



# TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

County Council

MINUTES

September 10, 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, September 10, 2024.
- II. Minutes – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Minutes of Tuesday, July 23, 2024.
- III. Disbursements – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Disbursements of Tuesday, September 3, 2024, and Tuesday, September 10, 2024.
- IV. Certificate of Recognition – 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *The Star Democrat* – The Clerk read a certificate of recognition into the record which spoke of the contributions of the local newspaper, known in the present day as *The Star Democrat*, to the Talbot County community during its 225-year history, and its witness to such events as the death of the nation’s first President, George Washington, the Civil War and subsequent wars and skirmishes in which our country has been a participant, the Great Depression, man’s walking on the moon, etc. Council members expressed their appreciation to the newspaper for the contributions to the community it has served for over two centuries and continues to serve. Upon motion by Mr. Stepp, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved the certificate of recognition by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Ms. Mielke presented the Certificate of Recognition to Jim Johnson, Executive Editor, *The Star Democrat*, who accepted on behalf of the publication.

- V. Proclamation: Constitution and Citizenship Week – September 17 – 23, 2024 – The Clerk read a proclamation into the record in commemoration of Constitution and Citizenship Week, celebrated September 17 – 23 each year to recognize and outline the vital importance of the U.S. Constitution to our individual freedoms and democracy which, although tested many times, has endured for 237 years since the document was signed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on September 17, 1787. Constitution and Citizenship Week encourages citizens to recognize the rights and responsibilities which come with citizenship and to reaffirm the freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution. 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

Michelle Ewing and Julie Quick, Co-directors, Constitution Alliance, briefed the Council on the upcoming events of the Constitution Alliance for Constitution and Citizenship Week, including *Journey to Liberty and Freedom* at the Academy Art Museum at Noon on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Ewing stated that individuals who recently became U.S. citizens will also be welcomed at the event. She then introduced Dr. Joseph Prud'homme, Institute for Religion, Politics and Culture, Washington College, and Tarence Bailey, Sr., Founder and President, Operation Frederick Douglass on The Hill. Dr. Prud'homme stated that the actors who will perform at the Academy Art Museum, are world-renowned historical interpreters of Thomas Jefferson and Frederick Douglass. He stated that they will read from the Declaration of Independence and speak about the importance of making sure that the document applies to everyone in the nation. The interpreters will also perform before the student body of St. Michaels Middle-High School on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Council members expressed their appreciation to the representatives of the Constitution Alliance in attendance for the work they do to emphasize the importance of the U.S. Constitution and what it represents to each individual in the United States.

Mr. Stepp presented the Proclamation to the representatives of the Constitution Alliance, Dr. Prud'homme, and Operation Frederick Douglass on the Hill in attendance, who accepted on behalf of their organizations.

- VI. Update by Mid-Shore Behavioral Health – Kathryn Dilley, LCSW-C, Executive Director, Mid-Shore Behavioral Health; Shannon Joyce, MPH, CHES, BH Coordinator/PASSRR & Aging, Mid-Shore Behavioral Health – Ms. Dilley stated that Mid-Shore Behavioral Health serves as the regional core service agency for the five (5) Mid-Shore counties of Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot. She updated the Council on various initiatives of Mid-Shore Behavioral Health, including collaboration with the Health Departments of the five Mid-Shore counties for planning and needs assessments to determine behavioral health services needed in the region. She stated that Mid-Shore Behavioral Health has assumed some of the local addictions' authority responsibilities for several of the counties served. She stated that annual planning and collaboration is continuing with representatives of the Talbot County Health Department to assess the behavioral health needs of Talbot County residents. Ms. Dilley stated that her office, the State and the nation are promoting the use of 988 as the National Suicide Prevention Hotline and that Mid-Shore Behavioral Health currently manages several contracts which fund the regional hotline on the Eastern Shore. She stated that her office is also working with the 911 centers and emergency responders on the Eastern Shore to ensure that there are hand-off procedures in place should an individual call 911 but a call to 988 for behavioral and mental health support would be more appropriate, so that those who call either 911 or 988 receive the services they need. Ms. Dilley provided an update on the mobile crisis teams, stating that some of the services provided have been grant funded but are moving to a fee-for-service model, including the mobile crisis team in the Mid-Shore region. She stated that Mid-Shore Behavioral Health allocated all its grant funding to support Affiliated Sante Group's mobile crisis response services so that they can meet licensure, accreditation and staffing requirements in order to become a fee-for-service model, but noted her concern that because we are a rural area, the density of population needed to maintain the fee-for-service model may not be attainable and grant funding is needed to support the providers. She provided an update on funding available from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) with regard to the State Opioid Response Grant for which Mid-Shore

