



# TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

County Council

MINUTES

May 10, 2016

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

- I. Agenda – The Agenda of Tuesday, May 10, 2016 was brought forward for approval. Ms. Williams requested that the Agenda be amended to include the reading of the Opinion by the Open Meetings Compliance Board; there was no objection. Mr. Pack stated that the reading of the Opinion would take place following presentation of *Item V. Presentation by Maryland Association of Counties (MACo)*. Mr. Pack then requested and received Council’s unanimous consent for approval of the Agenda of Tuesday, May 10, 2016, as amended.
- II. Minutes – Mr. Pack requested and received Council’s unanimous consent for approval of the Minutes of Tuesday, April 12, 2016.
- III. Disbursements – Mr. Pack requested and received Council’s unanimous consent for approval of the Disbursements of Tuesday, May 10, 2016.
- IV. Presentation by Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) – The Honorable John Barr, President, MACo Board of Directors and Member, Board of Commissioners, Washington County, Maryland; Michael Sanderson, Executive Director, MACo – Mr. Barr stated that during his term as MACo president it is his intention to meet with the elected officials in each of Maryland’s 23 counties and Baltimore City between the end of the legislative session and the MACo Summer Conference in August. He stated that the purpose of meeting with the elected officials is to determine what works and what doesn’t work in Annapolis so that MACo, as an organization, can try to make the organization better. Mr. Barr stated that, in his opinion, it was a pretty good year in Annapolis with regard to MACo’s initiatives, with the exception of the anticipated restoration of highway user funds. Mr. Sanderson reiterated that the purpose of MACo is to be the voice of county governments as an advocate on policy both during the State legislative budget process and with State agencies throughout the year and to provide educational and training opportunities for county officials, both elected and appointed. He thanked Ms. Price and Ms. Williams for attending the numerous MACo Legislative Committee meetings and stated that the bills which come before the Legislature each year which, when supported by MACo, have proven to have a better chance of passing; likewise, those bills which are opposed by MACo have a lower chance of passing. He then briefed the Council on the following policies enacted by the Legislature which affect the counties either from a fiscal or policy standpoint, or both: (1) the budget – Mr. Sanderson stated that there was no “crisis budgeting” as had been seen in the past several years and the Governor’s budget passed almost as had been initially proposed. He stated that, in his opinion, an improved economy, fiscal discipline and no structural State deficit all contributed to the State not being in a crisis mode; (2) State commitment to the MACo initiative of school construction – Mr. Sanderson stated that the State will be paying very close attention to the factors which contribute to the cost of building schools in Maryland so that the monies appropriated go as far as possible; (3) Highway User Revenues – Mr. Sanderson reiterated Mr. Barr’s previous statements, stating that, in his opinion, the local governments will continue to try to have the percentage of highway user funds returned to local governments at its historic level of 30%; (4) Public Safety – Mr. Sanderson

stated that the Justice Reinvestment Act was enacted in Maryland as it has been in approximately 30 other states as a means to get non-violent offenders out of long-term prison sentences and into more treatment facilities under supervised release. He stated that the Justice Reinvestment Act not only provides for wiser use of public safety funding, it also provides protections for local jails which are not a “one size fits all.” He stated that MACo had worked closely with wardens and chiefs of police from around the state; (5) Mr. Sanderson stated that legislation which would have provided easier opportunities for citizens to sue local governments was not successful this year, but cautioned that the issue remains on-going. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Sanderson with regard to several other issues before the Legislature in 2016, including Public Information Act requests relating to data collected by law enforcement body cameras. He stated that the issue will be a high priority item in the 2017 Legislative Session. Mr. Sanderson concluded his comments by stating that the State’s current fiscal situation is an opportunity for possible conversations about tax cuts, school funding, public safety, and health and human service matters, all of which will affect taxpayers; he encouraged the Council to attend the MACo Summer Conference. Council expressed their appreciation to Mr. Barr and Mr. Sanderson for coming to Talbot County to provide an update.

