



TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

County Council

MINUTES

June 30, 2026

Present – President, Chuck Callahan, Vice President, Pete Leshner, Keasha N. Haythe, Lynn L. Mielke, Dave Stepp, County Manager Clay Stamp and County Attorney, Patrick Thomas.

- I. Agenda – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Agenda for Tuesday, June 30, 2026.
- II. Minutes – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Minutes of Tuesday, May 12, 2026, Tuesday, May 26, 2026, and Tuesday, June 9, 2026.
- III. Disbursements – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Disbursements of Tuesday, June 16, 2026, Tuesday, June 23, 2026, and Tuesday, June 30, 2026.
- IV. Update from Maryland Environmental Service – Tim Ford, Managing Director, Environmental Operations, Maryland Environmental Service; Gary Lasako, P.G., Senior Project Manager, Maryland Environmental Service – Mr. Ford and Mr. Lasako used a PowerPoint presentation to update the Council on matters related to the Mid-Shore I Transfer Station in Easton and the Mid-Shore II Landfill in Ridgely, Caroline County. Mr. Ford stated that gate (tipping) fees for FY27 at Mid-Shore II are \$74.50/ton for trash which includes a recycling surcharge of \$5.00/ton; \$49.50/ton for brush which includes a recycling surcharge of \$2.50/ton; and there is a surcharge of \$5.00/ton for sewage sludge. He stated that beginning July 1, 2027, there will be a \$30.00 surcharge per mattress. Mr. Ford stated that gate (tipping) fees for the Mid-Shore I Transfer Station in Easton for FY27 are \$85.50/ton for trash and \$60.50/ton for brush, both rates of which include transfer to Mid-Shore II; homeowner drop-off (HODO) rates of \$5.00 for single use; \$10.00 for a five-trip punch card; and \$20.00 for a 10-trip punch card remain unchanged for FY27. Mr. Lasako provided statistical information on tonnages of trash (42,000); brush (4,000+); scalehouse and HODO transactions at Mid-Shore I for the 12-month timeframe, April 2025 through March 2026, stating that the transactions exceeded the budgeted amount for FY26. Mr. Ford stated that construction of Cell 5 at Mid-Shore II, which was part of the agreement to extend the life of the Mid-Shore II landfill, is nearing completion; planning for construction of the last Cell will begin in approximately one year. Mr. Lasako provided an update on the Mid-Shore Regional Recycling Program which is primarily funded through the surcharges for trash and brush; the remaining revenue is provided through the sale of the commodities collected. He provided a graph outlining commodity revenue from FY20 to present, which is derived from commodity prices, not volume of product received. He stated that MES is working with the County Engineer to possibly reconfigure the recycling site at St. Michaels Market at the request of the owners of the market and that there is a new recycling drop-off location in Centreville. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Ford and Mr. Lasako as various items were brought forward. Maryland Environmental Service will continue to update the Council on a regular or as-needed basis.
- V. Update from Easton Airport – Micah Risher, Manager, Easton Airport; Jeff Lankford, Business Manager, Easton Airport – Mr. Risher utilized a PowerPoint presentation to update the Council on the Airfield Modernization Program at Easton Airport, the goals of which are to increase safety, modernize systems, integrate innovative technologies, achieve environmental benefits and to ensure the future of aviation in Talbot County. Mr. Risher stated that the Airport is currently in its third