Behavioral Health applied for on behalf of all nine (9) Eastern Shore counties, stating that her office is hoping for additional grant funding for recovery houses and to support the establishment of an additional Safe Station in Talbot County; in the past, SAMHSA grant funding has been used to support 12 crisis beds at the A.F. Whitsitt Center located in Kent County, other Safe Stations on the Eastern Shore, and recovery houses. She stated that Mid-Shore Behavioral Health has partnered with Channel Marker to develop a Suicide Prevention Coalition for the Mid-Shore counties, one project of which is to sustain and expand services at the A.F. Whitsitt Center. Ms. Dilley concluded her presentation by stating that Talbot County is the pilot hub for the consortium on coordinated community supports which utilizes funding specifically designated in the Blueprint for Maryland's Future initiative to provide for expansion of behavioral health services in schools. She stated that to date, Mid-Shore Behavioral Health is providing organization and management on behalf of four of the five Mid-Shore counties for behavioral health services in schools. She stated that, in her opinion, working together with the school systems to make sure the behavioral health needs of the students are met is a milestone. Ms. Joyce briefed the Council on the behavioral health assisted living program which currently serves six individuals; and the State Hospital discharge initiative which currently serves 36 individuals, and stated that Mid-Shore Behavioral Health attends and participates with various organizations and in numerous events, including, among others, the Local Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council (LDAAC); [Talbot Goes Purple](#); and Shore Regional Health's Opioid Task Force; the Opioid Fatality Review Committee; Talbot Family Network; sponsored the Out of Darkness Suicide Awareness Walk; promoted the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Walks Your Way Maryland to be held on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at Idlewild Park; and Talbot County Problem Solving Court. Ms. Joyce concluded her presentation by stating that 721 individuals received substance abuse services, and 1,821 individuals were provided with mental health services by Mid-Shore Behavioral Health in FY23. Council members expressed their appreciation to Ms. Dilley and Ms. Joyce for their work with the behavioral health system. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mr. Stepp, the Council approved the FY25 Letter of Agreement with Mid-Shore Behavioral Health designating them as the County's core service agency for the management of the public health system.

VII. Introduction of Numbered Resolutions:

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN TO RECLASSIFY AND REMAP CERTAIN REAL PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 7044 BOZMAN NEAVITT ROAD, BOZMAN, MARYLAND, SHOWN ON TAX MAP 39 AS PARCEL 37, AND 6990 BOZMAN NEAVITT ROAD, BOZMAN, MARYLAND, SHOWN ON TAX MAP 39 AS PARCEL 111, FROM UNPROGRAMMED TO "S-1" IMMEDIATE PRIORITY STATUS was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for introduction. Prior to introduction, County Engineer, Ray Clarke, outlined the reason the properties, which are the subject of the resolution proposed for introduction, were not included in the initial properties outlined in Resolution No. 250 and as such, grant funding is not available to the subject properties, or to any additional properties requesting connection to sewer along the route outlined under Resolution No. 250 for connection to sewer. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Clarke. The resolution was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Resolution No. 362. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION BY THE TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND (THE "TOWN") OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY CORRIGAN & TRIPPE VENTURES, LLC, LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF OCEAN GATEWAY/U.S. ROUTE 50, CONSISTING OF 17.329± ACRES OF LAND, SAID PROPERTY BEING MORE FULLY SHOWN ON TAX MAP 34, GRID 24, PARCEL 128, (THE

