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COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

Council Meeting

July 12, 2022; 6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Easton, Maryland

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Chuck F. Callahan

Pete Leshner

Frank Divilio

Corey W. Pack

Laura E. Price

Reported by

Diane Houlihan

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<p>1 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS</p> <p>2</p> <p>3 MR. CALLAHAN: So I want to welcome</p> <p>4 everybody tonight. I know it's hot out there.</p> <p>5 I appreciate everybody being here tonight.</p> <p>6 So if we could stand for the Pledge of</p> <p>7 Allegiance of the Flag. And first it's going</p> <p>8 to be the prayer from Mr. Leshner and then the</p> <p>9 Pledge of Allegiance of the Flag.</p> <p>10 (Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.)</p> <p>11 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. I want to go ahead</p> <p>12 and get started. The agenda tonight is</p> <p>13 July 12th before us. Are there any additions,</p> <p>14 deletions, or corrections to the agenda?</p> <p>15 MR. DIVILIO: I would like to make a</p> <p>16 motion to amend the agenda to move the county</p> <p>17 manager's report up just in front of the public</p> <p>18 hearings tonight due to Laura Price is giving a</p> <p>19 presentation I believe at the Queen Anne's</p> <p>20 County commissioners meeting and won't be here</p> <p>21 until 6:45.</p>	<p>1 that the minutes be accepted as unanimous</p> <p>2 consent. Okay.</p> <p>3 Next on the agenda is going to be the</p> <p>4 disbursements of July 5th and July 12th.</p> <p>5 Council has had a chance to review the</p> <p>6 disbursements. Are there any deletions,</p> <p>7 corrections, or additions to these</p> <p>8 disbursements? Okay. Hearing none, the chair</p> <p>9 moves that the disbursements be accepted as</p> <p>10 unanimous consent. Okay.</p> <p>11 Next up, we've got introducing Martha</p> <p>12 Sparks. We're very happy to have her. Martha,</p> <p>13 could you come on up? She's going to be our</p> <p>14 new Talbot County finance director. And we're</p> <p>15 very happy and proud of her.</p> <p>16 And Martha, welcome.</p> <p>17 MS. SPARKS: Thank you very much.</p> <p>18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Don't be nervous</p> <p>19 now. Don't be nervous. It's all family here</p> <p>20 now. It's all family. Relax.</p> <p>21 So we're going to let you go ahead and</p>
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<p>1 So I will amend the agenda to move county</p> <p>2 manager's report in front of the public</p> <p>3 hearing.</p> <p>4 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>5 MR. LESHNER: Second.</p> <p>6 MR. CALLAHAN: Madam Secretary, we got a</p> <p>7 motion and second to move the county manager's</p> <p>8 report in front of the public hearing.</p> <p>9 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>10 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>11 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.</p> <p>12 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.</p> <p>13 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>14 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>15 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.</p> <p>16 MR. PACK: Aye.</p> <p>17 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Next on the agenda</p> <p>18 is the minutes of June 28th are before us. Are</p> <p>19 there any additions, deletions, or corrections</p> <p>20 to the minutes? Everybody good with the</p> <p>21 minutes? Okay. Hearing none, the chair moves</p>	<p>1 speak for a few minutes if you'd like.</p> <p>2 MS. SPARKS: Okay. As you know, I've</p> <p>3 worked in government for the last eight years,</p> <p>4 seven of those years have been spent in</p> <p>5 government finance offices and a municipality</p> <p>6 for a county seat and two other counties here</p> <p>7 on the Eastern Shore.</p> <p>8 I've served as a finance officer,</p> <p>9 accounting manager, and an assistant finance</p> <p>10 director.</p> <p>11 Throughout this time, I furthered my</p> <p>12 government knowledge through Maryland Municipal</p> <p>13 League and Maryland Association of Counties.</p> <p>14 And I also received my MBA in 2018.</p> <p>15 My husband and I have lived in Talbot</p> <p>16 County for 24 years. We love our community</p> <p>17 that we live in, and I'm excited to bring my</p> <p>18 professional knowledge and skills to work for</p> <p>19 my home county as its new finance director.</p> <p>20 And I thank you for that opportunity to do so.</p> <p>21 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you, thank you.</p>

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1 Mr. Pack.  
 2 MR. PACK: Well, Martha, welcome aboard.  
 3 Seems like we've been running in the same  
 4 circles for quite some time.  
 5 I was very pleased when I heard Clay tell  
 6 the Council that you were one of the finalists  
 7 for this position. And you interviewed very  
 8 well with Council.  
 9 And I know that you'll do an excellent job  
 10 here, as you have done in other places here on  
 11 the shore.  
 12 I know Angela Lane is still there to help  
 13 you along the way.  
 14 So I wish you much success.  
 15 I'm sorry that my time with you is running  
 16 short, but glad to see that you're here with  
 17 the county. I know you're going to do an  
 18 excellent job with us.  
 19 MS. SPARKS: Thank you very much,  
 20 Councilman Pack.  
 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you, Mr. Pack.

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1 Mr. Leshner.  
 2 MR. LESHNER: Ms. Sparks, thank you for  
 3 stepping in. And it's great to have you aboard  
 4 this team. I know you've already been busy  
 5 getting up to speed and working with the team.  
 6 So thank you.  
 7 MS. SPARKS: Thank you, Councilman Leshner.  
 8 MR. CALLAHAN: Mr. Divilio.  
 9 MR. DIVILIO: First and foremost, welcome  
 10 home.  
 11 MS. SPARKS: Thank you.  
 12 MR. DIVILIO: And thank you. Thank you  
 13 for stepping up to this opportunity and filling  
 14 a role.  
 15 The most exciting part for me during the  
 16 interview was when Clay Stamp asked you on a  
 17 scale of one to ten where did you see this  
 18 position. And you're ideal and you said a ten.  
 19 And I thought that's how I see you in this.  
 20 I want you in this position and you want  
 21 it. And it seems like it's fit well.

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1 Angela Lane in the back of the room has  
 2 just done a fantastic job with the budget over  
 3 her tenure. And I can't thank her enough for  
 4 staying on to help you get up and running and  
 5 show you some of the ropes that I look forward  
 6 to seeing you put your own name on it and  
 7 seeing how you handle things.  
 8 It was nice having you come on during this  
 9 budget cycle as well. I feel like that's  
 10 always my favorite time to touch all the  
 11 different departments and kind of see what's  
 12 going on. So I see it, your transition coming  
 13 on as a positive time. And I look forward to  
 14 seeing you in this role for years to come.  
 15 MS. SPARKS: Thank you very much,  
 16 Councilman Divilio.  
 17 And I am also excited and grateful for  
 18 Angela's continued involvement in help guide me  
 19 through this process.  
 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Well, we're happy to have  
 21 you. And you have to make sure that Council

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1 will be working very close together. We're  
 2 here to help you. Please reach out to us  
 3 anytime.  
 4 I know Angela is going to mentor you for  
 5 the next several months and for a while. So  
 6 we're all here to help you and you helping us.  
 7 So very proud that you're here and  
 8 welcome.  
 9 MS. SPARKS: Thank you so much, Councilman  
 10 Callahan.  
 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. Mr. Stamp.  
 12 MR. STAMP: I'm excited.  
 13 MR. CALLAHAN: Good.  
 14 MR. STAMP: Martha in this role is part of  
 15 our senior leadership team. And I'm excited to  
 16 have her on the team.  
 17 I'm also grateful that Angela has agreed  
 18 and Martha has wanted her to work with her to  
 19 bridge this time.  
 20 I also was impressed that Martha very  
 21 quickly reached out and identified leadership

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<p>1 in the Finance Department and has already begun</p> <p>2 to invest in individuals that are clearly</p> <p>3 dedicated and have been serving the county well</p> <p>4 for some time. So I think she's a team builder</p> <p>5 by nature. And that's going to serve us all</p> <p>6 well.</p> <p>7 So thank you, Martha.</p> <p>8 MS. SPARKS: Thank you.</p> <p>9 MR. STAMP: Look forward to working with</p> <p>10 you.</p> <p>11 MS. SPARKS: Thank you. You as well.</p> <p>12 MR. CALLAHAN: Thanks a lot. Appreciate</p> <p>13 it. Okay.</p> <p>14 Next on the agenda we've got a request</p> <p>15 from Talbot County Department of Economic</p> <p>16 Development. We got Ms. Cassandra up here</p> <p>17 coming.</p> <p>18 She's going to talk about some really good</p> <p>19 things that are getting ready to happen. A</p> <p>20 little low there.</p> <p>21 MS. VANHOOSER: Sitting on the floor.</p>	<p>1 Dorchester and Caroline in this regional</p> <p>2 Council.</p> <p>3 And so Scott, when he got the word that</p> <p>4 the \$10 million would be coming, so it's</p> <p>5 divided five ways, five regional councils.</p> <p>6 \$10 million to Midshore, when he got the word</p> <p>7 that we were getting \$10 million to fund</p> <p>8 projects in our three counties, he deferred to</p> <p>9 the economic development directors splitting</p> <p>10 the money roughly three ways between projects</p> <p>11 in these counties. Of course, regional</p> <p>12 projects take precedence over others.</p> <p>13 But we have a number of projects of our</p> <p>14 own that I'm going to be asking you tonight to</p> <p>15 approve the application process for and to</p> <p>16 provide a letter of support.</p> <p>17 So to have a fair and equitable process, I</p> <p>18 turned to the Economic Development Commission,</p> <p>19 who you've appointed to give you advice on</p> <p>20 economic matters. So at our last EDC meeting,</p> <p>21 we had 20 organizations present their projects</p>
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<p>1 MR. CALLAHAN: There you go.</p> <p>2 MS. VANHOOSER: All right. Good evening.</p> <p>3 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah.</p> <p>4 MS. VANHOOSER: Council, thank you for</p> <p>5 having me tonight.</p> <p>6 I do have some good news to share with</p> <p>7 you. You all have heard me talk about this</p> <p>8 before, but I'm going to give a brief overview</p> <p>9 of this project, of the funding source for</p> <p>10 anybody in the public who is listening so</p> <p>11 they'll understand exactly what we're talking</p> <p>12 about. And then I'll make my ask after I</p> <p>13 explain the program.</p> <p>14 So Governor Hogan in February announced</p> <p>15 that he would be appropriating \$50 million for</p> <p>16 economic development projects in rural</p> <p>17 counties. To distribute this money, he</p> <p>18 allocated \$10 million to each of the regional</p> <p>19 Councils. Our regional Council is the Midshore</p> <p>20 Regional Council. Scott Warner is the</p> <p>21 executive director. We're partnering with</p>	<p>1 of how they wanted to spend this money. And we</p> <p>2 have roughly \$34 million worth of requests for</p> <p>3 about \$3 million and change.</p> <p>4 So I have asked the Economic Development</p> <p>5 Commission members to volunteer to serve on a</p> <p>6 committee. They will be evaluating the full</p> <p>7 applications.</p> <p>8 The applications were due on Thursday.</p> <p>9 And so we've spent the last couple of days</p> <p>10 putting everything in order for the committee</p> <p>11 to be able to rank these projects. So we will</p> <p>12 need to turn in our projects ranked in order of</p> <p>13 priority to the regional Council. The regional</p> <p>14 Council will then review them. And then they</p> <p>15 will send a recommendation to the Maryland</p> <p>16 Department of Commerce for a funding</p> <p>17 recommendation. Commerce will approve them,</p> <p>18 and then we will find out which projects will</p> <p>19 be funded.</p> <p>20 So we're underway with our evaluation</p> <p>21 process. I actually had 22 applications come</p>

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1 in.

2 And so tonight, I'm asking your permission

3 to submit applications for these six projects.

4 And it should come as no surprise to you that

5 your economic development director has some

6 projects that need to be funded.

7 The first project on the list, and you

8 have all the project summaries in your packet

9 and a letter, is Goldsborough Neck Road culvert

10 improvement project. That's part of Ray

11 Clarke's project to improve the road.

12 Goldsborough Neck from Mistletoe Hall Commerce

13 Park down to Glebe Road.

14 He's here tonight, if you have questions

15 and want to speak with him about that. He is

16 aware of this. He submitted the application.

17 And we're asking you for permission to move

18 that forward. That's for \$1 million for the

19 culvert. I think that that was an unexpected

20 expense. We have gotten three Rural Maryland

21 Prosperity Investment fund grants to move that

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1 project forward. Also have some money

2 allocated for that. But we're asking for a

3 million dollars for the culvert improvement.

4 Also, Frederick Douglass Park on the

5 Tuckahoe. We debuted our master plan in

6 September. We are underway with phase one.

7 And we are asking for predevelopment

8 engineering, architecture, and interpretation

9 costs for the master plan phase two.

10 This has come in under Parks and

11 Recreation. Preston is here tonight if you

12 have questions about that project. But we're

13 anticipating that it's going to cost a lot of

14 money just to do the engineering and design.

15 And so phase two includes public rest

16 rooms, a memorial spot with a picnic shelter

17 for groups, an expanded trail system that would

18 go through the wetlands, through the nature

19 preserve that the Moore family has donated.

20 Perhaps a serpentine path, water access, those

21 types of things.

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1 And so for that project, we're asking for

2 \$750,000.

3 We are also requesting \$125,000 for a

4 strategic plan for the Talbot County Department

5 of Economic Development and Tourism. Our last

6 strategic plan was done in 2018. We had a

7 five-year shelf life on that. Of course, we've

8 had a pandemic, some things have changed, and

9 we're due for a strategic plan.

10 The plan is to hire a consultant to lead

11 us through that process. And estimates say

12 that \$125,000 is right about the right money.

13 We're also asking for the development and

14 implementation of a minority ventures program.

15 Anne Arundel County has a program called

16 Inclusive Ventures. And it's to provide

17 additional training for minority business

18 owners in accounting and law and HR. And the

19 ultimate goal is that they will have access to

20 capital. So there will be a grant associated

21 with this. An eight-week program.

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1 So we're asking for \$100,000 to do that.

2 That would pay for four cohorts. So four

3 different groups, training groups over a

4 two-year period.

5 Also, asking for money for a feasibility

6 study for the Talbot County Visitors Center.

7 This is not the first time you've heard of

8 this, but we think this is a source of money

9 that might help pay for that.

10 And then this one you heard me talk about

11 at the county towns meeting, the feasibility

12 study for the Chesapeake Bay passenger ferry.

13 That is a project by Anne Arundel County. The

14 Visit Annapolis and Anne Arundel County have

15 submitted an EDA application, and they're

16 asking each of the counties who are signing on

17 in support of that to give \$25,000 toward the

18 cost of the matching funds for the EDA grant.

19 So those are the six projects. If you

20 have questions, I'm happy to answer them. Ray

21 or Preston are also happy to answer questions.

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1 We do not expect that all six of these  
 2 will be funded because we have some stiff  
 3 competition from our partners and, again, about  
 4 \$34 million in requests. So we have a lot of  
 5 great projects going on.  
 6 The great thing about presenting them at  
 7 the EDC the way that we did is that our  
 8 Economic Development Commission has a really  
 9 great overview now of all of the different  
 10 projects that are going on in the towns and  
 11 throughout the county in terms of economic  
 12 development.  
 13 So we're proud of the process that we've  
 14 put together, and we're here to ask for your  
 15 support.  
 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay, Cassandra.  
 17 Mr. Pack, got any questions?  
 18 MR. PACK: No, I do not.  
 19 I was just reading about the ferry program  
 20 that Anne Arundel has. I think that's a very  
 21 interesting tourism concept to get persons back

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1 on that ferry that would take them up and down  
 2 the Chesapeake Bay at different stops.  
 3 I know that the Douglass Isaac Myers  
 4 Museum over in Baltimore City, they have a  
 5 maritime museum there, too. Pete, I don't know  
 6 whether you've had a chance to visit it. And  
 7 they took boats across the Bay I think before  
 8 the pandemic.  
 9 MS. VANHOOSER: Well, as you know,  
 10 economic development is a long game. So this  
 11 is a feasibility study to see how feasible it  
 12 is. And I think it's a really interesting  
 13 concept.  
 14 MR. PACK: I do, too. I do, too.  
 15 MS. VANHOOSER: We have four great water  
 16 destinations. Five if you count Ferry Point.  
 17 MR. DIVILIO: We're a tourist destination  
 18 that has limited parking. So if you bring them  
 19 here without a car and they're able to walk  
 20 around, that's even better.  
 21 MS. VANHOOSER: That's correct.

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1 MR. CALLAHAN: Mr. Leshner.  
 2 MR. LESHER: I have a question on the  
 3 Goldsborough Neck culvert project. Just  
 4 looking to clarify the scope of this project.  
 5 Is this particular project limited to that one  
 6 large culvert?  
 7 MR. CLARKE: Yes.  
 8 MR. LESHER: Where the waterway crosses  
 9 the road?  
 10 MR. CLARKE: Correct. This is actually as  
 11 you're coming off of Glebe Road onto  
 12 Goldsborough Neck Road, it's going to be the  
 13 first culvert you cross.  
 14 (Cross talk.)  
 15 MR. LESHER: That --  
 16 MR. CLARKE: -- low spots --  
 17 MR. LESHER: Where there's been some  
 18 recent damage to the road and, I don't know,  
 19 washout or something like that.  
 20 MR. CLARKE: And we upgraded it with  
 21 reinforced concrete pipes.

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1 So what we'd be doing, extending that in  
 2 order to widen that section of the roadway to  
 3 about 40 feet of pavement.  
 4 MR. LESHER: So how much is that length of  
 5 widening? And that widening is being paid for  
 6 with this project?  
 7 MR. CLARKE: Yes, yes. So right now we're  
 8 looking at a million dollars. It would  
 9 basically be an extension of the existing pipes  
 10 that are there.  
 11 Ultimately, they would be going not  
 12 towards the downstream side, but on the  
 13 upstream side. And there will be improvements  
 14 on the upstream side that would be needed.  
 15 And then from that, we would also be  
 16 looking at, again, establishing a pavement  
 17 width of about 40 feet, 39, 40 feet.  
 18 That would provide us with basically three  
 19 11-foot travel lanes. So at the same time,  
 20 with shoulders. And that's basically to  
 21 provide any type of additional traffic

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1 movements that would be associated with heavy  
 2 duty trucks that would be coming into the  
 3 Mistletoe Hall Farm Industrial Park.  
 4 MR. LESHER: And will this take it up to  
 5 where the road has already been extended by  
 6 Villa Road?  
 7 MR. CLARKE: This will be part of that  
 8 widening, yes. So that what we've done in  
 9 front of the Mistletoe Hall Farm, we'd be  
 10 looking to carry that all the way to the Glebe  
 11 Road intersection.  
 12 MR. LESHER: Okay.  
 13 MR. PACK: Most of that, if not all, of  
 14 that widening was done in-house with Warren's  
 15 guys, right?  
 16 MR. CLARKE: The previous section, yes.  
 17 All of what was done in front of Mistletoe Hall  
 18 Farm was done by the Roads Department.  
 19 We would be looking at bidding this out.  
 20 MR. PACK: So we would not have Warren  
 21 look at any of this?

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1 MR. CLARKE: Probably not. And I think  
 2 that's because it's going to be some heavy duty  
 3 work in extending that culvert.  
 4 MR. PACK: His guys can do some heavy duty  
 5 work now.  
 6 MR. CLARKE: If he has the time, we will  
 7 talk to him about that. We'll definitely do  
 8 that.  
 9 MR. LESHER: Thank you. This answered my  
 10 question.  
 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Mr. Divilio.  
 12 MR. DIVILIO: No. I'm good.  
 13 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay, okay.  
 14 MR. DIVILIO: So at this time, are you  
 15 looking to entertain a motion?  
 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup.  
 17 MR. DIVILIO: To submit the letter in  
 18 support?  
 19 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. Is there a second?  
 20 MR. PACK: Second.  
 21 MR. LESHER: Second.

