



Talbot County, Maryland



Easton, Maryland

MINUTES

June 8, 2010

Present –President Levin F. Harrison, IV, Vice President Philip Carey Foster, Dirck K. Bartlett, Thomas G. Duncan, Corey W. Pack, Acting County Manager Clay B. Stamp and County Attorney Michael Pullen.

- I. Agenda – Agenda of June 8, 2010 was approved upon motion by Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Duncan, with the Council voting 5 - 0 as follows:
 - Mr. Harrison - Aye
 - Mr. Pack –Aye
 - Mr. Duncan– Aye
 - Mr. Foster - Aye
 - Mr. Bartlett – Aye

- II. Minutes – Minutes of May 25, 2010 were approved upon motion by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Bartlett, with the Council voting 5 - 0 as follows:
 - Mr. Harrison - Aye
 - Mr. Pack –Aye
 - Mr. Duncan– Aye
 - Mr. Foster - Aye
 - Mr. Bartlett – Aye

- III. Disbursements – Disbursements of June 1, 2010 and June 8, 2010 were approved upon motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Pack, with the Council voting 5 - 0 as follows:
 - Mr. Harrison - Aye
 - Mr. Pack –Aye
 - Mr. Duncan– Aye
 - Mr. Foster - Aye
 - Mr. Bartlett – Aye

- IV. Introduction of Daniel Capozzi, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services, Talbot County Public Schools as of July 1, 2010 – John Masone, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services introduced Mr. Daniel Capozzi, who has accepted the position of Assistant Superintendent for Support Services for Talbot County Public Schools, effective July 1, 2010. Mr. Capozzi will replace John Masone, who is retiring June 30, 2010. Mr. Capozzi was most recently employed with Baltimore County as the director of the Office of Staff Relations, and has also served as a teacher, assistant principal and principal with Baltimore County. Council members welcomed Mr. Capozzi to Talbot County and thanked Mr. Masone for his years of service.

- V. Presentation of Certificates of Recognition to Jordan Gowe, Class 2A-1A State Wrestling Champion; Shawn Smith, Coach, St. Michaels High School Wrestling Team – Mr. Smith briefed the Council on Mr. Gowe’s accomplishments, stating that in addition to winning the state championship, Mr. Gowe is the all-time leader for his school, St. Michaels High School, as well as Talbot County, with 143 wins, is a two-time regional champion and two-time conference champion, and was runner-up in last year’s championship competition. Mr. Pack presented the Certificates to Mr. Smith, who accepted on behalf of Mr. Gowe and

himself as Mr. Gowe was unable to be in attendance, and stated that not only do the winners deserve recognition, but the people behind them do as well.

- VI. Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to King Hill, Class of 2009 National Wrestling Hall of Fame (Maryland Chapter) – Mr. Pack presented Mr. Hill with a Certificate of Recognition in commemoration of his induction into the Maryland Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. Mr. Harrison stated that Mr. Hill had helped establish the wrestling program at St. Michaels, where he spent 35 years teaching and coaching before retiring in 2001, and where he still serves as an assistant coach. Mr. Harrison continued that Mr. Hill had also coached the 1969 team to a second-place finish in the district tournament with four individual champions, and had coached the 1979 team to two district, a regional and an individual state championship. Council members thanked Mr. Hill for a job well done.
- VII. Presentation of Certificates of Recognition to Players and Coaches of the Class 1A Maryland State Champion St. Michaels High School Boys' Baseball Team - Mr. Harrison presented Certificates of Recognition to the players and coaches of the St. Michaels High School Boys' Baseball Team, the 2010 Class 1A Maryland State Champions. He stated that all the Council members had followed the team's baseball season, adding that they were proud to have the team represent Talbot County. Brian Femi, head coach of the championship team, stated that the team had finished the season at 23 and 3, adding that all their opponents were larger schools. Mr. Harrison then read a letter into the record inviting the Council to attend a parade honoring the St. Michaels High School Varsity Baseball Team on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. beginning at Perry Cabin Baseball Field in St. Michaels with a ceremony will follow at St. Michaels High School.
- VIII. Presentation on Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center – Jacob Frego, Executive Director, Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center; Mike Clarke, Board Member, Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center and Director, Queen Anne's County Local Management Board – Mr. Frego requested the appointment of a County representative to the Board of Directors of the Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center (AHEC) for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2010. Mr. Frego stated that the purpose of the appointment is to provide the organization with a conduit to county government. The AHEC is a private, non-profit corporation which serves all nine counties of Maryland's Eastern Shore and works to recruit and retain healthcare professionals in rural, underserved areas. The AHEC also offers a variety of educational and training programming to healthcare professionals and students within the service area. Council agreed to take the appointment under consideration.
- IX. Presentation on Michener's Chesapeake Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan – Jim Klein, Lardner/Klein Architect Group; Debbi Dodson, Director, Talbot County Office of Tourism – Ms. Dodson stated that the development of a corridor management plan is being made possible through the receipt of federal grant funding in the sum of \$160,000 through the Maryland State Highway Administration, and is a collaborative effort between Talbot, Caroline, and Dorchester Counties and several State agencies. Lardner/Klein was awarded the contract for development of the corridor management plan by the Council on November 24, 2009; participating counties are providing an in-kind match; no County funding is required. Mr. Klein then briefed the Council on the planning process for the development of the corridor management plan known as Michener's Chesapeake Scenic Byway, designed to promote the natural and cultural resources along the corridor and to implement strategies for the sustainable development of tourism utilizing those resources. Several public workshops are planned; the first workshop will be held on June 22, 2010 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Academy Art Museum in Easton, and the second workshop on June 24, 2010 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at North Dorchester Middle School in Hurlock, Maryland. A series of Advisory Committee meetings, which will be open to the public, will also be held as development of the plan progresses. Prior to the implementation of the final plan, each participating county will be afforded the opportunity for additional input.

