



# TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

County Council

MINUTES

November 1, 2016

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

- I. Agenda – Mr. Pack requested and received Council’s unanimous consent for approval of the Agenda of Tuesday, November 1, 2016.
- II. Disbursements – Mr. Pack requested and received Council’s unanimous consent for approval of the Disbursements of Tuesday, November 1, 2016.
- III. Presentation of State of the District for Talbot County Public Schools – Kelly Griffith, Ed.D., Superintendent, Talbot County Public Schools – Dr. Griffith provided a brief history of the development of a Strategic Plan for Talbot County Public Schools and stated that the 2015-2016 school year was the first year of implementation of the Strategic Plan. She provided a demographic breakdown of the 4,593 students enrolled for 2015-2016, detailed the goals incorporated into the Strategic Plan: (1) Academic Excellence – *provide every student with equitable access to high quality and culturally relevant instruction, curriculum, support and other educational resources to insure college and career readiness for all students*; (2) Partnerships – *effectively communicate with diverse constituencies to identify and facilitate ways for the community to partner with the school system*; and (3) Organizational Resources – *Maximize organizational efficiency and effectiveness in order to provide a 21<sup>st</sup> century education in equitable, safe, well-maintained environments*, and provided statistical information on the outcomes and indicators for each goal. She stated that the results of the Parent Community Survey and the Parent Climate Survey had been aligned with the Strategic Plan. She then updated the Council on the following: new pilot programs for math and reading, re-establishment of a Talented and Gifted Program for grades 3,4 and 5; the more effective and efficient use of technology in the classroom; implementation of a volunteer screening process for new hires, volunteers, and chaperones; a pilot contract bus route to determine whether it is more efficient for the school system to own its own buses and hire drivers or to have contractors provide the service; the establishment of the Talbot County Public Schools Education Foundation as a means of funding additional educational initiatives; establishment of an Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust for the Board of Education; and the anticipated completion of Phase III of the St. Michaels roof replacement project in Summer 2017. Council discussion ensued with Dr. Griffith as various items were brought forward. Dr. Griffith will continue to update the Council on a regular or as-needed basis.
- IV. County Manager’s Report:
  - A. Request from Department of Emergency Services - Requested Council approval to have the Department of Emergency Services apply for and accept grant funding from the Maryland Emergency Number Systems Board in the sum of \$18,900 for the purchase of 14 dispatch chairs for the 9-1-1 Center from Pioneer Network, Inc.; said purchase will be made utilizing GSA contract pricing, no County funding is required. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved submittal of the grant application by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- B. Request from Department of Emergency Services – Requested Council approval to utilize previously budgeted Capital Project funds in the sum of \$53,997.58 for the purchase of furnishings (desks, chairs, conference tables, lockers) from Douron, Inc. for the newly renovated Operations Center; said purchase will be made through State of Maryland contract pricing. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved the purchase by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- C. Request from Roads Department – Requested Council approval to set fees for permits for construction in County rights-of-way as follows: residential permit - \$50 per inspection; subcontractor permit - \$50 per inspection per job and an annual permit of \$150. Mr. Hollis stated that the fees being requested are in accordance with Resolution No. 232, A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT SPECIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION WITHIN TALBOT COUNTY ROADWAYS, adopted by the County Council on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, and discussed at a subsequent work session with the Council. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved the fees as presented by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- D. County Offices Closed – Mr. Hollis stated that County offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 for Election Day and on Friday, November 11, 2016 in commemoration of Veterans Day.

V. Council Comments:

Mr. Callahan – No comments

Ms. Price - No comments.

Mr. Bartlett - Mr. Bartlett stated that he was saddened to hear of the death of Vernon Dulin. He stated that he did not know Mr. Dulin very well, but did know him from the fire department dinners. He stated that he had learned of Mr. Dulin’s death on Facebook and was amazed by the number of people whose lives were touched by him. He stated that it was an amazing tribute on social media, he had never seen

anything like it, and in his opinion, is shows you the kind of people who build their lives out of doing for others, helping other people, and that Mr. Dulin was a real hero.

Ms. Williams - Ms. Williams stated that she had the opportunity on Sunday to attend the auction held at Awful Arthurs in St. Michaels for the benefit of the St. Michaels and Tilghman Island fire departments. She stated this is the first year in more than 30 years that the event had not been held at Carpenter Street but that, in her opinion, the change of location did not hurt the event as it was packed for the auctioning of over 90 items. She concluded her comments by stating that the community came together and ran up the bids on the various items.