“PROPERTY”), FINDING THAT THE PROPERTY’S PROPOSED REZONING FROM TALBOT COUNTY’S TOWN CONSERVATION (“TC”) ZONING TO THE TOWN’S R-10A RESIDENTIAL (“R-10A”) ZONING UPON ITS ANNEXATION WILL RESULT IN SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT USES OR SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER DENSITY, EXCEEDING 50%, THAN COULD BE GRANTED FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE COUNTY’S TC ZONING, AND WAIVING THE FIVE-YEAR HOLD IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 4-416 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for introduction. Prior to introduction, Brennan Tarleton, Planning Officer, stated that the properties which are the subject of the resolution are located behind several properties situated along Ocean Gateway and are proposed to be annexed by the Town of Easton. He stated that the Town of Easton is requesting the County waive its five (5) year zoning hold on the property which is currently zoned Town Conservation (TC) which provides one (1) dwelling per two (2) acres under County zoning, in favor of the Town Residential (R-10A) zoning which provides 3.5 dwelling units per acre - which would result in an increase of density of more than 50% and therefore require Council’s approval under Maryland law. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Tarleton. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Resolution No. 363. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

VIII. Introduction of Legislation:

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 introduction. Prior to introduction, Brennan Tarleton, Planning Officer, stated that earlier this year, proposed revisions to Bill No. 1544 as requested by the Critical Area Commission following their review of the legislation for consideration of approval were presented to the Council and Council approved moving forward with the changes as requested. Mr. Tarleton stated that the amended language was considered and unanimously approved by the full Critical Area Commission at its meeting on August 7, 2024. He stated that the legislation now before Council for introduction incorporates the amended language which stipulates that inns located within the Critical Area are not permitted to utilize guest rooms within accessory structures that did not exist as of December 31, 2023, and that total lot coverage serving an inn within the Critical Area shall be limited to the lesser of 15% percent of the total acreage within the Critical Area, or 20,000 square feet. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Tarleton. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1579. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

IX. Public Hearing:

Bill No. 1578, A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 56 (ELECTRICAL STANDARDS) OF THE TALBOT COUNTY CODE FOR THE PURPOSES OF REQUIRING ELECTRICIANS TO OBTAIN ELECTRICAL PERMITS FROM THE OFFICE OF PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS BEFORE PERFORMING CERTAIN ELECTRICAL WORK, TO DELETE OUTDATED LANGUAGE, AND TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT FOR FINES TO BE IMPOSED FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS OF CHAPTER 56, AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 58

(ENFORCEMENT OF CODE) FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXEMPTING CHAPTER 56 FROM THE PROVISIONS THEREOF, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for public hearing. Members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Bill No. 1578 is eligible for vote on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, and the public hearing will remain open until that date.

X. County Manager's Report:

- A. Talbot County Administrative Charging Committee – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of Constance Hope to a four-year term on the Talbot County Administrative Charging Committee; said term will expire on August 1, 2028. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Ms. Haythe, the Council approved the reappointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- B. Talbot County Tourism Board – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of Kristen Greenaway to a four-year term on the Talbot County Tourism Board as a representative of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum to serve as a Countywide Cultural Attraction representative to the Board; said term will expire on July 1, 2028. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mr. Stepp, the Council approved the reappointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- C. Request from Department of Public Works – Requested Council approval to award the contract for moving and storage related to the temporary relocation of the Talbot County Free Library St. Michaels Branch to Bates Moving and Storage Company in the sum of \$100,993 by piggybacking on a Wicomico County Public Schools contract while the St. Michaels Library undergoes renovation and expansion. Council discussion ensued with County Engineer, Ray Clarke, and Dana Newman, Director, Talbot County Free Library. Upon motion by Ms. Haythe, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved the award as presented by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- D. Request from Roads Department – Requested Council approval of a request from the Superintendent of Roads and County Facilities to use FY25 Capital Outlay funding for the purchase of a 2025 International tandem axle dump truck and a 2025 International