- V. Reading of Opinion from State of Maryland Open Meetings Compliance Board – Prior to Mr. Pack’s reading of the Opinion from the Open Meetings Compliance Board, Assistant County Attorney, Anthony Kupersmith, stated that the Opinion relates to the discussion of the Talbot Boys statue and the Complaint that the NAACP and ACLU filed with the Open Meetings Compliance Board, and is being read, as required. He stated that the Board is an advisory board that issues advisory opinions; the Board issued its opinion on May 4, 2016 and that is what has led to this statement. Mr. Pack stated that the statement had been shared with all the Council members and all members have signed off on the statement which will be forwarded to the Open Meetings Compliance Board. He then read the Opinion, as is required by law, which is as follows:

*The Maryland Open Meetings Act requires that if an Open Meetings Compliance Board determines that a violation of the Act has occurred, a member of the public body must announce the violation and orally summarize the opinion. Compliance with this requirement, however, is not an admission of a violation pursuant to Article 3-211C of the Act. Based on the foregoing, it is my duty to announce that in an advisory opinion dated May 4, 2016, the Board concluded that the Council had a closed meeting about whether to remove the Talbot Boys statue from the courthouse grounds in violation of the Act. The Board's opinion can be summarized as follows: The question before the Board was whether discussion about removing the statue fell within the administrative function exclusion of the Act. Secondly, to resolve this question, the Board applied the two part definition of administrative functions set forth in Article 3-101 of the Act, which defines administrative function as a function that, one, involves the administration of a rule or law, and two, does not meet the definition of any other function recognized by the Act. Third, in the Board's view the Talbot Boys discussion did not involve the administration of a rule or law because even though the public body's oversight of its facilities and property is ordinarily administrative in nature, there was no definable rule or law applicable to removal of the statue from the courthouse grounds to be administered by the Council. And fourth, further with respect to the second part of the definition, the Board acknowledged that the discussion could not easily be categorized as one of the acts other function but found that any ambiguity in this regard should be resolved in favor of the Act's general policy of openness. The Council respects the Board's authority under the Act to issue an advisory opinion, and we remain committed to work with any person or group across racial, religious or political lines to ensure harmonious existence for everyone in Talbot County.*

- VI. Presentation on the Senior Summit at Talbot County Community Center – June 9, 2016 – April Sharp, Director, Talbot County Department of Social Services; Ruth Sullivan, President, Talbot Community Connections – Ms. Sharp and Ms. Sullivan briefed the Council on the upcoming Senior Summit

Conference on Thursday, June 9, 2016, hosted by the Talbot County Department of Social Services (DSS) and Talbot Community Connections, a not-for-profit organization which raises funds for DSS which administers the funds to help meet the unmet needs of county citizens. Ms. Sullivan stated that Talbot Community Connections came about around the same time as the opening of the Children’s Advocacy Center, after it was recognized that citizens often seek assistance from DSS for matters for which funding is not available for their particular situation. She stated that funds raised by the citizens and businesses in Talbot County are provided to meet those needs. She stated that assistance is now being provided to some members of the county’s aging population as well. Ms. Sharp stated that Talbot Community Connections and DSS have joined forces with other agencies serving the elderly population in the county to help meet their needs. She stated that the Senior Summit will bring professionals involved in the various disciplines which provide services to senior citizens, together to provide information to the senior citizens, their family members and caregivers, on a wide range of topics. Ms. Sullivan thanked the Council for providing use of the Talbot County Community Center for their use. The Summit will be held at the Talbot County Community Center, 10028 Ocean Gateway in Easton from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; cost to attend the Senior Summit Conference is \$10 for senior citizens; \$45 for family members and the general public; registration is required.

