



TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

County Council

MINUTES

January 26, 2021

Present – President Chuck F. Callahan, Vice President Pete Leshner, Frank Divilio, Corey W. Pack, Laura Price, County Manager Clay Stamp, and Acting County Attorney Anthony Kupersmith.

- I. Agenda – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Agenda of Tuesday, January 26, 2021.
- II. Disbursements – Mr. Callahan requested and received Council’s unanimous support for approval of the disbursements of Tuesday, January 19, 2021, and Tuesday, January 26, 2021.
- III. Presentation of Proclamation to Captain Michelan Gibbs, Talbot County Department of Corrections – The Clerk read a proclamation into the record which spoke of Capt. Gibbs’ 31-plus year career with correctional services, 28-plus years of which were with Talbot County Department of Corrections, how she rose through the ranks, the specialized workgroups within the Department which she led or participated in, and the respect she garnered from the inmates and her fellow officers. Terry Kokolis, Director, Talbot County Department of Corrections, stated that Capt. Gibbs had mentored young Correctional officers and encouraged them to pursue a career in the correctional field. Council members expressed their appreciation to Capt. Gibbs for her many years of service to Talbot County and wished her the best as she retires. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Ms. Price, 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

Mr. Callahan will present the proclamation to Capt. Gibbs in person on Wednesday, January 27, 2021.

- IV. Request for Approval of Agreements Between Talbot County, Maryland, Maryland Department of Aging (MDOA) and YMCA of the Chesapeake, Inc. for Release of MDOA Senior Citizen Activities Centers Capital Improvement Grants Program Funds for the Perkins Family YMCA and Bay Hundred Senior Center – Prior to approval of the Agreements, Anthony Kupersmith, Acting County Attorney, briefed the Council on the project, a partnership between the YMCA, Talbot County and the Talbot County Board of Education which involves the new YMCA in St. Michaels, including a Talbot County senior center located on school property. Mr. Kupersmith stated that one element of the partnership involved the County’s application for \$800,000 in grant funding from the Maryland Department of Aging; funds which have been allocated but not dispersed due to a difference in interpretation between the Board of Education and the State. He stated that the documents before the Council for consideration involve the County entering into a grant agreement with the Maryland Department of Aging whereby the County acknowledges it is the

recipient of an \$800,000 grant and that the State has “Right of Recovery” of the grant funding if, within 15 years, senior center activities are no longer held at the facility. In return for signing the agreement, the Maryland Department of Aging has agreed to support the County’s request before the Maryland Board of Public Works for disbursement of the funding. Mr. Kupersmith stated that sub-agreement between the County and the YMCA memorializes the responsibilities of the YMCA, the owner of the facility, for same. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Kupersmith and Robbie Gill, CEO, YMCA of the Chesapeake, Inc. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the agreements as outlined by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

Mr. Pack was unable to vote due to audio issues.

V. Introduction of Numbered Resolution:

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING WAREHOUSE AND OFFICE SPACE AT THE TALBOT COUNTY BUSINESS CENTER SURPLUS PROPERTY PENDING DEMOLITION OF THE FORMER BLACK AND DECKER BUILDING; APPROVING THE LEASING OF SUCH SPACE FOR APPRAISED FAIR MARKET VALUE; AND, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS, DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE EASTON AIRPORT MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE, MODIFY, AND EXTEND LEASES FROM TIME TO TIME AS THE AIRPORT MANAGER DEEMS APPROPRIATE was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for introduction. Prior to introduction, Anthony Kupersmith, Acting County Attorney, stated that the purpose of the legislation is to delegate the authority to lease remaining space at the Talbot County Business Center, subject to certain conditions, to the Airport Manager. He stated that previously, individual agreements from interested perspective tenants were brought to the Council through the resolution process, requiring additional time before a lease agreement could be finalized; the Talbot County Business Center is now owned by Easton Airport and is slated for demolition in several years in order to comply with Federal Aviation Administration regulations relating to avoidance of obstructions in landing and take-off areas. The resolution was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner, and Ms. Price as Resolution No. 298. Mr. Pack was unable to introduce the resolution due to audio issues. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland.

