



# TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

County Council

MINUTES

May 9, 2017

Present – President Jennifer L. Williams, Vice President Corey W. Pack, Dirck K. Bartlett, Chuck F. Callahan, Laura E. Price, County Manager R. Andrew Hollis, and Assistant County Attorney Anthony Kupersmith.

- I. Agenda – The Agenda of Tuesday, May 9, 2017 was brought forward for approval. Mr. Bartlett requested Council’s consideration to remove *Item V. Recognition of Cpl. Bobby Johnson – 2017 Maryland Correctional Administrators Association (MCAA) Community Service Award Recipient* from the agenda. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Mr. Pack, the Agenda was amended to remove *Item V*. Ms. Williams then requested and received Council’s unanimous consent for approval of the Agenda of Tuesday, May 9, 2017, as amended.
- II. Minutes – Ms. Williams requested and received Council’s unanimous consent for approval of the Minutes of Tuesday, April 25, 2017 and Tuesday, May 2, 2017.
- III. Disbursements – Ms. Williams requested and received Council’s unanimous consent for approval of the Disbursements of Tuesday, May 9, 2017.
- IV. Recognition of Cpl. Bobby Johnson – 2017 Maryland Correctional Administrators Association (MCAA) Community Service Award Recipient – Recognition of Cpl. Johnson was postponed and will be rescheduled.
- V. Proclamation: Older Americans Month – May 2017 – The Clerk read a proclamation into the record in recognition of May as Older Americans Month. The proclamation spoke of the contributions made by older Americans to their communities, including the sharing of their knowledge and experience with younger generations, and the opportunities available to them to explore new activities which allow them to remain independent for as long as possible. The proclamation also encouraged all citizens to support older citizens and those individuals and organizations which focus on providing programming and services for older adults. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved the proclamation by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Williams – Aye  
Ms. Price - Aye  
Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Mr. Pack – Aye  
Mr. Callahan - Aye

Mr. Pack presented the Proclamation to Gary Gunther, Executive Director, Upper Shore Aging, Inc., Childlene Brooks, Manager, Brookletts Place – The Talbot County Senior Center, and Kate Stinton, RN, LCSW, Community Health Nurse Supervisor, Talbot County Health Department, who accepted on behalf of those organizations which serve older adults in Talbot County.

- VI. Proclamation: Mental Health Month – May 2017 – The Clerk read a proclamation into the record in recognition of May as Mental Health Month. The proclamation emphasized the need to raise an awareness

of, and the need for treatment of, mental health disorders, so that the individuals affected can recover and lead full, productive lives. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved the proclamation by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Williams – Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Mr. Pack – Aye  
Mr. Callahan – Aye

Mr. Bartlett presented the Proclamation to Jackie Davis, Executive Director, Mental Health Association of the Eastern Shore and Holly Ireland, Executive Director, Mid-Shore Behavioral Health, who accepted on behalf of their respective organizations and those organizations which serve individuals with mental health disorders in Talbot County.

- VII. Presentation of Mid-Shore Behavioral Health Inc.’s Community Mental Health Plan – Holly Ireland, Executive Director, Mid-Shore Behavioral Health Inc. Ms. Ireland stated that in September 2016, Mid-Shore Mental Health Systems, Inc. changed its name to Mid-Shore Behavioral Health Inc. She stated that the name change was in response to the move toward integration of the treatment of mental health and substance abuse related disorders with the individual’s overall health into one delivery system so that needs identified by primary care providers can be directed to specialty care when necessary. Ms. Ireland stated that in conjunction with the name change, Mid-Shore Behavioral Health made modifications to the organization’s mission and vision statements which encompass the expanded focus; the new mission and vision statements were read into the record. She briefed the Council on changes in funding from FY2016 to FY2017, a decrease of \$214,000, and outlined the programs affected. She stated that of the \$4.6 million in funding received by Mid-Shore Behavioral Health Inc. from federal and State sources, 90% is utilized in the community for the provision of mental health, substance abuse and recovery services, including the mobile crisis units. Council discussion ensued with Ms. Ireland regarding various aspects of the provision of public mental health services in the five-county area. At Mr. Pack’s request, Ms. Ireland will keep Mr. Hollis up-to-date on any additional funding cuts which could be made to Mid-Shore Behavioral Health Inc.’s housing programs which are funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Ms. Ireland requested Council approval of a Letter of Agreement designating Mid-Shore Behavioral Health Inc. as the Core Service Agency with regard to participating counties’ responsibilities for the management of the public health system; no County funding is required. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved the Letter of Agreement as outlined by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Williams – Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Mr. Pack – Aye  
Mr. Callahan - Aye

- VIII. Eligible for Vote:

Bill No.1355, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1327, THE 2016-2017 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, TO MAKE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM UNANTICIPATED REVENUES TO CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS IN THE CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET, TO AMEND THE CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET THROUGH FOURTH QUARTER TRANSFERS AND SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS was read into the record by the Clerk and

brought forward for vote. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council voted to bring Bill No. 1355 to third reader by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Williams – Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Mr. Pack – Aye  
Mr. Callahan – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1355 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Williams – Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Mr. Pack – Aye  
Mr. Callahan – Aye

Bill No. 1355 is effective immediately.

