



TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

County Council

MINUTES

June 17, 2014

Present – President Corey W. Pack, Vice President Laura E. Price, Dirck K. Bartlett, Thomas G. Duncan, R. Andrew Hollis, County Manager Clay B. Stamp, County Attorney Michael Pullen and Staff Attorney Tony Kupersmith.

- I. Agenda – Mr. Pack requested and received Council’s unanimous consent for approval of the Agenda of Tuesday, June 17, 2014.
- II. Minutes – Mr. Pack requested and received Council’s unanimous consent for approval of the Minutes of May 13, 2014.
- III. Disbursements – Mr. Pack requested and received Council’s unanimous consent for approval of the Disbursements of June 10, 2014 and June 17, 2014.
- IV. Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to Harvey Smith, Former Member, Talbot County Board of Liquor License Commissioners – The Clerk read a certificate of recognition into the record in recognition of Mr. Harvey Smith’s 19 years of service on the Talbot County Board of Liquor License Commissioners. Council members commended Mr. Smith for his service to the citizens of Talbot County. Upon motion by Mr. Hollis, seconded by Ms. Price the Council approved the Certificate of Commendation by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Bartlett - Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye

Mr. Duncan presented the Certificate of Recognition to Mr. Smith.

Senator Richard Colburn, on behalf of the State of Maryland, presented Mr. Smith with a Certificate of Recognition for his service to the citizens of Maryland.

- V. Presentation of Proclamation to University of Maryland Shore Regional Health in Recognition of July 1, 2014 as Healthier Communities Day in Talbot County – Prior to the reading of the proclamation into the record, Patti Willis, Senior Vice President, University of Maryland Shore Regional Health, briefed the Council on the shift in focus in the provision of healthcare to community wellness, preventing illness and managing chronic disease in order to create a healthier community. Ms. Willis and Ken Kozel, President & CEO, University of Maryland Shore Regional Health then presented a tree to the Council as a symbol of Shore Regional Health’s commitment to the community. The Clerk then read a proclamation into the record in recognition of July 1, 2014 as Healthier Communities Day in Talbot County. The proclamation spoke of the focus on maintaining wellness of individuals in communities through partnering with various entities within the community. Upon motion by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved the Proclamation by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Bartlett - Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye

Mr. Bartlett presented the Proclamation to Mr. Kozel and Ms. Willis, who accepted on behalf of the University of Maryland Shore Regional Health.

- VI. Update from University of Maryland Shore Regional Health – Ken Kozel, President & CEO, University of Maryland Shore Regional Health – Mr. Kozel briefed the Council on recent changes made at the State level with regard to healthcare and how those changes will impact Shore Regional Health and its five-year Strategic Plan, specifically the new State waiver; as of January 1, 2014, Maryland adopted new policies that reduce per capita hospital expenditures and improve health outcomes as encouraged by the Affordable Care Act. Mr. Kozel stated that the new waiver and the new Strategic Plan shift the focus of Shore Regional Health’s mission to creating healthier communities. He stated that while the responsibility of the hospital remains on hospitalizations, inpatients, emergency room visits and operating room procedures, sick care also includes the responsibility for the wellness of the community, and is a significant change in the way the organization will be evaluated by the healthcare industry. Mr. Kozel stated that the previous waiver was based on volume – organizations were incentivized to increase volume, *i.e.*, the number of admissions, number of procedures performed and number of emergency room visits, causing healthcare costs to escalate. He stated that it is the goal of Shore Regional Health to be the region’s leader in patient-centered care and its new Strategic Plan defines the five key values of: respect, integrity, teamwork, excellence and service to support the goal of “Patients Come First.” Other goals of the Strategic Plan include Innovative and Integrated care within the five-county region - determining which resources to designate to a limited population in a large geographic area; Access to Care - understanding what resources need to be within the region served by Shore Regional Health to best provide access to care; Team Support and Team Strength – to have the employees and physicians affiliated with Shore Regional Health focus as a team to fulfill the mission and goals of the Strategic Plan; and Financial Strength – making sure Shore Regional Health is financially solvent so that it can provide the level of care needed for the community. Mr. Kozel stated that, in his opinion, the goals of Shore Regional Health’s five-year Strategic Plan are in alignment with the direction in which the State of Maryland and the nation are moving toward with regard to national healthcare. He stated that in an effort to be successful with their Strategic Plan, Shore Regional Health will be conducting a comprehensive assessment of the clinical services it provides throughout the five-county region and will conduct a comprehensive assessment of the more than 60 facilities which provide clinical services as part of its new focus on wellness to keep patients out of the hospital while still providing needed acute care. Mr. Kozel assured the Council that the University of Maryland Medical System remains committed to building the new regional medical center. He stated that Shore Regional Health’s Certificate of Need (CON) application previously filed with the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) remains active and that discussions with MHCC continue while Shore Regional Health is in the process of modifying the CON application in order to better align the application with the new waiver and to reflect the vision as to how the regional medical center fits into the five-year capital plan for the University of Maryland Medical System. He stated that Shore Regional Health needs to demonstrate to the State that they can afford the new facility, citing an \$8 million loss in FY 2013. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Kozel regarding various facets of the new regional medical center, including the timeline for the project as outlined in the University of Maryland Medical System’s five-year capital plan; the \$1.6 million Economic Development Administration (EDA) Grant and an additional \$1 million from the Governor’s Office – both sources of funds which are intended for use to extend water and sewer connections to the proposed site of the new regional medical center; the \$2 million land purchase by the County for the proposed site of the new regional medical center; number of beds to be included in the new regional medical center; needed roadway infrastructure improvements to accommodate the new regional medical center; execution of the

