Leshner stated that he would be introducing Amendment No. 5 which he stated would incorporate all the language from Amendment No. 1 and include additional language which would exempt certain projects, which he outlined, read into the record, and provided his reasons for introducing the amendment. Amendment No. 5 was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner and Mr. Pack and Council discussion ensued. Mr. Pack stated that he was withdrawing his sponsorship of Amendment No. 4; Mr. Callahan and Mr. Leshner also withdrew their sponsorship of Amendment No. 4. Amendment No. 1 was brought forward for vote; the Council did not approve Amendment No. by voting 0 – 5 as follows:

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

Amendment No. 2 was brought forward for vote; the Council did not approve Amendment No. 2 by voting 1- 4 as follows:

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

Amendment No. 3 was brought forward for vote; the Council did not approve Amendment No. 3 by voting 0 - 5 as follows:

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

Amendment No. 5 was brought forward for vote; the Council approved Amendment No. 5 by voting 4 – 1 as follows:

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

Bill No. 1524, as amended, was then brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1524, as amended, by voting 4 – 1 as follows:

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

- X. Update by Talbot County Mental Health Workgroup – Kathryn Dilley, LCSW-C, Executive Director, Mid-Shore Behavioral Health, Inc.; Nancy Andrew, Executive Director, Talbot Family Network; Geneva Schaffle, Talbot County Emergency Management Coordinator – Ms. Andrew, Ms. Dilley and Ms. Schaffle provided an overview of the Talbot County Mental Health Workgroup which was established in January 2022 under the Emergency Operations Center through the community COVID 19 response, bringing partners together around concerns about mental health needs in the community. Partners include Talbot County Emergency Operations Center, Mid-Shore Behavioral Health, Talbot County Health Department and Local Addictions Authority, Talbot County Public Schools, Talbot Family Network/The Local Management Board and the Local Care Team, Maryland Coalition of Families, For All Seasons, Inc., Easton Family YMCA, Choptank Community Health System, Brookletts Place – Talbot County Senior Center, and Affiliated Sante Group/Eastern Shore Crisis Response. Utilizing a results-based accountability system, the Workgroup gathered and reviewed data to assist in determining the root cause of local conditions, identify new and existing partners and developed strategies for implementing specific actions. The representatives also presented information from a provider survey which was completed in May 2022 which outlined the number of vacancies for qualified therapists, the average wait times for individuals to see a therapist and identified challenges related to recruiting and retaining therapists. Several accomplishments were noted including, the addition of three (3) new social worker positions for Talbot County Public Schools; the opening of an eight bed residential crisis center by Channel Marker; the opening of an adolescent clubhouse and roll-out of a child and adolescent crisis response by Mid-Shore Behavioral Health; expansion of services by Choptank Community Health System to include behavioral health, an offer by Talbot Family Network to provide \$83,000 in FY23 funding for mental health programming, and providers stepping in to assist with services formerly offered by Eastern Shore Psychological Services which recently ceased operations at all its locations. Council discussion ensued with

the representatives as various aspects of the presentation were brought forward. The Mental Health Workgroup will continue to update the Council on a regular or as-needed basis.

- XI. Council Consideration of Contract for Sale and Purchase of Real Property Designated as Unit 1, Achievement Pak Condominium, 510 Cadmus Lane, Easton Maryland – Patrick Thomas, County Attorney, stated that the proposed contract with Achievement Park, LLC before the Council for consideration is for the acquisition of 38,000 square feet of real estate at Unit 1, 510 Cadmus Lane in Easton for a new Health Department facility. Mr. Thomas stated that the contract price is not-to-exceed \$13,000,000, with approximately \$3,000,000 as the purchase price and approximately \$10,000,000 for improvements to the property. Maria Maguire, M.D., Talbot County Health Officer, stated that the new facility will allow the Health Department to better meet the needs of the community and is an ideal location as it is co-located with other health facilities. Council discussion ensued with Dr. Maguire. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved entering into the contract by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- XII. Council Consideration of Contract of Sale and Purchase of Real Property Designated as a Portion of Lot 20, Goldsborough Neck Road, Easton, Maryland – Patrick Thomas, County Attorney, stated that the proposed contract before the Council for consideration is for the purchase of approximately one (1) acre of land from Thomas Cohee in the sum of \$231,200 for the expansion of Goldsborough Neck Road by the County. Ray Clarke, County Engineer, briefed the Council on the road widening project and stated that no residential properties on the north side of Goldsborough Neck Road will be affected. Upon motion by Mr. Divilio, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved entering into the contract by voting 5 – 0 as follows

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

XIII. County Manager’s Report:

- A. Talbot County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board – Requested Council approval of the appointment of Jeanie George to the Talbot County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board; said term will complete the unexpired term of Sarah Everhart which will expire on March 13, 2024. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved the appointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- B. Talbot County Department of Social Services Board of Directors – Requested Council approval of the appointment of R. Andrew “Andy” Hollis to a three-year term on the Talbot County Department of Social Services Board of Directors; said term will expire on June 30,