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1 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Madam Secretary,  
 2 there's a motion and second to send the request  
 3 that Cassandra has asked for.  
 4 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 5 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 6 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 7 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 8 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 9 MR. LESHER: Aye.  
 10 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 11 MR. PACK: Aye.  
 12 MS. VANHOOSER: Great. Thank you so much.  
 13 I'll keep you up to date on our projects as we  
 14 move forward.  
 15 MR. CALLAHAN: Appreciate it. All right.  
 16 Next up, we're going to -- for the people  
 17 who are just coming in, we had a little change  
 18 on the agenda. So we're going to get Mr. Stamp  
 19 started here before the public hearing.  
 20 MR. STAMP: Okay. Thank you.  
 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup.

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1 MR. STAMP: Thank you, Council. For the  
 2 county manager report this evening, I have  
 3 seven items for you.  
 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 5 MR. STAMP: The first item is under board  
 6 and committee appointments. Asking Council  
 7 permission to fill the Talbot County Family  
 8 Network Board of Directors. Requesting the  
 9 reappointment of Samantha Martinez to that  
 10 board.  
 11 MR. PACK: So moved.  
 12 MR. LESHER: Second.  
 13 MR. DIVILIO: Second.  
 14 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Got a motion and  
 15 second. Madam Secretary, could you call the  
 16 vote.  
 17 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 19 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 20 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 21 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.

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1 MR. LESHER: Aye.  
 2 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 3 MR. PACK: Aye.  
 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 5 MR. STAMP: Next item, I'll call Preston  
 6 Peper up, your director of Talbot County Parks  
 7 and Recreation.  
 8 He's here to request permission to use  
 9 contingency for an immediate solution to a  
 10 problem that he'll discuss with you.  
 11 As you read in your packet, requesting  
 12 Council approval to purchase a mat system from  
 13 American Arena in the amount of \$55,000 using  
 14 contingency funds.  
 15 This as an unanticipated and emergency  
 16 procurement for the ice rink in order to get  
 17 through the 2023 season.  
 18 The piping that runs throughout the floor  
 19 is over 40 years old, installed in 1979, is  
 20 failing and causing the floor to break down.  
 21 In the FY24 budget, the director of Parks and

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1 Recreation will be seeking full replacement for  
 2 the ice rink floor as part of the budget  
 3 request.  
 4 The finance director has certified that  
 5 contingency funds are available for this  
 6 procurement.  
 7 Preston.  
 8 MR. PEPER: So as Mr. Stamp said, what it  
 9 is is it works much as the same way as your  
 10 house floor. There's pipes that run through  
 11 the entire arena floor that cools the floor  
 12 when we go to put the ice in.  
 13 What's happened is we discovered a leak at  
 14 the end of last season while we were putting in  
 15 some chemicals to clean out the pipes. Well,  
 16 it all leaked out on the floor because there  
 17 was a hole in one of the pipes.  
 18 We used a sonar to try to figure out where  
 19 that crack was. We thought we found it.  
 20 Brought in a specialist that jackhammered up  
 21 the floor. They fixed what they thought was

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1 the problem. When we did it again, it did the  
 2 same thing all over again.  
 3 We're thinking that the pipes that we need  
 4 to get through are actually underneath the  
 5 dasher boards, which is going to create a whole  
 6 nother problem.  
 7 So what we're able to do is because they  
 8 run lengthwise in the arena, we can shut down  
 9 the left two pipes that run the length of the  
 10 floor. And basically what it is is it's a  
 11 cooling mat that gets put down on that side  
 12 where those pipes would have been. And the  
 13 only difference is your ice is going to have to  
 14 be thicker, which isn't going to make for ideal  
 15 ice necessarily. But I mean the other option  
 16 would be is to not have ice.  
 17 This is one of those things that again,  
 18 like Mr. Stamp said, the floor is 43 years old.  
 19 It was due to do this.  
 20 What happens is during the year, we have a  
 21 brine mixture that runs through all those

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1 pipes. That piping breaks down. That brine  
 2 starts to leak out. And basically it's  
 3 saltwater that basically is just running up  
 4 against concrete for years and years and years.  
 5 So you get soft spots and everything just  
 6 starts to leak out.  
 7 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Mr. Divilio.  
 8 MR. DIVILIO: So I don't know, Martha or  
 9 anybody or if you guys, maybe you guys could  
 10 help me through this. So this is old concrete  
 11 on the floor.  
 12 Hog Neck has been renovated twice since  
 13 this is still down?  
 14 MR. PEPER: So it was renovated once.  
 15 This is the original floor.  
 16 MR. DIVILIO: Okay.  
 17 MR. PEPER: And I will say this. We are  
 18 exploring a possible option to offset this cost  
 19 through some grant funding that we might be  
 20 able to offset a different capital expenditure  
 21 that was going to happen. So we might be able



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1 to offset this with another -- it's kind of  
 2 hard to explain because we haven't gotten the  
 3 approval for it yet. But there's the  
 4 possibility that while this will be a  
 5 contingency fund purchase, we may be able to  
 6 eliminate a capital item that needs to be  
 7 purchased this year by the county.  
 8 MR. DIVILIO: So this, what I'm thinking  
 9 is we're very fortunate that it's lasted this  
 10 long, that that didn't have to be done with the  
 11 last renovation, which would have made the  
 12 renovation that much...  
 13 MR. PEPER: Correct.  
 14 MR. DIVILIO: That much more expensive.  
 15 This was a sudden shock to you,  
 16 unfortunately. And it's expensive.  
 17 If right now the Council said you know  
 18 what, fix it, we want a new slab in there, you  
 19 would be disrupting the camps that are using it  
 20 currently, we would need estimates done, we  
 21 would need capital enabling legislation. We

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1 would need a year.  
 2 MR. PEPER: Right.  
 3 MR. DIVILIO: So you have saved the ice  
 4 for this season with the cost of \$55,000 out  
 5 of -- and I mean how many square feet is that  
 6 facility?  
 7 MR. PEPER: So it's about 17,000 square  
 8 feet.  
 9 MR. DIVILIO: Yes. So when you're  
 10 thinking the size of that building, the cost to  
 11 maintain, this is a very, in my mind,  
 12 inexpensive quick repair for an activity that  
 13 brings in half a million dollars of revenue to  
 14 your department that you don't want to lose.  
 15 Thank you for finding this. My kids play  
 16 hockey. But for the community itself, we all  
 17 thank you for keeping this up.  
 18 And this was a lot. And this was one of  
 19 those times where I'm speaking to the community  
 20 here that just like in schools, just like in  
 21 sports, just like anything, a little bit of

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1 word gets out, everybody jumps to the  
 2 conclusions and wants to create somebody to be  
 3 the bad guy.  
 4 The bad guy is concrete that just went  
 5 bad.  
 6 Thankfully we have good department heads  
 7 who stepped up to help. And I thank you,  
 8 Preston, because I received the phone calls,  
 9 and I know that you've received on this, with a  
 10 lot of misinformation with why don't you just  
 11 fix it immediately, which is impossible, as we  
 12 went through. And then you've already found a  
 13 solution before we even got to that point.  
 14 Thank you so much for bringing us a  
 15 solution before the problem gets out of  
 16 control.  
 17 MR. PEPER: And what's nice about getting  
 18 this and getting ice back in is, and I think  
 19 I've talked to Mr. Divilio about this already,  
 20 we actually had a banner year as far as Parks  
 21 and Recreation revenue was at an all-time high.

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1 As far as even something as simple as our  
 2 admissions has never broken the triple digit  
 3 hundreds of thousands, which we actually did  
 4 this year.  
 5 So you know, an ability to invest, you  
 6 know, \$55,000 into something that's going to  
 7 generate over a half a million as a Band-Aid on  
 8 such a short notice, like Mr. Divilio said,  
 9 right now, even if we decided that we needed to  
 10 replace that floor today, we wouldn't even be  
 11 able to get a contractor that would even come  
 12 in before three months from now. And that's  
 13 just to demo it out. And then it's going to  
 14 take another three months to install it. And  
 15 you would have already lost the ice season.  
 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Go ahead, Mr. Leshner.  
 17 MR. LESHER: I have nothing.  
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. Go ahead, Mr. Stamp.  
 19 MR. STAMP: So I think the ask here  
 20 tonight is that we've identified, Preston  
 21 identified the problem. He got the crew in

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1 there. We have an immediate solution. We have  
 2 contingency to get us through this season, if  
 3 Council would approve that. And if Council  
 4 directs staff to go ahead and get a full price  
 5 for the reconstruction of this, we can then  
 6 come back and look at possibly -- because a  
 7 time period for demolition and construction  
 8 would need to be between March and September,  
 9 which bridges fiscal years.

10 So we may come back in once we get the  
 11 pricing and ask for contingency for the first  
 12 phase to start occur in March through June.  
 13 And then come in with the second phase in FY24  
 14 funding to pick up the rest and complete the  
 15 construction between March and September.

16 But that's a three-step process. But if  
 17 Council approves this short-term expense first,  
 18 that will help us. And then direct staff to go  
 19 ahead and get the full scope of what it would  
 20 cost to replace, it would be helpful.

21 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you, Mr. Stamp.

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1 MR. PACK: I think that's an excellent  
 2 idea, that we should go ahead and proceed with  
 3 that.

4 MR. CALLAHAN: Absolutely.

5 MR. PACK: And look, I remember when we  
 6 had to repair some piping under a two-foot  
 7 concrete floor over at the Department of  
 8 Corrections. Terry, were you there or that was  
 9 Doug?

10 MR. KOKOLIS: Thankfully, that was before  
 11 me.

12 MR. PACK: That was Doug.

13 And you're absolutely right, Preston.  
 14 That demolition alone to get down to the piping  
 15 took quite a while. I think we went down  
 16 two feet, if I'm not mistaken, Terry, about  
 17 two feet of concrete.

18 So it's going to take a while to do that.  
 19 So if we can expedite this tonight, guys, and  
 20 go ahead and give them the okay to move  
 21 forward, I think that's a good idea.

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1 MR. DIVILIO: So I'll make a motion that  
 2 we allow Preston to spend the \$55,000 of  
 3 contingency funds to purchase the mats and has  
 4 our full Council support to go ahead and start  
 5 getting estimates together to move forward with  
 6 the future project as quickly as possible.

7 MR. PACK: I'll second that.

8 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and  
 9 second to let Preston move forward in the  
 10 repairs plus scheduling up for the new part of  
 11 the project.

12 MR. PACK: And hopefully you'll get your  
 13 permits from the town and start building your  
 14 gymnasium to go along with this new ice rink.

15 We got some town people here with us  
 16 today. Maybe we should just hold them until we  
 17 get that permit. Goodness gracious.

18 MR. CALLAHAN: Madam Secretary, could you  
 19 call the vote.

20 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.

21 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.

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1 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.

2 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.

3 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.

4 MR. LESHER: Aye.

5 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.

6 MR. PACK: Aye.

7 MR. STAMP: Thank you.

8 MR. PEPER: Thank you.

9 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you, Preston.  
 10 Appreciate it. Good job.

11 MR. STAMP: The next item I have, Council,  
 12 I'm requesting on behalf of the Department of  
 13 Administrative Services for a sole source  
 14 purchase of the human resource information  
 15 system software from ADP. This is an expansion  
 16 module for our current human resource system.

17 This is a project that addresses people,  
 18 projects, and processes. This is leveraging  
 19 technology to work smarter, not harder.

20 As you read in your agenda packet,  
 21 requesting Council approval to procure this

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<p>1 human resources information system software</p> <p>2 package from ADP in the amount of \$51,828.69.</p> <p>3 There are sufficient funds in the FY23</p> <p>4 budget for the procurement, which will provide</p> <p>5 more effective and efficient accessibility to</p> <p>6 employee records and information for data</p> <p>7 analysis, reporting, and budgeting.</p> <p>8 This is an expansion of our existing</p> <p>9 system and will improve our process by</p> <p>10 leveraging technologies.</p> <p>11 MR. PACK: So moved.</p> <p>12 MR. DIVILIO: Second.</p> <p>13 MR. CALLAHAN: Madam Secretary, we got a</p> <p>14 motion and second it. Could you call the vote.</p> <p>15 Ms. Price just come here.</p> <p>16 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>17 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>18 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.</p> <p>19 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.</p> <p>20 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>21 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p>	<p>1 approximately one year for the truck to be</p> <p>2 delivered.</p> <p>3 MR. PACK: So moved.</p> <p>4 MR. DIVILIO: Second.</p> <p>5 MR. CALLAHAN: Madam Secretary, we got a</p> <p>6 motion and second. Can you call the vote.</p> <p>7 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>8 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>9 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.</p> <p>10 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.</p> <p>11 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>12 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>13 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.</p> <p>14 MS. PRICE: Aye.</p> <p>15 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.</p> <p>16 MR. PACK: Aye.</p> <p>17 MR. STAMP: Next item I have, I'll invite</p> <p>18 Rich to come forward, Rich Setter.</p> <p>19 So we have a request from the Hog Neck</p> <p>20 Golf Course for the purchase of garage doors</p> <p>21 for the pavilion.</p>
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<p>1 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.</p> <p>2 MS. PRICE: I'm going to abstain because I</p> <p>3 didn't hear it. I'll catch the next one.</p> <p>4 Thank you.</p> <p>5 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.</p> <p>6 MR. PACK: Aye.</p> <p>7 MR. STAMP: Thank you, Council.</p> <p>8 Next item I have is a request from the</p> <p>9 Roads Department. Unfortunately, Mr. Edwards</p> <p>10 couldn't be with us tonight. He's feeling a</p> <p>11 little under the weather.</p> <p>12 But he's asked me to convey his request.</p> <p>13 As you read in your packet, he's requesting</p> <p>14 Council approve a budgeted purchase for a 2023</p> <p>15 International CB515 four-by-four truck with a</p> <p>16 utility body outfitted for maintenance services</p> <p>17 at a price of \$151,393 from Beltway</p> <p>18 International, LLC of Baltimore.</p> <p>19 The county will utilize 2023 source</p> <p>20 (inaudible) cooperative purchasing agreement</p> <p>21 for that procurement. It will take</p>	<p>1 As you read in your packet, agenda packet,</p> <p>2 requesting Council approval to purchase and</p> <p>3 install nine garage doors from First Choice</p> <p>4 Garage Doors in the amount of \$72,855.</p> <p>5 There are sufficient funds in the FY23</p> <p>6 capital outlay for Hog Neck Golf Course for</p> <p>7 these purchases of procurement.</p> <p>8 And so Rich, I'm going to turn it over to</p> <p>9 you to explain to Council what you're doing</p> <p>10 with this.</p> <p>11 MR. SETTER: Sure. I came before you</p> <p>12 maybe a year ago or so on the pavilion</p> <p>13 improvement project. Looking to enclose that</p> <p>14 structure. Since it's an open air pavilion, we</p> <p>15 weren't able to really sell the facility for</p> <p>16 events because you can't know if it's going to</p> <p>17 rain on August 3rd sideways.</p> <p>18 So I am trying to enclose the facility.</p> <p>19 We'll be able to sell that for event space</p> <p>20 going forward. Make it a revenue center for</p> <p>21 us. It will offset some of our times when we</p>

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1 have bad weather.  
 2 And the idea is closing two sides. And  
 3 then the sides with the view towards number 18  
 4 green and the grassy area out front would be  
 5 clear garage doors. So it would enhance the  
 6 view for everybody that's inside.  
 7 MR. CALLAHAN: Sounds great.  
 8 MR. STAMP: So Council, this will be a  
 9 sole source purchase request. Mr. Setter  
 10 actually reached out to multiple vendors,  
 11 worked with our facility maintenance folks.  
 12 This company actually services our  
 13 overhead doors in a number of county  
 14 facilities. And in reaching out to other  
 15 vendors, he was not able to get a vendor that  
 16 would come do the work.  
 17 You want to elaborate on that at all?  
 18 MR. SETTER: I tried -- am I allowed to  
 19 mention other names or no?  
 20 MR. STAMP: Well.  
 21 MR. SETTER: I won't mention any other

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1 names. Okay.  
 2 I tried other vendors in town. I wasn't  
 3 able to get them to come out, give me quotes.  
 4 I tried vendors from across the bridge in  
 5 Annapolis, was told that they don't come across  
 6 the bridge to do work. So I had a hard time  
 7 trying to get any other bids on this.  
 8 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 9 MR. PACK: I was going to say that I was  
 10 excited about this idea you had when you first  
 11 mentioned it to me a year or so ago.  
 12 We had tasked our enterprise funds, which  
 13 the golf course is, as is the Parks and Recs,  
 14 to think outside the box in terms of how to  
 15 generate additional revenue. And this is one  
 16 idea that you had come up with. And you  
 17 approached Council with it. And I'm glad to  
 18 see that it's finally coming together so  
 19 hopefully you get these doors in place and get  
 20 it heated, which will extend the use of that  
 21 pavilion deep into the fall, perhaps into the

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1 early winter season to generate additional  
 2 revenue and also to give citizens another place  
 3 that they can come out to in the fall season  
 4 and congregate.  
 5 MR. SETTER: Absolutely. And it's not  
 6 just about golf, too. We're trying to create  
 7 an event space for family reunions, crab  
 8 feasts. I mean as broad as your imagination  
 9 can take you, we could use that facility for  
 10 it.  
 11 MR. PACK: It's a great idea. So I'm glad  
 12 you don't have to get any permits from the town  
 13 to do this or else you probably wouldn't.  
 14 MR. DIVILIO: I'll make a motion to  
 15 approve.  
 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Anybody want to say any  
 17 other comments? You good? Ms. Price, you  
 18 good?  
 19 MS. PRICE: I'm good.  
 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 21 SECRETARY: You need a second.