VI. Introduction of Legislation:

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 11 OF THE TALBOT COUNTY CODE (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES) TO CLARIFY THAT THE DEFINITION OF “THEATER, NONPROFIT” IN SECTION 11-1.1 OF THE CODE INCLUDES AN OUTDOOR THEATER WITH THE INTENDED RESULT THAT THE OUTDOOR THEATER COULD SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR CONSUMPTION ON PREMISES DURING EVENTS UNDER THE THEATER’S CLASS B-T (ON-SALE) LIQUOR LICENSE was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for introduction. Prior to introduction, Anthony Kupersmith, Acting County Attorney, stated that the current definition of nonprofit theater does not allow for or contemplate an outdoor-type facility; the proposed legislation changes the definition to allow for outdoor theaters, with certain provisions. Mr. Kupersmith stated that the Town of Easton has given its approval for the outdoor venue, as has the owner of the property where the venue is located. He stated that the public will be provided with an opportunity to comment on whether the owner of the venue will be allowed to permanently sell alcoholic beverages at that location. Council discussion

ensued with Mr. Kupersmith. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1469. Mr. Pack was unable to introduce the legislation due to audio issues. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland.

A BILL TO APPROVE EXECUTION OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND; WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND; SOMERSET COUNTY, MARYLAND; WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND; DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND; CAROLINE COUNTY, MARYLAND; QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY, MARYLAND; KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND; AND, CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND; AND, EACH OF THE SHERIFFS FOR THE FOREGOING JURISDICTIONS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-105 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE, MARYLAND ANNOTATED CODE was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for introduction. Prior to introduction, Anthony Kupersmith, Acting County Attorney, stated that the proposed legislation is a mutual aid agreement between the sheriffs and counties on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. Joe Gamble, Talbot County Sheriff, stated that the legislation, if approved, would allow the sheriffs to share resources when needed, not just for emergency situations; currently the law is ambiguous as to whether the resources can be shared other than during an emergency. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner, Mr. Pack, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1470. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland.

- VII. Discussion of Pending General Assembly Legislation: HB325, TALBOT COUNTY – DEER AND TURKEY HUNTING – SUNDAYS was brought forward for discussion. Delegate Johnny Mautz, the sponsor of the legislation, stated that the purpose of the legislation is to designate the same Sundays in Talbot County available for hunting as are currently available in Dorchester County; County Council discussion ensued with Delegate Mautz who advised that Council was in support of the same legislation introduced last year, but which expired because the Legislature adjourned early due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Pack, the Council approved forwarding a letter in support of HB325, and its Senate counterpart, SB475, introduced by Senator Eckardt, by voting 5 – 0 as follows

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

- VIII. Update on Request by Moores Road, LLC for Amendment to Official Zoning Maps to Rezone 2.029 Acres of Property Located in the Village of Royal Oak (Tax Map 41, Parcel 68, Lots 1-9 and Remaining Lands) at the Intersection of Royal Oak Road and Bellevue Road, from Village Hamlet (VH) to Western Rural Conservation (WRC) – Miguel Salinas, Talbot County Planning Officer, utilized a PowerPoint presentation to brief the Council on the request by Moores Road, LLC to rezone a portion of their property at the intersection of Royal Oak Road and Bellevue Road in order to create an additional building lot. Mr. Salinas outlined the various zoning designations currently in place for the property and stated that the Planning Commission reviewed the application for amendment at their meeting on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 and recommended that Council approve same. Mr. Salinas outlined the steps required in the Talbot County Code prior to approval of legislation for an amendment to the Official Zoning Maps, including a visit to the site by a majority of the Council. At Council’s request, Mr. Salinas will work with the Office of Law on drafting proposed legislation for consideration of introduction at an upcoming Council meeting.