- X. Presentation of Delmarva Community Transit’s FY2011 Annual Transportation Plan – Santo Grande, Executive Director, Delmarva Community Services, Inc. – Mr. Grande requested Council approval of the FY2011 Delmarva Community Transit’s Annual Transportation Grant application in the sum of approximately \$1,033,000. He stated that the requested amount does not include capital funding or matching funding.

XI. Introduction of Administrative Resolution:

An ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CAROLINE COUNTY, ON BEHALF OF TALBOT COUNTY, TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A SECTION 5307, 5311 AND/OR 5307 GRANT UNDER THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ACT was read into the record by the Clerk and introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Foster, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Pack. The Federal Government requires that approval must be submitted in resolution format and the administrative resolution read into the record outlines that provision. The Council approved the Administrative Resolution by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Harrison - Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye
Mr. Foster – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye

XII. County Manager’s Report:

- A. Talbot County Economic Development Commission – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of Geoff Oxnam to a three-year term on the Talbot County Economic Development Commission; said term will expire June 30, 2013. Upon motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Pack, the Council approved the reappointment by voting 4 – 0 - 1 as follows:

Mr. Harrison - Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye
Mr. Foster - Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Abstain

Mr. Bartlett stated that he abstained from voting because the appointee is his brother-in-law.

XIII. Council Comments:

Mr. Pack - No comments.

Mr. Bartlett- Mr. Bartlett stated that he was pleased with the athletic performance of the wrestlers, softball and baseball players just acknowledged by the Council, and wished them well in their upcoming competitions. He added that the hard work they have displayed makes the County proud of their efforts and added that although he could not attend any of the games, he had heard about them, particularly the speed of the pitchers.

Mr. Duncan - No comments.

Mr. Foster - Mr. Foster echoed Mr. Bartlett's statements regarding the pitching capabilities of both the Easton High Girls' Softball Team and the St. Michaels Baseball Team, stating that the girls' softball team pitcher had struck out 14 batters, the boys' team pitcher 15 batters, both in his opinion, incredible performances. He also commented on recent developments with the post office which he stated were of concern to all the Council members. He stated that despite requests to the postal service from our Senators and Congressman for the courtesy of additional hearings on the proposed closing of the Easton Distribution and Processing Facility, postal officials had evidently decided that one hearing was sufficient. He continued that postal officials had released their one page "Study" on the Friday of Memorial Day Weekend, adding that, in his opinion, that it was not a coincidence that the Study had been released at that time. He stated that the County had had a bad experience with the postal service with regard to the Neavitt Post Office, adding that he would like to believe that the hearing on June 15th will be fair and postal officials will actually pay attention to what they hear. However, the negative experience with the Neavitt Post Office, wherein the postal service indicated that the facility would only be closed temporarily after Hurricane Isabel, followed by the design of a building meeting postal specifications which was still not approved, coupled with, in his opinion, the contemptible disregard for the public by releasing the study on a holiday weekend, makes it hard for him to believe the hearing will be fair; he just wants to be proved wrong, and hopes that postal officials will pay attention to the devastating effect closure of the facility will have on the community, as it is one of the Talbot County's largest employers. He reminded everyone of the name, United States Postal Service, calling attention to the word "service," and compared the cost of sending mail via the Postal Service with more specialized carriers. He continued that, in his opinion, one collection point on the Eastern Shore is not only reasonable, but minimal, adding that individuals and businesses will suffer with the imposition of much earlier deadlines needed to transport the mail to the Western Shore. He continued that as a federal taxpayer, he is concerned that the facility could close and people would still be paid for sitting in an office, adding that, in his opinion, the Postal Service is designing its own demise if they cannot efficiently deliver the mail. He encouraged everyone to attend the public hearing on June 15, 2010 and again urged our congressmen and senators do all they can to bring pressure to postal officials to allow the facility to remain open. Mr. Foster advised that he had requested that County Attorney, Michael Pullen to research the 60 hearings conducted throughout the nation and advise the number of which had had their studies reversed; Mr. Pullen reported that less than 10 percent of the studies had been reversed. Mr. Foster applauded the media for keeping the issue front and center and he hopes other media will become involved as well, particularly from Salisbury, so that individuals in that area are aware of what is going on. He again urged everyone to contact their elected officials, as well as the Postmaster General, to apply the same pressure as was exerted for the hospital.