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1 MR. DIVILIO: You need a second.  
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: I need a second.  
 3 MS. PRICE: Oh, second.  
 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and  
 5 second to go ahead and move forward with  
 6 closing in the pavilion. Madam Secretary, can  
 7 you call the vote.  
 8 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 10 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 11 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 12 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 13 MR. LESHER: Aye.  
 14 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 15 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 16 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 17 MR. PACK: Aye.  
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Good job, Rich.  
 19 MR. PACK: Thank you.  
 20 MR. STAMP: Thank you, Rich.  
 21 The next item I have, I'll call Terry

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<p>1 Kokolis up, your director of corrections.</p> <p>2 Terry is here to request your approval to</p> <p>3 accept a grant from the Opioid Operational</p> <p>4 Command Center for examination and treatment</p> <p>5 grant.</p> <p>6 As you read in your agenda packet,</p> <p>7 requesting Council approval to accept grant</p> <p>8 funding in the amount of \$352,194 from the</p> <p>9 Maryland Opioid Operational Command Center</p> <p>10 examination treatment grant program for Talbot</p> <p>11 County Department of Corrections.</p> <p>12 This is a two-year grant. And the DOC</p> <p>13 will be partnering with Talbot County Health</p> <p>14 Department for services to enhance the</p> <p>15 medication for opioid use disorder program to</p> <p>16 address chronic opioid use.</p> <p>17 Terry, you want to add some more to that?</p> <p>18 MR. KOKOLIS: Thank you. Thank you, Clay,</p> <p>19 Council Members, thank you for the</p> <p>20 opportunity to address you this evening.</p> <p>21 This is a great opportunity that really</p>	<p>1 front of this forum. But even in his position</p> <p>2 with the Justice Reinvestment Oversight</p> <p>3 Committee, it really tries to address the</p> <p>4 problem and pay for some level of sequence to</p> <p>5 begin with the end in mind when people come in</p> <p>6 the door and they don't have a problem but they</p> <p>7 self-report that they self-medicate.</p> <p>8 So really the context of the program is to</p> <p>9 ensure that we do a very accurate assessment</p> <p>10 upon intake. And for those that get out</p> <p>11 immediately, be able to refer them to treatment</p> <p>12 services. But for those that stay with us for</p> <p>13 any period of time, to be able to generate an</p> <p>14 in-house program that best details how to try</p> <p>15 to break the cycle of substance use. For those</p> <p>16 that are sentenced to us long term, we even</p> <p>17 have a better opportunity to be able to address</p> <p>18 the problem.</p> <p>19 The program has worked very well in other</p> <p>20 jurisdictions. And I think that with the focus</p> <p>21 group with the county Department of</p>
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<p>1 started back in 2018 where there was</p> <p>2 recognition that those that suffer through</p> <p>3 substance use had no viable programs and most</p> <p>4 ended up in local jails, local counties.</p> <p>5 And it was by virtue of the House</p> <p>6 judiciary and Delegate Erek Barron, who is now</p> <p>7 the US attorney in Baltimore, who really came</p> <p>8 up with how do we best approach and lay out a</p> <p>9 plan that focuses on those individuals that</p> <p>10 come into local facilities that are from local</p> <p>11 communities.</p> <p>12 So we're very, very fortunate that the</p> <p>13 Opioid Command Center has become the main point</p> <p>14 of funds originating from multiple different</p> <p>15 sources in the State of Maryland to help local</p> <p>16 jurisdictions fund what the House of Delegates</p> <p>17 and the legislature mandated on local jails.</p> <p>18 The mandate really becomes effective</p> <p>19 January of 2023.</p> <p>20 And Mr. Pack is well experienced in House</p> <p>21 Bill 116. And he's mentioned it many times in</p>	<p>1 Corrections, that we're equally as focused,</p> <p>2 keeping in mind that most of these individuals</p> <p>3 are Talbot County residents.</p> <p>4 Talbot County has resource available. But</p> <p>5 through our collaboration with the Health</p> <p>6 Department, we expect to make more resources</p> <p>7 available for the population. And it really</p> <p>8 centers on a reentry program that is also part</p> <p>9 of the grant.</p> <p>10 The 352,000 is seed money for two years.</p> <p>11 But the Opioid Command Center has indicated</p> <p>12 that they're pretty funded for the next seven</p> <p>13 to ten years. So the prospects are if we</p> <p>14 successfully portion the 352,000, and that</p> <p>15 includes contract positions to be able to</p> <p>16 assess, to be able to provide different</p> <p>17 programs internal to the facility, and it's</p> <p>18 amazing.</p> <p>19 I really offer the opportunity for Council</p> <p>20 members to come in and observe a session of</p> <p>21 people who are really trying to seek help for</p>

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<p>1 themselves. They're a captive audience, I                  2 realize that. But we try to throw positive                  3 stimuli in their direction so that they can                  4 provide some level of benefit to themselves,                  5 their families, and their community.                  6 So it's really important that we are able                  7 to utilize this grant. So I ask for support                  8 from the Council to be able to provide the                  9 recognition that we will accept the money                  10 that's allocated for Talbot County.                  11 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.                  12 MR. LESHAR: I'll move for application and                  13 acceptance of this grant.                  14 MR. DIVILIO: I'll second.                  15 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and                  16 second to approve this grant money.                  17 MR. PACK: Let me say that.                  18 MR. CALLAHAN: Go ahead, Mr. Pack.                  19 MR. PACK: It's an excellent opportunity.                  20 The OCC has done some great work.                  21 We forget that prior to COVID, the opioid</p>	<p>1 we had a lot of presentations on SBIRT. So it                  2 seems to be falling right in that same trend of                  3 processing.                  4 So thanks for doing this. Thanks for                  5 bringing this to our attention and putting this                  6 to good use.                  7 MR. KOKOLIS: SBIRT was a very inexpensive                  8 way.                  9 This is a more expensive way. But the                  10 long-lasting effects I think will be beneficial                  11 to those that really come in there with Easton                  12 addresses and St. Michaels addresses and                  13 Oxford addresses. I mean the population, they                  14 all have local addresses.                  15 MR. PACK: Will you be doing a continuity                  16 of care piece along with this?                  17 A lot of times, once guys get their                  18 treatment, and women too, it's that hand off to                  19 the outside clinician, that ongoing treatment                  20 that's important too.                  21 Are you working with any outside or do you</p>
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<p>1 epidemic was here and it was taking lives.                  2 Maybe not at the same right as COVID did                  3 nationwide, but it was still taking a number of                  4 our citizens here in Talbot County and                  5 throughout the state. It got kind of pushed on                  6 the back page, if you would, because of COVID.                  7 But it's still there. We're still losing                  8 citizens. You bring Sheriff Gamble in here,                  9 he'll probably tell you the same thing. We're                  10 still losing citizens.                  11 Council, you get your police reports. And                  12 if you read those police reports, there's still                  13 a number of drugs that were taken off the                  14 streets here in Talbot County.                  15 So it's still out there. And I'm glad to                  16 see that you applied for this money through the                  17 OCC and it will be putt into good use.                  18 This reminds me of the SBIRT, Screening,                  19 Brief Intervention, and Refer to Treatment,                  20 that was being introduced. I know back in the                  21 day when I was working with the OCC with Clay,</p>	<p>1 have in your plan to work with any outside                  2 providers for handoff?                  3 MR. KOKOLIS: We have an MOU that is                  4 presently signed as of two weeks ago by the                  5 county manager, and we've also reached out to                  6 some of the outside providers. Most of them                  7 are fee for service.                  8 MR. PACK: Sure.                  9 MR. KOKOLIS: But there are certain ways                  10 that we can bridge the gap because if we let                  11 them out on Dover Street, then we let them out                  12 on Dover Street and all the good work that                  13 we've done may continue, but chances are it's                  14 not going to continue.                  15 So in response to your question, yes. We                  16 look at it, we look at it with the intent to                  17 improve the community. It's one of the main                  18 functions of a local Department of Corrections.                  19 It really relates to local issues, local                  20 individuals, and eventually the reentry program                  21 of we go with local employers to be able to</p>

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1 really improve what we have.  
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Anybody else? Okay.  
 3 Madam Secretary, could you call the vote,  
 4 please.  
 5 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 6 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 7 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 8 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 9 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 10 MR. LESHNER: Aye.  
 11 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 12 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 13 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 14 MR. PACK: Aye.  
 15 MR. STAMP: Thank you, Terry.  
 16 MR. KOKOLIS: Thank you.  
 17 MR. CALLAHAN: Thanks, Terry. Appreciate  
 18 it.  
 19 MR. STAMP: Next item I have, I'd like to  
 20 call Cassandra Vanhooser, your director of  
 21 economic development and tourism, back to the

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1 table.  
 2 This is a mouthful. Requesting a letter  
 3 of support, she is requesting a letter of  
 4 support for Rural Maryland Prosperity  
 5 Investment Fund entrepreneurship grant  
 6 application for workboat repair program. Don't  
 7 ask me to say that three times fast.  
 8 As you read in your agenda packet, she's  
 9 requesting Council approval for a letter of  
 10 support for this grant application, which I  
 11 won't repeat again. Talbot County proposes to  
 12 partner with Dorchester County on this program  
 13 to offer grants to assist commercial watermen  
 14 with funds to assist in boat repairs and  
 15 upgrades.  
 16 And Cassandra will tell you more about  
 17 this.  
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 19 MS. VANHOOSER: Hello again.  
 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Hello.  
 21 MS. VANHOOSER: I see in my letter that I

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1 didn't put the actual amount.  
 2 We have received an invitation from the  
 3 Rural Maryland Council to apply for this grant.  
 4 I submitted a letter of intent to apply back  
 5 several months ago at the urging of several of  
 6 our watermen.  
 7 And this would be for a program to offer  
 8 grants to working watermen to upgrade their  
 9 boats or replace things that need to be  
 10 replaced. Because of the COVID situation and  
 11 the current, as Mr. Leshner so eloquently put  
 12 it, the reduced crab catch, they're having  
 13 trouble making ends meet and being able to  
 14 invest in their most important equipment, which  
 15 is their workboat.  
 16 So Rural Maryland Council liked the idea.  
 17 We would be applying for \$100,000. There is a  
 18 \$25,000 match to this. But the way I have set  
 19 up the program is that it will be a  
 20 reimbursement program. The watermen will make  
 21 their repairs and then ask for a 75 percent

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1 reimbursement. Their 25 percent investment  
 2 will be the match. So we will not have any  
 3 match out of our county funds.  
 4 My concern is that this is not nearly  
 5 enough money to fulfill the need. So I will  
 6 certainly keep you posted on that because  
 7 between Talbot County and Dorchester, we have  
 8 more watermen than any other counties,  
 9 Dorchester first and us second. We are  
 10 partnering with them. I have asked them for a  
 11 letter of support.  
 12 We would be administering the program, and  
 13 they would be partnering with us to evaluate  
 14 applications. Only one of us can be the  
 15 administrator. And they would be partnering  
 16 with us to evaluate applications and make the  
 17 decisions on who would receive the grants.  
 18 MR. PACK: What's the average boat repair  
 19 run?  
 20 MS. VANHOOSER: So there is, MARBIDCO has  
 21 a micro loan program that they've just opened

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1 in July for workboat repairs for working  
 2 watermen. And their grant minimum is \$7,000  
 3 and their maximum is \$15,000.  
 4 So we're debating. I have not submitted  
 5 the application yet. It's due on Friday. And  
 6 I'll be working on that this week to nail down  
 7 some of those details.  
 8 \$100,000 doesn't go very far when you've  
 9 got over 500 watermen. So we're looking to cap  
 10 it at between five and \$7,500 I think is what  
 11 we would do. And I'm not sure exactly how far  
 12 that will go.  
 13 MR. PACK: Right.  
 14 MS. PRICE: Do you already have  
 15 applications from the watermen or not yet?  
 16 MS. VANHOOSER: Oh, no. We haven't made  
 17 the application yet or set it up how they would  
 18 apply.  
 19 So actually it was some working watermen  
 20 that I worked with on the CARES grants who came  
 21 to the Rural Maryland Council and asked if they

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1 could apply. They cannot apply because that  
 2 would be going directly to a private company.  
 3 And so they asked me to apply.  
 4 I resisted because we already have a  
 5 number of other grant things. But as I began  
 6 writing the justification for this grant, there  
 7 is a need, and I believe that we can do some  
 8 good by applying for and working on a grant  
 9 program with them.  
 10 MR. PACK: So it has here on your amounts  
 11 are on page two, so the \$100,000 is the amount  
 12 requested. The required match, it says the  
 13 entrepreneurship is the...  
 14 MS. VANHOOSER: Twenty-five percent.  
 15 MR. PACK: That's what they would, that's  
 16 their.  
 17 So when they take their boat in to be  
 18 repaired, they're going to pay 75 percent of  
 19 that cost and then the other 25 --  
 20 MS. VANHOOSER: We're going to pay  
 21 75 percent. They're going to pay 25 percent.

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1 MR. PACK: I said that backwards. So  
 2 they're going to pay 25 percent.  
 3 MS. VANHOOSER: Right. And then that is  
 4 the required match for the grant program.  
 5 MR. PACK: That's going to go, that  
 6 25 percent is going to go to the repair company  
 7 that's doing the work?  
 8 MS. VANHOOSER: Yes. We won't touch that.  
 9 We will just, when we're documenting our grant,  
 10 that is our match. Their investment is our  
 11 match for this program.  
 12 MR. PACK: We're paying them off the  
 13 invoice.  
 14 So are they going to pay the repair shop  
 15 first and then submit invoice to you?  
 16 MS. VANHOOSER: Well, that's the plan.  
 17 MR. PACK: Okay. I guess a lot of  
 18 moveable parts to this. I like the idea. 100  
 19 grand is going to go fast, yeah.  
 20 MS. PRICE: So would they know in advance,  
 21 like if they're going to go get the work done

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1 on their boat, before they do that, they're  
 2 going to know they're going to get the  
 3 75 percent, right?  
 4 MS. VANHOOSER: That's a good question.  
 5 MS. PRICE: I mean that may determine  
 6 whether or not they go get that work done. If  
 7 the work is \$1,000, they might --  
 8 MS. VANHOOSER: I would say yes.  
 9 MS. PRICE: -- unless they know they're  
 10 going to get the 750.  
 11 MS. VANHOOSER: So I'm guessing it's a lot  
 12 like your car. If you need a car repair, you  
 13 know about what it will cost and you know you  
 14 need a car repair and you're going to go about  
 15 trying to either get a loan or whatever to  
 16 cover that cost.  
 17 And so I'm guessing most of the working  
 18 watermen know how much money they need and they  
 19 would apply for that amount within our cap.  
 20 MR. PACK: One more question. Is there a  
 21 preregistration? Do they have to be on the



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<p>1 list as a waterman?</p> <p>2 MS. VANHOOSER: Oh, yes.</p> <p>3 MR. PACK: So Mr. Callahan, he crabs on</p> <p>4 the weekend, he can't bring his boat in there</p> <p>5 and say --</p> <p>6 MS. VANHOOSER: Well, if he has a</p> <p>7 commercial fishing license, the way the program</p> <p>8 is set up --</p> <p>9 MR. PACK: Is that all you need?</p> <p>10 MS. VANHOOSER: That is our requirement.</p> <p>11 MR. PACK: So just a commercial fishing</p> <p>12 license, no other preregistration with your</p> <p>13 office as well?</p> <p>14 MS. VANHOOSER: No. The way I have set it</p> <p>15 up is that they would need to be a working</p> <p>16 waterman and they would need to be able to</p> <p>17 prove that. So we're going to need a copy of</p> <p>18 their license.</p> <p>19 And so one of the people who has expressed</p> <p>20 interest in this program wants to do a tour</p> <p>21 boat and needs some repairs on a boat to be</p>	<p>1 MS. VANHOOSER: So you've just volunteered</p> <p>2 to be on my committee to review the</p> <p>3 applications.</p> <p>4 MR. CALLAHAN: Oh, no.</p> <p>5 MR. PACK: But couldn't the tour boat</p> <p>6 operator make the same argument? I mean if</p> <p>7 he's broken down, he can't get the people on</p> <p>8 the water to make his revenue either.</p> <p>9 MR. CALLAHAN: But he's not doing nothing</p> <p>10 now.</p> <p>11 MR. LESHAR: Keep in mind --</p> <p>12 MS. VANHOOSER: One of them isn't.</p> <p>13 MR. LESHAR: The program has specified</p> <p>14 they must be a holder of a Tidewater fisheries</p> <p>15 license.</p> <p>16 MS. VANHOOSER: Yes.</p> <p>17 MR. PACK: No. But she just named three</p> <p>18 other things. You have to be a commercial</p> <p>19 license doing an activity on the water.</p> <p>20 MS. PRICE: But it's an and. And own.</p> <p>21 MS. VANHOOSER: They would still have to</p>
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<p>1 able to take tourists out on it.</p> <p>2 So we have a qualification in there that</p> <p>3 they can do fishing, commercial fishing, or</p> <p>4 tours or charters. So all three of those are</p> <p>5 considered...</p> <p>6 MR. PACK: Watermen.</p> <p>7 MS. VANHOOSER: To be contributing to the</p> <p>8 economy.</p> <p>9 MR. PACK: So long as it's a commercial</p> <p>10 water activity?</p> <p>11 MS. VANHOOSER: Correct.</p> <p>12 MR. CALLAHAN: But I think we'd want to be</p> <p>13 a little bit sensitive to the watermen that</p> <p>14 it's a working waterman that needs the money.</p> <p>15 I think we would be more sensitive to --</p> <p>16 MR. PACK: You mean give them preference</p> <p>17 you mean?</p> <p>18 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah. You know, this guy</p> <p>19 is broken down. I'm not making any money</p> <p>20 crabbing. I need money for my boat. So I'd be</p> <p>21 sensitive to that.</p>	<p>1 have a license. They have to have a license to</p> <p>2 do those things.</p> <p>3 MR. PACK: Yes, they do. Going with the</p> <p>4 three that you named. I'm just saying that a</p> <p>5 tour boat operator could make the same</p> <p>6 argument.</p> <p>7 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah. I agree. But my gut</p> <p>8 is telling me the initial grant itself is sort</p> <p>9 of thought about that the working watermen</p> <p>10 needs the money. That's how, you know, what</p> <p>11 you explained.</p> <p>12 If I'm going to be on it, I'll tell</p> <p>13 everybody that.</p> <p>14 MS. VANHOOSER: So the Watermen's</p> <p>15 Association is aware that we're applying for</p> <p>16 this. And as soon as I get your approval to</p> <p>17 move forward, then I will reach out to them.</p> <p>18 MR. CALLAHAN: I'll talk to them, too.</p> <p>19 We'll do it together. We'll make it all work.</p> <p>20 MS. VANHOOSER: Well, they actually knew</p> <p>21 before I did that I was approved to move</p>

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<p>1 forward.</p> <p>2 MR. CALLAHAN: They did. I got you.</p> <p>3 MS. VANHOOSER: So they're plugged into</p> <p>4 this.</p> <p>5 And again, I'm hoping --</p> <p>6 MR. CALLAHAN: We'll help them out.</p> <p>7 MS. VANHOOSER: I'm hoping that we will be</p> <p>8 able to encourage some people to apply for the</p> <p>9 MARBIDCO program because that is also a</p> <p>10 resource. And if we can't fund them, then</p> <p>11 perhaps we can help them provide the technical</p> <p>12 assistance to help them get the loan that they</p> <p>13 need through this program.</p> <p>14 MR. PACK: This is my last question,</p> <p>15 because you had mentioned Dorchester County</p> <p>16 earlier.</p> <p>17 This 100 grand is only for Talbot County?</p> <p>18 MR. CALLAHAN: It's for both.</p> <p>19 MS. VANHOOSER: It's not going to go far.</p> <p>20 MR. PACK: It's not going to go far at</p> <p>21 all.</p>	<p>1 MS. PRICE: Second.</p> <p>2 MR. PACK: For \$100,000.</p> <p>3 MS. VANHOOSER: And a letter of support.</p> <p>4 MR. PACK: And a letter of support.</p> <p>5 MS. VANHOOSER: Please.</p> <p>6 MR. CALLAHAN: We got a motion. Is there</p> <p>7 a second?</p> <p>8 MS. PRICE: I just did.</p> <p>9 MR. CALLAHAN: You did, okay. I'm sorry.</p> <p>10 We got a motion and second to go ahead and</p> <p>11 give Cassandra permission to move forward. Can</p> <p>12 you call the vote, Madam Secretary.</p> <p>13 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>14 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes.</p> <p>15 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.</p> <p>16 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.</p> <p>17 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>18 MR. LESHER: Aye.</p> <p>19 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.</p> <p>20 MS. PRICE: Aye.</p> <p>21 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.</p>
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<p>1 MS. VANHOOSER: So we had a long</p> <p>2 discussion about that today, the Dorchester</p> <p>3 County economic development director and I.</p> <p>4 And we're trying to figure out how to --</p> <p>5 MR. PACK: And you can't --</p> <p>6 MS. VANHOOSER: -- source additional</p> <p>7 resources.</p> <p>8 MR. PACK: You can't preference Talbot</p> <p>9 County over Dorchester County as far as the</p> <p>10 watermen.</p> <p>11 MR. CALLAHAN: I'm on the committee.</p> <p>12 MS. VANHOOSER: He's on the committee. So</p> <p>13 are you. Thank you for your volunteer service.</p> <p>14 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>15 MR. PACK: I'll make the motion that we</p> <p>16 approve the submittal of the, not the</p> <p>17 application, it's a request.</p> <p>18 MS. VANHOOSER: Submittal of the</p> <p>19 application.</p> <p>20 MR. PACK: It is an application. I'm</p> <p>21 sorry.</p>	<p>1 MR. PACK: Yes, aye.</p> <p>2 MS. VANHOOSER: Thank you so much.</p> <p>3 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you. Appreciate it.</p> <p>4 MR. STAMP: So Council, that concludes the</p> <p>5 county manager report for this evening. Thank</p> <p>6 you.</p> <p>7 MR. CALLAHAN: Good job, Mr. Stamp. Okay.</p> <p>8 So running just a hair late. We were sort</p> <p>9 of waiting for Ms. Price. Now she's gone</p> <p>10 again.</p> <p>11 So we're going to start the public</p> <p>12 hearing.</p> <p>13 So Madam Secretary, could you go ahead and</p> <p>14 read Resolution Number 330, please.</p> <p>15 SECRETARY: Resolution Number 330, a</p> <p>16 resolution to amend the Talbot County</p> <p>17 comprehensive water and sewer plan for the</p> <p>18 purpose of adding or modifying the Talbot</p> <p>19 County capital project for fiscal years 2023</p> <p>20 and 2024 to add a new capital project in the</p> <p>21 amount of \$1.5 million for the construction of</p>

