



# TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

County Council

MINUTES

October 22, 2024

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, October 22, 2024.
- II. Minutes – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Minutes of Tuesday, September 24, 2024.
- III. Disbursements – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Disbursements of Tuesday, October 15, 2024, and Tuesday, October 22, 2024.
- IV. Introduction of Carl Anderton, Director of Rural Economic Strategy, Maryland Department of Commerce – Mr. Anderton introduced himself and stated that he serves on behalf of Governor Moore as the Director of Rural Economic Strategy for 16 counties. Mr. Anderton previously served in the Maryland State Legislature, as Mayor of Delmar, MD, and as President of the Maryland Municipal League. He stated that his prior experience with local governments provides an understanding of the connections local governments are seeking in Annapolis. He then briefed the Council on his familiarity with Talbot County, stating that he had worked for several companies in the county as a young man and is looking forward to working with County administration and staff to see what the State can do better to help facilitate economic growth in Talbot County. He also offered his assistance resolving any issues with other State agencies where economic development is concerned. Council welcomed Mr. Anderton to his new position.
- V. Introduction of Shalunda Collins, Talbot County Housing Coordinator – Brennan Tarleton, Planning Officer introduced Shalunda Collins, Talbot County Housing Coordinator. Mr. Tarleton stated that Ms. Collins comes to Talbot County from the Neighborhood Service Center where she served as an Emergency Service Coordinator. He stated that Ms. Collins is in the process of updating the housing page on the Planning and Zoning website to include frequently requested resources and information. Council welcomed Ms. Collins who may be reached at the Department of Planning and Zoning located at 215 Bay Street, Suite 2, Easton or at 410-770-8030.
- VI. Proclamation: Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans – The Clerk read a proclamation into the record which encourages businesses and residents to display a green light at their home or business from November 4, 2024, through November 11, 2024, to recognize, honor, and bring visibility to the service and immeasurable sacrifices of veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. The proclamation spoke of the various local, State, and national organizations which assist and support veterans as they return to civilian life, a high percentage of whom are at risk for developing post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and some of whom may be at risk for suicide. Organizations, including the Cambridge VA Outpatient, Health Care for Homeless Veterans, Maryland's Commitment to Veterans, Perry Point VA Medical Center, Support Services for Veteran Families and the Veteran and Military Support Alliance (VAMSA), provide resources related to healthcare,

housing assistance, crisis intervention, peer support, substance use services and mental health support for veterans. The proclamation also spoke of the role of veterans in various organizations in their communities throughout the nation which help fellow veterans receive access to over \$52 billion in federal health, disability, and compensation benefits each year. Upon motion by Mr. Stepp, seconded by Ms. Mielke, 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

Lisa Short, Behavioral Health Coordinator/Adult Population Supervisor, Mid Shore Behavioral Health, and Ashley Strazza, CRPS, RS, Recovery, Crisis & Services Supervisor, Mid Shore Behavioral Health, briefed the Council on the services available to veterans through Mid Shore Behavioral Health and other agencies, and provided information on the new nationwide suicide and crisis lifeline which may be accessed 24/7 by dialing **988**. Ms. Short stated that Maryland is home to approximately 360,000 veterans and 100,000 active-duty personnel, and that Talbot County has the second highest number of veterans on the Mid Shore. Douglas Willey, Past Post Commander, Easton American Legion Post 70, Charles “Chuck” Engh, Post Commander, Easton American Legion Post 70, and William Griffin, Post Commander, Blake-Blackston American Legion Post 77, outlined their mission to serve veterans in Talbot County and briefed the Council on upcoming events to honor veterans, to raise awareness of veterans’ issues, and to provide assistance. Council members expressed their appreciation to the veterans for their service to the nation.

Ms. Mielke presented Proclamations to the representatives of American Legion Post 70 (Easton), American Legion Blake Blackston Post 77 (Easton), and Mid-Shore Behavioral Health in attendance.