- VII. Proclamation: National Emergency Medical Services Week – May 15, 21, 2016 – Prior to presentation of the proclamation, Clay Stamp, Director, Talbot County Emergency Services, stated that the purpose of recognizing Emergency Medical Services Week is to bring awareness and recognition to all agencies involved in providing emergency services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year through the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems. Brian LeCates, Division Chief, Emergency Medical Services, Talbot County Department of Emergency Services, introduced representatives of several agencies which provide emergency medical services in Talbot County. The Clerk then read a proclamation into the record which spoke of the commitment and dedication of those involved in providing emergency care, from firefighters, to educators to physicians, and the thousands of hours which they expend for specialized training to continue to hone their lifesaving skills for the benefit of the public. Upon motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved the proclamation by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Mr. Bartlett presented the Proclamation to the representatives of the various emergency services agencies in attendance and expressed the Council’s appreciation for the work they do for the citizens of Talbot County.

- VIII. Quarterly Update by Talbot Humane – Patti Crankshaw-Quimby, Executive Director, Talbot Humane – Ms. Crankshaw-Quimby stated that for the first three quarters of FY 2016, Talbot Humane received 777 animals; 593 of which were adopted, sent to 501c(3) rescue groups or rehabilitation facilities within the region and 79 were reunited with their owners; Talbot Humane has a 92% live release rate. She stated that the two animal control officers responded to 460 initial calls, not including follow-up visits and court appearances. Ms. Crankshaw-Quimby stated that Talbot Humane recently received their AKC reunite rescue trailer and encouraged the Council to come see it. She spoke about the expansion of Talbot Humane’s animal behavioral hotline which offers assistance to individuals considering surrendering their pets due to behavioral issues; the goal of the program is to have fewer animals in the shelter system and to have more animals continue to live with their owners. Ms. Crankshaw-Quimby outlined several initiatives of Talbot Humane, including: Mid-Shore Pet Pantries Coalition which distributes pet food to pet owners during times of need; micro-chipping program; the formation of a pet loss support group in conjunction with Hospice; a reading program for small children designed to enable them to assist with the animals at

the shelter while also improving their reading skills; and the spay/neuter program - supported by grant funding from the Snyder Foundation for Animals and the State of Maryland Spay/Neuter Fund; thus far in 2016, 300 dogs and cats have been spayed or neutered. Ms. Crankshaw-Quimby also outlined several upcoming fundraising events for Talbot Humane, including: Unleashed, which thus far has raised over \$22,000; the Zumbathon scheduled for June 4, 2016 and Bark in the Park on October 8, 2016. Talbot Humane will continue to update the Council on a regular or as-needed basis.

IX. County Manager's Report:

- A. Request from Department of Emergency Services – Requested Council approval to have the Department of Emergency Services apply for and accept funding from the Maryland Emergency Number Systems Board in the sum of \$174,356.00; if approved, said funding will be used for the purchase of 13 protocol licenses and one additional quality assurance license to upgrade and expand the current protocol system; no County funding is required. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved applying for the funding by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- B. Request from Department of Emergency Services – Requested Council approval to apply for and accept funding from the Maryland Emergency Number Systems Board in the sum of \$38,750.00; if approved, said funding will be used for the purchase of a security access control system from sole source provider, Bay County Security of Easton to ensure the equipment's interoperability with the County's current system. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved applying for the funding by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- C. Request from Department of Emergency Services - Requested Council approval to apply for and accept funding from the Maryland Emergency Number Systems Board in the sum of \$139,269.00; if approved, the funding will be used to purchase nine dispatch consoles from Xybix Systems, Inc.; the purchase will be made by piggybacking on the Houston Galveston (HGAC) purchasing contract as approved by the County Attorney; no County funding is required. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved applying for the funding by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- D. Request from the Department of Emergency Services – Requested Council approval to apply for and accept funding from the Maryland Emergency Number Systems Board in the sum of \$58,618.40; if approved, said funding will be used for the sole source purchase of an Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) Unit from Emergency Power Service, Inc.; said UPS Unit will provide enhanced power filtering and “bridge” power during outages; no County funding is required. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Council approved applying for the funding by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- E. Request from the Department of Emergency Services – Requested Council approval for the purchase 19 Call Taker Workstations from Dell Computer in the sum of \$89,096.51; said funding will come from funding allocated to the 9-1-1 Building Expansion Project furnishings fund; Council discussion ensued with Clay Stamp, Director of Emergency Services. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved purchase of the workstations, with the understanding that Mr. Stamp will for apply for funding from the Maryland Emergency Number Systems Board in the sum of \$44,548.26 to offset a portion of the cost, by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