Mr. Pack - Mr. Pack expressed his condolences to the family of Mr. Vernon Dulin. He stated that Mr. Dulin often stopped by with his wife to engage in conversation, and that, in his opinion, Mr. Dulin was a fun-loving man who was very committed to his family and the community. He concurred with Mr. Bartlett's statement that the community lost a treasure with his passing and he will be missed, but that his spirit lives on; services for Mr. Dulin will be held on Saturday. Mr. Pack encouraged everyone to vote on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and reminded everyone that County Offices are closed on Veterans Day, a day to acknowledge all veterans for their sacrifice and duty to our country.

VI. Upon motion by Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council voted to adjourn into Closed Session for discussion of legal, personnel, and real estate matters as listed on the Statement for Closing the Meeting which is available for public review; to reconvene on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, a Special Legislative Day, at 4:00 p.m. in the Easton Library Meeting Room for the Annual Consolidated Transportation Plan meeting with the Maryland Department of Transportation; at 5:00 p.m. the Council will adjourn into Closed Session for discussion of legal, personnel, and real estate matters as listed on the Statement for Closing that Meeting, and at 6:00 p.m. for the Council Meeting by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

The transcript of the November 1, 2016 County Council meeting is available for review in the Office of the County Manager during regular office hours.

VII. On Tuesday, November 1, 2016 a Closed Session of the Talbot County Council convened at 5:20 p.m. in the County Council Conference Room. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Mr. Bartlett, the Council met in Closed Session by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

In accordance with General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(1)(i)(3)(7) the purpose of the Closed Session was for personnel matters to discuss appointments to various County boards and committees; to discuss a personnel matter in the Department of Public Works; and to discuss a personnel matter in Economic Development; and for a real estate matter to discuss the acquisition of property for a public purpose. The Closed Session recessed at 6:00 p.m. and reconvened at 7:15 p.m. The Closed Session ended at 7:50 p.m.

VIII. Joint Meeting with Talbot County Planning Commission – The County Council held a joint meeting with members of the Talbot County Planning Commission on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Easton Library Meeting Room to discuss various facets of Resolution No. 234, *A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF PARCELS 47, 48, 80, 118, 120, 139, 140 AND 247 OF TAX MAP 34, LOCATED ON EASTON POINT, TOGETHER WITH PORTIONS OF THE PUBLIC ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY KNOWN AS PORT STREET AND PORTIONS OF THE TRED AVON RIVER, BY THE TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND (THE “TOWN”) CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 6.533 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, (THE “PROPERTY), FINDING THAT THE PROPOSED REZONING FROM THE COUNTY’S EXISTING LIMITED INDUSTRIAL (“LI”) ZONE TO THE TOWN’S PROPOSED GENERAL COMMERCIAL (“CG”) ZONE WILL RESULT IN SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT USES AND SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER DENSITY, EXCEEDING 50%, THAN COULD BE GRANTED FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT UNDER EXISTING COUNTY ZONING, AND WAIVING THE 5-YEAR HOLD IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE § 4-416, MD. ANN. CODE.* The discussion included the recommendation previously made by a majority of the Planning Commission that the Council waive the 5-year hold on the zoning of the subject property, the current and proposed zoning of the property, and the outstanding issue of a noise ordinance standard. The Town of Easton currently does not have its own noise ordinance, but instead follows the State noise ordinance, which differs from the Talbot County noise ordinance. Resolution No. 234, and amendment, are scheduled for vote on Tuesday, November 15, 2016.

**CASH STATEMENT 11/1/2016**

BALANCE 10/25/2016	\$32,797,866.47
FLEX SPENDING PPE 10/7/2016	(2,830.77)
INTEGRA CLAIMS THROUGH 10/24/2016	(48,460.72)
ELECTION BOARD PPE 10/11/2016	(6,493.24)
PUBLIC IMPROV & REF BONDS OF 2010	(96,465.00)
RETIREE HEALTH INS. NOVEMBER 2016	(22,463.98)
DEPOSITS	895,189.61
CHECKS	(1,104,614.94)
<b>BALANCE 11/1/2016</b>	<b><u>32,411,727.43</u></b>

**AIRPORT ACCOUNTS**

AIP42	14,212.32
<b>AIRPORT ACCOUNTS TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b><u>14,212.32</u></b>

**INVESTMENTS – CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT**

<u>CERTIFICATE DATE</u>	<u>MATURITY DATE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
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PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL	0.41%	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>\$50,441,509.75</u></b>