- VII. Update by Talbot Humane – Patty Crankshaw-Quimby, Executive Director, Talbot Humane – Ms. Crankshaw-Quimby provided statistical information for FY24 on the number and types of animals taken in at Talbot Humane and the number of animals that were adopted, reunited with their owners, or transferred to other rescue groups. She also provided statistical information on the number of animals that were spayed or neutered and microchipped, and the number of animals that were fostered. She stated that the intake of animals at the shelter is now back to 2015 levels, following a steady decrease between 2016 and 2022, and is representative of trends nationally. She stated that improvements in programs offered by Talbot Humane, including the foster-to-adopt program which trains residents who find kittens how to foster the kittens and keep them until they are ready for adoption has made the larger number of animals at the shelter easier to handle since the animals are not in the shelter for as long a period of time; a total of 506 animals have benefitted from the foster care program. Regarding the animal control function of Talbot Humane, Ms. Crankshaw-Quimby stated that Animal Control officers made 340 calls, 90% of which were for bite cases, stray animals and violations of County or State anti-cruelty laws; 70% of the initial calls required follow-up visits, further investigation, or court appearances. She stated that in FY24, 1,702 animals (at public and private animal shelters in Talbot County) were spayed or neutered through Talbot Humane’s program; 213 animals also received other care at the time they were spayed or neutered. Ms. Crankshaw-Quimby stated that 2024 is the 20<sup>th</sup> year of Talbot Humane’s spay/neuter program which has resulted in a 48% reduction in intake of animals since the program began in 2004 and noted other services provided by Talbot Humane, including provision of 200 interventional behavioral or medical services, distribution of pet food and other pet supplies, and

providing microchipping services for 1,200 animals. She stated that for FY25, Talbot Humane again won a competitive Maryland Department of Agriculture grant and will receive \$61,000 toward providing free spaying/neutering services for animals of qualified residents of Talbot and Dorchester counties. Ms. Crankshaw-Quimby expressed her appreciation to the many volunteers who contribute countless hours toward caring for the animals and attending community events on behalf of Talbot Humane. She stated that Talbot Humane continues to provide internships for seniors from Talbot County Public Schools, private schools and homeschooled students who are interested in pursuing careers in the animal sciences; is partnering with this year's Waterfowl Festival to offer "doggy daycare" in 2-hour blocks of time for those individuals who are travelling with their animals but which are not allowed in some exhibits; will again host a pop-up boutique offering pet supplies and one-of-a-kind gifts from local artisans; and will be conducting a "cookie walk" and promoting adoption of senior pets by senior citizens. Talbot Humane will continue to update the Council on a regular or as-needed basis.

- VIII. Presentation on Talbot *FiRST!* - Brian LeCates, Director, Talbot County Department of Emergency Services; Tina Kintop, EMS Division Chief, Talbot County Department of Emergency Services – Mr. LeCates and Ms. Kintop briefed the Council on a new interdisciplinary, peer support program initiated through the collaborative efforts of the EMS Division and the 911 Division of the Department of Emergency Services designed to support the mental health of first responders who deal with trauma on a regular basis in their lines of work. Mr. LeCates stated that members of the Talbot *FiRST!* peer support team include Brian LeCates, Director, Talbot County Department of Emergency Services; Tina Kintop, EMS Division Chief; Holley Guschke, DES Division Chief/911 Communications; Lt. Kari Diefenderfer, Department of Emergency Services; Sonny Jones, Chief, Easton Volunteer Fire Department and President, Talbot County Fire & Rescue Association; Lt. J.R. Dobson, Talbot County Sheriff's Office; Alan Lowrey, Chief of Police, Town of Easton; Joe Hughes, Director, Talbot County Department of Corrections; Pierre Tue, Correctional Officer II, Talbot County Department of Corrections; Matt Watkins, Paramedic and retired EMS Division Chief; and clinical partners Beth Ann Dorman, President & CEO, For All Seasons, Inc. and Lesa Lee, Chief Clinical Officer, For All Seasons, Inc. Ms. Kintop stated that the team is comprised of individuals of all disciplines, have various ranks and years of experience, and are individuals whom others trust to maintain confidentiality and trust; prospective members were also vetted and received training in how best to provide peer support. Mr. Watkins stated that first responders face unique challenges in their profession, and, in his opinion, the program will have a positive impact for years to come; the program is the first of its kind in Maryland and is one of the few locations in the nation where the program currently exists. Council commended those in attendance for bringing the program initiative to fruition.