- IX. Discussion of Pending General Assembly Legislation: Ms. Price provided a brief synopsis of *HB472, Agriculture – Use of Glyphosate – Prohibition*, and *HB655, Local Government – County Commissioner*

Elections – District Voting, and requested Council’s discussion of the bills at the February 9, 2021 Council meeting.

X. County Manager’s Report:

- A. Talbot County Board of Appeals – Requested Council approval of the reappointment of Paul Shortall, Jr. and Frank Cavanaugh to three-year terms on the Talbot County Board of Appeals; said terms will expire on February 11, 2024. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved the reappointments by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- B. Talbot County Short Term Rental Review Board – Requested Council approval of the reappointment of David McQuay and Martha Suss to four-year terms on the Talbot County Short Term Rental Review Board as representatives of a community having short term rentals and the Realtor® sector, respectively. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved the reappointments by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Mr. Stamp stated that there is currently a vacancy on the Board for an attorney with experience in real estate; if interested, please contact the County Manager’s Office at (410) 770-8010. Ms. Price suggested that Council may want to consider legislation to modify the makeup of the Board as, in her opinion, it might be challenging to find someone with real estate experience who is also an attorney to fill the role on the Board. Mr. Kupersmith expressed his willingness to work with any Council member in drafting such legislation should they wish to do so.

- C. Talbot County Tourism Board – Requested Council approval of the appointment Ron Engle to the Tourism as the representative of the Town of Easton; said term will complete the unexpired term of Jeff Schneider who now represents the hotel/motel sector and will expire on July 1, 2021. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, 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

- D. Upper Shore Workforce Investment Board – Requested Council concurrence with the request by the Upper Shore Workforce Investment Board for the appointment of Terenda Thomas to the Upper Shore Workforce Investment Board as an agency representative as outlined in §107(b) of the Maryland Department of Labor Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act. Upon

motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council concurred with the request by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- E. Request from Eastern Shore Land Conservancy – Requested Council approval of a request from Eastern Shore Land Conservancy (ESLC) in support of the 2021 Mid-Shore Rural Legacy applications; specifically, the Tuckahoe Rural Legacy Area and the Eastern Shore Heartland Rural Legacy Area. Council discussion ensued with Miguel Salinas, Talbot County Planning Officer, and David Satterfield, Land Program Manager, ESLC. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved forwarding a letter of support by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- F. Request from Department of Public Works – Requested Council approval to resubmit applications for funding to the Maryland Department of the Environment for the projects outlined in Resolution Nos. 235 (sewer extension), 250 (sewer extension) and 295 (the Bio-Solids Facility). Ray Clarke, County Engineer, briefed the Council on each project. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved resubmittal of the grant applications by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- G. Requests from Department of Public Works – Requested Council approval to submit an application to the Maryland Department of the Environment for Bay Restoration Funding; if approved, the funding will be used toward extension of sewer to the Talbot County Community Center; and, requested Council approval to proceed with bidding out the project for construction. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the requests by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- H. Request from Easton Airport – Requested Council approval to submit a letter to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) advising that Easton Airport will participate in the

State’s Deer Cooperator Permit Program and will be submitting an application for same; the purpose of the Permit is for removal of deer which are hazardous to the Airport’s runway operations. Council discussion ensued with Micah Risher, Manager, Easton Airport. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Pack, the Council approved forwarding a letter to DNR by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- I. Request from Department of Public Works – Requested Council approval to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for services between Talbot County and Maryland Environmental Service for management of recycling sites in Talbot County. Ray Clarke, County Engineer, briefed the Council on the provisions included in the IGA. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved entering into the Agreement by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- J. Request from Office of Permits and Inspections – Requested Council approval of the recommendation of Board of Electrical Examiners for an increase in the electrical fee schedule as proposed by the Middle Department Inspection Agency. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the recommendation by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- K. Bid No. 20-15, RE-PLASTERING OF PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS (GEORGE MURPHY & BAY HUNDRED POOLS) – TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND – Requested Council approval to award Bid No. 20-15 to the low bidder, Clearwater Pool and Spa, Co., Inc. in the sum of \$86,490.00. Council discussion ensued with Preston Peper, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved the award by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