X. Public Hearings:

Bill 1328, A BILL TO REPEAL AND REENACT CHAPTER 70, “FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE,” TALBOT COUNTY CODE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE ON JULY 20, 2016, was read into the record by Mr. Pack and brought forward for public hearing. Prior to the public hearing, Planning Officer, Mary Kay Verdery, outlined the proposed amendments, some of which were provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Maryland Department of the Environment; the remaining amendments were drafted by staff to provide additional clarification. Ms. Verdery stated that the amendments were reviewed by the Planning Commission and unanimously recommended to be forwarded to the Council. She outlined each of the amendments and Council discussion ensued with Ms. Verdery as each amendment was brought forward. The amendments were introduced as follows:

Amendment No. 1 was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Callahan, Mr. Pack, Ms. Price and Ms. Williams;

Amendment No. 2 was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Callahan, Mr. Pack, Ms. Price and Ms. Williams;

Amendment No. 3 was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Pack, Ms. Price and Ms. Williams;

Amendment No. 4 was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Callahan, Mr. Pack, Ms. Price and Ms. Williams;

Amendment No. 5 was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Callahan, Mr. Pack, Ms. Price and Ms. Williams;

Amendment No. 6 was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Callahan, Mr. Pack, Ms. Price and Ms. Williams. The public was then afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation and the proposed amendments. Upon motion by Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Callahan, Bill 1328 was brought to third reader. Upon motion by Mr. Bartlett, and unanimous consent of the Council, a full reading of the legislation was waived. Council approved the amendments to Bill No. 1328 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Bill No. 1328, as amended, was then brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1328, as amended, by voting 5 - 0 as follows:

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

Bill No. 1328 will become effective on July 20, 2016 as required by FEMA.

Bill 1329, A BILL TO REPEAL THE *COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 15, 2005, AND ENACT THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 2016*, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF LOCAL GOV'T. ART. § 10-324, LAND USE ART. §1-405, MD. ANN. CODE, AND TALBOT COUNTY CHARTER § 403 (b) AND § 404 (c) was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for public hearing. Prior to public comment, Mr. Bartlett asked for a Point of Order with regard to three amendments that he had requested be introduced but and were therefore not listed on the agenda. The Clerk stated that because the amendments had not yet been introduced, they were not listed on the agenda. She stated that should the amendments be introduced, the public would have an opportunity to comment on the amendments. She stated that it was her understanding that the legislation was not scheduled for vote today. Mr. Pack reminded everyone that if the amendments were to be introduced, the public could also comment on same at the public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan scheduled for 6:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Talbot County Free Library, Easton branch. Mary Kay Verdery, Planning Officer, outlined the proposed amendments and Council discuss ensued with Ms. Verdery as each amendment was brought forward. The amendments were introduced as follows:

Amendment No. 1 was introduced by Mr. Bartlett and Ms. Price;

Amendment No. 2 was introduced by Mr. Bartlett;

Amendment No. 3 was introduced by Mr. Bartlett and Ms. Price;

Amendment No. 4 was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Mr. Pack, Ms. Price, and Ms. Williams;

Amendment No. 5 was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Callahan, Mr. Pack, Ms. Price, and Ms. Williams.

The public was then afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation and amendments. Following comment by the public, the public hearing on Bill No. 1329 was recessed; the public hearing will be continued at 6:00 p.m.