single axle dump truck from Beltway International, LLC of Baltimore, MD utilizing a State of Maryland Purchase Order; said purchases are in the sums of \$310,301.00 and \$224,243.00, respectively. Mr. Stamp stated that there are sufficient funds in the FY25 Capital Budget for the purchases. Upon motion by Ms. Haythe, seconded by Mr. Stepp, the Council approved the requests by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- E. Request from Roads Department - Requested Council approval of a request from the Superintendent of Roads and County Facilities to use FY25 Capital Outlay funding in the sum of \$15,095 for the purchase of a Swenson Specialty Cross Conveyor from Moxley's Inc. as an add-on unit for the tandem dump truck. Mr. Stamp stated that there are sufficient funds in the FY25 Capital Budget for the purchase. Upon motion by Mr. Stepp, seconded by Ms. Haythe, the Council approved the request as presented by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- F. Request from Facilities Maintenance – Requested Council approval of a request from the Superintendent of Roads and County Facilities to purchase a 3/4-ton utility body truck from Apple Ford of Columbia, MD in the sum of \$60,900; said purchase will be made by piggybacking on a Baltimore County contract with the State of Maryland. Mr. Stamp stated that there are sufficient funds in the FY25 Budget for the purchase. Upon motion by Mr. Stepp, seconded by Ms. Haythe, 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

- G. Request from Department of Planning and Zoning – Requested Council approval of the First Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding by and between Mid-Shore Community Foundation, Inc., to the Use and for the Benefit of the Bellevue Passage Museum, and Talbot County, Maryland – County Attorney, Patrick Thomas, stated that Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Bellevue Passage Museum and Mid-Shore Community Foundation in February 2024; since that time, Mid-Shore Community Foundation had proposed some additional non-substantive revisions which have been incorporated into the amendment now before Council for consideration. Upon motion by Ms. Haythe, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved the First Amendment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- H. Request from County Manager – Requested Council approval to establish an internal working group to review County owned properties to determine best and highest use of same. Mr. Stamp recommended that the working group be comprised of the following individuals: two (2) Council members; the County Manager; the Planning Officer; the Director of Economic Development and Tourism; the Superintendent of Roads and County Facilities; the Director of Information Technology (Technology Services) and the GIS Manager for the Department of Public Works. Upon motion by Ms. Haythe, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved establishing the working group as outlined by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- I. Request for Letter in Support of Establishment of Veterans Treatment Court – Requested Council consideration for a letter in support of the establishment of a Veterans Treatment Court for District 3 (Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne’s and Talbot counties). Lei Ellingson, Deputy Director, Veteran and Military Support Alliance (VAMSA) and Chad Baker, Eastern Shore Commander, Military Order of the Purple Heart, State Commander of Combat Veterans, and Veteran Service Office for the VFW in Easton briefed the Council on the establishment of Veterans Support Courts throughout the nation. Ms. Ellingson stated that in 2008 when a judge in Buffalo, NY observed that there were many veterans appearing in the Mental Health and Drug Treatment Court over which he presided and decided to establish the first Veterans Treatment Court. Ms. Ellingson stated that since that time, 625 plus Veterans Treatment Courts have been established throughout the country, five of which are in Maryland; she stated that a regional Veterans Treatment Court would make the most efficient use of funding and veteran resources. She further explained that the purpose of Veterans Treatment Courts is to provide vital support and rehabilitation services to veterans who may appear for outstanding criminal offenses. Mr. Baker stated that individuals who have gone through a Veterans Treatment Court have a very low rate of recidivism, due, in his opinion, to the fact that VAMSA and other veterans’ organizations come together to help the individuals get the help they need, whether for their mental health and/or with drugs and/or alcohol. He stated that VAMSA actually assists attorneys and mental health professionals learn what the veterans need. Council discussion ensued with Ms. Ellingson and Mr. Baker. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Ms. Mielke, the Council approved issuing a letter in support of the establishment of a Veterans Treatment Court by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- J. September 11<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Ceremony – Mr. Stamp stated that the County, in conjunction with the Town of Easton, will be holding its annual September 11<sup>th</sup> Ceremony tomorrow morning, September 11, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. at the intersection of Dover and West Streets and encouraged everyone to come out and join our first responders to reflect on the events of September 11, 2001. He stated, *“It’s a day not only to remember those who lost their lives on that frightful day, but to also remember the unity, kindness, and pride that followed – and that through ceremonies such as these each year, community by community, we can promote a similar unity, which is certainly a worthy endeavor.”* Mr. Stamp concluded his announcement by stating that he hopes a lot of people will join our first responders to remember September 11<sup>th</sup>.

