



TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

County Council

MINUTES

April 13, 2021

Present – President Chuck F. Callahan, Vice President Pete Leshner, Frank Divilio, Corey W. Pack, Laura Price, County Manager Clay Stamp, and Acting County Attorney Patrick Thomas.

- I. Agenda – The Agenda of Tuesday, April 13, 2021 was brought forward for approval. Mr. Stamp requested to amend the agenda to add an item to the County Manager’s Report: *Request for Letter in Support of the DeShields Family’s Application for a Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant for the Bellevue Passage Museum*. Ms. Price requested to postpone the public hearings on Resolution Nos. 299, 300, and 301 until Tuesday, May 25, 2021 by which time both the Planning Commission and the Public Works Advisory Board will have had an opportunity to review the resolutions and to provide recommendations on same. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved the Tuesday, April 13, 2021 Agenda, as amended, by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack - Aye

- II. Disbursements – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Disbursements of Tuesday, April 30, 2021, Tuesday, April 6, 2021 and Tuesday, April 13, 2021.
- III. Proclamation: Sexual Assault Awareness Month – April 2021 – The Clerk read a proclamation into the record which spoke of the prevalence of, and violence associated with, sexual assault, the often long-term serious health issues which can result following such assaults, and the need for communities to provide support services for victims and to work to prevent sexual assault. Council members expressed their support for the work of For All Seasons, Inc. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the proclamation by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

- IV. Proclamation: Native Plant Week – April 19-25, 2021 – The Clerk read a proclamation into the record which spoke of the importance of the many species of plants native to Talbot County and how each plant, in its own unique way, has adapted to the geography and climate of our area to provide food and shelter to the many species of birds and other wildlife in the county, and encouraged citizens to utilize native plants on their property. Council expressed their appreciation to the representatives of Pickering Creek Audubon Center in attendance for their work to preserve nature. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved the proclamation by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

V. Presentation by Waterfowl Chesapeake – Margaret Enloe, Executive Director, Waterfowl Chesapeake – Ms. Enloe provided information on a recent Study conducted by Rockport Analytics of Annapolis on the economic and cultural impacts of the 2019 Waterfowl Festival to Talbot County. She stated that, in her opinion, the Waterfowl Festival, now in its 50th year, has helped to define Easton’s identity and to promote the lifestyle, love of the outdoors and love for the arts beyond Talbot County and the Eastern Shore. Underwritten by the Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area, and completed in April 2020, the Study was commissioned to measure the community’s impression of the Waterfowl Festival and to provide statistical information on the impact of the Festival to Talbot County. Ms. Enloe stated that in 2019, the Waterfowl Festival had 15,120 attendees, 45% of whom were classified as “visitors” – those who travelled 50 miles or more to attend or who stayed overnight. She provided information on the total revenue generated by the event, the average amount of money spent, length of stay, amount of tax revenue generated, jobs supported, the event’s impact on tourism in the region, the attendees’ satisfaction rating of the event, and the methodology utilized by Rockport Analytics to gather data for the Study. Council discussion ensued with Ms. Enloe as various statistics were presented. Ms. Enloe concluded her presentation by expressing her gratitude to the approximately 850 volunteers who assist with the Waterfowl Festival each year and the organizations and business which support it, without whom, it would not be possible for the event to take place. No event was held in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic; however, the 50th Waterfowl Festival will be held on November 12 -14, 2021.

VI. Request by Talbot County Board of Education for Categorical Budget Transfer and Use of Fund Balance – Sarah Jones, Chief Financial Officer, Talbot County Public Schools – Ms. Jones briefed the Council on Talbot County Public Schools’ (TCPS) request to transfer \$900,000 in FY21 funds from Instructional Salaries to the following budget categories in the current fiscal year due to savings in that category: \$272,000 to Instructional Materials to be used for new social studies; \$128,000 to Plant Operations for custodial supplies not covered by grant funding; and \$500,000 to Fixed Charges to pre-pay a portion of the increased cost of health insurance. Council discussion ensued with Ms. Jones. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved the categorical budget transfers as outlined by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack - Aye

Ms. Jones also briefed the Council on TCPS’ request to utilize \$360,000 of the June 30, 2021 unassigned Fund Balance for the following purposes: \$160,000 in Plant Operations contracted services for communications; and \$200,000 for Other Post Employee Benefits (OPEB). Ms. Jones stated that the Board of Education, in their revised Budget presented to the Council, removed \$360,000 from their funding request for FY22. Council discussion ensued with Ms. Jones and Angela Lane, Talbot County Finance Director. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mr. Pack, the Council approved the request as outlined by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack - Aye