Developer's Rights and Responsibilities Agreement (DRRA) by University of Maryland/Shore Regional Health, and Talbot County's financial commitment to provide water and sewer service to the site. Mr. Kozel will continue to update the Council on a regular or as-needed basis.

- VII. Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) Update – Michael Sanderson, Executive Director, MACo; Thomas G. Duncan, President, MACo and Member, Talbot County Council - Mr. Duncan gave a brief overview of the purpose of the Maryland Association of Counties organization. He stated that MACo represents the 23 counties of Maryland and Baltimore City in legislative matters which come before the Maryland General Assembly. He stated that the members of MACo vote on the initiatives it will present before the Legislature; the initiatives are determined by the membership, with each county and Baltimore City having one vote each. Mr. Sanderson stated that it is MACo's responsibility to make sure that policymakers in Annapolis understand how proposed legislation may affect county services and taxpayers. He then outlined several initiatives brought before the 2014 session of the Maryland State Legislature, including (1) Transportation Funding Restoration – Mr. Sanderson stated that MACo had urged legislators to restore Highway User Revenues to local governments now that progress is being made toward recovery of the State's economy; however, he stated that restoration of the funding to local governments remains an issue to be resolved although there is momentum in the Legislature to restore the funding. He stated that the Legislature designated a \$10 million grant in the FY 2015 budget to be used for repair of county roads and potholes. Mr. Duncan stated that after meetings between MACo representatives and State officials, MACo is hopeful that Highway User Revenues returned to local governments will increase in coming years as the economy grows until prior levels are restored; prior to the downturn in the economy in 2008, local governments received 30% of Highway User Revenues and the State received 70%. Since 2008, the local government portion has been reduced by 95%; (2) State Public System Governance Board – Mr. Sanderson stated that MACo was successful in getting legislation passed which provides for a governance board for the new statewide radio communication system; the radio system is designed to improve police, fire, and emergency management communications for first responders in order that they may respond more efficiently and effectively to emergency situations. The Governance Board, which includes representatives from the State and counties appointed by the Governor, will help ensure that operational needs of all users of the system are considered and will be responsible for oversight and management of the radio system. Mr. Duncan announced that Clay Stamp, Acting County Manager and Director of Emergency Services, had been appointed as Talbot County's representative to the Board; (3) Bail Reform – Mr. Sanderson gave a brief explanation of the unresolved issue of bail reform following a ruling by the Maryland courts that individuals who are arrested are entitled to legal representation at the time they are brought before a court commissioner; the ruling will require public defenders to be available 24/7. He outlined the complexity of the ruling from a cost standpoint for local jurisdictions and concerns for safely housing, even temporarily, individuals with medical issues. He stated that once the \$10 million allotted in the State's court budget for FY 2015 has been used, the remaining cost per year of \$60 to \$80 million will be borne by the local jurisdictions. Mr. Duncan stated that the Governor has set up a committee comprised of all parties to try to resolve the issue. Mr. Sanderson concluded his comments by noting several topics of discussion which will be on the agenda at the MACo Summer Conference in Ocean City from August 13-16, 2014, including the drug crisis in the state, fiscal issues related to transportation and education, bail reform, and several policy issues. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Sanderson as the various topics were brought forward. Mr. Sanderson will continue to update the Council on a regular or as-needed basis.
- VIII. Presentation by Talbot County Watermen's Association – Bunky Chance, President, Talbot County Watermen's Association; Scott Todd, President, Dorchester County Watermen's Association; Jeff Harrison, Secretary, Talbot County Watermen's Association – Mr. Chance, Mr. Todd and Mr. Harrison briefed the Council on their concerns regarding the placement of fossilized oyster shell material from Florida into portions of Harris Creek, and the Little Choptank, and planned for the Tred Avon River. He stated that those waters where the fossilized shell has been placed have been declared by the State of Maryland as "oyster sanctuaries," and are, therefore, off-limits for oyster harvesting. The State of