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1 a new south well for the Town of Easton.  
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Mr. Clarke, you guys  
 3 want to come up.  
 4 MR. CLARKE: Mr. Callahan, just to let you  
 5 and the public know, on June 23rd, the Public  
 6 Works Advisory Board reviewed Resolution 330  
 7 and ultimately passed a motion recommending  
 8 that the County Council adopt Resolution 330  
 9 for the south well for the Easton capital  
 10 project. And it was a three, O vote.  
 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Brennan.  
 12 MR. TARLETON: On the July 6, 2022,  
 13 Planning Commission meeting, a motion was made  
 14 to certify Resolution 330 consistent with the  
 15 2016 Comprehensive Plan. That motion passed  
 16 unanimously five, zero.  
 17 MR. CALLAHAN: That's great, that's great.  
 18 Okay.  
 19 Council, is there any questions?  
 20 MR. PACK: Public hearing.  
 21 MR. CALLAHAN: All right. Yup, yup. So

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1 what we'll do now, we'll go ahead and --  
 2 MR. PACK: You want me to keep time?  
 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah. That would be great.  
 4 If you want to speak for three minutes, if  
 5 you're an individual. If you're representing  
 6 somebody, you can go five minutes. So we'll go  
 7 ahead and start.  
 8 MR. LESHHER: Do you want to give the Town  
 9 of Easton the first opportunity if they would  
 10 like to speak on this one?  
 11 MR. CALLAHAN: I sure will. Yeah.  
 12 MR. PACK: You want me to give them 30  
 13 seconds on the clock?  
 14 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. It's already started.  
 15 MR. DIVILIO: Just bring that permit up  
 16 for the Parks and Recs.  
 17 MR. PACK: Thirty seconds.  
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: How you doing?  
 19 MR. ABBOTT: Thank you, Council. My name  
 20 is Doug Abbott. I'm the manager of the water,  
 21 wastewater, and engineering department for

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1 Easton Utilities.  
 2 So this well that we're planning to  
 3 install is part of our overall plan to improve  
 4 our redundancy, our water supply network.  
 5 We have currently five wells. They are  
 6 located between the center and the north end of  
 7 town. So this well would provide a water  
 8 supply source on the south end of town that  
 9 would help improve our disinfectant residual  
 10 down on the south end of town, as well as be  
 11 separated from the other wells enough that when  
 12 two wells ran at the same time, there was no  
 13 influence on the water level in the wells.  
 14 So again, this is all part of an overall  
 15 plan to improve the redundancy of our supply  
 16 network.  
 17 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 18 MR. ABBOTT: So thank you for your time.  
 19 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Appreciate it.  
 20 Anybody else from the town like to speak?  
 21 I know Sharon wants to come up.

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1 MS. VAN EMBURGH: I'll come up for the  
 2 next one.  
 3 MR. CALLAHAN: All right. I got you.  
 4 Nobody else on this side? I see Bruce  
 5 back there. All right.  
 6 Anybody on this side like to speak? Okay.  
 7 Is this eligible?  
 8 MR. PACK: It's a numbered resolution. It  
 9 has been read a second time. It is eligible  
 10 for vote this evening.  
 11 Are there any permits associated with this  
 12 resolution for the town?  
 13 MR. ABBOTT: There will be a construction  
 14 permit required from Maryland Department of the  
 15 Environment.  
 16 MR. PACK: Maybe we can wait on this for a  
 17 while.  
 18 Mr. Callahan, since this is a numbered  
 19 resolution, it is eligible for vote this  
 20 evening. I make a motion that we move to vote.  
 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.

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<p>1 MS. PRICE: Second.</p> <p>2 MR. CALLAHAN: Do I have a second?</p> <p>3 MS. PRICE: Second.</p> <p>4 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and</p> <p>5 second to move this to vote, Madam Secretary.</p> <p>6 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>7 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>8 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.</p> <p>9 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.</p> <p>10 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>11 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>12 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.</p> <p>13 MS. PRICE: Aye.</p> <p>14 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.</p> <p>15 MR. PACK: Aye.</p> <p>16 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>17 SECRETARY: You ready to vote?</p> <p>18 MR. CALLAHAN: I'm ready to vote, yup.</p> <p>19 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>20 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>21 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.</p>	<p>1 to five years, to W-1 and S-1, immediate</p> <p>2 priority status.</p> <p>3 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>4 MR. CLARKE: Yes, sir. First off, we did</p> <p>5 receive the application from the Town of Easton</p> <p>6 related to this matter, as well as the</p> <p>7 applicant, which is the estates at the Gannon</p> <p>8 family farm.</p> <p>9 Ultimately, this was then, after the</p> <p>10 Council introduced this, it was presented to</p> <p>11 the Public Works Advisory Board and reviewed by</p> <p>12 the Public Works Advisory Board. And at their</p> <p>13 meeting, they put forth a motion recommending</p> <p>14 that County Council adopt Resolution 331. And</p> <p>15 that motion passed three to zero.</p> <p>16 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you,</p> <p>17 Mr. Clarke.</p> <p>18 Brennan.</p> <p>19 MR. TARLETON: At the July 6th Planning</p> <p>20 Commission meeting, a motion was made to</p> <p>21 certify Resolution 331 to be consistent with</p>
<p>Page 75</p> <p>1 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.</p> <p>2 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>3 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>4 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.</p> <p>5 MS. PRICE: Aye.</p> <p>6 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.</p> <p>7 MR. PACK: Aye.</p> <p>8 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Next up,</p> <p>9 Resolution 331. Madam Secretary, could you</p> <p>10 read that. That would be great. Appreciate</p> <p>11 it.</p> <p>12 SECRETARY: Resolution Number 331, a</p> <p>13 resolution to amend the Talbot County</p> <p>14 comprehensive water and sewer plan for the</p> <p>15 purpose of reclassifying and remapping two</p> <p>16 parcels of real property located at 29659</p> <p>17 Matthewstown Road, Maryland Route 328, Easton,</p> <p>18 Maryland, shown on tax map 26 as parcel 45 and</p> <p>19 located on Camac Street, Easton, Maryland,</p> <p>20 shown on tax map 26 as parcel 186 from W-2 and</p> <p>21 S-2, planned water and sewer service in three</p>	<p>Page 77</p> <p>1 the 2016 Comprehensive Plan. And that motion</p> <p>2 passed unanimously five to zero.</p> <p>3 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. That sounds great.</p> <p>4 Okay.</p> <p>5 What I'm going to do, we're in the public</p> <p>6 hearing right now. So I'm going to open it up</p> <p>7 for discussion. Give you three minutes for</p> <p>8 individual, five minutes if you're representing</p> <p>9 somebody.</p> <p>10 So you guys want to come on up?</p> <p>11 MS. VAN EMBURGH: Good evening.</p> <p>12 MR. CALLAHAN: Good evening.</p> <p>13 MS. VAN EMBURGH: Sharon Van Emburgh and</p> <p>14 Lynn Thomas from the Town of Easton.</p> <p>15 The town does support this request. It</p> <p>16 has gone through the appropriate zoning process</p> <p>17 in the town to get its approval. It's a PUD.</p> <p>18 So it actually went through the Planning</p> <p>19 Commission process as well as it had to go to</p> <p>20 the Town Council. And the Town Council did</p> <p>21 approve this project for 200 residential units.</p>

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1 There is a commercial component, but they  
 2 will have to come back for a PUD amendment for  
 3 that in the future.  
 4 MR. CALLAHAN: I see. Okay. Lynn.  
 5 MR. LYNN THOMAS: I think the only thing I  
 6 can add, I certainly would be glad to answer  
 7 any questions you have, part of our approval  
 8 process of the Town Council involved findings  
 9 that this project is consistent with our  
 10 Comprehensive Plan, which it certainly is.  
 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Sure.  
 12 MR. LYNN THOMAS: And that went into their  
 13 reasoning to approve the project.  
 14 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Does Council have  
 15 any?  
 16 Go ahead, Mr. Pack.  
 17 MR. PACK: Was there a traffic study done,  
 18 traffic impact study done?  
 19 If so, how was that study, what was the  
 20 conclusions?  
 21 MS. VAN EMBURGH: There was an original

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1 traffic study done and then there was also an  
 2 update.  
 3 MR. LYNN THOMAS: A request of the Council  
 4 to extend the scope of that project a little  
 5 bit further than the original study did.  
 6 MS. VAN EMBURGH: I have the dates here  
 7 somewhere. I looked at it earlier.  
 8 MR. PACK: Was there an impact study done,  
 9 as opposed to in reference to a school  
 10 population and the number of students that may  
 11 enter into the school system?  
 12 MS. VAN EMBURGH: There was not, no impact  
 13 study done.  
 14 MR. LYNN THOMAS: We did coordinate with  
 15 the Board of Education in terms of informing  
 16 them that this project had been submitted,  
 17 along with a couple of other projects at about  
 18 the same time.  
 19 MR. PACK: No study as to likely how many  
 20 students will be impacted by an addition of 200  
 21 homes?

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1 MR. LYNN THOMAS: No, sir.  
 2 MS. VAN EMBURGH: I did find the traffic  
 3 study was originally done in July 2018, and it  
 4 was updated in October 2020. It was performed  
 5 by Lenhart Traffic Consulting.  
 6 MR. PACK: How many automobiles were  
 7 they...  
 8 MS. VAN EMBURGH: I don't have the exact  
 9 number, but all intersections studied will  
 10 operate at a level service A after the PUD is  
 11 completed.  
 12 So the Town Council did request that --  
 13 this, Matthewstown Road is a State highway. So  
 14 it's actually under their jurisdiction. But  
 15 the Town Council wants the town engineer to  
 16 communicate its preference that there be an  
 17 acceleration and a deceleration lane included  
 18 as part of its approval.  
 19 And then the town had some requirements to  
 20 have connectivity to make sure there was more  
 21 than just one entrance in and out of the

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1 community.  
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 3 MR. PACK: Is Black Dog Alley probably the  
 4 next county road that abuts this property?  
 5 MS. VAN EMBURGH: It actually is Swan  
 6 Haven.  
 7 MR. PACK: Swan Haven.  
 8 MS. VAN EMBURGH: Abuts it on that side.  
 9 And then there are town developments on the  
 10 west side that abut it.  
 11 So they're actually required to have a  
 12 connection on both sides as well as the front.  
 13 MR. DIVILIO: So this has been a long-term  
 14 plan that you guys have been working on. And  
 15 it seems like this has been -- I've heard about  
 16 this stuff, the developments coming much longer  
 17 than I've heard about the sidewalks coming.  
 18 And I know that that's part of the town's  
 19 plan is to make it a very walkable environment.  
 20 Would the sidewalks extend all the way out  
 21 to this neighborhood? Is that the goal?

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1 MS. VAN EMBURGH: So we've been talking to  
 2 State Highway about that currently.  
 3 We do have a project that is ready to  
 4 start imminently for the Elliott Road sidewalk.  
 5 And then that would connect to Matthewstown.  
 6 And we've got some easement along, starting  
 7 along Matthewstown.  
 8 But the plan is take it the whole way out  
 9 to this project if State Highway approves, if  
 10 the funding falls into place. It's still very  
 11 preliminary.  
 12 MR. LYNN THOMAS: We did raise the issue.  
 13 We had a workshop about Route 50 improvements  
 14 that the State is working on. And this was,  
 15 either had been or was about to go to public  
 16 hearing at about the same time as that  
 17 workshop. So we raised the issue with the  
 18 State.  
 19 And they indicated I think a willingness  
 20 to take a look and do maybe a little more  
 21 advance planning than is typical of State

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1 highways and work with us on some of those  
 2 things.  
 3 MR. DIVILIO: Got you. Okay.  
 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Mr. Leshner.  
 5 MR. LESHER: And this project meets all of  
 6 Easton's usual design standards for no -- alley  
 7 loaded, no garage front homes, all the good  
 8 designs that Easton has always held developers  
 9 to on this?  
 10 MR. LYNN THOMAS: So it went through  
 11 Easton's review process. There is yet a  
 12 condition that will require the applicant to  
 13 return to the Planning Commission for  
 14 architectural approval.  
 15 It will be subject to differentiation  
 16 requirements that we don't get too many  
 17 duplicate homes in too close a proximity.  
 18 One of the outcomes of this particular  
 19 project was an amendment to our subdivision  
 20 regulations that resulted in the alley  
 21 requirement being stricken from the subdivision

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1 regulations.  
 2 So there won't be alleys in this  
 3 particular project. And it won't be a  
 4 requirement going forward, unless they make  
 5 additional changes.  
 6 We are currently contemplating a  
 7 comprehensive review of the subdivision  
 8 regulations. So it could be revisited, but  
 9 that was relatively recently changed by the  
 10 Council.  
 11 MS. VAN EMBURGH: They're allowed, but  
 12 they're not required.  
 13 MR. LESHER: Okay.  
 14 MS. PRICE: The area in green, which  
 15 subdivision is that that's right next to it?  
 16 MS. VAN EMBURGH: The area in green?  
 17 MS. PRICE: Yeah, yeah. Looking at the  
 18 map. Past Swan Haven where it hits kind of  
 19 Mile Post Road.  
 20 MS. VAN EMBURGH: So this is next to  
 21 Hunters Mill.

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1 MS. PRICE: Okay.  
 2 MS. VAN EMBURGH: Is that the one you're  
 3 asking about maybe?  
 4 MS. PRICE: That's what I was just  
 5 curious, which one.  
 6 MS. VAN EMBURGH: Yeah. Hunters Mill is  
 7 the last town development before this property.  
 8 MR. LYNN THOMAS: It's just east of  
 9 Hunters Mill.  
 10 MS. VAN EMBURGH: Yes. So this is the  
 11 east property and then Swan Haven is east of  
 12 this property.  
 13 MR. LYNN THOMAS: If you can remember far  
 14 enough back, this same property was at one time  
 15 subject to a PUD request 20 years ago I think.  
 16 MR. PACK: Is this the Passyn property?  
 17 MS. VAN EMBURGH: It was.  
 18 MR. PACK: Oh.  
 19 MR. LYNN THOMAS: It was approved as a  
 20 PUD.  
 21 MR. PACK: It was approved. It was part

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1 of your grant application for the upgrade of  
 2 your wastewater treatment plant that the town  
 3 didn't want to move forward on, if I remember  
 4 correctly.  
 5 MS. VAN EMBURGH: It was a lot more dense.  
 6 It was 500 and some units, although part of  
 7 that was --  
 8 MR. PACK: This other development was  
 9 included into it as well that was built out,  
 10 right?  
 11 MS. VAN EMBURGH: Yes, yes. And it  
 12 ultimately got vetoed by the mayor because of  
 13 traffic concerns.  
 14 MR. PACK: Well, the concerns are still  
 15 there because I don't believe that Matthewstown  
 16 Road has been widened in the last 20 years.  
 17 MS. VAN EMBURGH: There actually have been  
 18 some improvements up closer to the  
 19 intersections.  
 20 MR. PACK: But not...  
 21 MS. VAN EMBURGH: But not, yes.

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1 MR. PACK: It has not been widened in 20  
 2 years. So I don't know how you can add -- if  
 3 you had that argument 20 years ago, if I  
 4 remember correctly.  
 5 MS. VAN EMBURGH: 500 and some units  
 6 versus 200.  
 7 MR. PACK: Well, but if you add the units  
 8 that has already been built with this 200,  
 9 you're going to get -- the numbers are still  
 10 the same.  
 11 MS. VAN EMBURGH: It's significantly less,  
 12 but...  
 13 MR. PACK: The development --  
 14 MR. DIVILIO: I thought it has been  
 15 widened.  
 16 MR. PACK: Huh?  
 17 MR. DIVILIO: It's weird. It is a really  
 18 wide road, isn't it?  
 19 MR. PACK: It has not been widened in the  
 20 last 20 years. There's no additional lanes on  
 21 Matthewstown Road.

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1 MR. DIVILIO: There's no additional lanes,  
 2 but they could be. It's much wider --  
 3 MR. PACK: I mean they would have to  
 4 acquire a right of way to do that.  
 5 MR. DIVILIO: Isn't it just past the light  
 6 now open up and it's...  
 7 MS. VAN EMBURGH: They have definitely  
 8 made improvements to Matthewstown Road. We  
 9 cited some of them in our...  
 10 MR. DIVILIO: Because I couldn't figure  
 11 out why it was so wide.  
 12 MR. CALLAHAN: Turning lanes.  
 13 MR. PACK: They may have just added a  
 14 turn, but that's just adding a lane to the  
 15 shoulder as far as the turning lane.  
 16 MS. PRICE: Of course, as we go through  
 17 our MDOT requests and priorities and we talk a  
 18 lot about all the traffic lights on Route 50  
 19 and passing through, it's just, you know,  
 20 obviously it is going to add to the backups.  
 21 And you know, where we have at Dover Road and

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1 Matthewstown Road and Chapel Road and all of  
 2 those. It's just additional cars that are  
 3 going to wait to get through.  
 4 So, you know, it's difficult. It's not  
 5 going to be the same traffic flow no matter  
 6 what the study says.  
 7 And I guess to Mr. Pack's earlier point,  
 8 what is difficult is I mean these things, you  
 9 know, meet the Comprehensive Plan and all of  
 10 that. But when we've talked about Trappe, when  
 11 we've talked about what's coming off Oxford  
 12 Road and the basically bypass and this one,  
 13 when you put all of those together, and you're  
 14 talking about hundreds and hundreds, maybe  
 15 thousands of homes, and the impact that the  
 16 developers pay will not begin to cover what it  
 17 means for the county as far as schools, to  
 18 Mr. Pack's earlier point, to our public safety.  
 19 And those items are not paid for by the  
 20 municipalities. And that's why we're going to  
 21 at least verbalize that.