XI. Eligible for Vote:

Bill 1326, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1303, THE 2015-2016 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, AND BILL NO. 1321, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1303, THE 2015-2016 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM UNANTICIPATED REVENUES TO CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS IN THE CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET, TO AMEND THE CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET THROUGH FOURTH QUARTER TRANSFERS AND SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. Prior to the vote, Mr. Pack stated that the provisions of Bill 1326 were outlined by Angela Lane, Finance Director, when the legislation was introduced. The Council approved Bill 1326 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Bill 1326 is effective immediately.

XII. Council Discussion of Proposed Annexation of 4659 Bachelors Point Road by the Town of Oxford – Brynja Booth, Attorney for the Town of Oxford, briefed the Council on the Town of Oxford’s request for a waiver on the 5-year hold of an annexation request by Ronald and Anne Walker of 4659 Bachelors Point Road, Oxford. Ms. Booth stated that the Walkers have requested that their property be annexed into the town due to a failing septic system; she stated that the Walkers’ septic holding tanks had to be pumped out several times since January and it is a public health, safety and welfare issue. Ms. Booth stated that the area is located within Town’s growth area for annexation; however, under State law, the County has the right to hold the zoning for a period of five (5) years if there is a substantial change in the use or density; the Town of Oxford is proposing to place the property in the R1 zoning district. She stated that the County Planning Commission unanimously recommended that the Council waive the 5-year hold. Council discussion ensued with Ms. Booth and Planning Officer, Mary Kay Verdery. A straw vote to have the Office of Law prepare a resolution for introduction, which, if adopted, would formally waive the 5-year hold by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

XIII. County Manager’s Report Continued:

- F. Bid No. 16-07, TALBOT COUNTY FACILITIES - STORMWATER RUN-OFF, WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS - ENGINEERING/LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES – Requested Council Approval of the County Engineer’s recommendation to award Bid No. 16-07 to Davis, Bowen and Friedel, Inc. in the sum of \$22,900; funding for the project will be covered by a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust Watershed Assistance Grant

G. Program; no County funding is required. The Council approved the award by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

H. Continuation of the public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan – Mr. Hollis stated that the public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan will continue in the Meeting Room of the Talbot County Free Library, Easton branch, at 6:00 p.m.

XIV. Council Comments:

Ms. Williams - No comments.

Mr. Bartlett - Mr. Bartlett stated that he, along with April Sharp, had recently attended the Multicultural Festival where they got to honor the foster parents of the year and to meet a lot of people. He stated that, in his opinion, it was a nice event, featuring the different organizations available to help those with limited means. He stated that it was great to see everyone have a good time, even though the event had to be held indoors due to the weather.

Ms. Price - Ms. Price stated that the previous Thursday the Council had attended the ribbon-cutting for the Shore Health Cadmus building, the first of which is 25,000 square feet; this one is 50,000 square feet. She stated that, in her opinion, it is very impressive to see all the physicians and services under one roof which really helps individuals who have appointments with multiple doctors while also allowing those doctors to be able to consult with one another. Ms. Price concluded her comments by stating that, in her opinion, the facility is a great use of space and shows the commitment by Shore Health to Talbot County and Easton, which hopefully bodes well for a future hospital to be built soon.

Mr. Callahan - Mr. Callahan echoed Ms. Price's comments regarding the ribbon-cutting ceremony. He stated that, in his opinion, it is very gratifying that these types of services are available in Easton for all those who need them and that it is a phenomenal place to get care.

Mr. Pack - Mr. Pack stated that he was unable to attend the Multicultural Festival as he was out of town at a conference for the Maryland Community Action Partnership (MCAP) to receive an award on behalf of that Partnership. He stated that Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brown were also recognized by MCAP for their volunteer work in Talbot County, and offered his congratulations to them. Mr. Pack concluded his comments by congratulating Ken Kozel and his staff on their new professional space at the old Cadmus building, and wished them well.