year of construction; Phase 2 of the project, demolition of the Talbot Business Center (the former Black & Decker building) and construction related to the new runway (Runway 4-22), have been completed; Phase 3, major electrical upgrades in preparation for the new runway, is nearing finalization; the next phase will be completion of the new runway which will shift current Runway 4-22 to the southwest by 1,900 feet. Mr. Risher stated that rehabilitation work on Runway 15-33 (the Alpha Bravo intersection), including filling of cracks, sealcoating and painting, was completed in the spring in anticipation of the closure of Runway 4-22 in 2027 for approximately four months. Mr. Risher provided both ground and aerial photographs of the various phases of work and projects discussed and stated that the new electrical vault is hardwired with fiber to the air traffic control tower and was built to meet the technology needs of the Airport for several decades. Mr. Risher provided information on fuel sales, stating that FY26 is projected to be the fourth highest year for fuel sales the Airport has ever had. He stated that applications for funding in the sum of \$7.4 million have been submitted for the Airfield Modernization Program, \$6.7 million (95%) of which is for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funding; the Maryland Aviation Administration and Easton Airport will cover the remaining 5%; the Airport will also pay 5% of construction administration costs. He stated that the Federal Fiscal Year 27 (FFY27) Transportation Budget includes \$3 million in Congressional earmarked funding and is anticipated to be received in the winter of 2026/2027; he noted that the funding request was supported by all members of the Maryland Congressional delegation; the entire project is estimated to cost \$26 million. Mr. Lankford provided an update on community outreach by Easton Airport, including presentations to various community groups regarding history of the Airport and project updates, attendance at community events, and participation in various aviation organizations and conferences. He stated that participation in career fairs throughout Talbot County affords students an opportunity to use the mobile flight simulator. Mr. Lankford stated that the Airport now has two new online services: a hotline for reporting issues at the Airport after hours and online gate access requests; the hangar wait list is now online as well. He stated that digital communications features are also now available in public spaces featuring Airport businesses, local services, and information on the refreshment lounge; improvements have also been made in the ESN digital newsletter and on social media. Mr. Lankford provided statistical information on use of the Airport's website for the timeframe January to June 2026, stating that there were over 15,000 total page uses, 63,000 social media users, and over 1,100 subscribers to the Airport's newsletters and text messaging for construction notices, weather closures, etc.; over 46,000 messages have been sent. Mr. Lankford updated the Council on the Airport's Aviation Career Education (ACE) Program which provides educational and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programming; aviation seminars with guest speakers, flight simulators and Air Traffic Control experiences for local students in an effort to encourage students who may be interested in careers in aviation; the ACE Program connects the students to various resources which support workforce development, stating that Easton Airport is a significant economic driver in Talbot County, contributing \$90 million in business revenue and 542 jobs to the county's economy. Mr. Lankford concluded his presentation by noting several summer activities for children aged 12 to 16, including field trips; there is also an opportunity to participate in an airport design challenge in partnership with the FAA. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Risher and Mr. Lankford as various topics were brought forward. Mr. Risher will continue to update the Council on a regular or as-needed basis.

VI. Introduction of Legislation:

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 190 (ZONING, SUBDIVISION, AND LAND DEVELOPMENT) OF THE TALBOT COUNTY CODE FOR THE PURPOSES OF AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING DIRECTOR TO GRANT A WAIVER FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF 190-61.2.C FOR A BONA FIDE NON-PROFIT ENTITY, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS, AND AMENDING THE CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF

WAIVER APPLICATIONS was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for introduction. Prior to introduction, Bryce Yelton, Assistant Planning Officer, stated that the purpose of the proposed text amendment is to allow the Planning Officer, with the recommendation of the Planning Commission, to waive the Surety Bond associated with developer agreements in certain circumstances. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Yelton and County Attorney, Patrick Thomas, regarding the wording in a portion of the proposed legislation. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Bill No. 1651. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

VII. Public Hearing:

Bill No. 1627, A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 190 (ZONING, SUBDIVISION, AND LAND DEVELOPMENT) OF THE TALBOT COUNTY CODE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR THE PARTIAL OR COMPLETE RELEASE OF A RESERVED LAND AGREEMENT OR A RESERVATION OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS AGREEMENT IF THE PARCEL IS SUBJECT TO AN OPTION CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION (MALPF), SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for public hearing. Prior to the public hearing, Bryce Yelton, outlined the reason for the proposed text amendment, stating that the applicant had previously subdivided their property which required that they set aside reserved land through a Reserved Land Agreement; under the County Code, the release of the Reserved Land Agreement could only be made if the zoning classification of the property changed. He stated that in the past, when property owners have requested a Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) easement, the State did not require that the Reserved Land Agreement be extinguished in order to receive a payout for the full amount of the acreage; however, the State policy recently changed and the State is now requiring the County to release Reserved Land Agreements, within a certain timeframe as recommended by the Planning Commission, if an application is filed for same. Members of the public were then afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Bill No. 1627 is eligible for vote on Tuesday, July 14, 2026.