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<p>1 Whether things pass or not, that people                  2 really need to be aware that when you have this                  3 kind of massive development, whether 200 here                  4 or 2,500 in Trappe or 500 or whatever at Poplar                  5 Farm or whatever on Oxford Road, it is an                  6 ongoing expense to the taxpayers.                  7 And that could mean, in some instances, a                  8 whole new school or a whole new wing for                  9 millions and millions and millions of dollars.                  10 I just think that the public needs to be aware                  11 of that.                  12 And to the County Council candidates that                  13 are running, these are the types of things we                  14 need to look I think on a broader scope of what                  15 do we need to do with our impact fees, what can                  16 we do when people -- I mean I'm certainly pro                  17 business.                  18 But developers may need to start paying                  19 more towards the kind of big county impact as                  20 this has, particularly on schools and public                  21 safety. Because it's real and it's expensive.</p>	<p>1 pronounce it. It is not how I pronounce it and                  2 I wasn't real clear on that. I've never heard                  3 it said.                  4 MR. LYNN THOMAS: Not 100 percent certain,                  5 but that's what I think.                  6 MR. DIVILIO: That's what we'll go with.                  7 All right.                  8 MR. CALLAHAN: Mr. Leshner, you have                  9 anything?                  10 MR. LESHNER: Not at the moment.                  11 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. All right. Thank                  12 you, guys, appreciate it.                  13 MR. LYNN THOMAS: Thank you.                  14 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Still got the public                  15 hearing open. So would anybody else like to                  16 come up and voice their opinion? Okay.                  17 Anybody over here behind Ray? Anybody?                  18 MR. DIVILIO: Take anybody's opinion on                  19 how to pronounce that street, too.                  20 MR. CALLAHAN: Don't ask me, don't ask me.                  21 Okay.</p>
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<p>1 So when we ask questions, we're thinking                  2 about the whole scope of the county and not                  3 just one particular area.                  4 MR. DIVILIO: The one benefit is that we                  5 already have the fire trucks out there and                  6 we're going to be bringing ambulance to the                  7 north side. So I'm not concerned with the                  8 emergency services.                  9 I'm okay with this. And I'll be voting                  10 going forward with it.                  11 And those were my main thoughts. The                  12 public safety, that everyone there is safe,                  13 even through the thunder and lightning.                  14 One question I have, this is just me, can                  15 you pronounce that street one more time, the                  16 C-A-M-A-C?                  17 MR. LYNN THOMAS: I believe it's                  18 pronounced Camac Street.                  19 MR. DIVILIO: Okay.                  20 SECRETARY: My apologies.                  21 MR. DIVILIO: No. That's how you</p>	<p>1 I'll go ahead and close the public                  2 hearing.                  3 Uh-oh. Did you want to come on up?                  4 MR. EWING: Yeah.                  5 MR. CALLAHAN: Come on up.                  6 MR. EWING: How you doing?                  7 MR. CALLAHAN: We'll open it back up for                  8 you.                  9 MR. EWING: Greg Ewing, Lane Engineering.                  10 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup.                  11 MR. EWING: Just wanted to I guess clarify                  12 a couple of things on the project.                  13 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes.                  14 MR. EWING: So during the Council hearing                  15 for the project.                  16 MR. CALLAHAN: The town?                  17 MR. EWING: Town, yes.                  18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.                  19 MR. EWING: There were comments and                  20 concerns about the schools, same as Ms. Price.                  21 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p>



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1 MR. EWING: Noted. And so there was --  
 2 they did ask to table the hearing for I think  
 3 about a month or maybe it was six weeks.  
 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 5 MR. EWING: And they requested the School  
 6 Board to provide comment on that same issue.  
 7 And I don't recall the exact delay, but after  
 8 about a month or two, it was deemed that the  
 9 School Board was not going to provide a  
 10 response.  
 11 So I do know that the Council did request  
 12 it from the School Board and never got a  
 13 response.  
 14 MS. PRICE: That's disappointing.  
 15 MR. EWING: Yeah. I don't recall the  
 16 specifics, but that was -- it certainly delayed  
 17 the review process for almost two months.  
 18 MS. PRICE: I mean it is the Easton  
 19 schools that are the most crowded of all. We  
 20 already have the largest elementary school in  
 21 the entire State of Maryland that to the tune

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1 of \$50 million that was built. It finished  
 2 about two years ago. And you know, the middle  
 3 and high school don't have a lot of room  
 4 either.  
 5 So when they're asked for their comment, I  
 6 certainly --  
 7 MR. EWING: I think the response, and  
 8 Sharon can, if she recalls better, but I felt  
 9 like it was, the response was it would take  
 10 longer than just a few months to provide a  
 11 legitimate response is what I recall, something  
 12 in that vain.  
 13 On a couple of other points, too, the  
 14 traffic study, I don't have it in front of me  
 15 and it's been several months since I reviewed  
 16 it, but I do recall all, like as Sharon  
 17 referenced, the intersections were a level of  
 18 service A. And after the study, post project,  
 19 with all the background, which is all the other  
 20 projects in the area that were proposed, it was  
 21 going to maintain a level of service A. And

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1 that's, they were following all the national  
 2 standards and suggestions and scoping from the  
 3 town engineer.  
 4 So again, the traffic engineer followed  
 5 the direction from the town and any State  
 6 Highway folks to develop the study, and it was  
 7 determined to remain a level of service A for  
 8 all intersections in that vicinity.  
 9 MS. PRICE: Can you actually describe what  
 10 that means, because I mean, like I said, every  
 11 year we send a priority letter about the  
 12 problems on Route 50 and...  
 13 MR. EWING: Yeah.  
 14 MS. PRICE: I guess our big traffic  
 15 problems are we have to sit through three  
 16 lights or four lights or whatever and nobody  
 17 really cares about that to get across back and  
 18 forth.  
 19 MR. EWING: Yeah. I mean I don't have  
 20 specifics. I'm not a traffic engineer, and I  
 21 didn't draft the study.

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1 But I think it's -- in other words, if you  
 2 can get through an intersection with one green  
 3 or two greens, I think that remains an A.  
 4 Maybe that's a dumb downed version for myself  
 5 to understand it. But that's basically what  
 6 that refers to in my opinion.  
 7 MR. DIVILIO: Would it be possible for us,  
 8 and I don't want to put it together, but maybe  
 9 you could, I don't know, to hold -- there's --  
 10 you missed earlier, but there's been discussion  
 11 of a possible nother Easton Fire Department  
 12 substation. There's obviously discussions of  
 13 this. There's the north county one that's  
 14 going to be coming.  
 15 Maybe that might be a nice next step for  
 16 Martha to step into to hold a work session and  
 17 reevaluate or evaluate what our current taxes  
 18 are, impact fees are. And then apply those to  
 19 these projects, because it's not -- the impact  
 20 fee gets paid when the permit gets -- per  
 21 house, right?

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1 MR. EWING: There's a water and sewer  
 2 charge at time of recordation of the lot. And  
 3 then there's the impact fees for town and  
 4 county. Basically total I'd say about \$15,000  
 5 per house.  
 6 So 15,000 times 200 is what the town and  
 7 county will be getting. And percentages of  
 8 that goes to transportation, schools, emergency  
 9 services. So there is a breakdown that both  
 10 the county and town have.  
 11 So it's not like these folks are coming in  
 12 and not paying a fee, a charge for this.  
 13 MR. PACK: But those impact fees are only  
 14 applied to this jurisdiction where this  
 15 development --  
 16 MR. EWING: No, no. The county gets a  
 17 bite of the apple even if it's in the Town of  
 18 Easton.  
 19 MR. PACK: But we can only apply those  
 20 impact fees back to that particular area. We  
 21 can't apply those impact fees county wide.

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1 MS. PRICE: Right.  
 2 MR. PACK: So although we cannot take  
 3 these impact fees and take them down to  
 4 St. Michael's and apply them to the school  
 5 system down there, they only can go towards the  
 6 area that the impact is directed in.  
 7 So you're right. We do get some impact  
 8 fees out of this development. But you know,  
 9 they only can be applied in this area. They  
 10 can't be applied down towards White Marsh  
 11 school system, they can't be applied down in  
 12 Tilghman, they can't be applied down to our  
 13 other services that we run countywide.  
 14 Black Dog Alley is only two streets over.  
 15 I can guaranty you these 200 homes will impact  
 16 Black Dog Alley. I can guaranty you.  
 17 MS. PRICE: So let's do a little math  
 18 here.  
 19 MR. PACK: And we just redid Black Dog  
 20 Alley.  
 21 MS. PRICE: I'll let you go first. Then I

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1 got a question.  
 2 MR. STAMP: So I just want to remind  
 3 Council, we are under contract with Tischler to  
 4 review the impact fees, which will be a prime  
 5 opportunity to have a conversation, and maybe  
 6 not just with the county, but have an open  
 7 conversation with the municipalities and the  
 8 county together to figure out a way, not only  
 9 to address what impact fees are, but how we  
 10 might be able to enhance communication, which  
 11 would help everybody.  
 12 MR. DIVILIO: I like that. And the  
 13 benefit of this neighborhood is that it is in  
 14 the Town of Easton limits where the schools are  
 15 the biggest already or are already filled the  
 16 most. So that's the one that's going to need a  
 17 wing or whatever, to be done.  
 18 So that's why I'm okay with this project  
 19 because I know that we are going to have to  
 20 reevaluate that. But this is in the town.  
 21 It's not going to hurt the county.

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1 MR. PACK: Well, it could. Because I mean  
 2 the School Board had to move kids around  
 3 because of the overcrowding situation. They  
 4 sent kids down to White Marsh --  
 5 MR. DIVILIO: -- Chapel if there was a  
 6 difference.  
 7 MR. PACK: Yeah. But --  
 8 MS. PRICE: But they end up --  
 9 MR. PACK: -- end up moving kids around.  
 10 So it impacts the entire system.  
 11 Just because these homes are in the Town  
 12 of Easton, when the school system does their  
 13 calculations for our students, they sometimes  
 14 move students outside of the Town of Easton to  
 15 make things work.  
 16 MS. PRICE: So let's do a little math  
 17 here. \$15,000 a house sounds like a lot of  
 18 money.  
 19 Multiply that by 200. It's \$3 million.  
 20 Still sounds like a lot of money.  
 21 Now, how much does the town get and how

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1 much does the county get, approximately, Angela  
 2 or Martha?  
 3 MS. LANE: I think it's about 60/40.  
 4 MS. PRICE: 60/40 to the county?  
 5 MS. LANE: Sixty for the town, 40 for the  
 6 county. I think the town impact fee is higher  
 7 than the county.  
 8 MS. PRICE: Okay. So then the county ends  
 9 up with maybe one and a quarter?  
 10 MS. LANE: It's the opposite? Sorry.  
 11 60/40.  
 12 MS. PRICE: All right. So let's just say  
 13 it's even 50/50. The county gets about a  
 14 million and a half dollars.  
 15 How far does you think that is going to go  
 16 to build part of a school?  
 17 MR. DIVILIO: Well, what's the next school  
 18 to be renovated? The high school and then the  
 19 middle?  
 20 MS. PRICE: I'm just saying a million and  
 21 a half dollars towards --

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1 MR. PACK: Cordova.  
 2 MS. PRICE: -- towards a school is peanuts  
 3 when we just spent \$50 million on a whole new  
 4 school, which is why we need to address the  
 5 impact fees.  
 6 They aren't anywhere near close when you  
 7 have developments of this scale, 200 homes, 500  
 8 homes, 2,501 homes, it doesn't cover the  
 9 expense.  
 10 And 15,000, you say oh, that's a lot of  
 11 money per home because we're trying to get  
 12 affordable housing. And of course, we are.  
 13 But somehow this stuff has got to be paid  
 14 for for the long-term impact and the additional  
 15 students per pupil that we have to pay. Not  
 16 just the cost of the construction of the  
 17 school, but more kids.  
 18 The town doesn't contribute, the towns  
 19 don't contribute a penny towards our school  
 20 system. Some of them have their own public  
 21 safety for police, but we're covering all the

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1 EMTs and paramedics. The towns don't  
 2 contribute to that. It's a problem.  
 3 MR. EWING: I just --  
 4 MS. PRICE: It's not on you. I'm not  
 5 saying. You just happen to be sitting there.  
 6 MR. DIVILIO: Come on Greg, fix the  
 7 problem.  
 8 MR. EWING: So I was just going to end my  
 9 part here to say I was here to provide project  
 10 specifics. If you have any questions, I'm  
 11 happy to answer them.  
 12 Just wanted to point out it's in the Town  
 13 of Easton. It is in the Comp Plan for  
 14 residential development. So the town found it  
 15 consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.  
 16 And I believe it's pronounced Camac  
 17 Street.  
 18 MR. DIVILIO: Thank you.  
 19 MS. PRICE: To that point, so for the  
 20 town's Comprehensive Plan, of course, it fits  
 21 because they don't pay for EMTs, paramedics,

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1 and schools. So they can handle it.  
 2 County on the other hand, we're stuck with  
 3 a big bill.  
 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. All right. Still in  
 5 the public hearing. Anybody else want to come  
 6 up and speak? Okay.  
 7 I'll close the public hearing.  
 8 MR. DIVILIO: I will move that we move  
 9 Resolution 331 to vote.  
 10 MR. LESHER: I'd like to request that  
 11 we -- this is a big matter. We shouldn't be  
 12 rushing this to a vote.  
 13 I'd request that we leave the public  
 14 record open on this.  
 15 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 16 MR. LESHER: Until the next meeting.  
 17 MS. PRICE: Could I ask one more question?  
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes.  
 19 MS. PRICE: To Angela and/or Martha. We  
 20 get additional property tax with additional  
 21 homes.

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1 With our revenue cap, we are still able to  
 2 capture all of that additional revenue, are we  
 3 not? Is that part of the cap?  
 4 Do you want to come up here for a second?  
 5 MS. LANE: Like in the very first year, we  
 6 would capture the new construction component.  
 7 But then after that, it rolls into our  
 8 two percent limitation. So we don't truly get  
 9 the full impact of new construction. 200 new  
 10 houses is going to increase our assessable  
 11 base.  
 12 MS. PRICE: I'm sorry. I can hear you,  
 13 but the public might not be able to. Thank  
 14 you, Ms. Lane.  
 15 MS. LANE: The county tax limitation is on  
 16 revenues. So the 200 new homes will increase  
 17 our assessable base. And if we keep your tax  
 18 rate at the same amount, 200 new homes, we're  
 19 going to generate money through property tax  
 20 revenues.  
 21 But we are limited to only being able to

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1 increase that by two percent of what we earn in  
 2 the prior year through real property tax  
 3 revenues.  
 4 So if the new construction would add a  
 5 three percent increase to total real property  
 6 tax revenues, we have to adjust our real  
 7 property tax rate to only collect a two percent  
 8 increase in real property tax revenues. So we  
 9 don't necessarily get the full benefit from  
 10 increasing assessments that another  
 11 jurisdiction does.  
 12 MS. PRICE: So the rate goes down.  
 13 MS. LANE: The rate does often go down.  
 14 MS. PRICE: We talked about the increase  
 15 we wanted to do for 20 years. I remember that  
 16 inverse chart that because of our tax  
 17 revenue --  
 18 MS. LANE: As our assessable base  
 19 increases, we often have to reduce our tax rate  
 20 to stay within the confines of our revenue cap  
 21 because it's a revenue cap.

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1 MS. PRICE: Yup, yeah. So again, another  
 2 reason that, you know, I was just thinking the  
 3 property taxes, we're going to get that in  
 4 revenue. But we're really not going to get a  
 5 whole heck of a lot more from property taxes,  
 6 even with all of these additional homes.  
 7 MS. LANE: We're still limited to that  
 8 two percent limitation.  
 9 MS. PRICE: Thank you for that  
 10 clarification.  
 11 MS. LANE: Yeah.  
 12 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you, Angela.  
 13 MS. LANE: You're welcome.  
 14 MR. CALLAHAN: So Council's preference to  
 15 hold off on this vote?  
 16 MR. LESHAR: Please, if we would.  
 17 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. All right. That  
 18 sounds good.  
 19 So Madam Secretary, we'll just put that on  
 20 the agenda for next meeting? Is that...  
 21 MR. DIVILIO: Keep the record open until

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1 Friday of this week?  
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. Let's leave that  
 3 open, Madam Secretary, to this Friday and put  
 4 it on the agenda for next meeting.  
 5 SECRETARY: Okay.  
 6 MS. PRICE: Does this one expire? Like if  
 7 we wanted to wait until the Tischler study was  
 8 done?  
 9 SECRETARY: No, it does not.  
 10 MR. THOMAS: No.  
 11 SECRETARY: It does not expire.  
 12 MS. PRICE: So that's something to keep in  
 13 the backs of our minds, too, if we can see that  
 14 report and whether we can make adjustments and  
 15 how that works.  
 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 17 MS. PRICE: Thank you.  
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: So everybody understands,  
 19 we'll go ahead and take comments to Friday and  
 20 then we'll leave it open until Friday. And  
 21 then we'll bring it back to the next meeting.

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1 Okay.

2 Madam Secretary, could you go ahead and

3 read 332, please.

4 SECRETARY: Resolution Number 332, a

5 resolution to place questions on the ballot at

6 the 2022 general election to amend Section 207

7 of the Charter of Talbot County to increase the

8 compensation of the County Council from \$14,400

9 per annum to \$25,000 per annum with the Council

10 president to receive an additional \$1,000 per

11 annum. And to provide that the Council may set

12 by resolution compensation of Council members

13 and the president of the Council differing from

14 that set forth in Section 207. Provided,

15 however, that such resolution shall require at

16 least a four-fifths vote of the Council, be

17 adopted prior to the next general election for

18 the office of Council member, and take effect

19 commencing with the forthcoming Council term.

20 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you Madam, Secretary.

21 Okay.

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1 So I'll open it up to the public. Anybody

2 would like --

3 MR. LESHER: Mr. President.

4 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes.

5 MR. LESHER: Before we get to this, I have

6 an amendment to this I would like to offer,

7 which was drafted.

8 And the amendment is simply rather than

9 increasing this to 25,000 per annum, it would

10 increase the compensation only to 19,200. And

11 you might ask how we get to that number.

12 14,400 is the current Council

13 compensation. That is presumably arrived at if

14 you take 80 hours per month times 12 months

15 times \$15 per hour, you come up 14,400. I

16 think that is apparently how that was

17 calculated.

18 If you increase that to \$20 per hour for

19 the same hours, you come up with 19,200.

20 Part of my rationale for introducing this

21 is, well, one, simply to make this a more

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1 palatable increase, a more modest increase.

2 And since the Council's, the last time the

3 Council compensation was adjusted was 20 years

4 ago. If you put this into the Bureau of Labor

5 Statistics inflation adjustments, from the

6 14,400 over that 20-year period, you would come

7 up with a figure in the neighborhood of 23,000,

8 a little short of the 25 that was in the

9 original draft of this.

10 This brings this proposal down well under

11 to a little more than half of the rate of

12 inflation.

13 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you,

14 Mr. Leshner.

15 Anybody on the Council would like to

16 comment?

17 MS. PRICE: Yeah.

18 MR. CALLAHAN: Ms. Price.

19 MS. PRICE: Talbot County is the lowest in

20 the State at 14,400. Surrounding counties are

21 all higher and all counties are higher.

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1 And \$15 an hour, I mean yes, this is a

2 part-time, this is a part-time job for us, but

3 it is a lot of work.

4 And I think we tried I want to say it

5 might have been 2014 we had it on the ballot,

6 and it failed then.

7 Even \$20 an hour, as we come into election

8 season and three of us are not running. So

9 this is not to benefit me or Mr. Pack or

10 Mr. Divilio because we are not running. This

11 would only take effect with a new County

12 Council.

13 What I do like about the bill is that it

14 does provide for a four-fifths vote of a future

15 Council to make an adjustment because it's too

16 hard to take this to the ballot because people

17 are like, you know, they're mad at something

18 that we did, I'm not going to give them more

19 money.