- IX. Eligible for vote:

Bill No. 1579, A BILL TO ADDRESS CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL IMPOSED BY THE MARYLAND CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION (THE "CAC") FOR BILL NO. 1544, A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 190 OF THE TALBOT COUNTY CODE (ZONING, SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT), §§ 190-25.2 (TABLE OF LAND USES), 190-29 (COMMERCIAL USES), 190-29.7 (INN), AND 190-78 (TERMS DEFINED) REGARDING HISTORIC INNS, AS ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND ON JULY 25, 2023, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. At Council's request prior to the vote, County Attorney, Patrick Thomas, stated that in July 2023, the Council approved a zoning text amendment regarding historic inns (Bill No. 1544) and because the legislation involved Critical Area, the legislation was forwarded to the Critical Area Commission for their review, comment and approval. He stated that the Critical Area Commission

responded with its comments and approval in August 2024, conditioned upon the County amending the legislation to include additional restrictions on inns within the Critical Area; those restrictions are outlined in Bill No. 1579. The Council approved Bill No. 1579 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Bill No. 1579 becomes effective as provided for in the legislation.

X. County Manager’s Report:

A. Talbot County Department of Social Services Board of Directors – Requested Council approval of the appointment of Jaquelin Reyes to a three-year term on the Talbot County Department of Social Services Board of Directors; said term will expire on June 30, 2027. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Ms. Haythe, the Council approved the appointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

B. Talbot County Tourism Board – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of Mark Salter to a four-year term on the Tourism Board as a representative of the restaurant sector; said term will expire on July 1, 2028; requested the reappointment of Amy Kreiner to the Tourism Board as a representative of the Talbot County Chamber of Commerce; said term will expire on July 1, 2027; requested the appointment of Patricia McGlannan as a representative of the Bay Hundred District; said term will expire on July 1, 2027; and requested the appointment of Chris Agharabi as a representative of the Bay Hundred District; said term will complete the unexpired term of Michael Hoffman which will expire on July 1, 2026. Upon motion by Mr. Stepp, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved the reappointments and the appointments by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

C. Request for Letter of Support – Requested Council approval to forward a letter to the Governor in support of the reappointment of John Murray to the Talbot County Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by

Ms. Haythe, the Council approved forwarding a letter of support by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- D. Request from Hog Neck Golf Course – Requested Council approval to award the contract for renovation of the kitchen at Hog Neck Golf Course to the lowest responsive and responsible proposer, Alto-Hartley, Inc., in the sum of \$94,896.00. Upon motion by Mr. Stepp, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved the award by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- E. Request from the County Manager – Requested Council approval to have the County enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Easton Utilities Commission (Easton Utilities) for the contribution of \$9.3 million by the County toward the extension of water and sewer to the Regional Medical Center site as outlined in the Development Rights and Responsibilities Agreement (DRRA). John Horner, President and CEO of Easton Utilities, stated that the MOU memorializes a long-standing agreement between the County and Easton Utilities whereby the County agrees to fund a portion of the cost for extension of water and sewer to the Regional Medical Center site while also placing a cap on the cost to the County. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Horner and Ray Clarke, County Engineer. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Ms. Haythe, the Council approved entering into a MOU with Easton Utilities as outlined by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- F. Midshore Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Drop-off Day – Mr. Stamp stated that Maryland Environmental Service will host the Household Hazardous Waste Day at the Midshore Regional Landfill (Midshore I) located at 7341 Barkers Landing Road in Easton will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day on Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., rain or shine. The event is free to residents of Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne’s and Talbot counties.

- G. Second Public Comment Hearing Before the Public Service Commission of Maryland – Mr. Stamp stated that the Public Service Commission of Maryland will be holding a second public comment hearing on the application by Crockett Solar, LLC for a

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct a 61.20-megawatt solar facility in Talbot County. He stated that the public comment hearing will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cordova Fire Department located at 11864 Kittys Corner Road, Cordova and is open to the public. Brennan Tarleton, Planning Officer, stated that the comments provided to the Council by the Department of Planning and Zoning were submitted on the County's behalf to be included on the record at the Public Comment Hearing.