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

XII. Council Comments:

Mr. Pack – Mr. Pack stated that he appreciated Ms. Mielke (one of the Public Comments callers) reading his remarks from 2016, but, as he has said to the Council and to the public, he was wrong and did not give consideration to what the Confederate monument says about us as citizens of Talbot County and what it promotes. He stated that he did write the statement that Ms. Mielke read, but since that time he has had a change in his way of thinking and a change of heart. He stated that, in his opinion, the statue should not be on public property – he is not saying it should be torn down, and has never said that, but that it should be moved to another location. He stated that many of the Confederate statues that were constructed in the early part of the 20th century were put up for the simple purpose of glorifying the Confederacy and what it stood for; we should not delude ourselves into thinking that had the Confederacy won the Civil War, it would have been beneficial to individuals of color. Mr. Pack stated that in 1877, President Hayes was given an ultimatum to remove the last Northern troops from the South and to allow the South to deal with Blacks as they deemed appropriate without Northern interference (Compromise of 1877). The decision to go along with that Compromise was followed by 100 years of Jim Crow laws, 100 years of “separate but equal” laws, and 100 years of Black people being lynched, burned and run out of their stores and homes. Mr. Pack named several cities where such atrocities occurred when Black citizens were trying to survive even in the face of Jim Crow and “separate but equal” laws, but still were brutalized, run out of their homes, and their businesses torched, so, in his opinion, this statue does not equate to unity because that is not what the Confederacy stood for – it did not stand for united states. He questioned why we continue to delude ourselves into thinking that that’s what the Confederacy stood for; there were winners and there were losers after the war and those who fought for the Confederacy lost. He stated that, in his opinion, the Compromise of 1877 spoke to what they wanted; they did not want unification and they did not want to treat citizens of color equally; how can individuals say that we are looking for unity while still promoting the symbols of disunity – light and darkness cannot share the same space. Mr. Pack addressed the response he had made to the writer of an email on the topic of a unity statue. He stated that he does not know the woman and did not call her a racist or a white supremacist, but when you try to wrap something up as anything other than what the Confederacy stood for, fought for and died for, you are not being honest and transparent. He stated that, in his opinion, we need to first deal with the “elephant in the room”, the Confederate statue on public grounds before we start talking about what should or should not go there; the first order of business is removing the Confederate statue from public grounds to another location. Mr. Pack concluded his comments by stating that he had read the Maryland Historical Trust guidelines on preservation of historic properties and it is his interpretation that the State of Maryland is not going to give money to preserve the Confederacy in any, shape or form.

Mr. Leshner - No comments.

Mr. Divilio – Mr. Divilio requested that Mr. Stamp forward a reminder to Micah Risher, Manager, Easton Airport to let him know that any deer meat harvested at the Airport would be very much appreciated at local food banks. He stated that there are a good number of families in the area that hunt and deer meat is the primary protein on their tables. He stated that hunters' donation of deer meat to food banks has been very successful. He expressed his appreciation to those who have stepped up when individuals need food and, in his opinion, it is an excellent way to balance the deer population while feeding the people who need the meat.