20 But when you look at what the other

21 jurisdictions pay, Queen Anne's County is at

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1 \$25,000. Kent County, which is much, much  
 2 smaller than us, is at \$20,000. And then, of  
 3 course, you have the larger jurisdictions. And  
 4 I understand they're full-time jobs.  
 5 Montgomery County, you know, Baltimore County,  
 6 things like that are making \$150,000. Granted,  
 7 they are full-time jobs.  
 8 But if what is it worth to you to pay a  
 9 Council member 15 or \$20 an hour is, I think  
 10 it's embarrassing. And the 25,000, which is on  
 11 par with Queen Anne's County, still not a lot  
 12 of money.  
 13 I mean we don't do this for the money,  
 14 even at \$25,000.  
 15 We are much more on par with a Queen  
 16 Anne's County. You know, not quite the same  
 17 budget. We're all -- but I just think that  
 18 is -- it looks like a huge increase, but you  
 19 just have to put it in perspective.  
 20 And I have the chart, which I think we can  
 21 get on -- obviously I think something is going

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1 to get on the ballot obviously, one of these  
 2 two numbers is going to get on the ballot for  
 3 y'all to look at.  
 4 But I would respectfully ask to stick at  
 5 the 25,000. I think that's going to hold us  
 6 for whoever is on here for a while. They won't  
 7 necessarily have to go back for working for  
 8 four-fifths and get a bite at the apple. Let's  
 9 let them do their job with something that's  
 10 comfortable.  
 11 But I think if the public saw what the  
 12 other counties were paying. And still, we're  
 13 talking about 25,000 is \$26 an hour. Is a  
 14 Council member worth \$26 an hour? We're making  
 15 some huge decisions up here. We're doing a  
 16 budget that's over \$100 million. We're  
 17 building \$50 million schools. We're, you know,  
 18 the public safety that reaches out to all of  
 19 you. I think you want people here, you know,  
 20 who are worth that kind of money.  
 21 I know how difficult it was for me owning

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1 a business and taking time away from that. I  
 2 mean I had a job, a business I could do that.  
 3 But I had to pay staff to be there on days that  
 4 I couldn't be there.  
 5 Mr. Leshar is fortunate. He has a  
 6 full-time job that gives him that flexibility.  
 7 Not all employers will do that.  
 8 And if you own your own business, trust  
 9 me, I was paying someone to take my place.  
 10 So while you look at the compensation,  
 11 there can be an expense to a Council member.  
 12 And so \$25,000 is still not a lot of  
 13 money. And it's only \$26 an hour. So that's  
 14 what I would just ask you all to think about,  
 15 what is the value to somebody who dedicates  
 16 their time, their family life, their job  
 17 sometimes to be, you know -- if you own your  
 18 own business, sometimes it takes away. People  
 19 get angry at decisions.  
 20 It's a risk. It really is a risk. And in  
 21 order to make that risk worthwhile, a

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1 reasonable compensation sure as heck isn't  
 2 going to break the budget for the county. It's  
 3 going to add to a \$110 million budget, this  
 4 \$25,000 a year is going to add what, \$50,000 to  
 5 a \$110 million budget.  
 6 It really is very, very small. So do you  
 7 add 25,000 to the budget or \$50,000 to the  
 8 budget?  
 9 I think the Council members that have been  
 10 here have done a really good job. I think our  
 11 department heads do a really good job at being  
 12 very effective and efficient with their  
 13 budgets. And I think that this is, you know,  
 14 really reasonable.  
 15 So when we're making this decision, and I  
 16 was hoping we could have a work session and not  
 17 just a public hearing on this, and nobody is  
 18 here to even comment on the public hearing.  
 19 But I think all of us up here, we know how much  
 20 work this is. Okay.  
 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you, Ms. Price. Well

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1 said.

2 Mr. Pack.

3 MR. PACK: Well, I would agree with much

4 of what both Mr. Leshner and Ms. Price just

5 commented on.

6 And look, the hours that we spend up here

7 every other Tuesday are not the whole parts of

8 being a Council member, an elected official.

9 There's many hours of reading documents and

10 bills and being prepared. There's meeting with

11 staff on many issues. There's going down and

12 doing the tours of different projects. I'm

13 about to do a tour of the St. Mary's Square

14 property we're about to purchase for our Public

15 Safety Complex. You know, those things add to

16 that total.

17 Mr. Leshner I know you did your due

18 diligence to try to come to that hourly rate.

19 But you got to even go beyond that and all the

20 hours of reading and reading e-mails and

21 answering phone calls.

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1 I can't tell you how many phone calls over

2 the years I got on the weekends and after hours

3 and how many phone calls I've made to staff on

4 the weekends and after hours. I would call

5 Ms. Verdery many times on her ride home and

6 talk to her.

7 So it is a great deal more than just a

8 part-time job. And you know, I think if you

9 are an elected official, persons expect you to

10 not take this as a part-time job. They expect

11 you to put your all into it, your all. And not

12 just say hey, if it's not Tuesday, I'm not

13 answering phone calls, I'm not answering

14 e-mails unless it's Tuesday. They don't expect

15 you to take the job that way.

16 And I think for many of us, we don't take

17 the job that way. We respond to citizens when

18 they need us and we make those visits when it's

19 appropriate for us to make those visits, we

20 talk to staff in detail when we need to, and we

21 help in the drafting of bills and talking with

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1 our county attorney.

2 So it is a great deal more than just what

3 it was in 1972 when the first Council, '72,

4 '70, whatever, '71. There's much more to what

5 we do.

6 And let me tell you. If people don't

7 know, this is an award winning Council. I mean

8 Mr. Divilio was there down in Ocean City this

9 year when the Maryland Association of Counties

10 gave Talbot County an award. We won an award,

11 national award that I have here for NACo, the

12 National Association of Counties. So this is

13 an award winning county under this Council's

14 leadership.

15 So you know, when citizens go to recognize

16 increases to public safety and increases to

17 other departments, they look at well, how are

18 those departments working, how are they

19 producing.

20 And I think going through all we went

21 through over this last four years with this

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1 pandemic, we still rose to the occasion and we

2 still got our recognition of outside agencies

3 on the national level and State level, even

4 with all that we had to face.

5 So I do appreciate both of you drafting

6 this and recognizing that. And again, it's not

7 for me. It's for the other -- I know we have

8 one candidate out here in the audience with us

9 today. But it's for whoever is going to occupy

10 these chairs because we know, we know what

11 they're going to have to deal with. And it's

12 not just every other Tuesday. If you think

13 that's all this is about, please don't run.

14 Please do not run if you think that this is

15 just about every second and fourth Tuesday,

16 because it's not. It is not.

17 So again, thank you both for recognizing

18 what we have to do here and what other members

19 have to do. And I will lend my support to

20 either resolution as members see fit.

21 MS. PRICE: I mean don't you think it's

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1 interesting that two people who aren't running  
 2 are so strongly in favor of this because we  
 3 know.  
 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Right, right. Mr. Divilio.  
 5 MR. DIVILIO: I'm not in favor of it. My  
 6 iPad is open the minute I get in the office.  
 7 It is opened up. And it's a third or fourth  
 8 computer monitor at my office. And I respond  
 9 to e-mails all the time, phone calls all the  
 10 time.  
 11 Over the last four years, if I had had a  
 12 few more thousand bucks paid to me, it would  
 13 have just meant more donations to the  
 14 community, it wouldn't have bought me any more  
 15 Civil War books that I read at the library  
 16 full.  
 17 It wouldn't have benefited me on the  
 18 Neighborhood Service Center, which I'm in there  
 19 three, four days a week working as the chair of  
 20 the board. Parks and Recreation Board, at  
 21 least twice a month I'm out there. The Senior

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1 Center, I'm on their board there. The  
 2 Commission on Aging, that's a monthly meeting.  
 3 I got into Meals on Wheels for that.  
 4 I mean this wouldn't even really cover the  
 5 gas difference. And I'm willing to pay -- if  
 6 I'm going to go to something, it's to better  
 7 me. I did this to better me, to learn more  
 8 about the community and how I can be a better  
 9 citizen giving back to the community.  
 10 And so if I'm going to go to MACo, I'm  
 11 going to try to pay my own hotel room. I'm  
 12 going to try to cover as much of the expenses  
 13 as I can because, again, I'm doing it for me to  
 14 better the community is the way I see it.  
 15 And it's a \$110 million budget. If you  
 16 need \$4,000 more a year to sit up here, you're  
 17 not fiscally responsible enough to operate a  
 18 \$110 million budget. Unfortunately, you're not  
 19 there. You got the initiative. You'll get  
 20 there. And that's great and strive for it.  
 21 But this is a governing body and not just

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1 peers that are up here and just folks that just  
 2 want to. It is a tremendous more than just  
 3 showing up twice a month and voting on bills  
 4 that somebody has given you guidance on who is  
 5 in your ear regularly, one subject matter  
 6 expert and then an empty room of nobody making  
 7 comments on it.  
 8 It takes a lot more than that because of  
 9 all the different boards and commissions that  
 10 you sit on, as well as you should be spending  
 11 time out in the community attending the events  
 12 to see how well things work and to coordinate  
 13 everything together.  
 14 And I research around. I look at lower  
 15 Delaware a lot for things.  
 16 Wicomico County surprised me. Wake up,  
 17 Cassandra. When I looked at their economic  
 18 development for Wicomico County is part of  
 19 Parks and Rec. So when everybody is calling up  
 20 saying why can't we have all these artificial  
 21 turf fields, I want seven fields out here for

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1 football and I want six more for soccer and I  
 2 want -- well, that's their tourism. That's  
 3 their economic development that are together.  
 4 That's their economic development together with  
 5 Parks and Rec.  
 6 Ours is with tourism, which leads to a lot  
 7 of events. Waterfowl Festival being one of the  
 8 great ones that feeds so many pockets of all  
 9 the nonprofits in Talbot County who step up,  
 10 make their money, that then they, in turn, take  
 11 from those tourists, who are just emptying  
 12 their pockets here, and then they give it back.  
 13 Whether they're sponsoring a Little League team  
 14 or a softball or field hockey or a field or  
 15 doing all kinds of different things.  
 16 You really need to be active. You need to  
 17 be fiscally capable to do it. But at the end  
 18 of the day, when COVID struck and it was at its  
 19 worst, I used the YMCA. When we partnered with  
 20 the YMCA to have free child care, I didn't have  
 21 another choice. My wife had to go to work. I



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1 had to come in here. I had to have this stuff  
 2 to do. Those were the days that the kids would  
 3 go there. So I did benefit from some  
 4 additional financial compensation during a very  
 5 challenging time. I hope that never happens to  
 6 anyone. I hope no one ever goes through the  
 7 four years that we went through, ever.  
 8 But inflation is a killer. And I would  
 9 not vote for anything that would put us above  
 10 anybody else. We have a revenue cap.  
 11 Everybody in here, every department head,  
 12 anybody in here can leave Talbot County and go  
 13 make more money. That's how it is.  
 14 Unfortunately, we can't pay you what we wish we  
 15 could because of the way that we're structured.  
 16 And I like the way we're structured.  
 17 So I want us to be treated the exact same  
 18 way because there's just no way that a Council  
 19 can sit up here fat and happy and then working  
 20 with department heads who don't even have that  
 21 opportunity. You will be pushing people out

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1 the door.  
 2 So I will be supporting the amended option  
 3 on this.  
 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. I guess thank you,  
 5 Mr. Divilio. Thank you, colleagues.  
 6 I feel I think we're all right. And we  
 7 put our lives on the line here and families and  
 8 sit up here. And you rarely think about the  
 9 money that comes to us, you know. We're all  
 10 right by saying that it's not really driven up  
 11 here about the money. It's really about, you  
 12 know, how the public feels about putting it on  
 13 the ballot.  
 14 It didn't pass in '14. So what is  
 15 reasonable, you know, to put on the ballot that  
 16 Council feels like it's reasonable.  
 17 You know, Mr. Leshner, you're at 20 grand.  
 18 And Ms. Price, you're at 25 grand. I try to  
 19 put myself into the shoes of the taxpayer. And  
 20 the taxpayer, it's an important year. You  
 21 know, we just come off the pandemic, like

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1 Mr. Divilio said. And there's a lot of people  
 2 that want to voice their opinion. There's a  
 3 lot of changes going on. The county is  
 4 growing. And everybody is, you know, excited  
 5 about their own things that they want to see  
 6 happen to Talbot County in the next 20 or 30  
 7 years.  
 8 So you know, me and Mr. Leshner are running  
 9 again, you know, but the thought process of me  
 10 running isn't necessarily concern about the  
 11 pay. And I'm sure Mr. Leshner is the same way.  
 12 You want to be up in here because you have  
 13 a passion to help the community and do service  
 14 work for the community. That's kind of why  
 15 we're all here. And you know, you eat and  
 16 sleep this day and night is what you do, and  
 17 you think about it constantly, so with all your  
 18 family and your jobs and all that stuff.  
 19 So you know, it's hard, you know. It's  
 20 actually the hard part of it is is the mental  
 21 aspect of how hard it is. Especially when, you

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1 know, you try to have a family and you got  
 2 friends here and you try to, you know, try to  
 3 do the right thing for a lot of people.  
 4 But listening to my colleagues, and I  
 5 respect them very well what they've all said  
 6 and they're all 100 percent right, I think I  
 7 could live with, you know, an increase in the  
 8 sense, because that's all we talked about is  
 9 increases, inflation. And that's all we do  
 10 talk about, is increases. And I think if you  
 11 took the 14,000 that we're doing now, and I  
 12 think the president should get maybe 100,000,  
 13 but that's just me. You know what I mean? But  
 14 I just think a round number of 20 grand, 20  
 15 grand or so, like a five or \$6,000 increase  
 16 probably is reasonable.  
 17 I'm just thinking of the taxpayer, what is  
 18 reasonable. You know, I think 25 probably is a  
 19 little -- that's approaching a ten grand  
 20 increase. I would recommend, you know, you  
 21 said 19, two and you come up with that. I'd

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1 be -- that's fine. But I'd rather use a round  
 2 number and just go 20 grand. And whatever  
 3 everybody decides. If it's another \$1,000 for  
 4 the president, that's fine too. So that's my  
 5 thoughts.  
 6 But it's really in a sense not going to be  
 7 up to us. It's going to be up to the public to  
 8 want to be able to do that. So you know, I can  
 9 go either way. That's kind of my thoughts a  
 10 little bit.  
 11 MS. PRICE: I don't think it's -- you  
 12 know, a few thousand dollars, right, it sounds  
 13 like to us. Again, put it back into  
 14 perspective of the budget.  
 15 To hear that we shouldn't be higher than  
 16 anybody else to me is a little disturbing  
 17 because I mean you could put it in perspective  
 18 of what your budget is and things like that.  
 19 But why wouldn't we -- we're not talking about  
 20 going more than probably higher than about five  
 21 other counties in the entire State at 25,000,

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1 five or six.  
 2 And if you were to look at our budget and  
 3 also how much additional we have to fund like  
 4 on the school system because of the split and  
 5 the formula, you know. Something like Caroline  
 6 and Dorchester, for example, who have smaller  
 7 budgets than us but larger salaries. Again,  
 8 only by a couple of thousand dollars. But they  
 9 also get twice as much State support as we do.  
 10 And again, putting this into perspective,  
 11 it might sound like a huge increase. But this  
 12 hasn't been raised in 20 to 30 years, something  
 13 like that.  
 14 And you just talked about inflation.  
 15 Well, do we not put an inflation factor on us?  
 16 Unfortunately, this is under -- this has to go  
 17 on the ballot. And again, I said at the top.  
 18 What I like about this is this does give a  
 19 future Council the ability, you know, to go up  
 20 with a four-fifths vote so that you're not  
 21 necessarily stuck at that level. You should be

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1 able to tie it to what maybe you do for your  
 2 employees and at least go up with some type of  
 3 cost of living.  
 4 But even to Mr. Leshner, your point, that  
 5 if you put the inflation factor on, you're at  
 6 23, right. So at 19, two, you haven't even  
 7 kept up with inflation.  
 8 And I look at every penny of the budget.  
 9 That's what I do. You have the big ticket  
 10 items that are, you know, \$50 million for the  
 11 schools down to places that we give \$15,000 a  
 12 year as a stipend. It all matters.  
 13 But when you put this into perspective and  
 14 what the hourly rate is and what this would  
 15 mean to our budget, to dicker over whether  
 16 we're going to add 50,000 to the budget or  
 17 \$25,000 to the budget, at a little bit higher  
 18 rate. You know, maybe we go with your  
 19 inflation number of 23. 19, two is just way  
 20 too low. Maybe you do that one.  
 21 It's not going to make the difference in

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1 the budget because everybody has been so good  
 2 with the budget here. And the better people  
 3 that you have up here, I don't want just people  
 4 running for office that can afford to do so,  
 5 that if they have their own business and it is  
 6 a philanthropic item.  
 7 Again, we are all here for a reason,  
 8 because we love our community and we want to  
 9 make a difference. But you also need to have  
 10 something that's more reasonable and more in  
 11 tune with where today's inflation and stuff is.  
 12 And like Mr. Pack said, how hard the job really  
 13 is.  
 14 So whether it's 25 or 23 or 19, is not  
 15 going to impact the budget. And I don't know  
 16 that it's going to make a difference to the  
 17 voter. They --  
 18 MR. DIVILIO: So --  
 19 MS. PRICE: -- support or you're not.  
 20 MR. DIVILIO: So that's what I want to  
 21 discuss. Okay. So it sounds like there's

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1 enough of us that are interested in doing this  
 2 and it will happen. So let's discuss how it  
 3 will happen.  
 4 In 2014, it was on the ballot.  
 5 MR. CALLAHAN: It was.  
 6 MR. DIVILIO: What was the number at that  
 7 time?  
 8 MS. PRICE: The number?  
 9 MR. DIVILIO: What was it going to be  
 10 raised to?  
 11 MR. PACK: Sixteen?  
 12 MR. THOMAS: I believe it was 16.  
 13 MR. PACK: Sixteen, five.  
 14 MS. PRICE: I mean obviously things have  
 15 changed significantly since then.  
 16 MR. DIVILIO: And this is me. And of  
 17 course, I don't think like anybody else.  
 18 If I'm looking at this ballot and I'm  
 19 voting as a Republican, a Talbot County  
 20 Republican, whatever, you're looking at this  
 21 ballot and voting on this question of giving

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1 them a raise. First off, you're going to be  
 2 like ahhhh, you know.  
 3 But second off, if you're look at 25  
 4 grand, then it's a round number.  
 5 Will it even say on the ballot question  
 6 what it's being raised from?  
 7 MR. THOMAS: Yes.  
 8 MR. DIVILIO: Okay. So like I feel like  
 9 sales mentality. You think about this in your  
 10 store. \$14.99.  
 11 MS. PRICE: Right.  
 12 MR. DIVILIO: If it's something along  
 13 those lines that they feel like they're getting  
 14 a deal, they're going to be more inclined to do  
 15 it, which is already a hard step up to get them  
 16 to do it.  
 17 MS. PRICE: Right.  
 18 MR. DIVILIO: So I feel like, you know, if  
 19 you want to go with the amendment, I'm good  
 20 with that number. If you want to go with  
 21 something like a 23, something like that. If

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1 you're going with a round number of 25, I think  
 2 you're going to have a hard time getting the  
 3 votes to do it.  
 4 MS. PRICE: Let me interject something.  
 5 Twice -- and not on this. Twice we did the tax  
 6 cap thing. And the first time we did it, it  
 7 didn't pass because we didn't do the legwork to  
 8 explain to the public in that case what it was  
 9 going to really be used for. They just saw oh,  
 10 tax increase and they automatically said no,  
 11 right.  
 12 And yet when we did this in 2020, right,  
 13 the -- and we really did a good job. We had  
 14 the -- of course, we had the committee and all  
 15 of that.  
 16 And I'm certainly willing and I think  
 17 people, to get the message out, what we said  
 18 tonight. We can't just vote tonight and let it  
 19 go to November. We need to continue to explain  
 20 it. And I don't expect the candidates to do  
 21 that. But we need to get out there and explain

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1 exactly what we said tonight.  
 2 We need to put together a little one-pager  
 3 or whatever because that's what made the  
 4 revenue cap pass two years ago.  
 5 So to your point, you know, I don't know  
 6 that the number is the deal breaker. I think  
 7 it's the messaging.  
 8 MR. DIVILIO: And I think that what we've  
 9 said here tonight, me being against this firmly  
 10 but supporting it, being willing to support it,  
 11 I think that that -- I don't (inaudible). But  
 12 somehow, the five of us soundbites together I  
 13 think would be enough. But it's going to  
 14 take -- because we're not going to have the  
 15 Taxpayers Association and the teachers agreeing  
 16 on it. There's nobody but just the five of us.  
 17 MS. PRICE: Right.  
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Right.  
 19 MS. PRICE: But we might tonight, we might  
 20 be able to find some people who get it, who  
 21 understand, former Council people. And just do

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1 a little marketing.  
 2 I'm certainly willing to help do that just  
 3 because I know how important it is. And it  
 4 doesn't benefit me at all. But I want to make  
 5 sure that everybody who has a desire to run for  
 6 public office can do so whether they're  
 7 independently wealthy or not.  
 8 And that is, it is tough. And there are  
 9 people. I know there are people who have said,  
 10 God, I'd love to run for office but I'm not  
 11 willing to take that risk because it might do  
 12 A, B, or C. And I just want everybody to have  
 13 the ability.  
 14 And it is a little bit of a cushion. It's  
 15 not a lot. And again, it's going to look like  
 16 a lot. I get it. But I think it's the  
 17 messaging.  
 18 So if you're wanting to support something,  
 19 the true inflation factor, you know, and go  
 20 with 23 or 22, nine if that sounds better, you  
 21 know, then that's okay, too. But I think the

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1 amendment number is a little low.  
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Mr. Leshner.  
 3 MR. LESHNER: We've talked a lot, but we  
 4 haven't opened it up to the public yet. So  
 5 maybe we should hear from anybody who wants to  
 6 speak on this.  
 7 MR. CALLAHAN: Hey, Ray, can you give us a  
 8 raise?  
 9 MR. CLARKE: What was that?  
 10 MR. CALLAHAN: I knew you were asleep.  
 11 Sorry. Sorry about that.  
 12 Would anybody like to speak maybe about  
 13 this, what your thoughts are?  
 14 MS. PRICE: Uh-oh. Lynn, you're out there  
 15 again.  
 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Lynn, come on up.  
 17 MS. MIELKE: Who?  
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Come on up, give me your  
 19 opinion.  
 20 MS. PRICE: You don't have to. I'm not  
 21 going to put you on the spot as a candidate.