XI. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

XII. Council Comments:

Mr. Stepp – Mr. Stepp stated that September is National Preparedness Month and there are a lot of situations which can arise in the county including floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes, and urged everyone to be, as the slogan for Talbot County Department of Emergency Services says, “Talbot ready”. He then outlined the steps as for readiness: Step No. 1 – know your risks; Step No. 2 – make an emergency plan and build a kit; and Step No. 3 – put the plan into action when the time is right. He stated that Talbot County utilizes Reverse 9-1-1 services to reach individuals in specific areas of the county or throughout the county to alert them to a particular situation. Information may be obtained at [www.talbotalerts.com](http://www.talbotalerts.com). Mr. Stepp concluded his comments by stating that tomorrow, September 11<sup>th</sup>, is the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of a very somber day in our country and, as Mr. Stamp had said earlier, he encourages everyone in Talbot County to join him and many others in prayer for those who lost loved ones on September 11, 2001.

Mr. Leshner – Mr. Leshner stated that he had directed the County’s legal staff to draft an administrative resolution for introduction on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> to create a bicycle and pedestrian advisory committee. He stated that the request is being made as a follow-up to the Council’s summer work session to ensure that the Council has input and advice on the subject from various points of view in the community. He stated that following the September 11<sup>th</sup> remembrance event, there will be a call for the community to participate in #IWillfor911Day.” He stated that 9/11 Day is a virtual annual volunteering social media campaign organized by the nonprofit 9/11 Day whereby employers, nonprofit organizations, schools, and other groups join with millions of individuals to pledge to do good deeds in observance of the 9/11 National Day of Service. Mr. Leshner held up his pledge card and stated that he would be doing a good deed and encouraged others to do so as well and to share your good deed(s) on



[www.talbotcountymaryland.gov/911dayofservice](http://www.talbotcountymaryland.gov/911dayofservice) or #IWillfor911Day on social media.

Ms. Mielke – No comments.

Ms. Haythe – No comments.

Mr. Callahan - Mr. Callahan stated that, in his opinion, the September 11<sup>th</sup> Ceremony is a meaningful event, and it is a special day which brought everybody together. He stated that the ceremony is about remembrance – remembering the people who were there, the people who died, and the firefighters, first responders and police – and it is one of those incidents where everyone always remembers where they were. He stated that, in his opinion, the event changed the world and brought the people of the United States together in a good way – we all pulled together and that’s what everyone needs to remember.

Upon motion by Ms. Haythe, seconded by Mr. Stepp, the Council voted to adjourn and to reconvene on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 2:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room for the County’s annual meeting with the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) Board President and Executive Director, then adjourning into Closed Session at 3:30 p.m. as listed on the statement for closing that meeting, and 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 adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

The transcript of the September 10, 2024, County Council meeting is available for review in the Office of the Talbot County Manager during regular office hours.