Ms. Price – Ms. Price read the following statement into the record: *What we're witnessing in this country right now is heartbreaking and it's totally unacceptable. I truly can't believe that people are treating other human beings with such disrespect and contempt. Civil conversation and civil disagreements have been overtaken by uncivil discourse and protests masquerading as civil disobedience. While I, and the citizens here in Talbot County, can't fix what is wrong in this whole country, we can come together and heal our community. Everyone has to be willing to learn to live with a middle ground. People on different sides may not like compromising, and they may feel so strongly that their opinion is right that they are unwilling to give up until they get their way entirely. But that refusal to listen to each other solves nothing. Bullying, threatening, and especially personal attacks, will only further divide us. There is a way to portray accurately the past and to create unity in the present if people will do it. Many have asked why there was not a monument for the Union side. It was approved over 100 years ago, at the same time as the monument for the Confederate side. But no one ever raised the funds to build it. And five years ago, in a work session with the NAACP, they asked for a joint Civil War monument honoring all the soldiers, both Union and Confederate. But no one ever raised the funds to build it. And about four years ago, a man named Rich Merrill contacted the Council members individually with a concept sketch to create a unity monument with statues of both the Union and the Confederate boys side by side wrapped up in a big American flag. Things in the country were relatively quiet at the time, and none of us pursued it. And now we find ourselves in a time when no one can even communicate with one another. There seems to be no point to having more meetings and work sessions because there's nobody willing to compromise. What I have had prepared with the input of many citizens and groups, that administrative resolution, that has not been introduced yet, proposes such a unity monument, something that preserves what is here and tells a more complete story of the Civil War history by building upon and not tearing down. People have been tearing each other down enough. I think it's time to stop and bring unity to our community.*

Mr. Callahan - Mr. Callahan expressed his appreciation to everyone for expressing their thoughts and feelings and stated that he respected them all. He stated that everyone is passionate about a lot of things but, in his opinion, we are going to have to come together and find ways to work this out. He asked Council to concentrate on the good things that are happening in Talbot County; for instance, bringing sewer to the Talbot County Community Center, which has been in process for several years. He requested Council consider less emailing back and forth with citizens, stating that, in his opinion, sometimes people may read the emails incorrectly and read into them, and sometimes things are said in emails that are offensive to others. He suggested that perhaps instead of emailing back and forth with someone to express your thoughts, call the person or offer to meet with them. He stated that, in his

opinion, it is much more appealing when you are trying to develop one-on-one relationships with individuals. He recommended that Council members stop emailing back and forth with citizens so much and to be respectful to everyone; we are elected officials and sometimes need to rise above it all and do what's right for everyone.

- XIII. Upon motion by Mr. Divilio, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council adjourned the meeting and will reconvene on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in Open Session 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 for the regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

The transcript of the January 26, 2021 County Council meeting is available for review in the Office of the Talbot County Manager during regular office hours.

- XIV. Work Session to Discuss Preserve at Wye Mills Shared Sanitary Facility - The Council held a virtual work session on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. with Philip Jackson, President, The Preserve at Wye Mills Homeowners Association, and County Engineer, Ray Clarke. Mr. Jackson provided a brief history of operation and management of the private wastewater treatment facility, Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) compliance issues and costs expended to date on various matters related to the facility. He stated that since March 2019, the Homeowners Association has been working toward the goal of getting back into compliance with MDE and stated that a Consent Order from MDE is in the process of being prepared which will establish guidance for moving forward. Mr. Jackson stated that members of the Homeowners Association had voted to request the County's intervention and to have the County take over the operation and maintenance of the facility. Mr. Clarke outlined the steps required before grant funding could be requested from MDE for the project, including the completion of a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and an amendment to the County's Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan. Mr. Jackson stated that there are a total of 67 lots in the Preserve at Wye Mills subdivision, approximately 54 of which are developed but that the state of the facility is a hindrance to selling the remaining lots. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Jackson, Mr. Clarke, and Angela Lane, Finance Director regarding the anticipated cost of a PER, and possible options for paying for same. A majority of the Council expressed a willingness to financially assist the Homeowners Association with funding to complete the PER, with the loan to be paid back by the residents. Council will continue to review the matter and get back to Mr. Jackson in near future. The work session ended at 4:30 p.m.