- H. Recognition of Roads Department – Mr. Stamp expressed his appreciation to Roads Department staff, Brian Moore, Superintendent, Roads and County Facilities, County Engineer, Ray Clarke, and contractor David A. Bramble Construction Co., for their recent work on paving Airport Road, Goldsborough Neck Road, Hailem School Road and Hiners Lane.
- I. Sheriff's Department Move to Marys Court – Mr. Stamp stated that the Talbot County Sheriff's Office has relocated to its new offices at 28640 Marys Court in Easton from the Talbot County Business Center on Glebe Road (the former the Black & Decker facility). He stated that the County is now working to set up the backup 911 Center and to move the Department of Emergency Services to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Marys Court building in the near future; a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Marys Court building will be scheduled in Spring 2025.

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

XII. Council Comments:

Mr. Leshner – Mr. Leshner stated that tomorrow (October 23<sup>rd</sup>) he will have the privilege of representing the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) before the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority which assists with planning, coordinating and funding heritage tours. He stated that the Heritage Areas Authority will be ratifying a new action plan for our regional heritage area, the Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area, which covers Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties, and that, in his opinion, much good thought has gone into guiding and coordinating the heritage entities in our part of the state, supporting our hotel industry and a number of employers in our area. Mr. Leshner concluded his comments by reiterating that it is a privilege to represent the County.

Ms. Mielke – Ms. Mielke stated that on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> she had attended Easton Airport Day which, in her opinion, was a huge success. She stated that the Placid Lassie, a C-47 plane from WWII which had participated in "Operation Overlord" over Normandy was at the Airport Day event, which, in her opinion, was appropriate since 2024 is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "Operation Overlord." She stated that the event also featured the Naval Academy parachute team which was also celebrating 80 years. Ms. Mielke

concluded her comments by stating she hoped those who were unable to attend Airport Day this year could do so next year.

Ms. Haythe – Ms. Haythe thanked an earlier speaker for bringing positive energy to the meeting and for his kind words regarding veterans which, in her opinion, are extremely important.

Mr. Stepp – Mr. Stepp stated that he had recently attended the Easton Prayer Breakfast with many elected officials and members of the community and expressed his appreciation to his fellow Council members who were able to attend. He wished all veterans a Happy Veterans Day. He also wished his father, a Marine Corps veteran and all the other Marine Corps veterans Happy Birthday as the Marine Corps which will celebrate its 249<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Stepp concluded his comments by expressing his appreciation to County staff and others who help with the Council meetings.

Mr. Callahan Mr. Callahan stated that he feels blessed to live in the Talbot County community. He stated that he is going to become a grandfather in April as his eldest son and his wife are expecting a little girl, and his youngest son is getting married next year.

Upon motion by Mr. Stepp, seconded by Ms. Haythe, the Council voted to adjourn and to reconvene on Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. for a meeting with elected officials and staff from the Towns of Easton, Oxford, Queen Anne, St. Michaels, and Trappe. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room of the Talbot County Free Library – Easton Branch located at 100 W. Dover St., Easton; the meeting is open to the public; to reconvene on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room for a work session on proposed Reserve Fund policies; then at 4:30 to adjourn into Closed Session as listed on the statement for closing that meeting, and for the regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 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 adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

The transcript of the October 22, 2024, County Council meeting is available for review in the Office of the Talbot County Manager during regular office hours.

- XIII. Joint Meeting with the Talbot County Board of Education – The County Council held a joint meeting with members of the Talbot County Board of Education on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Wye Oak Room of the Talbot County Community Center located at 10028 Ocean Gateway, Easton.