2025. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the appointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

XIV. Public Comments: There were no comments.

XV. Council Comments:

Ms. Price – Ms. Price stated that she had watched the majority of the last two County Council candidate forums and, in her opinion, found them interesting. She encouraged all the candidates to attend or watch the County Council meetings, and to watch previous meetings in order to be aware of the local issues. She stated that she was seeing some things that are not focused on what the Council actually does and that if there are any additional forums – people asking questions – in her opinion, it’s important to be aware of the local issues. Ms. Price expressed her appreciation to those candidates who have been attending the Council meetings, and stated that while other candidates may be watching the meetings, in her opinion, it is different than actually being here in the room. She stated that when she ran for Council 12 years ago, she had attended the Council meetings for six months. Ms. Price concluded her comments by encouraging all ten of the candidates for County Council to go back and watch the Council meetings and see the interaction and what the Council actually has the power to do and to not do. She stated that while candidates may have certain beliefs, you have to run for office for a reason.

Mr. Pack – Mr. Pack stated that he would not be in attendance at the October 18, 2022 Council meeting but will leave his absentee ballots.

Mr. Divilio – Mr. Divilio stated that there has been a lot of discussion in the forums, and on blogs regarding charging builders “the right fee to make them pay for future development.” He expressed his appreciation to County staff and his colleagues on the Council for hiring Tischler Bise to conduct a study on impact fees and stated that will probably be one of the first things the new Council does; he stated that Tischler is scheduled to meet with the Council in January. Mr. Divilio stated that, in his opinion, there is no need to send the matter back to the Public Works Advisory Board and the Planning Commission and ask them to complete a study when the County has already spent money for an impact fee study. He stated that when individuals question why the Planning Commission does not take into consideration how much developers should be paying in impact fees when they certify consistency with the Comprehensive Plan, they don’t because it is not their job. He stated that’s why the County hires independent agencies to do the calculations and present them to the Council so that the Council knows how many lots there are in a development when it votes to increase impact fees. Mr. Divilio stated that the Council is moving through the steps to obtain the impact fee study and expressed his appreciation to his colleagues for, in his opinion, setting up an

easy win for the next Council when they have to re-evaluate the impact fee structure.

Mr. Leshler – Mr. Leshler stated that he had the pleasure of meeting this week with Easton Cub Scout Den of Easton Cub Scout Pack 190 in Council chambers and that it reminded him of the many volunteers there are in the community who support organizations for youth as well as other organizations. He stated that, in his opinion, the work that is done by these volunteers to nurture and raise our youth has a significant impact, and it does indeed take a village to raise a child, and expressed his appreciation to all who are working on that front.

Mr. Callahan - Mr. Callahan stated that, in his opinion, the community really came together for Easton Airport Day; there were several thousand people in attendance and some Council members went up in a WW II era plane, the Placid Lassie. He expressed his appreciation to Easton Airport Manager, Micah Risher, and all the volunteers who put the event together.

XVI. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council voted to adjourn and to reconvene on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, a Special Legislative Day, at 5:00 p.m. in Open Session and to immediately adjourn into Closed Session for discussion of legal, personnel and real estate matters as listed on the statement for closing the meeting, and at 6:00 p.m. for the regularly scheduled meeting by voting 5 - 0 as follows:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

The transcript of the October 11, 2022 County Council meeting is available for review in the Office of the Talbot County Manager during regular office hours.

XVII. Annual Consolidated Transportation Plan Meeting – The Council met with representative of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and State Highway Administration (SHA) on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the Wye Oak Room of the Talbot County Community Center. Representatives of the local delegation were also in attendance. Each of the MDOT and SHA representatives provided statistical information related to their respective agencies, an update on projects throughout the state and in Talbot County, and outlined where customer service enhancements have been made or are planned. The final CTP budget for FY23 – FY28 totals \$19.9 billion, with \$6.9 billion designated to system preservation. The representatives stated that traffic at BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport, the Port of Baltimore and Mass Transit continue to rebound from the Pandemic. Tim Smith, Deputy Administrator, State Highway Administration, emphasized that the Department’s mission of improving congestion, preserving the road system and providing safety measures for both drivers and pedestrians has not changed. Council had previously provided a project priority listing for Talbot County to the State representatives which included various road capacity issues and intersection improvements. Council discussion ensued with the representatives as various items were brought forward, particularly those relevant to Talbot County and the Eastern Shore.

XVIII. Summary of Closed Session Held on October 4, 2022:

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

Time of closed session: 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. reconvene 4:15 p.m. – 5:40 p.m.
 Place of closed session: County Council Office
 Purpose of the closed session: To consider various matters as set forth in the statement for closing the meeting

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

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

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

Topic Description	Statutory Authority	Reason for Closed Session Discussion	Persons Present	Action Taken
To discuss personnel matter in Planning & Zoning	GP § 3-305(b)(1)(i)	Discussion involves specific individual	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp	No action
To discuss personnel matter in Administrative Services	GP § 3-305(b)(1)(i)	Discussion involves specific individual	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp	No action

XIX. Summary of Closed Session Held on October 11, 2022:

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

Time of closed session: 4:30 p.m. to 5:55 p.m.
 Place of closed session: County Council Office
 Purpose of the closed session: To consider various matters as set forth in the statement for closing the meeting

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

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

Abstaining: None
 Absent: Price (arrived at 4:33 p.m.)