Mr. Harrison – Mr. Harrison urged every citizen and business owner to attend the public hearing on June 15, 2010 and requested that Council forward a letter to the Postmaster General asking that the Study be reversed.

- XIV. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Foster the Council voted to adjourn into a Work Session, then to reconvene into Executive Session for discussion of legal, personnel and real estate matters, and to reconvene in Executive Session on Tuesday, June 22, 2010 at 12:30 p.m. for discussion of legal, personnel and real estate matters, and the possible retention of a business, by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Harrison - Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Duncan– Aye
Mr. Foster– Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye

The meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

XV. On Tuesday, June 8, 2010 an Executive Session of the Talbot County Council convened at 1:05 p.m. in the County Council Conference Room and Bradley Meeting Room. Upon motion by Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Duncan, the Council met in Executive Session by voting 3 – 0 as follows:

- Mr. Harrison – Not Present
- Mr. Pack – Not Present
- Mr. Duncan – Aye
- Mr. Foster – Aye
- Mr. Bartlett – Aye

Mr. Harrison arrived at 1:07 p.m.

Mr. Pack arrived at 1:25 p.m.

In accordance with State Article §10-508(a)(1)(i)(3)(7) the purpose of the Executive Session was for discussion of personnel matters to discuss résumés for the County Manager and to discuss appointments to various County boards and committees; and for a real estate/legal matter for legal advice concerning possible relocation of the Memorial Hospital at Easton to County-owned property and the timetable for same. The meeting recessed at 1:30 p.m., and reconvened at 4:20 p.m. The Executive Session ended at 6:15 p.m.

The transcript of the June 8, 2010 County Council meeting is available for review in the Office of the County Manager during regular office hours.

XVI. Work Session with Maryland Environmental Service (MES) on Proposed Transfer Station and Homeowner Drop-off at Mid-Shore I Regional Landfill – Steve Tomczewski, Program director, Environmental Operations, Maryland Environmental Service; Ray Clarke, Talbot County Engineer; John Allen, Manager, Talbot County Environmental Operations - Mr. Tomczewski and Mr. Clarke briefed the Council on a cost proposal, as prepared by MES, for the operation of a solid waste transfer station and homeowner drop-off site at the Mid-Shore I Regional Landfill, scheduled to close on December 31, 2010. Mid-Shore II, located in Ridgely, Caroline County, is scheduled to begin operations on January 1, 2011. Mr. Clarke stated that the proposed cost for operation of the transfer station and homeowner drop-off from January through June 2011 is \$276,000, the anticipated cost for FY2012 is \$565,000, including staff, operating four (4) hours per day (10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturday. Mr. Clarke stated that Queen Anne’s County and Caroline County each have five (5) drop-off locations with at least one staff member at each location. Council discussion ensued as to the funding of the transfer station and homeowner drop-off while still affording MES the opportunity to maintain competitive tipping fee rates in order to obtain financing, the accommodation of homeowners wishing to utilize the facility, and the assessment of anticipated trash drop off by the average homeowner. County Attorney Michael Pullen advised that across-the-board fees cannot be assessed by the County to property owners. At Council’s direction, MES will review the cost proposal for possible cost savings through reduction in staffing, and will provide recommendations to the Council for their review and consideration.