**In attendance:**

Board of Education members: Emily Jackson, Deborah Bridges, Amy Dodson, Anna Howie, Mary Wheeler

Talbot County Public Schools (TCPS) staff: Dr. Sharon Pepukayi, Debbie Gardner, Sarah Jones, Kevin Shafer, Darlene Spurrier

Talbot County Council members: Pete Leshner, Keasha Haythe, Lynn Mielke, Dave Stepp

Talbot County staff: Clay Stamp, Sheriff Gamble, Martha Sparks, Kaitlin Foster-Clark, Jessica Morris

#### Discussion of Public Security

Dr. Pepukayi provided an overview of public security within the school system and stated that Talbot County Public Schools (TCPS) takes a proactive approach working closely with school resource officers. Darlene Spurrier, Director of Student Services, reviewed the discipline process the school system follows in accordance with guidelines from Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). She noted that school principals are able to suspend students for 10 days with cause although students in pre-kindergarten through Grade 2 cannot be suspended unless there is an extreme situation. Expulsion is extremely rare unless there is an imminent threat or a weapon, such as a gun, is brought onto school property. Ms. Spurrier stated that a zero-tolerance policy is against the law in Maryland. She noted that there are school counselors in all buildings as well as mental health services and that regular threat assessments are conducted. TCPS uses the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) System which incentivizes good behavior. TCPS uses a tiered intervention approach to address behavioral issues with restorative practices in all schools. Dr. Pepukayi and Ms. Spurrier stated if warranted, an extended suspension can last for up to 44 days during which time educational support is still provided to the student. Alternatively, students and their families can choose to participate in an alternative program although it is not mandated. Dr. Pepukayi and Mr. Shafer stated that TCPS is looking into various public safety technologies that could be employed in schools. Ms. Jackson noted that state law puts the Board of Education in a limited role with regard to response to student behavior. Discussion ensued about possibly sending a joint letter to the state outlining concerns. Sheriff Gamble stated that the Sheriff's Office receives regular updates about potential situations of concern or violence in the school system. All tips are investigated and anyone can provide tips anonymously through the Safe Time application. Sheriff Gamble stated that the school resource officers work closely with school principals and that there is good partnership between the Sheriff's Office and TCPS. Off-duty officers regularly attend sporting events such as football and basketball games. Teen Court has been an effective tool in reducing the rate of recidivism. He noted that the new state requirement of mapping of all schools will be an expensive and extensive endeavor. Dr. Pepukayi stated she will be meeting in person with student advisory groups to hear directly from students about their concerns and ideas.

#### Discussion of Multi-Year Investment in Existing Sports Fields

Ms. Jackson stated that the Board of Education is still considering the allocation of FY25 capital funds and may be requesting a multi-year investment in all sports fields. Mr. Shafer is currently conducting an evaluation of all playing fields for the Board's review. Mr. Stamp and Ms. Sparks stated that a long-term plan with multi-year budgeting would be helpful. The Board concurred.

#### Update on Cellphone Policy

Dr. Pepukayi stated that the Board updated the cellphone policy last year. Beginning December 2, 2024, a pilot program at Easton Middle School will be implemented which includes providing Yondr pouches to all students. Easton Middle School will report back to the Board in January 2025 with the results of the pilot program. Other counties, including Caroline County, have utilized the Yondr pouches and have reported success with more student engagement in the classroom and less discipline issues.

The Board and Council agreed to meet again in early 2025 to discuss the FY26 budget.



Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

XIV. Consolidated Transportation Plan (CTP) Meeting with Maryland Department of Transportation Representatives - The Council met with representatives of the Maryland Department of Transportation at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, in the Bradley Meeting Room. The following individuals were in attendance on behalf of the Maryland Department of Transportation: Paul Wiedefeld, Secretary, Department of Transportation; Samantha Biddle, Deputy Secretary of Transportation, Department of Transportation; Dan Janousek, Regional Planner – Office of Planning & Capital Programming, Department of Transportation; Melissa Einhorn, Senior Policy Advisor - Office of Governmental Affairs, Department of Transportation; Dave Broughton, Media Relations Manager – Office of Public Affairs, Department of Transportation; Ashish Solanki, Director - Office of Regional Aviation Assistance, Maryland Aviation Administration; Christine Nizer, Administrator - Motor Vehicle Administration; Travis Johnston; Director - Locally Operated Transit Systems, Maryland Transit Administration; Will Pines, Administrator, State Highway Administration; Ken Fender, District 2 Engineer, State Highway Administration; Nicole Wojciechowski, Chief of Staff –State Highway Administration; Ray Moravec, Director of Planning and Preliminary Engineering –State Highway Administration; Derrick Sexton, Regional Planner, RIPD, State Highway Administration; Melissa Williams, Director, of Planning and Program Development, Maryland Transportation Authority; Bob Munroe, Deputy Executive Director of Administration and Environment, Maryland Port Administration; and Richard Scher, Director of Communications, Maryland Port Administration. Council members in attendance were Mr. Callahan, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp. Ms. Haythe arrived at 3:15 p.m. Secretary Wiedefeld provided Council with information on the reduction in funding to the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) resulting from the overall fiscal situation of the State while emphasizing that MDOT remains committed to “safety first” in its strategic use of less resources which are \$1.3 billion less than last year. Secretary Wiedefeld stated that the State’s goal is to have zero (0) fatalities on Maryland roadways by 2030. Each of the representatives then briefed the Council on the status of various projects throughout the state within their respective departments and those recently completed in Talbot County as requested in the County’s 2024 Priority Listing as approved by the Council on March 26, 2024 and submitted to MDOT in April 2024. The video of the meeting may be found at: <https://talbotcountymd.gov/ctp2024>.

XV. Summary of Closed Session Held on October 22, 2024:

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

Time of closed session:	4:35 p.m. to 5:15 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:

<b>Topic Description</b>	<b>Statutory Authority</b>	<b>Reason for Closed Session Discussion</b>	<b>Persons Present</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
To discuss 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 discuss personnel matter involving Health Officer	GP § 3-305(b)(1)(i)	Discussion involves specific individual	Chuck Callahan, Pete Leshner, Keasha Haythe, Lynn Mielke, Dave Stepp, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas, Donna Pardieu	No action
To consider possible acquisition of property in Easton for a public purpose	GP § 3-305(b)(3)	To protect the County's bargaining position regarding the potential acquisition of real property for a public purpose	Chuck Callahan, Pete Leshner, Keasha Haythe, Lynn Mielke, Dave Stepp, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas, Micah Risher	Council concurred with acquisition
For legal advice on Public Service Commission's Case No. 9723	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	No action

**TALBOT COUNTY,  
MARYLAND**



**WEEKLY CASH  
STATEMENT  
10/15/2024**

**OPERATING FUNDS - SHORE UNITED BANK**

<b>OPERATING FUNDS AT</b>	<b>10/8/2024</b>	<b>\$24,429,532.07</b>
Returned Check #2348		(574.70)
Returned Paymentus Payment		(11,830.90)
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Deposits		1,574,798.80
Checks		(137,041.46)
ACH Disbursements		(724,723.54)
EFT's		(351,180.85)
Wire Transfers		(5,302,338.24)
<b>OPERATING FUNDS AT</b>	<b>10/15/2024</b>	<b><u>\$19,476,641.18</u></b>

**PETTY CASH FUNDS** \$18,105.00

**INVESTMENT FUNDS**

	<u>Yield</u>	
Maryland Local Government Investment Pool (MLGIP)	4.90%	\$22,542,441.42
Bayvanguard Bank	4.68%	\$10,872,953.91
Shore United Money Market Account	5.33%	\$79,040,571.99
<b>INVESTMENT FUNDS TOTAL</b>		<b><u>\$112,474,072.32</u></b>



**INVESTMENT FUNDS**

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	<u>Yield</u>	
Maryland Local Government Investment Pool (MLGIP)	4.93%	\$22,639,231.11
Bayvanguard Bank	4.68%	\$10,915,235.22
Shore United Money Market Account	4.83%	\$80,394,607.17
<b>INVESTMENT FUNDS TOTAL</b>		<b><u>\$113,967,178.50</u></b>
<b><u>TOTAL ALL CASH AND INVESTMENTS</u></b>		<b><u>\$133,050,278.14</u></b>