6. 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 appointment to various County boards and committees	GP § 3-305(b)(1)(i)	Public discussion would discourage individuals from volunteering to serve	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	No action
To discuss personnel matter in Roads Department	GP § 3-305(b)(1)(i)	Discussion involves specific individual	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	Council concurred with job posting
To discuss personnel matter in Planning & Zoning	GP § 3-305(b)(1)(i)	Discussion involves specific individual	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	Council concurred with appointment
To discuss personnel matter in Administrative Services	GP § 3-305(b)(1)(i)	Discussion involves specific individual	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	Council concurred with appointment
To discuss personnel matter involving Department of Emergency Services	GP § 3-305(b)(1)(i)	Discussion involves specific individuals	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	No action
To discuss possible acquisition of property for a public purpose in Easton	GP § 3-305(b)(3)	To protect the County’s bargaining position regarding the potential acquisition of a	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp,	No action

		specific parcel of real property for a public purpose	Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	
For legal advice on contract with banking institution	GP § 3-305(b)(7)	Attorney-client privilege regarding legal advice	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Peter Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas, Martha Sparks	Council concurred with recommendation to negotiate
For legal update on litigation involving Talbot Integrity Project	GP § 3-305(b)(7)(8)	Attorney-client privilege regarding status of litigation	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Peter Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	Council concurred with recommendation of legal counsel
To discuss contract negotiations for Bid No. 22-15	GP § 3-305(b)(14)	To discuss contract negotiations before bid is awarded	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Peter Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas, Preston Peper, Martha Sparks	Council concurred with recommendation to negotiate

CASH STATEMENT 10/04/2022

BALANCE 9/27/2022	70,846,393.90
TOTAL ADP PAYROLL PPE 9/16/2022	(774,845.00)
PENSION DED PPE 9/16/2022	(44,945.75)
DEFERRED COMP DED PPE 9/16/2022	(20,213.17)
DEFERRED COMP PPE 9/16/2022 PLAN 401(A)	(8,317.78)
CIGNA CLAIMS PAID THRU 9/26/2022	(81,593.21)
USDA/RD QTRLY BOND PYMT #92-09 9/2022	(26,240.00)
USDA/RD QTRLY BOND PYMT #92-11 9/2022	(60,886.00)
ENTERPRISE LEASE PYMT 9/2022	(16,031.68)
COMMCTR SALES & USE DUE 9/20/2022	(74.05)
GOLF COURSE SALES & USE DUE 9/20/2022	(2,654.86)
ROADS SALES & USE DUE 9/20/2022	(909.24)

USDA/RD QTRLY BOND PYMT #92-03 9/2022	(9,478.00)
WELLS FARGO GOLF EQUIPMENT LEASE PYMT 9/2022	(128.00)
RETURNED CHECK(S) #656	(2,237.01)
DEPOSITS	2,096,459.55
CHECKS	(577,468.47)
ACH DISBURSEMENT(S)	(3,520.15)
WIRE TRANSFERS	
VOIDED CHECK(S) # 360792, 361628, 362219	30,650.81
BALANCE 10/04/2022	71,343,961.89

INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		2.83%	20,500,000.00
BAYVANGUARD BANK			10,247,111.71
TOTAL INVESTED			<u>30,747,111.71</u>
PETTY CASH BALANCE			<u>12,605.00</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>			<u>102,103,678.60</u>

CASH STATEMENT 10/11/2022

BALANCE 10/04/2022	71,343,961.89
CIGNA CLAIMS PAID THRU 10/3/2022	(73,338.87)
TALBOT COUNTY FREE LIBRARY 10/2022	(138,587.50)
TALBOT COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY 10/2022	(36,900.00)
BOARD OF EDUCATION 10/2022	(3,904,316.00)
OCTOBER 2022 RETIREE HEALTH PLAN #727	(35,555.82)
USDA/RD MTHLY BOND PYMT #97-08 10/2022	(1,304.00)

RETURNED CHECK #1002	(9,091.00)
RETURNED PAYMENTUS PAYMENT	(263.75)
DEPOSITS	2,184,930.57
CHECKS	(790,391.92)
ACH DISBURSEMENT(S)	(6,346.13)
WIRE TRANSFERS	(749,471.57)
VOIDED CHECK(S) # 361824	21.70
BALANCE 10/04/2022	<u>67,783,347.60</u>

INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		2.93%	20,500,000.00
BAYVANGUARD BANK			10,247,111.71
TOTAL INVESTED			<u>30,747,111.71</u>
PETTY CASH BALANCE			<u>12,605.00</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>			<u>98,543,064.31</u>