CASH STATEMENT 6/01/2010

BALANCE 5/25/2010	\$5,359,167.14
RETURNED CHECK	(151.45)
UHC CLAIMS THROUGH 5/25/2010	(60,007.81)
INCOME TAX 5/2010	4,069,579.22
SALE&INTEREST ON CD@TALBOT BANK	6,049,497.70
BOARD OF EDUCATION 5/2010	(2,851,500.00)
PAYROLL-FD/SS/MS WH 5/28/2010	(115,144.37)

SECU DED	(11,398.60)
DEFERRED COMP DED	(9,388.45)
MD WH	(29,421.82)
PENSION DED	(22,277.04)
ACH TRANSFER	(11,720.00)
FLEX SPENDING ACCT	(2,255.29)

DEPOSITS	1,555,301.06
CHECKS	(485,072.45)

BALANCE 6/01/2010 **13,435,207.84**

AIRPORT ACCOUNTS

AIP29	18,839.49
AIP30	9,693.21
AIP33-DSA	2,505.00
NEW AIP-RUNWAY 4-22 EXTENSION ANALYSIS	0.00
AIP34	9,246.37
AIP-35	71,009.73
AIP36	0.00
AIP37	0.00

AIRPORT ACCOUNTS TOTAL BALANCE **\$111,293.80**

INVESTMENTS – CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>CERTIFICATE DATE</u>	<u>MATURITY DATE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
02/24/2010	06/15/10	0.51%	3,000,000.00
06/30/2009	06/29/10	1.51%	6,000,000.00
03/30/2010	07/13/10	0.26%	3,000,000.00
07/28/2009	07/27/10	1.14%	6,000,000.00
03/30/2010	08/17/10	0.31%	3,000,000.00
09/29/2009	08/31/10	0.79%	3,000,000.00
11/06/2009	08/31/10	0.62%	3,000,000.00
04/13/2010	09/14/10	0.21%	3,000,000.00
11/24/2009	09/28/10	0.60%	6,000,000.00
05/11/2010	02/15/11	0.50%	3,000,000.00

PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL 0.20% 3,000,000.00

TOTAL INVESTED **\$42,000,000.00**

PETTY CASH BALANCE **\$6,800.00**

GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS **\$55,553,301.64**

CASH STATEMENT 6/8/2010

BALANCE 6/1/2010 \$13,435,207.84

UHC CLAIMS THRU 6/1/2010	(7,373.38)
INTEGRA 6/2010	(11,037.11)
GOLF COURSE EQUIPMENT LEASE 6/2010	(1,309.20)
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS SERIES 2008	(457,475.00)

PAYROLL-FD/SS/MS WH 6/4/2010	(2,850.68)
MD WH	(603.17)
PENSION DED	(184.17)
FLEX SPENDING ACCT	(205.00)

DEPOSITS	869,097.96
CHECKS	(538,445.31)

BALANCE 6/8/2010 **13,284,822.78**

AIRPORT ACCOUNTS

AIP29 18,839.49

AIP30	BALANCE 6/1/2010	\$9,693.21	
	DEPOSIT	7,499.00	
	CHECK	(7,894.00)	9,298.21

AIP33-DSA	2,505.00
NEW AIP-RUNWAY 4-22 EXTENSION ANALYSIS	0.00
AIP34	9,246.37
AIP-35	71,009.73
AIP36	0.00
AIP37	0.00

AIRPORT ACCOUNTS TOTAL BALANCE **\$110,898.80**

INVESTMENTS – CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>CERTIFICATE DATE</u>	<u>MATURITY DATE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
02/24/2010	06/15/10	0.51%	3,000,000.00
06/30/2009	06/29/10	1.51%	6,000,000.00
03/30/2010	07/13/10	0.26%	3,000,000.00
07/28/2009	07/27/10	1.14%	6,000,000.00
03/30/2010	08/17/10	0.31%	3,000,000.00
09/29/2009	08/31/10	0.79%	3,000,000.00
11/06/2009	08/31/10	0.62%	3,000,000.00
04/13/2010	09/14/10	0.21%	3,000,000.00
11/24/2009	09/28/10	0.60%	6,000,000.00
05/11/2010	05/15/11	0.50%	3,000,000.00

PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL	0.21%	3,000,000.00
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TOTAL INVESTED **\$42,000,000.00**

PETTY CASH BALANCE **\$6,800.00**

GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS **\$55,402,521.58**