- XIV. Summary of Closed Session held on January 26, 2021:

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

Time of closed session: 4:35 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.
Place of closed session: Via WebEx Events (virtual meeting)
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	Persons present	Action taken
To discuss appointments to various County boards and committees	GP § 3-305 (b) (1)	Corey Pack, Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Tony Kupersmith, Jessica Morris	No action
To discuss personnel matter in Department of Emergency Services	GP § 3-305 (b) (1)	Corey Pack, Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Tony Kupersmith, Jessica Morris	No action
To discuss personnel matter at Easton Airport	GP § 3-305 (b) (1)	Corey Pack, Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Tony Kupersmith, Jessica Morris, Micah Risher	Council concurred with hiring second administrative staff member
To discuss personnel matter in County Attorney’s Office	GP § 3-305 (b) (1)	Corey Pack, Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Tony Kupersmith, Jessica Morris, Kim Ferullo	Council concurred with job posting
To discuss possible acquisition of property in Easton for a public purpose	GP § 3-305 (b) (3)	Corey Pack, Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Tony Kupersmith, Jessica Morris	No action
For legal advice regarding Open Meetings Act as it pertains to e-mail communications	GP § 3-305 (b) (7)	Corey Pack, Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Tony Kupersmith, Jessica Morris	No action
For update on opioid litigation	GP § 3-305 (b) (7) and (8)	Corey Pack, Chuck Callahan, Frank	No action

		Divilio, Pete Lesher, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Tony Kupersmith, Jessica Morris	
For update on IRS ruling concerning filing of 1099s for 2017	GP § 3-305 (b) (7)	Corey Pack, Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Lesher, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Tony Kupersmith, Jessica Morris, Angela Lane	No action

CASH STATEMENT 1/19/2021

BALANCE 1/12/2021	43,680,412.00
CIGNA CLAIMS PAID THRU 1/11/2021	(138,850.44)
DEPOSIT ADJUSTMENT BATCH #48585	(19,589.39)
STATE REPORT 12/2020	(1,468,249.65)
POSTAGE WIRE	(3,000.00)
AGRICULTURAL TRANSFER TAX 12/2020	(1,880.00)
WF/GF EQUIP LEASE PMT	(4,092.00)
RETURNED CHECK #5099	(5.00)
U.S. CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION	(8,949.00)
U.S. CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION	(3,051.00)
U.S. CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION	(30,215.00)
U.S. CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION	(948.00)
DEPOSITS	889,049.99
CHECKS	(691,358.57)
BALANCE 1/19/2021	<u>42,199,273.94</u>

INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		0.09%	20,500,000.00
1880 BANK			10,158,318.79
TOTAL INVESTED			<u>30,658,318.79</u>
PETTY CASH			<u>12,275.00</u>
BALANCE			

GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS

72,869,867.73

CASH STATEMENT 1/26/2021

BALANCE 1/19/2021	42,199,273.94
TOTAL ADP PAYROLL PPE 1/8/2021	(756,990.47)
DEFERRED COMP DED PPE 1/8/2021	(19,444.28)
DEFERRED COMP PPE 1/8/2021 PLAN 401(A)	(6,917.87)
PENSION DED PPE 1/8/2021	(39,061.58)
CIGNA CLAIMS PAID THRU 1/19/2021	(67,554.52)
BRF FEE RETURN OCT-DEC 2020	(82,640.65)
ENTERPRISE LEASE PAYMENT JAN 2021	(8,910.15)
RETURNED CHECK #9266762	(1,756.70)
DEPOSITS	794,280.96
CHECKS	(277,513.44)
VOIDED CHECK(S) #343759, 346746, 347016, 347492, 347667, 347759, 347774, 347839, 347895, 347899	46,103.50
BALANCE 1/26/2021	<u>41,778,868.74</u>

INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		0.08%	20,500,000.00
1880 BANK			10,162,622.07
TOTAL INVESTED			<u>30,662,622.07</u>

PETTY CASH BALANCE **12,275.00**

GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS

72,453,765.81