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1 MS. MIELKE: Me?  
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah. No.  
 3 MS. MIELKE: I'm not here over this.  
 4 MR. PACK: No problem, no problem. Okay.  
 5 Well, nobody else --  
 6 MR. DIVILIO: Clay?  
 7 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah, yeah. He's not going  
 8 to comment on this.  
 9 MS. PRICE: Remember, it's coming out of  
 10 your salary.  
 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah. Exactly. So how to  
 12 we want to handle this? Do we want to table  
 13 this?  
 14 MR. DIVILIO: What's the timeline?  
 15 MR. CALLAHAN: I don't think we have a  
 16 timeline.  
 17 MR. LESHNER: We do have a timeline.  
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: We do?  
 19 MR. THOMAS: In order for me to prepare  
 20 the ballot questions and get it to the Board of  
 21 Elections to get on the ballot, I have to send

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1 it to them by I think it's August 5th, which  
 2 means --  
 3 MS. MORRIS: Correct.  
 4 MR. THOMAS: -- this needs to be voted  
 5 on --  
 6 MR. PACK: Today.  
 7 MR. THOMAS: -- either today or on the  
 8 26th.  
 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Let's hit a happy medium.  
 10 Mr. Leshner, would you go --  
 11 MR. THOMAS: Well, the amendment would  
 12 have to be, introduce the amendment, show of  
 13 hands.  
 14 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup.  
 15 MR. THOMAS: Deal with that. And then the  
 16 rest of the resolution.  
 17 MR. LESHNER: We can start, we can amend  
 18 the amendment.  
 19 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 20 MR. LESHNER: Why don't we start with  
 21 introducing the amendment.

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<p>1 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>2 MS. PRICE: Do we need to do a new</p> <p>3 amendment or can I -- how does this work?</p> <p>4 Should we amend the amendment or just do</p> <p>5 a --</p> <p>6 MR. PACK: -- amend the amendment before</p> <p>7 it's voted on, yes. You can amend the</p> <p>8 amendment before it's voted on.</p> <p>9 MR. THOMAS: Correct.</p> <p>10 MS. PRICE: So could I make a motion to</p> <p>11 amend what has been introduced?</p> <p>12 MR. THOMAS: The amendment hasn't been</p> <p>13 introduced yet.</p> <p>14 MR. LESHER: Right. Show of hands for</p> <p>15 introducing the amendment?</p> <p>16 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes.</p> <p>17 MR. PACK: Oh, yes.</p> <p>18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Yup.</p> <p>19 MS. PRICE: Well, it depends. I guess I</p> <p>20 can introduce it.</p> <p>21 MR. PACK: The amendment was just a change</p>	<p>1 already has (inaudible). You only get one</p> <p>2 more. That's it. So just for 23,000. So I</p> <p>3 amend the amendment to be 23,000.</p> <p>4 MS. PRICE: Okay. Did you want to change</p> <p>5 the president's salary, too?</p> <p>6 MR. DIVILIO: He already gets an extra</p> <p>7 grand.</p> <p>8 MS. PRICE: Okay. I'll second that, then.</p> <p>9 MR. THOMAS: The amendment. The amendment</p> <p>10 has been introduced. It has not been voted on.</p> <p>11 MR. PACK: She's amending the amendment.</p> <p>12 MR. THOMAS: Right. She's making a motion</p> <p>13 to amend the amendment to change the figure.</p> <p>14 MR. PACK: That's fine.</p> <p>15 MR. DIVILIO: And we've got that --</p> <p>16 MS. MORRIS: Frank amended Ms. Price's</p> <p>17 amendment.</p> <p>18 MR. DIVILIO: Can I do that? I'll</p> <p>19 withdraw mine.</p> <p>20 MS. PRICE: Okay. That's fine. I was</p> <p>21 just trying to go with your -- fine.</p>
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<p>1 in the dollar figure. All the other wording</p> <p>2 stays the same, just for the record.</p> <p>3 MR. THOMAS: Yes.</p> <p>4 MR. CALLAHAN: It's the dollar figure.</p> <p>5 MR. PACK: Just for the public record.</p> <p>6 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup.</p> <p>7 MS. PRICE: All right. So then I would</p> <p>8 like to amend this amendment and put in 22,</p> <p>9 nine.</p> <p>10 MR. DIVILIO: Why don't we do 23 and 25</p> <p>11 for president?</p> <p>12 MR. CALLAHAN: I agree to that.</p> <p>13 MR. DIVILIO: Twenty-three.</p> <p>14 MS. PRICE: That's fine, 23. I was just</p> <p>15 trying to go with your 14.99 trick.</p> <p>16 MR. DIVILIO: I know, I know, I know. But</p> <p>17 that's why I'm thinking 23 is not 25 and it's</p> <p>18 not -- and it has a basis of inflation, it has</p> <p>19 a thought process behind it.</p> <p>20 So I would make a motion to amend the</p> <p>21 amendment dollar amount to be 23,000. And it</p>	<p>1 MR. THOMAS: Okay.</p> <p>2 MS. PRICE: I'll amend to 23,000.</p> <p>3 MR. DIVILIO: And I'll second if she needs</p> <p>4 one.</p> <p>5 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. So we've got a</p> <p>6 motion and a second to change the amendment to</p> <p>7 \$23,000.</p> <p>8 SECRETARY: Correct.</p> <p>9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Madam Secretary</p> <p>10 could you call the vote.</p> <p>11 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>12 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>13 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.</p> <p>14 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.</p> <p>15 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>16 MR. LESHNER: Nay.</p> <p>17 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.</p> <p>18 MS. PRICE: Aye.</p> <p>19 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.</p> <p>20 MR. PACK: Abstain.</p> <p>21 MR. LESHNER: So that's the figure on the</p>

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1 table.

2 So that's now the amendment. So we need

3 to vote on whether to change from 25,000 now to

4 this amendment.

5 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. So.

6 MR. LESHAR: The amendment is --

7 MR. DIVILIO: I thought we amended --

8 MS. PRICE: No. We just passed the

9 amendment.

10 MR. DIVILIO: -- amendment which...

11 MR. THOMAS: You introduced the amendment

12 to the 19, two. And then you made a motion to

13 amend that figure to 23,000.

14 So now you have to vote on the amendment

15 to change the resolution as introduced.

16 MS. MORRIS: Correct.

17 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.

18 SECRETARY: Well, they voted on the

19 amendment.

20 MS. PRICE: Yes. We just did.

21 MR. DIVILIO: We voted to amend the

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1 amendment.

2 MR. THOMAS: You voted to amend the

3 amendment.

4 You have not voted on the underlying

5 amendment itself.

6 MS. PRICE: Let's try this again, then.

7 SECRETARY: Okay.

8 MR. PACK: You now have Resolution 332

9 before you as amended.

10 SECRETARY: Right. Okay. I'm with you.

11 MR. THOMAS: Yes.

12 MR. PACK: For final vote. Or to postpone

13 it to the 26th, either way you want to handle

14 it.

15 MR. CALLAHAN: Let's do it now.

16 MS. PRICE: Let's get it done.

17 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.

18 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.

19 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.

20 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.

21 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshar.

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1 MR. LESHAR: Aye.

2 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.

3 MS. PRICE: Aye.

4 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.

5 MR. PACK: Aye.

6 SECRETARY: Thanks.

7 MR. THOMAS: You now voted to the

8 amendment.

9 SECRETARY: No. They approved the

10 amendment.

11 MR. THOMAS: They introduced the original

12 amendment and there was a motion to amend that

13 amendment. That motion carried.

14 So now what they had was an amended

15 amendment that they have to vote.

16 MS. MORRIS: On the resolution.

17 MR. THOMAS: On the resolution itself.

18 MS. PRICE: Okay.

19 MR. DIVILIO: So that's what we just did.

20 So we'll go back and --

21 SECRETARY: Oh, my God.

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1 MR. DIVILIO: -- and vote on the amended

2 amendment to approve that.

3 MR. THOMAS: So you unanimously voted to

4 amend the Resolution 332 to change the figure.

5 The figure is now changed from 25,000 to

6 23,000. So that's what you have to vote on

7 now.

8 So you have 332 as amended to vote.

9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Let's do it again.

10 MS. PRICE: Let's just make sure we have

11 an extra one in there just in case.

12 MR. PACK: I thought we just did that.

13 MR. CALLAHAN: So Madam Secretary, what

14 we're doing here is on Resolution 332, that was

15 amended to 23,000, that's what we're voting on.

16 MS. PRICE: So this is the final vote.

17 MR. DIVILIO: So I would make a motion

18 that we accept Resolution 332 as amended.

19 MS. MORRIS: Correct.

20 SECRETARY: Okay.

21 MR. CALLAHAN: So there's a motion and a

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1 second.

2 SECRETARY: Who seconded?

3 MS. PRICE: I did.

4 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. Madam Secretary,

5 could you call the vote.

6 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.

7 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.

8 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.

9 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.

10 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.

11 MR. LESHER: Aye.

12 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.

13 MS. PRICE: Aye.

14 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.

15 MR. PACK: Aye.

16 MR. DIVILIO: One more time.

17 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.

18 MS. PRICE: Now, MCTV, go get some good

19 video clips that we can use, please.

20 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes.

21 MR. PACK: And I'll say this in passing.

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1 This is my last comment on this.

2 One of my favorite movies is the movie

3 Money Ball. And at the end of the movie when

4 Billy Bean is going off and getting a big

5 contract by the Boston Red Sox, and I forget

6 the character that was playing the part of the

7 statistician, well, he says to him it's not

8 about the money, it's what the money says.

9 And I think that for the voter, if you

10 think this elected, this position is one that

11 should be honored in our community and one that

12 you think is deserving, then you'll vote for

13 it.

14 And again, I think that it's what you want

15 your Council to look like and what you want

16 your Council to represent. So whether it's 19

17 or 23 or 25, it's not about the money, it's

18 what the money says. If it says that you think

19 that the Council, the position itself, not the

20 individual, but the position itself is worthy

21 of an increase, then you'll do so.

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1 And again, this is not an

2 every-other-Tuesday part-time job, you know, in

3 my opinion.

4 MS. PRICE: I'd like to make one other

5 comment. Undoubtedly, this is going to be a

6 question that the candidates who are running

7 are asked, should we vote for this ballot

8 question.

9 And I'm going to actually ask the public

10 respectfully don't ask them. They don't

11 necessarily know yet. And if you think that

12 you're going to vote for somebody because they

13 don't think they should get more of a salary,

14 you're voting for the wrong reason.

15 This should stand on its own. And I would

16 say that candidate forums that are upcoming, if

17 you want to put a -- whoever is putting the

18 forum together and you want to go down the line

19 and ask the candidates whether they support

20 this salary increase, I would respectfully ask

21 you not to do so because we're the ones who

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1 have been up here, we understand it.

2 Let them run on their issues and let that

3 stand for that because if that's the reason

4 you're going to vote for or against somebody

5 who is running for County Council, I think

6 you're making a decision on the wrong subject

7 matter.

8 MR. DIVILIO: And I fully agree with that

9 for the basis of we can't vote to give ourself

10 a raise because it takes that much time to know

11 what it's going to be for the next people.

12 So I hope, I hope whoever is running the

13 forums can understand and appreciate that.

14 MS. PRICE: And just a message out there

15 to the candidates. If you get asked, I would

16 take a little page from what we just said up

17 here. If you're -- you two are the only ones

18 who could answer it. But the other eight

19 people who are going to be in the general

20 election, honestly, they could say it's not the

21 reason they're doing it.

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1 MR. CALLAHAN: I'll let Pete.  
 2 MS. PRICE: They don't know enough about  
 3 the job.  
 4 I mean I would just say I remember another  
 5 question that was asked in 2014 that had  
 6 absolutely nothing to do with what we do up  
 7 here. It was not a topic that we would ever,  
 8 ever address at this level.  
 9 And I remember this, that the three  
 10 incumbents who were running, I'm not going to  
 11 say what the question was, but the three  
 12 incumbents who were running respectfully said  
 13 this is not an issue that will ever cross my  
 14 desk, if and when it does, I will answer the  
 15 question.  
 16 The two new people decided to answer the  
 17 question. And the three incumbents went first.  
 18 And it's like did you not take a page out of  
 19 that and understand that. But they chose to do  
 20 it. And they probably made half the people  
 21 happy and half the people mad. And it had

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1 nothing to do with anything that they would  
 2 have ever run for in office.  
 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you, Ms. Price.  
 4 Thank you, Council. That's good. Okay.  
 5 Need a little break? You good? Okay.  
 6 Madam Secretary, let's move on, eligible  
 7 for vote on all these bills. So I guess what  
 8 we'll do is we want to go ahead and start  
 9 with...  
 10 SECRETARY: Do you want me to read each  
 11 one or read them all?  
 12 MR. CALLAHAN: I think on this situation,  
 13 I think we're going to have to do each one.  
 14 Okay?  
 15 MS. PRICE: (Inaudible.)  
 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup, yup, yeah. We sort of  
 17 think that's probably the best way to go.  
 18 All right. Madam Secretary, could you  
 19 start off with Bill 1501, please.  
 20 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1501, a bill to  
 21 amend Bill Number 1474 to amend the

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1 appropriation for improvements to Airport Road.  
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 3 MR. PACK: So moved.  
 4 MR. STAMP: We do have Angela here --  
 5 MR. PACK: Yeah. I thought they were  
 6 coming up here in case you have any questions.  
 7 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. All right.  
 8 MS. PRICE: Shouldn't we have both up here  
 9 at the table.  
 10 MR. PACK: Yeah. I was waving to  
 11 Ms. Sparks, but she kept ignoring me.  
 12 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 13 MR. DIVILIO: If he's moved, I'll second  
 14 it.  
 15 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion.  
 16 I'll let Ms. Sparks sit down. Okay. Anybody  
 17 have any questions? Okay.  
 18 I got a motion and second for 1501. Madam  
 19 Secretary, could you call the vote.  
 20 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.

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1 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 2 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 3 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 4 MR. LESHER: Aye.  
 5 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 6 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 7 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 8 MR. PACK: Aye.  
 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 10 MR. STAMP: Okay.  
 11 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1502, a bill to  
 12 amend Bill Number 1418 to amend the  
 13 appropriation for a capital project for the  
 14 connection of Bar Neck and Fairbank communities  
 15 to the region V, Tilghman, wastewater treatment  
 16 plant.  
 17 MR. PACK: So moved.  
 18 MR. DIVILIO: Second.  
 19 MR. CALLAHAN: Any questions? Madam  
 20 Secretary, could you call the vote.  
 21 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.



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<p>1 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>2 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.</p> <p>3 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.</p> <p>4 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>5 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>6 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.</p> <p>7 MS. PRICE: Aye.</p> <p>8 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.</p> <p>9 MR. PACK: Aye.</p> <p>10 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1503, a bill to</p> <p>11 authorize improvements to county bridges.</p> <p>12 MR. CALLAHAN: Do I have a motion?</p> <p>13 MS. PRICE: So moved.</p> <p>14 MR. DIVILIO: Second.</p> <p>15 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Got a motion and</p> <p>16 second. Is there any questions?</p> <p>17 MR. PACK: He won't even look at me.</p> <p>18 MR. CALLAHAN: Can you get that Tunis</p> <p>19 Mills straight, please.</p> <p>20 MS. PRICE: No Clickety-clack,</p> <p>21 clickety-clack anymore, right?</p>	<p>1 unserved and underserved areas of Talbot</p> <p>2 County.</p> <p>3 MR. PACK: So moved.</p> <p>4 MR. DIVILIO: Second.</p> <p>5 MS. PRICE: Second.</p> <p>6 MR. CALLAHAN: Got a motion and second.</p> <p>7 Is there any question?</p> <p>8 This is a big bill. This is going to help</p> <p>9 Talbot County. It's a fantastic way of helping</p> <p>10 the community. That's for sure.</p> <p>11 Madam Secretary, could you call the vote.</p> <p>12 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>13 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>14 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.</p> <p>15 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.</p> <p>16 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>17 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>18 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.</p> <p>19 MS. PRICE: Aye.</p> <p>20 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.</p> <p>21 MR. PACK: Aye.</p>
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<p>1 MR. PACK: Five more months.</p> <p>2 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Madam Secretary,</p> <p>3 could you call the vote, please.</p> <p>4 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>5 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>6 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.</p> <p>7 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.</p> <p>8 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>9 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>10 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.</p> <p>11 MS. PRICE: Aye.</p> <p>12 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.</p> <p>13 MR. PACK: Aye.</p> <p>14 MS. PRICE: Clickety-clack,</p> <p>15 clickety-clack, right?</p> <p>16 MR. CALLAHAN: Mr. Pack, it's wood. You</p> <p>17 want me to go ahead and take care of it?</p> <p>18 MR. PACK: Yeah. That's okay.</p> <p>19 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1504, a bill to</p> <p>20 amend Bill Number 1478 to amend the</p> <p>21 appropriation for the expansion of broadband to</p>	<p>1 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1505, a bill to</p> <p>2 authorize a study for the replacement of the</p> <p>3 911 division computer aided dispatch, CAD,</p> <p>4 system.</p> <p>5 MR. PACK: So moved.</p> <p>6 MR. DIVILIO: Second.</p> <p>7 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Got a motion and</p> <p>8 second. Anybody got any questions? Okay.</p> <p>9 Madam Secretary, could you call the vote.</p> <p>10 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>11 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>12 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.</p> <p>13 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.</p> <p>14 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>15 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>16 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.</p> <p>17 MS. PRICE: Aye.</p> <p>18 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.</p> <p>19 MR. PACK: Aye.</p> <p>20 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1506, a bill to</p> <p>21 authorize improvements to county roads.</p>

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1 MR. PACK: So moved.  
 2 MR. DIVILIO: Second.  
 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Got a motion and second to  
 4 move forward with 1506. Any questions?  
 5 Madam Secretary, could you call the vote,  
 6 please.  
 7 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 8 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 9 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 10 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 11 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 12 MR. LESHNER: Aye.  
 13 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 14 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 15 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 16 MR. PACK: Aye.  
 17 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1507, a bill to  
 18 amend Bill Numbers 1361, 1332, 1307, and 1267  
 19 to amend the appropriation for the mapping and  
 20 evaluation and rehabilitation or replacement of  
 21 county culverts.