Maryland, in partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA’s) Chesapeake Bay Office, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Oyster Recovery Partnership is seeking to restore oyster reefs by placing the fossilized oyster shell material in the oyster sanctuaries; oyster spat from the Horn Point Laboratory in Oxford is then placed on the fossilized material in an attempt to have the spat adhere to the material and grow into mature oysters which then naturally filter the water in which they are placed, thus increasing the health of those waters, and subsequently the Chesapeake Bay. Mr. Chance and Mr. Todd stated that, in their opinion, the fossilized material should not be placed in nearby waters as a way to restore oyster production since it is a material foreign to our waterways and is not really shell, but is instead, a clay-like material which smothers the spat. Mr. Chance stated that, in his opinion, the best way to restore oyster grounds is to continue to work the oyster bottoms through dredging which cleans away the sediment. He stated that the oyster grounds which watermen are permitted to work, i.e., dredge, are more productive. Mr. Chance stated that, in his opinion, the taking of oyster grounds by the State as sanctuaries has resulted in the loss of harvesting of 25% of the best oyster producing grounds. Council discussion ensued with the representatives. At Mr. Pack’s request, a work session with the representatives will be scheduled at a later date.

- IX. Presentation of Proclamation to Kathleen H. Foster, R.N., M.S., Retiring Talbot County Health Officer – The Clerk read a proclamation into the record which spoke of the service of Kathleen H. “Kathy” Foster to the citizens of Talbot County in her capacity as Health Office for the County for the past twelve years; Ms. Foster has been employed by the Talbot County Health Department for 34 years. The proclamation spoke of Ms. Foster’s dedication to the public health profession, her advocacy for the most vulnerable citizens in our community, and the carrying out of her duties in a manner exhibiting professionalism and integrity. Upon motion by Mr. Hollis, seconded by Mr. Bartlett, the Council approved the Proclamation by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye

Council members commended Ms. Foster for significant contributions to the citizens of Talbot County, particularly to those who are less fortunate

Mr. Pack presented the Proclamation to Ms. Foster, who, along with three of her grandsons who were in attendance, accepted the Proclamation.

- X. Quarterly Update by Board of Health – Kathy Foster, R.N., M.S., Talbot County Health Officer; Thom McCarty, Deputy Health Officer, Talbot County Health Department – Ms. Foster introduced Thom McCarty who will become Acting Health Officer on July 1, 2014. Ms. Foster expressed her appreciation to the Council for funding allocations to the Health Department in the FY 2015 budget, and for designating \$50,000 for a feasibility study of the Health Department building. Ms. Foster then briefed the Council on the following: (1) Results of the 2013 Youth Risk Behavior Survey – Ms. Foster stated that results of the Survey, which was administered to both middle and high school students, have been received and are currently being reviewed by the Talbot County Public Schools and the Health Department; the results will become available to the public on August 1, 2014. She stated that the Survey included questions related to alcohol/tobacco and drug use; bullying/harassment; suicide and mental health issues; physical activity, nutrition, sexual behavior, violence, etc. Ms. Foster asked that Council keep the following issues at the forefront of their concern as Mr. McCarty assumes his new duties: (1) Safety net populations – those citizens who, because of one or more risk factors, are more vulnerable than the general population, i.e., the aged population, those in poverty, those facing food insecurity – individuals who may not know where they