VIII. Eligible for Vote:

Bill No. 1626, A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 190 (ZONING, SUBDIVISION, AND LAND DEVELOPMENT) OF THE TALBOT COUNTY CODE FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXEMPTING CORPORATE FLAGS FROM THE SIGN PERMIT REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN § 190-42 OF THE COUNTY CODE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. Prior to the vote, Bryce Yelton, Assistant Planning Officer, stated that the County Code considers anything that advertises a business or industrial use on the site as part of the sign ordinance, even if not a traditional sign; the legislation before the Council proposes to address same. At Mr. Leshner's request, Mr. Yelton outlined the origin of the request for the text amendment. County Attorney, Patrick Thomas, outlined a proposed amendment to Bill No. 1626, as requested by Mr. Leshner at the Council meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2026. He stated that the amendment clarifies that the square footage of the corporate flag on the property cannot be any larger than any governmental flags flown on the property, the maximum size of which is 40 square feet. The amendment was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp as Amendment No. 1. The Council approved Amendment No. 1 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp - Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1626, as amended, by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp - Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

IX. County Manager’s Report:

- A. Economic Development Commission – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of David Montgomery (Town of Easton), Ken Kozel (at-large), and Jacqueline “Jackie” Wilson to three-year terms on the Economic Development Commission; said terms will expire on June 30, 2029. Upon motion by Ms. Haythe, seconded by Mr. Stepp, the Council approved the reappointments by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp - Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

- B. Ethics Commission – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of Paul Davin to a three-year term on the Ethics Commission; said term will expire on July 1, 2029. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Ms. Haythe, the Council approved the reappointment by voting 4 – 0 - 1 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp - Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Abstain
Ms. Haythe - Aye

- C. Historic Preservation Commission – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of Sharon Nash to a three-year term on the Historic Preservation Commission; said term will expire on July 1, 2029. Upon motion by Ms. Haythe, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved the reappointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp - Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

- D. Talbot County Tourism Board – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of Chris Agharabi, Harold Klinger and Jessica Bellis to four-year terms on the Tourism Board; said terms will expire on July 1, 2029. Upon motion by Mr. Stepp, seconded by Ms. Haythe, the Council approved the reappointments by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp - Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

- E. Request from Department of Corrections – Requested Council approval of the recommendation of the Director of the Department of Corrections to extend the County’s contract with Wellpath™ for the provision of inmate medical and mental health services for a period of one year in the sum of \$743,887; there is sufficient funding in the FY27 Budget. Council discussion ensued with Joe Hughes, Director, Department of Corrections, who expressed his appreciation to Council for approving additional hours of mental health services for the inmates. He stated that this is the last year of the contract which will go out for bid later this year. Upon motion by Mr. Stepp, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved extension of the contract by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp - Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe – Aye

- F. Request from Department of Corrections – Requested Council approval to extend the County’s contract with Trinity Food Services Group for a period of one year in the sum of \$450,000; there is sufficient funding in the FY27 Budget. Council discussion ensued with Joe Hughes, Director, Department of Corrections who stated that the FY27 contract will now include the provision of three (3) hot meals a day; this is the last year of the contract which will go out for bid later this year. Upon motion by Mr. Stepp, seconded by Ms. Haythe, the Council approved extension of the contract by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp - Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe – Aye

- G. Request from County Manager – Requested Council approval to have the Talbot County Sheriff’s Office enter into an agreement with the Commissioners of the Town of Oxford for law enforcement services. Council discussion ensued with Joe Gamble, Talbot County Sheriff, and Katrina Greer, President, Commissioners of the Town of Oxford who outlined the agreement, which, if approved, would begin on July 1, 2026, with the Town’s one police officer being sworn in as a deputy of the Talbot County Sheriff’s Office. Sheriff Gamble stated that the Town of Oxford will pay the full cost

of the employment of the officer, including any overtime incurred. Upon motion by Mr. Stepp, seconded by Ms. Haythe, the Council approved the Agreement as presented by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp - Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe – Aye

- H. Request from Department of Public Works – Requested Council approval of the County Engineer’s recommendation to have the County enter into a five-year Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Maryland Environmental Service for management of seven (7) recycling sites in Talbot County at a cost of \$42,450 for FY27. Council discussion ensued with Josh Elliott, Assistant County Engineer, who outlined various facets of the proposed IGA. Upon motion by Mr. Stepp, seconded by Ms. Haythe, the Council approved entering into the IGA by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp - Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe – Aye

- I. Request for Letter of Support – Requested Council approval for a letter in support of the Talbot Watermen’s Association application for funding from the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund (RMPIF). If approved, the funding will be used to support the Association’s *Watermen Resiliency and Nutrient Credit Pilot Program* which utilizes oysters as a Best Management Practice (BMP) while also supporting the livelihoods of Talbot County watermen. Jeff Harrison, President, Talbot Watermen’s Association, updated the Council on the number of watermen in Talbot County, stating that the majority of them are involved in oystering. Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Principal, R&R Solutions, stated that initial efforts to obtain funding for the project were successful and that the Watermen’s Association had been encouraged to submit additional information for consideration of further funding; Talbot County has committed \$125,000 toward the pilot program to date. Upon motion by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Mr. Stepp, the Council approved the letter of support by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp - Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe – Aye