- XV. Upon motion by Ms. Price seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council voted to recess the meeting and to reconvene in Closed Session for discussion of legal, personnel and real estate matters listed on the Statement for Closing the Meeting which is available for public review. The Council will reconvene at 6:00 p.m. for a continuation of the public hearing on Bill No. 1329, A BILL TO REPEAL THE *COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 15, 2005, AND ENACT THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 2016*, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF LOCAL GOV'T. ART. § 10-324, LAND USE ART. §1-405, MD. ANN. CODE, AND TALBOT COUNTY CHARTER § 403 (b) AND § 404 (c). The County Council's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. The Council will be convening in open session at 5:00 p.m. and will immediately adjourn into Closed Session for discussion of legal, real estate and personnel matters by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

The meeting recessed at 3:56 p.m.

The transcript of the May 10, 2016 County Council meeting is available for review in the Office of the County Manager during regular office hours.

- XVI. Budget Work Session (Final Deliberations) – The Council held a Work Session on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 for final deliberations on the FY 2016-2017 Budget. Various budget line items were discussed and voted upon. Those items which were approved will be incorporated into the FY 2016-2017 Budget as an amendment to be introduced on May 24, 2016. Bill No. 1327, AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE 2016-2017 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE and anticipated amendment, are eligible for vote on May 24, 2016.
- XVII. On Tuesday, May 10, 2016 a Closed Session of the Talbot County Council convened at 12:50 p.m. in the County Council Conference Room. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Mr. Bartlett, the Council met in Closed Session by voting 5 - 0 as follows:

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

In accordance with General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(1)(i)(3)(7) the purpose of the Closed Session was for personnel matters to discuss a personnel matter involving the Department of Public Works and to discuss a personnel matter involving the Department of Parks and Recreation; for a legal matter for legal advice regarding procedure required following issuance of opinion by Open Meetings Compliance Board regarding violation alleged by NAACP/ACLU; and for a real estate matter to discuss possible acquisition of property for a public purpose, acquisition of easements/permission for tree removal at Easton Airport. The Closed Session recessed at 1:30 p.m. and reconvened at 4:05 p.m. The Closed Session ended at 4:25 p.m.

XVIII. The Council meeting reconvened at 6:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Talbot County Free Library in Easton for a continuation of the public hearing on Bill No. 1329. The public was afforded an opportunity to comment on Bill No. 1329, and amendments. Bill No. 1329 and the amendments are scheduled for vote on Tuesday, June 14, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

**CASH STATEMENT 05/10/2016**

BALANCE 5/3/2016	\$25,667,969.39
BOARD OF EDUCATION APRIL 2016	(2,931,331.00)
RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE MAY 2016	(18,215.79)
MD PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT REFUNDING BONDS 2010	(1,458,165.00)
MD ASSOC OF COUNTIES POOLED OPEB TRUST FD-TALBOT	(1,000,000.00)
POSTAGE WIRE	(3,000.00)
MD STATE REPORT MARCH 2016	(83,328.85)
RETURNED CHECK 02-065959	(200.00)
RETURNED CHECK 02-081555	(157.50)
FD/SS/MS WH PPE 4/22 & 4/30/16	(139,792.75)
DEFERRED COMP	(12,271.78)
MD WH	(34,603.71)
PENSION DED	(32,866.97)
SECU DED	(5,092.23)
ACH TRANSFER	(14,461.75)
DEPOSITS	822,069.70
CHECKS	(965,602.47)
VOID CHECK # 306933	525.00
<b>BALANCE 5/10/2016</b>	<b><u>19,791,474.29</u></b>

**AIRPORT ACCOUNTS**

AIP-RUNWAY 4-22 EXTENSION ANALYSIS	0.00
AIP37	16,762.37
AIP39	73,794.25
AIP40	30,252.21
AIP41	39,343.53
<b>AIRPORT ACCOUNTS TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b><u>160,152.36</u></b>

**INVESTMENTS – CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT**

<u>CERTIFICATE DATE</u>	<u>MATURITY DATE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		0.37%	18,000,000.00
<b>TOTAL INVESTED</b>			<b><u>\$18,000,000.00</u></b>

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**PETTY CASH BALANCE**

**\$15,570.00**

**GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS**

**\$37,967,196.65**