XIII. Summary of Closed Session Held on September 10, 2024:

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

Time of closed session: 3:35 p.m. to 4:55 p.m.  
Place of closed session: County Council Office  
Purpose of the closed session: To consider various matters as set forth in the statement for closing the meeting

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

Names of members voting aye: Callahan, 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 matters directly related to school security as public schools	GP § 3-305(b)(10)	Public discussion would risk deployment of public security	Chuck Callahan, Pete Leshner, Keasha Haythe, Lynn Mielke, Dave Stepp, Clay Stamp, Patrick Thomas, Jessica Morris, Steve Elliott	No action
To discuss a 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, Patrick Thomas, Jessica Morris, Dr. Maria Maguire	No action
To discuss a personnel matter in the Department of Corrections	GP § 3-305(b)(1)(i)	Discussion involves specific individual	Chuck Callahan, Pete Leshner, Keasha Haythe, Lynn Mielke, Dave Stepp, Clay Stamp, Patrick Thomas, Jessica Morris	No action
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, Patrick Thomas, Jessica Morris	No action
To discuss proposed contract for 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, Patrick Thomas, Jessica Morris	No action
For legal advice to discuss possible	GP § 3-305(b) (3) (7)	Attorney-client privilege	Chuck Callahan, Pete Leshner,	No action

transfer of County owned property		regarding legal advice	Keasha Haythe, Lynn Mielke, Dave Stepp, Clay Stamp, Patrick Thomas, Jessica Morris	
For update on legal matter involving opioid litigation	GP § 3-305(b) (7) (8)	Attorney-client privilege regarding legal advice	Chuck Callahan, Pete Leshner, Keasha Haythe, Lynn Mielke, Dave Stepp, Clay Stamp, Patrick Thomas, Jessica Morris	Council concurred with recommendation of legal counsel

**TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND  
WEEKLY CASH STATEMENT  
9/03/2024**



**OPERATING FUNDS - SHORE UNITED BANK**

<b>OPERATING FUNDS AT</b>	<b>8/27/2024</b>	<b>\$31,351,419.50</b>
Total ADP Monthly Payroll PPE 8/31/2024		(18,821.32)
Total ADP Payroll Adjustment		(1,984.53)
Returned Check #24781		(40.00)
Returned Paymentus Payments		(1,016.90)
Deposits		2,113,977.39

Checks		(206,986.75)
ACH Disbursements		(760,357.13)
EFT's		(313,052.51)
Wire Transfers		(678,047.15)
Voided Checks #372262, #372594		2,625.00
<b>OPERATING FUNDS AT</b>	<b>9/3/2024</b>	<b><u>\$31,487,715.60</u></b>
<b>PETTY CASH FUNDS</b>		\$18,105.00
<b>INVESTMENT FUNDS</b>		
		<u>Yield</u>
Maryland Local Government Investment Pool (MLGIP)	5.32%	\$22,441,015.28
Bayvanguard Bank	4.68%	\$10,832,192.46
Shore United Money Market Account	5.33%	\$78,683,603.30
<b>INVESTMENT FUNDS TOTAL</b>		<b><u>\$111,974,916.04</u></b>
<b><u>TOTAL ALL CASH AND INVESTMENTS</u></b>		<b><u><u>\$143,462,631.64</u></u></b>



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WEEKLY CASH STATEMENT  
9/10/2024**

**OPERATING FUNDS - SHORE UNITED BANK**

<b>OPERATING FUNDS AT</b>	<b>9/3/2024</b>	<b>\$31,487,715.60</b>
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Deposits		1,632,216.38
Checks		(88,404.34)

ACH Disbursements	(1,298,162.98)
EFT's	(6,603.49)
Wire Transfers	(4,601,189.78)
Voided Checks #373269, 373300	5,468.00

**OPERATING FUNDS AT 9/10/2024 \$27,131,039.39**

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

**INVESTMENT FUNDS**

	<u>Yield</u>	
Maryland Local Government Investment Pool (MLGIP)	5.28%	\$22,441,015.28
Bayvanguard Bank	4.68%	\$10,832,192.46
Shore United Money Market Account	5.33%	\$78,683,603.30

**INVESTMENT FUNDS TOTAL \$111,974,916.04**

**TOTAL ALL CASH AND INVESTMENTS \$139,105,955.43**