- J. Request for Letter of Support – Prior to presentation of the request, Mr. Leshner recused himself and left the dais. He then requested Council approval to forward a letter in support of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum’s application to the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund Infrastructure Program for funding in the sum of \$176,554.50; no County funding is required. If approved, the funding would be utilized to improve accessibility for all visitors to the campus of the Museum through the

installation of elevated boardwalks on the current gravel and grassy areas around the Museum; boardwalks will also contribute to the Museum's resiliency plan against tidal flooding. Upon motion by Mr. Stepp, seconded by Ms. Mielke, the Council approved the letter of support by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe – Aye

- K. Request for Letter of Support – Requested Council approval for a letter in support of Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers' application for a Rural Maryland Council Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund (MAERDAF) grant in the sum of \$112,875; no County funding is required. If approved, the funding will be used to renovate the playground at the Critchlow Adkins Children's Center in St. Michaels which is aged and has damaged surfaces. Cristy Morrell, Executive Director, stated that the playground renovations are necessary in order to maintain childcare safety as well as a high rating from the Maryland State during the Centers' accreditation process which will begin in the near future. Council discussion ensued with Ms. Morrell. Upon motion by Ms. Haythe, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved the letter of support by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe – Aye

- L. Bid No. 26-05, CULVERT PIPE LINING – VARIOUS LOCATIONS TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND – Requested Council approval of the recommendation of the Superintendent of Roads and County Facilities to award Bid No. 26-05 as follows: to low bidder, Nu-Pipe, LLC, for locations on Chilcutt Road, Dover Neck Road and Manadier Road in the sum of \$62,756.80; and to low bidder, Premier Service Group, LLC, for locations on Dover Neck Road in the sum of \$30,015; sufficient funding is available in the FY27 Budget. Mr. Stamp stated that the Roads Department is also requesting approval to establish contracts with each of the referenced firms for future projects at the unit prices as submitted for Bid No. 26-05. Upon motion by Ms. Haythe, seconded by Ms. Mielke, the Council approved the awards and the request to establish contracts as outlined by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe – Aye

- M. Request from Department of Planning and Zoning – Requested Council approval of the Planning Officer's recommendation for a three-year extension of the contract for the OpenGov platform at a cost of \$178,539.09; funding for the contract from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, was included in the FY27 Budget. Bryce Yelton, Assistant Planning Officer, stated that since using OpenGov, applications and payments for

permits can be completed online and the review process has been shortened; the platform also provides better accountability within Planning and Zoning as well as with other County departments. Upon motion by Mr. Stepp, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved extension of the contract as outlined by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp - Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe – Aye

- N. Request from Department of Public Works – Requested Council approval to have the County enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Maryland Department of Information Technology (DoIT) for the placement of a telecommunications tower off Woodside Avenue in St. Michaels. Josh Elliott, Assistant County Engineer, stated that, if approved, the MOU would authorize DoIT to utilize a portion of County owned property at the Region II (St. Michaels) Wastewater Treatment Plant for the construction of a public safety telecommunications tower. He stated that the tower will be funded, operated and maintained by the State at no cost to the County and the County will have authorization to install and operate its own public safety equipment on the tower at no additional cost; the County will maintain the access road. County Manager, Clay Stamp, stated that Talbot County is a member of the State of Maryland radio system which provides the service to all public safety users in Maryland at no cost to county governments. He stated that the new telecommunications tower will eliminate “dead spots” for first responders and that future plans for the site include a new recycling site and a small EMS station; the EMS station is currently located in the St. Michaels Volunteer Fire Company building. Upon motion by Ms. Haythe, seconded by Mr. Stepp, the Council approved entering into the MOU by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp - Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe – Aye

- O. Bid No. 25-15, TALBOT COUNTY REGION IV WWTP IMPROVEMENT PLANS PRESERVE AT WYE MILLS, RUSTLING OAKS DRIVE, WYE MILLS, TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND - Requested Council approval to award Change Order No. 1 for Bid No. 25-15 in the sum of \$146,500, bringing the total contract price to date to \$2,056,500. Josh Elliott, Assistant County Engineer, stated that the amount of the Change Order reflects a price increase from the contractor for equipment due to the delayed start of the project resulting from the Maryland Department of the Environment’s extended review timeframe. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Elliott. Upon motion by Mr. Stepp, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved the Change Order by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp - Aye

Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe – Aye

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

XII. Council Comments:

Mr. Stepp - Mr. Stepp wished happy birthday to America and wished everyone and their families a joyous, safe and healthy Fourth of July weekend.