will get their next meal or feel that they do not have adequate food to meet their needs due to a lack of money or lack of understanding of how to prepare affordable meals; (2) Geographically inaccessible population – those individuals who do not have adequate transportation. Ms. Foster stated that despite the availability of a public transportation system in the community, some individuals still do not have adequate transportation, specifically to go back and forth across U.S. Rt. 50; she suggested that conversations with the State should take place regarding easier access for pedestrians to cross Rt. 50; (3) Lack of Affordable Housing – Ms. Foster stated that Talbot County is the third least affordable county in Maryland for first-time home buyers, with residents needing to earn \$22.53 an hour to afford a two-bedroom apartment and not spend more than 30% of their salary on housing. She expressed concern with sometimes 14 to 16 unrelated individuals living in one house and the increase risks for violence, communicable disease, and exposure of children to risky behaviors; (4) Substance Abuse – Ms. Foster reiterated Mr. Sanderson’s previous concerns about substance abuse issues in Maryland, stating that substance abuse in Talbot County is a major problem, particularly the use of heroin. She stated that the Health Department is the major provider of substance abuse treatment in the county, serving approximately 450 individuals per year, the majority of whom are male, Caucasian and 18-35 years of age, referred by the legal system for treatment and are employed in the community. She encouraged the Council to attend the MACo Summer Conference sessions on substance abuse and community response to substance abuse; (5) Failing Septic Systems – Ms. Foster encouraged the Council to continue to consider providing public sewer to several of the Villages, including Bozman, Sherwood, Wittman, Neavitt, Claiborne, Bar Neck, Fairbank, to replace the older failing systems in those locations. She stated that the small lots, poor soils, and setback requirements in those locations present challenges for placement of new septic systems. Ms. Foster concluded her comments by thanking the Council for their support over the years to help the most vulnerable County citizens; she thanked County staff and County agencies for their assistance through the years, and thanked the staff of the Health Department.

XI. Update on Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) Program and Presentation of Request For Special Use of Local Land Preservation Funds for FY 2015 – Martin Sokolich, Long Range Planner – Mr. Sokolich gave a brief update of MALPF funding and requested Council’s approval to use a portion of the County’s retained preservation funds to pay for appraisals of up to six properties in order to qualify more farms for easement applications by the State in FY 2014-2015; the County received 46 applications this year, of which only the top eight will be considered by the State for appraisal and possible purchase; if the County pays for the additional appraisals, it increases the chances of the properties being selected for easement purchases in the State’s “second round.” Mr. Sokolich stated that unused funding must be returned to the State within three years. Upon motion by Mr. Hollis, seconded by Mr. Duncan, the Council approved using a portion of the County’s MALPF funding for the appraisals as presented by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

- Mr. Pack – Aye
- Mr. Hollis – Aye
- Mr. Bartlett – Aye
- Ms. Price – Aye
- Mr. Duncan - Aye

XII. Introduction of Administrative Resolution:

AN ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GIRL SCOUTS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY COUNCIL, INC. TO APPLY FOR THE PROGRAM ENTITLED “GIRL SCOUT LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE” ON BEHALF OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for approval. The Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council, Inc. will be submitting an application to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for Maryland tax credits which will be used as a leveraging device for donations in Talbot

County and the other counties on Maryland's Eastern Shore; the Resolution verifies the areas in which the organization is providing service and from which it is requesting donations. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Duncan, the Council approved the Administrative Resolution by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Duncan - Aye