IX. County Manager’s Report:

A. Neighborhood Service Center Emergency Solutions Grant – Requested Council approval to have the Neighborhood Service Center, on behalf of Talbot County, apply for and accept an Emergency Solutions Grant from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development in the sum of \$144,000; if approved, said funding will be used for outreach, emergency shelter operations, homelessness prevention, and rapid re-housing for those who are displaced. Upon motion by Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Pack, the Council approved submittal of the grant application by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Williams – Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Mr. Pack – Aye  
Mr. Callahan – Aye

X. Council Comments:

Ms. Price - Ms. Price stated that her father had passed away the previous week. She thanked all the people who work for the County for the outreach, love and support they have shown her and that it means so much. She stated that, in her opinion, it truly is a family.

Mr. Bartlett - Mr. Bartlett echoed Mr. Pack’s comments at the beginning of the meeting regarding the recent death of former County Council member, Herb Andrew. Mr. Bartlett expressed his condolences to the family of Mr. Andrew and to Ms. Price and her family. He stated that Mr. Andrew was always in attendance at numerous local events, and was, in his opinion, always interesting to talk to about his experience on the Council. He stated that Mr. Andrew was a remarkable man and will be missed.

Mr. Callahan - Mr. Callahan echoed Mr. Bartlett's comments and stated that our hearts go out to Ms. Price's family and that we are all here for her. Mr. Callahan stated that he had known Mr. Andrew for a long time, had worked for him, and that Mr. Andrew was good friends with his dad. He offered his assistance to Mr. Andrew's family and stated that Mr. Andrew was a good friend and will be missed.

Mr. Pack - Mr. Pack stated that, in his opinion, Herb Andrew as a really decent man, recalling how much a phone call from Mr. Andrew had meant to him when he was in the process of being appointed to the Council. He stated that Mr. Andrew's family was immersed in community service: his daughter, Nancy, had worked with Talbot Mentors and is now engaged with Habitat for Humanity, and he had worked with Della, Mr. Andrew's wife, on the Social Services Board of Directors. Mr. Pack concluded his comments by stating that Mr. Andrew will be missed – he meant a lot to the community, and had touched him in a profound way. Mr. Pack offered his condolences to Mr. Andrew's family.

Ms. Williams - Ms. Williams stated that, in her opinion, it is always hard when you lose people you love. She offered Ms. Price and her family, and Mr. Andrews' family, prayers and support, and appreciation for what each gentleman meant to Talbot County, as each was an integral part of the community.

XI. Upon motion by Mr. Bartlett seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council voted to adjourn the meeting and to reconvene on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 in Open Session at 3:00 p.m. and 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 4:00 p.m. for the regularly scheduled Council meeting by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Ms. Williams – Aye  
Ms. Price - Aye  
Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Mr. Pack - Aye  
Mr. Callahan – Aye

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

The transcript of the May 9, 2017 County Council meeting is available for review in the Office of the County Manager during regular office hours.

XII. On Tuesday, May 9, 2017 a Closed Session of the Talbot County Council convened at 4:35 p.m. in the County Council Conference Room. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Callahan the Council met in Closed Session by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Bartlett – Absent (*arrived at 5:25 p.m.*)  
Mr. Callahan – Aye  
Mr. Pack – Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Ms. Williams – Aye

In accordance with General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(1)(i)(7)(8) the purpose of the Closed Session was for personnel matters to discuss appointments to various County boards and committees; for a personnel

matter at the Department of Emergency Services; for a personnel matter at Easton Airport; and for legal matters to discuss litigation involving Talbot County. The Closed Session ended at 6:00 p.m.

**CASH STATEMENT 5/9/2017**

BALANCE 5/02/2017	\$19,729,317.23
INTEGRA CLAIMS THRU 5/1/2017	(104,497.92)
FD/SS/MS WH PPE 4/21/2017 & 4/30/2017	(145,431.26)
DEFERRED COMP DED PPE 4/21/2017 & 4/30/2017	(13,856.48)
MD WH PPE 4/21/2017 & 4/30/2017	(35,883.44)
PENSION DED PPE 4/21/2017 & 4/30/2017	(34,596.42)
SECU DED PPE 4/21/2017 & 4/30/2017	(4,488.44)
ACH TRANSFERS	(14,839.75)
FLEX SPENDING PPE 4/21/2017	(2,983.71)
WF/GG EQUIPMENT LEASE 4/2017	(4,222.00)
DEPOSITS	810,176.01
CHECKS	(749,824.34)
<b>BALANCE 5/09/2017</b>	<b><u>19,428,869.48</u></b>

**AIRPORT ACCOUNTS**

AIP42	0.00
<b>AIRPORT ACCOUNTS TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>

**INVESTMENTS – CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT**

<u>CERTIFICATE DATE</u>	<u>MATURITY DATE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		0.80%	18,000,000.00
<b>TOTAL INVESTED</b>			<b><u>\$18,000,000.00</u></b>
<b>PETTY CASH BALANCE</b>			<b><u>\$15,570.00</u></b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>			<b><u>\$37,444,439.48</u></b>