Mr. Leshner– Mr. Leshner stated that yesterday he had joined Mr. Callahan and Ms. Mielke at a presentation on the Courthouse lawn to receive a portrait of local hero, Col. Tench Tilghman. He stated that the portrait had been commissioned by SAR (Sons of the American Revolution), paid for by funding from the Maryland State Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, and painted by Laura Era, an Easton artist. He stated that the portrait will be hung in the Courthouse. Mr. Leshner concluded his comments by stating that he was looking forward to the 4th of July celebrations with the children's parade and the traditional community 4th of July events in St. Michaels on St. Mary's Square on Saturday morning (July 4th) and that again this year, he will have the privilege of being the speaker.

Ms. Mielke - Ms. Mielke stated that tomorrow, the County will be holding a ribbon-cutting ceremony dedicating the new playground at Home Run Baker Park in Trappe and encouraged those who could do so to attend. She stated that the ceremony will begin at 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Haythe - Ms. Haythe stated that a constituent had contacted her regarding a pedestrian crossing at Easton Parkway at its intersection with Peachblossom Road and Oxford Rd. She stated that there are several constituents that travel that intersection who have raised the issue of safety for bikers and runners on the road and had reached out to see if there is anything Council can do to have a pedestrian crossing installed at that location, similar to the crossing on Marlboro Road and the Easton Bypass. Ms. Haythe inquired about the process of moving the matter forward.

County Manager, Clay Stamp, responded that if three Council members concur, a letter can be drafted to the State Highway Administration for Council's consideration at the Council meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2026. Mr. Stepp suggested that the request also be added to the County's Priority Listing. Mr. Stamp also suggested that the County reach out to the Town of Easton as the intersection is within the town.

Following Mr. Stamp's comments, Ms. Haythe stated that the Council could also bring the matter to the attention of representatives of the Department of Transportation when the Council meets with them at the MACo Summer Conference. Ms. Haythe confirmed with Mr. Stamp that the matter would be included on the July 14th Council agenda. She

concluded her comments by wishing everyone a Happy, Blessed 4th of July.

Mr. Callahan – Mr. Callahan stated that, in his opinion, at the end of the day, we are all here because of those who have served and are serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and what they have done for the past 250 years to keep us safe.

Upon motion by Ms. Haythe, seconded by Ms. Mielke, the Council voted to adjourn and to reconvene on July 7, 2026, for a meeting with representatives from Easton, Oxford, Queen Anne, St. Michaels, and Trappe; the meeting will take place at 5:00 p.m. in the Wye Oak Room at the Talbot County Community Center, located at 10028 Ocean Gateway, Easton. The Council will reconvene on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. in Open Session, then adjourn into Closed Session as listed on the statement for closing that meeting, and for the regularly scheduled meeting at 5:00 p.m. by voting 5– 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan - Aye
 Mr. Leshner - Aye
 Mr. Stepp - Aye
 Ms. Mielke – Aye
 Ms. Haythe – Aye

The meeting ended at 6:21 p.m.

The transcript of the Tuesday, June 30, 2026, County Council meeting is available for review in the Office of the Talbot County Manager during regular office hours.

XIII. Summary of Closed Session Held on June 30, 2026:

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

Time of closed session: 3:35 p.m. End 4:35 p.m.
 Place of closed session: County Council Office
 Purpose of the closed session: To consider various matters as set forth in the statement for closing the meeting

2. Record of the vote of each member as to closing the session:

Names of members voting aye: Callahan, Haythe, Leshner, Mielke, Stepp
 Members opposed: None
 Abstaining: None
 Absent: None

3. Statutory authority to close session and listing of each topic actually discussed, persons present, and each action taken in the session:

Topic Description	Statutory Authority	Reason for Closed Session Discussion	Persons Present	Action Taken
To discuss appointments to various County	GP § 3-305(b)(1)(i)	Public discussion would discourage individuals from	Chuck Callahan, Pete Leshner, Keasha Haythe,	No action

boards and committees		volunteering to serve	Lynn Mielke, Dave Stepp, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	
To discuss personnel matter in the Department of Economic Development and Tourism	GP § 3-305(b)(1)(i)	Discussion involves specific individual	Chuck Callahan, Pete Leshner, Keasha Haythe, Lynn Mielke, Dave Stepp, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	No action
For legal advice on potential litigation involving Talbot County	GP § 3-305(b)(7)	Attorney-client privilege regarding legal advice	Chuck Callahan, Pete Leshner, Keasha Haythe, Lynn Mielke, Dave Stepp, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	No action
For legal advice on negotiations for acquisition of real property in Easton for a public purpose	GP § 3-305(b)(7)	Attorney-client privilege regarding legal advice	Chuck Callahan, Pete Leshner, Keasha Haythe, Lynn Mielke, Dave Stepp, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	No action



TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND
WEEKLY CASH STATEMENT
6/16/2026

OPERATING FUNDS - SHORE UNITED BANK

OPERATING FUNDS AT **6/9/2026** **\$ 13,418,757.38**

Total ADP Payroll PPE 6/5/2026	(1,030,095.05)
Bank Charges 4/2026	(6,704.74)
Interest On Accounts 5/2026	108,553.29
Deposits	908,687.83
Checks	(289,689.48)
ACH Disbursements	(953,586.90)
EFT's	(190,703.93)
Wire Transfers	(1,851,356.50)
Voided Check	12,000.00

OPERATING FUNDS AT **6/16/2026** **\$ 10,125,861.90**

PETTY CASH FUNDS **\$ 18,455.00**

INVESTMENT FUNDS

	<u>Yield</u>	
Maryland Local Government Investment Pool (MLGIP)	3.68%	\$ 24,199,719.09
Bayvanguard Bank	3.89%	\$ 11,666,348.29
Shore United Money Market Account	3.62%	\$ 65,287,547.92

INVESTMENT FUNDS TOTAL **\$ 101,172,070.30**

TOTAL ALL CASH AND INVESTMENTS **\$ 111,297,932.20**



TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND
WEEKLY CASH STATEMENT
6/23/2026

OPERATING FUNDS - SHORE UNITED BANK

OPERATING FUNDS AT	6/16/2026	\$	10,125,861.90
Returned Check #4858			(50.00)
Deposits			3,351,347.87
Checks			(159,025.59)
ACH Disbursements			(815,058.85)
EFT's			(351,921.43)
Wire Transfers			(5,395,394.28)

OPERATING FUNDS AT	6/23/2026	\$	6,755,759.62
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PETTY CASH FUNDS		\$	18,455.00
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INVESTMENT FUNDS

		<u>Yield</u>	
Maryland Local Government Investment Pool (MLGIP)	3.70%	\$	24,275,490.88
Bayvanguard Bank	3.89%	\$	11,666,348.29
Shore United Money Market Account	3.62%	\$	65,287,547.92

INVESTMENT FUNDS TOTAL		\$	101,247,842.09
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<u>TOTAL ALL CASH AND INVESTMENTS</u>		\$	108,003,601.71
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TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND
WEEKLY CASH STATEMENT
6/30/2026

OPERATING FUNDS - SHORE UNITED BANK

OPERATING FUNDS AT **6/23/2026** **\$ 6,755,759.62**

Total ADP Payroll PPE 6/19/2026	(1,118,994.92)
Total ADP Monthly Payroll PPE 6/30/2026	(16,870.07)
Community Center Sales & Use Tax Due 6/20/2026	(84.90)
Golf Course Sales & Use Tax Due 6/20/2026	(3,251.96)
Roads Sales & Use Tax Due 6/20/2026	(1,210.73)
Airport Merchant Portal Hosting 6/2026	(11.00)
Repurposing Merchant Portal Hosting 6/2026	(15.00)
Roads Merchant Portal Hosting 6/2026	(15.00)
Returned Paymentus Payments	(2,145.27)

Deposits	2,181,354.32
Checks	(63,113.84)
ACH Disbursements	(891,428.89)
EFT's	(105,567.58)
Wire Transfers	(788,304.77)

OPERATING FUNDS AT **6/30/2026** **\$ 5,946,100.01**

PETTY CASH FUNDS **\$ 18,455.00**

INVESTMENT FUNDS

	<u>Yield</u>	
Maryland Local Government Investment Pool (MLGIP)	3.71%	\$ 24,275,490.88
Bayvanguard Bank	3.89%	\$ 11,666,348.29
Shore United Money Market Account	3.62%	\$ 65,287,547.92

INVESTMENT FUNDS TOTAL **\$ 101,247,842.09**

TOTAL ALL CASH AND INVESTMENTS **\$ 107,193,942.10**