XIII. Introduction of Legislation:

As the Capital Enabling legislation was brought forward for introduction, Finance Director Angela Lane stated that funding for all the projects outlined in the bills was approved in the FY 2014-2015 Capital Budget which becomes effective July 1, 2014. Ms. Lane then read each of the bills into the record.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE 911 CENTER AT THE TALBOT COUNTY OPERATIONS CENTER was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hollis, and Mr. Pack as Bill No. 1262. Ms. Price was absent from the room when the bill was introduced. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE BELLEVUE FERRY LANDING was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hollis, and Mr. Pack as Bill No. 1263. Ms. Price was absent from the room when the bill was introduced. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE IN THE APPROPRIATION FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT TO MAINTAIN BLACK WALNUT POINT STONE REVETMENT, TO INCLUDE PLACEMENT OF NEW STONE was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Pack, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1264. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR TALBOT COUNTY'S SHARE OF THE FURNISHING AND EQUIPMENT COSTS OF THE CENTER FOR ALLIED HEALTH AND ATHLETICS AT CHESAPEAKE COLLEGE was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Hollis, and Mr. Pack as Bill No. 1265. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION FOR SHORELINE AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS AT CLAIBORNE JETTY AND THE CLAIBORNE JETTY CAUSEWAY was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Pack, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1266. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE MAPPING AND EVALUATION OF COUNTY CULVERTS was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Pack, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1267. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF AN AIR CONDITIONING (HVAC) UNIT IN THE EASTON HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Pack, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1268. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE RENOVATION/REPAIR OF THE EASTON HIGH SCHOOL TRACK was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Pack, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1269. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE TALBOT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' ONE-TO-ONE LAPTOP INITIATIVE was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Hollis, and Mr. Pack as Bill No. 1270. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE EVALUATION OF THE MOTON SCHOOL ROOF was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Pack, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1271. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION AND AUTHORIZE THE DESIGN OF ROOF REPLACEMENT SYSTEMS AND THE ROOF REPLACEMENT AT ST. MICHAELS ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOLS was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Pack, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1272. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE TALBOT COUNTY'S SHARE OF THE UPGRADE OF THE UPPER MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE RADIO SYSTEM was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Pack, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1273. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR AN ADDITION TO THE TALBOT COUNTY OPERATIONS CENTER FOR THE COUNTY FACILITIES MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Pack, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1274. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A HEALTH DEPARTMENT FACILITY FEASIBILITY STUDY was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Pack, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1275. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE RENOVATION AND REPAIRS TO FACILITIES AT THE HOG NECK GOLF COURSE was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Pack, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1276. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LOWES WHARF BULKHEAD was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Pack, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1277. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION FOR STONE REVETMENT CONSTRUCTION AND SHORELINE IMPROVEMENTS AT NEAVITT LANDING was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Pack, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1278. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE WATER CONTROL STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT AT OLD ORCHARD ROAD, TRAPPE, MARYLAND was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Pack, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1279. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PASSIVE PARK ON OXFORD ROAD was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Pack, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1280. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A PUBLIC LANDINGS MAINTENANCE PROGRAM was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Pack, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1281. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR PARKING EXPANSION AT THE TALBOT SENIOR CENTER was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Pack, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1282. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SHERWOOD PIER AND BULKHEAD, SHERWOOD, MARYLAND was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Pack, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1283. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE DREDGING OF TONGERS BASIN, TILGHMAN, MARYLAND was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Pack, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1284. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO DECREASE THE APPROPRIATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TUNIS MILLS BRIDGE was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Pack, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1285. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE WHARF INSPECTIONS FOR COUNTY WHARVES THAT CARRY VEHICLES was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Pack, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1286. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

Introduction of legislation for the projects fulfills the requirement of the County Charter that all capital projects have enabling legislation.

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 190 OF THE TALBOT COUNTY CODE REGARDING PIERS AND PIER-RELATED STRUCTURES was brought forward for introduction. Prior to introduction, Mary Kay Verdery, Assistant Planning Officer, stated that the amendments proposed by staff are the result of discussions held by the Planning Commission at various times over the past several years related to community piers, total platform areas and launching facilities. She then briefed the Council on the amendments to the zoning code as outlined in the proposed legislation. Council discussion ensued with Ms. Verdery. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Bartlett and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1287. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

XIV. County Manager's Report:

- A. Talbot County Animal Control Board – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of George Ball to a three-year term on the Talbot County Animal Control Board as a representative having knowledge or expertise relevant to the Board's functions; said term will expire on July 1, 2017. Upon motion by Mr. Hollis, seconded by Mr. Bartlett, the Council approved the reappointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Bartlett - Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye

- B. Talbot County Economic Development Commission – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of Ted Bautz and Walter Chase (Town of Trappe representative) to three-year terms on the Talbot County Economic Development Commission; said terms will expire June 30, 2017. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Hollis, the Council approved the reappointments by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye

- C. Talbot County Golf Board – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of Jim Willey to a three-year term on the Talbot County Golf Board; said term will expire on June 1, 2017. Upon motion by Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Duncan, the Council approved the reappointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye

- D. Mid-Shore Mental Health Systems, Inc. Regional Behavioral Health Advisory Committee – Requested Council approval for the appointment of Matt Evans and Joseph Holt to three-year terms on the Regional Behavioral Health Advisory Committee as representatives for Talbot County; said terms will expire on May 31, 2017. Upon motion by Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Duncan, the Council approved the appointments by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye

- E. Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2014 Trust Fund – Requested Council approval to accept a grant in the sum of \$1.1 million from the Department of Natural Resources Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2014 Trust Fund; said funding will be used for 18 projects throughout the county and incorporated towns in an effort to reduce nitrogen and phosphorus in local waters. Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the County is partnering with the Town of St. Michaels, Easton, Oxford and Trappe to assist them in meeting the goals of their Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs). Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Duncan, the Council approved accepting the grant funding by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye

- F. Installation of Vehicle Recharging Station at 215 Bay Street – Requested Council’s approval to award electrical services for the installation of a vehicle recharging station at the County Office Building at 215 Bay Street to Chuck’s Electric in the sum of \$11,075; the recharging station will initially be used to recharge three Toyota Prius plug-in vehicles purchased with Maryland Energy Administration grant funding. Upon motion by Mr. Hollis, seconded by Mr. Duncan, the Council approved the award by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye

- G. Request from the Department of Public Works – Requested Council approval to submit a grant application to the Maryland State Highway Administration Recreational Trails

Program in the sum of \$35,000; if approved, the funding would be used for improvements to the kayak launch, bulkhead and pier at Sherwood Landing; said improvements will require much less maintenance than the present type structures and would be handicapped accessible. Council discussion ensued with Jesse Fearins of the Department of Public Works. Upon motion by Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Duncan, the Council approved submittal of the grant application by voting 4 – 1 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Nay
Mr. Duncan – Aye

- H. 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 \$145,000; if approved, said funding will be used for maintenance and operations at the Ridgeway House Transitional Homeless Shelter in Easton, client case management and moves to permanent housing; no County funds are required. Council discussion ensued with Marilyn Neal, Executive Director, Neighborhood Service Center and Nelsa Hiss, Fiscal Officer, Neighborhood Service Center. Upon motion by Mr. Hollis, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved submittal of the grant application by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye

Council requested that Ms. Neal and Ms. Hiss provide information on what percentage of the \$145,000 being requested is to be allocated toward staffing and client services, respectively.

XV. Council Comments:

Mr. Hollis - Mr. Hollis wished Ms. Price “Happy Birthday.”

Ms. Price – Ms. Price thanked Mr. Hollis for his birthday wishes.

Mr. Bartlett – No comments.

Mr. Duncan – No comments.

Mr. Pack - Mr. Pack wished Ms. Price “Happy Birthday.”

- XVI. Upon motion by Mr. Hollis seconded by Mr. Bartlett, the Council voted to adjourn to Executive Session for discussion of legal, personnel, and real estate matters, to reconvene on Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 12:30 p.m. in Executive Session for discussion of legal, personnel, and real estate matters, and at 1:30 p.m. for the regularly scheduled meeting by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Hollis– Aye
Mr. Bartlett - Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Duncan - Aye

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

The transcript of the June 17, 2014 County Council meeting is available for review in the Office of the County Manager during regular office hours.

- XVII. On Monday, June 16, 2014, an Executive Session of the Talbot County Council convened at 4:30 p.m. in the County Council Conference Room and the Bradley Meeting Room. Upon motion by Mr. Hollis, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council met in Executive Session by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye

In accordance with State Article § 10-508 (a)(4)(7) the purpose of the Executive Session was for discussion of a legal/real estate matter for legal advice concerning relocation of Memorial Hospital at Easton to County-owned property and timetable for same. The Executive Session ended at 6:15 p.m.

- XVIII. On Tuesday, June 17, 2014, an Executive Session of the Talbot County Council convened at 5:05 p.m. in the County Council Conference Room and the Bradley Meeting Room. Upon motion by Mr. Hollis, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council met in Executive Session by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye

In accordance with State Article § 10-508 (a)(1)(i)(4)(7) the purpose of the Executive Session was for discussion of personnel matters to discuss appointments to various County boards and committees; and for a legal/real estate matter for legal advice concerning relocation of Memorial Hospital at Easton to County-owned property and timetable for same. The Executive Session recessed at 6:00 p.m. and reconvened at 9:30 p.m. The Executive Session ended at 10:10 p.m.