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1 MS. PRICE: So moved.  
 2 MR. DIVILIO: Second.  
 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Got a motion and  
 4 second to start mapping out the culverts. Is  
 5 there any questions?  
 6 Madam Secretary, could you call the vote.  
 7 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 8 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 9 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 10 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 11 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 12 MR. LESHNER: Aye.  
 13 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 14 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 15 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 16 MR. PACK: Aye.  
 17 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1508, a bill to  
 18 authorize the design, renovation, construction  
 19 of offices and other work areas for the Board  
 20 of Elections for Talbot County, Maryland.  
 21 MR. PACK: So moved.

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1 MR. DIVILIO: Second.  
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and  
 3 second on 1508 to do some design work and  
 4 renovations to the Elections Board in Talbot  
 5 County. Any questions? Couldn't get it out.  
 6 Sorry.  
 7 Madam Secretary, could you call the vote.  
 8 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 10 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 11 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 12 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 13 MR. LESHNER: Aye.  
 14 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 15 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 16 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 17 MR. PACK: Aye.  
 18 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1509, a bill to  
 19 amend Bill Number 1484 to amend the  
 20 appropriation for a capital project for the  
 21 construction of emergency medical services

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1 stations.  
 2 MS. PRICE: So moved.  
 3 MR. DIVILIO: Second.  
 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Motion and second, Bill  
 5 1509 for a medical service station. Any  
 6 questions?  
 7 Can you call the vote, Madam Secretary,  
 8 please.  
 9 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 10 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 11 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 12 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 13 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 14 MR. LESHNER: Aye.  
 15 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 16 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 17 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 18 MR. PACK: Aye.  
 19 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1510, a bill to  
 20 amend Bill Numbers 1457, 1422, 1335, and 1317  
 21 to amend the appropriation for storm water

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1 management and upgrades to Goldsborough Neck  
 2 Road and Airport Road.  
 3 MR. PACK: Quick question on this,  
 4 Mr. Stamp or Mr. Clarke. The \$1 million grant  
 5 that Cassandra just put in for, is that going  
 6 to be a part of 1510?  
 7 MR. CLARKE: Yes, sir. It will probably  
 8 be grant funding associated with 1510.  
 9 MR. PACK: Okay.  
 10 MR. STAMP: So that's the IT project.  
 11 It's a combination between local funds and  
 12 grant dollars. So the grant money will go  
 13 toward this project.  
 14 MR. PACK: Okay, okay.  
 15 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Do I have a motion?  
 16 MR. PACK: So moved.  
 17 MR. DIVILIO: Second.  
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Got a motion and  
 19 second to move forward with 1510 on management  
 20 of upgrades at Goldsborough Neck Road. Any  
 21 questions?

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1 MR. PACK: That was the only one I had.  
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you.  
 3 Madam Secretary, could you call the vote,  
 4 please.  
 5 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 6 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 7 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 8 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 9 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshler.  
 10 MR. LESHNER: Aye.  
 11 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 12 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 13 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 14 MR. PACK: Aye.  
 15 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1512, a bill to  
 16 authorize a capital project for the purchase  
 17 and installation of an emergency generator for  
 18 the Martingham sanitary district.  
 19 MR. DIVILIO: So moved.  
 20 MR. PACK: Second.  
 21 MR. CALLAHAN: We have a motion and second

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1 to move 1512 to vote. Is there any questions?  
 2 Okay. On installation of emergency generator.  
 3 Madam Secretary, could you call the vote.  
 4 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 5 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 6 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 7 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 8 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshler.  
 9 MR. LESHNER: Aye.  
 10 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 11 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 12 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 13 MR. PACK: Aye.  
 14 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1513, a bill to  
 15 authorize improvements to county Park and  
 16 Recreation facilities.  
 17 MR. DIVILIO: So moved.  
 18 MS. PRICE: Second.  
 19 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and  
 20 second to move forward with 1513 on  
 21 improvements of county Parks and Recreation

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1 facilities. Any questions? Okay.  
 2 Madam Secretary, could you call the vote.  
 3 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 5 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 6 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 7 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshler.  
 8 MR. LESHNER: Aye.  
 9 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 10 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 11 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 12 MR. PACK: Aye.  
 13 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1515, a bill to  
 14 authorize the resurfacing/repaving of the  
 15 St. Michael's school parking lot.  
 16 MR. PACK: So moved.  
 17 MR. DIVILIO: Second.  
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We've got a motion  
 19 and second for 1515 to go ahead and repave the  
 20 school parking lot in St. Michael's. Any  
 21 questions or discussions?

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1 Madam Secretary, could you call the vote.  
 2 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 4 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. I mean  
 5 Mr. Divilio.  
 6 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 7 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 8 MR. LESHNER: Aye.  
 9 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 10 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 11 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 12 MR. PACK: Aye.  
 13 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1516, a bill to  
 14 authorize the architectural and engineering  
 15 fees associated with renovation of the  
 16 St. Michael's branch of the Talbot County Free  
 17 Library.  
 18 MR. DIVILIO: So moved.  
 19 MR. LESHNER: Second.  
 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and  
 21 second on 1516 to engineer fees and renovations

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1 for St. Michael's library. Any discussion?  
 2 MR. PACK: I just want to add.  
 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah. Sure.  
 4 MR. PACK: And I know, because I won't be  
 5 around to see this through, but I will  
 6 certainly be paying attention to it. And I  
 7 hope that this is one that the next Council  
 8 really gets behind.  
 9 I think that the librarian and her staff  
 10 have certainly made the case to this body of  
 11 the need for renovations down there in  
 12 St. Michael's.  
 13 The library, not just in St. Michael's, I  
 14 think as part of any community body, libraries  
 15 play an important role for people to  
 16 congregate. They're an important role when it  
 17 comes to dissemination of information and also  
 18 allowing people space for programming.  
 19 So I think it's just not about going in --  
 20 and also for study space. I think there are a  
 21 lot of underprivileged students who may not

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1 have adequate study space in the homes that  
 2 they live in. There may be homes where you  
 3 maybe have multi generations living there. And  
 4 for them to have a library where they can go to  
 5 find a quiet space to study, I think also bodes  
 6 well for the library as being a part of a  
 7 neighborhood.  
 8 Look, I remember back some 30, 40 years  
 9 ago when the library closed in my neighborhood  
 10 back in Turner Station and what a big hit that  
 11 was for the citizens there. I was already gone  
 12 and grown when it happened. Well, I was  
 13 already gone, I wasn't grown, but I was gone.  
 14 But we had moved away. But I just remember how  
 15 much of a drain that it had on the community,  
 16 losing your Library.  
 17 So again, certainly won't be here to see  
 18 this through, but I will be paying attention to  
 19 it along the way and adding my voice to the  
 20 conversation.  
 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.

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1 MR. DIVILIO: Thank you for sharing that  
 2 story. It's often that I forget about what  
 3 would happen if we lost one of these after  
 4 realizing how much benefit we have. Thank you.  
 5 MR. CALLAHAN: Any more discussion? Okay.  
 6 Madam Secretary, I lost count here. 1516.  
 7 I'm sorry. We got a motion and second. Could  
 8 you call the vote.  
 9 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 10 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 11 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 12 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 13 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 14 MR. LESHNER: Aye.  
 15 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 16 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 17 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 18 MR. PACK: Aye.  
 19 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1517, a bill to  
 20 authorize the construction of a storage  
 21 facility for the Talbot County Public Schools.

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1 MR. PACK: So moved.  
 2 MR. LESHHER: Second.  
 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Is there a motion and  
 4 second.  
 5 MR. LESHHER: Already done.  
 6 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Sorry. 1517, is  
 7 there any discussion?  
 8 Madam Secretary, could you call the vote.  
 9 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 10 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 11 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 12 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 13 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshher.  
 14 MR. LESHHER: Aye.  
 15 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 16 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 17 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 18 MR. PACK: Aye.  
 19 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1518, a bill to  
 20 amendment Bill Numbers 1082 and 1285 to amend  
 21 the appropriation for improvements to the Tunis

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1 Mills Bridge.  
 2 MS. PRICE: There's your bridge.  
 3 MR. STAMP: There you go, there you go.  
 4 MR. PACK: I can't even bring myself  
 5 around to make a motion on this.  
 6 MS. PRICE: Would you like to introduce  
 7 this motion?  
 8 MR. PACK: My goodness gracious.  
 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Ray ain't even looking up,  
 10 either.  
 11 MR. PACK: He won't look at me. He won't  
 12 even look at me.  
 13 So moved.  
 14 MS. PRICE: Second.  
 15 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and  
 16 second to go ahead and renovate the bridge next  
 17 week.  
 18 MR. PACK: The one that's been falling  
 19 down for the last 20 years.  
 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Exactly. We'll get there.  
 21 Madam Secretary, could you call the vote.

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1 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 3 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 4 MR. DIVILIO: No.  
 5 MR. PACK: Ain't that something.  
 6 MR. CALLAHAN: (Inaudible.)  
 7 MR. PACK: Yeah, please. (Inaudible.)  
 8 MR. CALLAHAN: Get his tires on that one.  
 9 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshher.  
 10 MR. LESHHER: Aye.  
 11 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 12 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 13 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 14 MR. PACK: Absolutely.  
 15 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1519, a bill to  
 16 authorize countywide water quality improvement  
 17 projects.  
 18 MS. PRICE: So moved.  
 19 MR. PACK: Second.  
 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and  
 21 second to go ahead and countywide water quality

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1 improvement project. Madam Secretary, could  
 2 you call the vote, please.  
 3 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 5 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 6 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 7 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshher.  
 8 MR. LESHHER: Aye.  
 9 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 10 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 11 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 12 MR. PACK: Aye.  
 13 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1520, a bill to  
 14 authorize the construction and installation of  
 15 a sun shade structure for an outdoor classroom  
 16 and playground for the White Marsh Elementary  
 17 School.  
 18 MR. DIVILIO: So moved.  
 19 MR. LESHHER: Second.  
 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and  
 21 second to go ahead and upgrade the outdoor

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1 playground at White Marsh. Madam Secretary,  
 2 could you call the vote, please.  
 3 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 5 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 6 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 7 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 8 MR. LESHNER: Aye.  
 9 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 10 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 11 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 12 MR. PACK: Aye.  
 13 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1521, a bill to  
 14 authorize the construction and installation of  
 15 a security fence for the White Marsh Elementary  
 16 School.  
 17 MR. PACK: So moved.  
 18 MR. DIVILIO: Second.  
 19 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and  
 20 second on 1521 to put a security fence down  
 21 White Marsh. Any questions or discussion?

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1 Madam Secretary, could you call the vote,  
 2 please.  
 3 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 5 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 6 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 7 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 8 MR. LESHNER: Aye.  
 9 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 10 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 11 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 12 MR. PACK: Aye.  
 13 MS. LANE: Thank you very much, Council.  
 14 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you, guys.  
 15 Appreciate everything.  
 16 Welcome, Ms. Martha. You did very well,  
 17 very well.  
 18 MR. DIVILIO: It's more comfortable when  
 19 you sit up here.  
 20 MS. PRICE: Before she runs away, since I  
 21 missed her introduction, I just want to

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1 officially welcome Ms. Sparks to Talbot County.  
 2 And I am thrilled that you're here. And you're  
 3 just going to be able to pick up and do  
 4 wonderful things here and continue the  
 5 tradition that we here.  
 6 So I apologize for being late and missing  
 7 your introduction, but I am absolutely thrilled  
 8 you're here.  
 9 MS. SPARKS: Thank you, Councilwoman  
 10 Price.  
 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. Thank you. Okay.  
 12 MR. STAMP: Public comment.  
 13 MR. CALLAHAN: I just want to make sure  
 14 that you had nothing more.  
 15 MR. STAMP: Nothing more.  
 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Just double-checking if you  
 17 missed something. That's all.  
 18 Now let's go to public comment. Do we  
 19 have...  
 20 MS. MORRIS: Not tonight.  
 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Really? Okay.

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1 Let's go to the Council comments. Let's  
 2 go with Mr. Divilio tonight.  
 3 MR. DIVILIO: No further comments at this  
 4 time.  
 5 MR. CALLAHAN: No? Okay.  
 6 Mr. Vice President.  
 7 MR. LESHNER: Yes. Four years ago, I  
 8 learned about the gaps in broadband Internet  
 9 around this county. Our municipalities and  
 10 densely settled areas generally have, all have  
 11 service. But in areas where it had not made  
 12 business sense for Internet service providers  
 13 to provide coverage, we had and we still have  
 14 wide gaps.  
 15 This Council put out a request for  
 16 proposals and awarded the project to Easton  
 17 Utilities, which secured \$13 million in United  
 18 States Department of Agriculture Rural Connect  
 19 funding to cover 90 percent of the 2,800  
 20 unserved and underserved addresses in this  
 21 county.

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1 Our Easton Utilities partners then secured  
 2 some State broadband funding to serve  
 3 additional addresses.  
 4 This spring the Council allocated one and  
 5 three-quarter million dollars of American  
 6 Rescue Plan Act funding to provide a match and  
 7 to eliminate capital charges for new customers.  
 8 And this week, they released the news that  
 9 the State's Connect Maryland initiative will  
 10 fund all of the remaining unserved addresses in  
 11 this county.  
 12 This means that we have achieved funding  
 13 for 100 percent of the addresses in the county.  
 14 This is a promise kept.  
 15 Now, of course, we still have to complete  
 16 the construction, but that construction is  
 17 taking place as we speak every day. And you  
 18 can follow that progress on the Easton  
 19 Utilities Connect Talbot map.  
 20 I can't overemphasize what a  
 21 transformative moment this is for Talbot

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1 County. This is huge news and good news for  
 2 this county.  
 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you, Mr. Leshner.  
 4 Mr. Pack.  
 5 MR. PACK: I would just echo that as well.  
 6 I was very excited that I got that e-mail from  
 7 Mr. Horner over at Easton Utility showing that  
 8 they received the last mile of funding, if you  
 9 would.  
 10 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah.  
 11 MR. PACK: So that the new residents who  
 12 are being connected to that broadband service  
 13 won't have to pay a capital charge onto their  
 14 bill. And so I'm very happy to hear that. And  
 15 yes, the work is being done as we move along.  
 16 I made mention earlier when we had  
 17 discussion earlier regarding the ballot  
 18 question about this being an award winning  
 19 Council and all the work that we've done over  
 20 the last four years together and through some  
 21 very trying times.

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1 We won an award down in Ocean City from  
 2 the Maryland Association of Counties due to our  
 3 work that we're doing with the Neighborhood  
 4 Service Center, which Mr. Divilio is chairman  
 5 of.  
 6 And we also received an award recently  
 7 from the National Association of Counties that  
 8 I just want to share with our listeners at  
 9 home. This is a 2020 Achievement Award. And  
 10 it says from the National Association of  
 11 Counties is proud to award Talbot County with  
 12 the 2022 Achievement Award for its program  
 13 entitled Creativity in County Government,  
 14 Talbot County Leverages Resiliency Strategy to  
 15 Address COVID-19.  
 16 And again, we put a lot of time and effort  
 17 into COVID-19. Ms. Vanhooser is not here. She  
 18 carried a lot of the weight with our business  
 19 sector, helping them in getting those dollars  
 20 into their hand. I think she distributed  
 21 somewhere in the neighborhood of \$6 million

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1 first round or was that the total number I'm  
 2 thinking about. Maybe her number is somewhat  
 3 smaller.  
 4 But we handed out a lot of money to our  
 5 business communities through COVID. We did a  
 6 lot of coordination with our towns, a lot of  
 7 coordination with our feeding programs and  
 8 other Statewide departments and agencies.  
 9 So when citizens don't see what we're  
 10 doing behind the scenes because it's not a  
 11 Tuesday, this Council is still at work. And I  
 12 think the recognition that we received from  
 13 this State agency, the Maryland Association of  
 14 Counties, I'm sorry, the Maryland Community  
 15 Action Partnership, and then from the National  
 16 Association of Counties goes to, speaks to the  
 17 impact that this body has made over the last  
 18 four years.  
 19 So just wanted to share that with our  
 20 listening audience. That's all I have.  
 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Ms. Price.

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1 MS. PRICE: I want to just give a thank  
 2 you to my fellow Council members. I have a  
 3 little bit of a crazy schedule this year. And  
 4 I just want to thank them for the flexibility  
 5 in meeting yesterday. We did some work on the  
 6 Police Accountability Board because I could not  
 7 get here until late. We had originally had  
 8 that scheduled for our session prior to the  
 9 open session today.  
 10 So I want to thank you all very much for  
 11 being flexible on that. And also for holding  
 12 off on the public hearings this evening.  
 13 I'm sure those are not the only two things  
 14 that you all have done to make room for my MACo  
 15 schedule. I just want to say publicly how very  
 16 much I appreciate you all for doing that.  
 17 Thank you so much.  
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you. Okay. And I  
 19 guess I'll end it with it's an important night  
 20 tonight for staff and Ms. Sparks. And you  
 21 know, once again, you're going to get tired of

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1 hearing this, but we can't thank you enough for  
 2 dedicating your career and sort of coming home  
 3 here and settling in with us. We really  
 4 appreciate it.  
 5 It is a big deal to us. We've gone  
 6 through a little bit of a hardship here in the  
 7 last year and a half or so. And you stepped up  
 8 to the plate. Not only you, Angela.  
 9 So you know, you make us look good up here  
 10 when we talk about these budgets and all that  
 11 kind of stuff. And you guys, you guys and this  
 12 staff are sort of the backbone to us and make  
 13 us look really good out here and the stuff that  
 14 we have to explain to the public. The  
 15 information that you all give us is very  
 16 valuable. And I can't thank you enough for  
 17 helping my colleagues and all that. And I just  
 18 want to thank you for doing that.  
 19 And then I want to give a shout out to  
 20 Mrs. Moran. I know you've had some hardships  
 21 with your dad passing away. And we all, you

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1 know, want to give our hearts out to him and  
 2 you and your family. We're behind you if you  
 3 need us for anything.  
 4 SECRETARY: Thank you.  
 5 MR. CALLAHAN: That's for sure.  
 6 SECRETARY: Appreciate it.  
 7 MR. CALLAHAN: Other than that,  
 8 Mr. Leshner, you want to lead us to the end.  
 9 MR. LESHNER: The County Council's next  
 10 meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 26th,  
 11 beginning at six o'clock p.m. The Council will  
 12 be convening in open session at 4:30 p.m. and  
 13 then adjourning into closed session to discuss  
 14 real estate, legal, and personnel matters, as  
 15 listed on the statement for closing that  
 16 meeting.  
 17 The County Council will also be holding a  
 18 closed session on Monday, July 18th, beginning  
 19 at 4:15 p.m. to discuss personnel matters, as  
 20 listed on the statement for closing that  
 21 meeting.

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1 Therefore, is there a motion to adjourn  
 2 this meeting and reconvene as noted?  
 3 MS. PRICE: So moved.  
 4 MR. DIVILIO: Second.  
 5 MR. CALLAHAN: We got a motion and second.  
 6 Madam Secretary, could you call the vote.  
 7 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 8 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 9 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 10 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 11 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 12 MR. LESHNER: Aye.  
 13 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 14 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 15 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 16 MR. PACK: Aye.  
 17 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you.  
 18 (Meeting concluded at: 8:36 p.m.)  
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1 STATE OF MARYLAND  
 2 I, Diane Houlihan, a Notary Public in and  
 for the State of Maryland, County of Baltimore City,  
 3 do hereby certify that the within named, Talbot  
 County Council Audio, personally appeared before me  
 4 at the time and place herein set according to law,  
 was interrogated by counsel.

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 6 recorded stenographically by me and then transcribed  
 from my stenographic notes to the within printed  
 7 matter by means of computer-assisted transcription  
 in a true and accurate manner.

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 I further certify that the stipulations  
 9 contained herein were entered into by counsel in my  
 presence.

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 I further certify that I am not of counsel  
 11 to any of the parties, not an employee of counsel,  
 nor related to any of the parties, nor in any way  
 12 interested in the outcome of this action.

13 AS WITNESS my hand Notorial Seal this 18th  
 day of July, 2022, at Easton, MD.

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 Diane Houlihan  
 Notary Public

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