- XIX. Work Session on Proposed Amendments to Talbot County's Critical Area Program – Sandy Coyman, Planning Officer; Mary Kay Verdery, Assistant Planning Officer – Ms. Price opened the June 11, 2014 work session in Mr. Pack's absence by introducing Mr. Charles Goebel, Talbot County's newly appointed representative to the Maryland Critical Area Commission. Ms. Verdery then briefed the Council on the Planning Commission's responses, as had been requested by the Council, to the six recommendations made by the Blue Ribbon Commission on Critical Area Buffer Regulations with regard to changes in the County's Critical Area Program, and three items submitted by the Planning Commission for Council's consideration as priorities for amendments to the County's Critical Area Program. Council discussion ensued with representatives of the Planning Commission, Blue Ribbon Commission on Critical Area Buffer

Regulations, and Critical Area Commission representatives in attendance. Staff requested Council direction as to what to pursue with the Critical Area Commission with regard to the recommendations of both the Blue Ribbon Commission and the Planning Commission.

Work Session on Proposed Amendments to Critical Area Maps – Sandy Coyman, Planning Officer; Mary Kay Verdery, Assistant Planning Officer – The Council held a work session with staff on June 11, 2014 to review draft legislation to update the County’s Critical Area zoning maps following the 2008 enactment of legislation by the State of Maryland requiring the development of a Statewide Base Map of Critical Area boundary designations. She stated that the County worked with the Critical Area Commission, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Maryland Department of the Environments and Salisbury University to development a methodology for the Critical Area mapping update. She stated that the maps designate a digitally generated, geo-referenced, 1,000 foot Critical Area zoning boundary. Ms. Verdery provided a PowerPoint presentation depicting previous Critical Area boundaries established for Talbot County in 1989 (hand drawn), and the 1972 digitized version, showing areas of addition and loss to the Critical Area since that time; the maps indicate that Talbot County has lost 1,668 acres to the Critical Area since 1989; 837 acres previously in the Critical Area are no longer in the Critical Area; owners of property whose land in the Critical Area has increased have been notified via postcard on several occasions and public meetings were held. Ms. Verdery also briefed the Council on draft legislation which would establish lot coverage limitations for those lots wholly or partially outside the 1,000 foot Critical Area boundary prior to adoption of the draft legislation establishing the new Critical Area boundary designations. Council discussion ensued with Ms. Verdery.

CASH STATEMENT 6/10/2014

BALANCE 6/03/2014	\$15,126,696.21
BANK CHARGES 5/2014	(647.22)
INTEREST ON ACCTS 5/2014	3,894.31
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS PPE 5/27/2014	(5,031.18)
PAYROLL-FD/SS/MS WH 6/6/2014	(125,827.56)
SECU DED	(6,118.52)
DEFERRED COMP DED	(11,518.49)
MD WH	(31,137.19)
PENSION DED	(29,812.14)
ACH TRANSFER	(10,791.75)
FLEX SPENDING ACCT	(2,877.03)
DEPOSITS	6,918,667.74
CHECKS	(871,849.71)
BALANCE 6/10/2014	<u>20,953,647.47</u>

AIRPORT ACCOUNTS

AIP-RUNWAY 4-22 EXTENSION ANALYSIS	--
AIP37	303.68
AIP39	76,512.51

AIRPORT ACCOUNTS TOTAL BALANCE **76,816.19**

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	0.05%	18,000,000.00
TOTAL INVESTED		<u>\$18,000,000.00</u>
PETTY CASH BALANCE		<u>\$8,570.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS		<u>\$39,039,033.66</u>

CASH STATEMENT 6/17/2014

BALANCE 6/10/2014		\$20,953,647.47
POSTAGE WIRE-TOURISM		(1,324.45)
UHC CLAIMS THRU 6/10/2014		(20,389.89)
STATE REPORT 5/2014		(39,725.07)
TRANS LOCAL SHARE TO AIP37		(737.44)
DEPOSITS		485,304.59
CHECKS		(632,185.69)
BALANCE 6/17/2014		<u>20,744,589.52</u>

AIRPORT ACCOUNTS

AIP-RUNWAY 4-22 EXTENSION ANALYSIS		--
AIP37	BALANCE 6/10/2014	303.68
	TRANS FR GEN FUND	737.44
	CHECK	(737.44)
		303.68
AIP39		76,512.51
AIRPORT ACCOUNTS TOTAL BALANCE		<u>76,816.19</u>

INVESTMENTS – CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>CERTIFICATE DATE</u>	<u>MATURITY DATE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		0.05%	18,000,000.00
TOTAL INVESTED			<u>\$18,000,000.00</u>
PETTY CASH BALANCE			<u>\$8,570.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS			<u>\$38,829,975.71</u>