VII. Introduction of Legislation:

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE 2021-2022 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for introduction. Prior to introduction, Angela Lane, Finance Director, and Clay Stamp, County Manager, utilized a PowerPoint presentation to outline the proposed budget for FY2022 which totals \$112,535,000. Ms. Lane stated that Council received requests for operating and capital items of approximately \$119 million, or \$22.5 million more than the current year's budget. She stated that the FY2022 General Fund Budget of \$112,500,000 is \$15,985,000, or 16.56%, more than the FY2021 Budget; of the approximately \$16 million increase, over \$10 million is for transfer to the Capital Project Fund and \$4 million is for capital outlay and equipment purchases. Ms. Lane stated that the new expenses outlined in the FY22 Budget are off-set with \$20.8 million in revenues from the prior year's fund balance. She stated that the FY22 Budget for operating expenses in the General fund is increasing by 3.86%. She stated that the Budget includes a one cent increase in the Real Property Tax rate above what is allowed under the current Real Property Tax cap as authorized by county voters in November 2020. Mr. Stamp stated that the FY22 Budget focuses on (1) personnel retention and recruitment; (2) strategic projects; and (3) efficiency in processes, and he outlined the reasoning behind the areas of focus. He commented on the five pillars of the Talbot County community as outlined in the 2016 Comprehensive Plan: (1) public safety and health; (2) infrastructure; (3) environment; (4) education; and (5) economic stability, and provided examples of capital improvement projects in the FY22 Budget related to same. Ms. Lane highlighted various items in the proposed budget, provided statistical information and charts outlining County General Fund Revenue sources and dollar amounts for FY2021, anticipated for FY2022, and the General Fund Expenditures for same, including the percentage of increase or decrease from FY2021. She outlined proposed projects included in the Capital Projects Fund and provided a history of the Discretionary Fund Balance from FY2010 to present, and stated that the remaining balance of \$15.4 million is available for use in FY2022 and beyond; the Rainy Day Fund of slightly over \$13 million remains intact and is available for catastrophes, emergencies and natural disasters. Council members were provided an opportunity to comment on the proposed budget. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner, Mr. Pack, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1473. Public hearings were scheduled for Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. (*virtual*) and 7:00 p.m. (*in person*) in the Easton Elementary School Cafeteria located at 307 Glenwood Avenue, Easton Maryland 21601.

LIVESTREAM VIDEO IS ACCESSIBLE VIA YOUTUBE AT:

<https://www.youtube.com/midshorecommunitytelevision>

The FY2021-2022 County Budget, as introduced, is available on the County website at www.talbotcountymd.gov. Citizens are encouraged to submit their comments on the Budget in writing to PublicComment@talbotcountymd.gov by Monday, May 3, 2021 in order for comments to be made a part of the public record.

VIII. Public Hearings:

The public hearing on Resolution No. 299, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN TO RECLASSIFY AND REMAP REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND LOCATED ON ST. MICHAELS ROAD (MARYLAND ROUTE 33), EASTON, MARYLAND 21601 AND SHOWN ON TALBOT COUNTY TAX MAP NO. 34, GRID 2 AS PARCEL 11 FROM UNPROGRAMMED TO "S-1" IMMEDIATE PRIORITY STATUS (*Repurposing Center*) had previously been postponed and rescheduled for Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

The public hearing on Resolution No. 300, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN TO RECLASSIFY AND REMAP COMMERCIAL REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON OCEAN GATEWAY AND MARINA DRIVE, TRAPPE, MARYLAND 21673 AND SHOWN ON TALBOT COUNTY TAX MAP NO. 62 AS PARCELS 13, 21, 42, 43, AND 80 FROM UNPROGRAMMED TO "S-1" IMMEDIATE PRIORITY STATUS, AND TO RECLASSIFY AND REMAP RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON OCEAN FERRY POINT DRIVE, TRAPPE, MARYLAND 21673 AND SHOWN ON TALBOT COUNTY TAX MAP NO. 62 AS PARCELS 1 THROUGH 19 FROM UNPROGRAMMED TO "S-2" FUTURE PLANNED SEWER SERVICE IN 3 TO 5 YEARS (*Ferry Point*) had been previously postponed and rescheduled for Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

The public hearing on Resolution No. 301, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN TO APPROVE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM ON RUSTLING OAKS DRIVE, WYE MILLS, MARYLAND SHOWN ON TALBOT COUNTY TAX MAP 1, GRID 23 AS PARCEL 98 (*Preserve at Wye Mills*) had been previously postponed and rescheduled for Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

Bill No. 1471, A BILL TO REPEAL OFFICIAL ZONING MAP 41 OF TALBOT COUNTY, AND REENACT THE SAME WITH AN AMENDMENT CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT ON A PORTION OF TAX MAP 41, PARCEL 68, REMAINING LANDS AND LOTS 1, 2, AND 3, CONSISTING OF 2.029 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, FROM THE VILLAGE HAMLET (VH) ZONING DISTRICT TO THE WESTERN RURAL CONSERVATION (WRC) ZONING DISTRICT, was read into the record by the Clerk, brought forward for public hearing, and the members of the public were afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Bill No. 1471 is eligible for vote on Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

Bill No. 1472, A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 134 OF THE TALBOT COUNTY CODE (ROADS ORDINANCE) TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A ROADS REPURPOSING FACILITY, was read into the record by the Clerk, brought forward for public hearing, and members of the public were afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Bill No. 1472 is eligible for vote on Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

IX. County Manager's Report:

- A. Talbot County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of John Swaine, III to five-year term on the Talbot County Agricultural Land Preservation Board; said term will expire on March 13, 2026. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the reappointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

- B. Talbot County Airport Board – Requested Council approval for the appointment of Peter “Pete” Griffin to the Talbot County Airport Board; said term will complete the unexpired term of William “Bill” Rolle, Jr. which will expire June 1, 2021. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the appointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

- C. Talbot County Board of Electrical Examiners – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of Robert Jump, Jr. and Don English to four-year terms on the Talbot County Board of Electrical Examiners as a citizen representative and representative of the Talbot County Fire and Rescue Association, respectively; said terms will expire on April 1, 2025. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Pack, the Council approved the reappointments by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner - Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

- D. Talbot County Public Works Advisory Board – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of Cory Buxton, P.E. to a four-year term on the Talbot County Public Works Advisory Board as a representative of the 2nd Election District. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved the reappointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

- E. Request from Department of Public Works - Requested Council approval to award the contract for engineering design services for Phase 2 of the Goldsborough Neck/Airport Road Improvement Project to Davis, Bowen and Friedel, Inc. in the sum of \$116,250 under Bid No. 17-08, the Open-Ended Services Agreement; \$66,750 for design improvements to Airport Road from Old Centreville Road to Goldsborough Neck Road; and \$49,500 for design of the entrance to Mistletoe Hall Farm Industrial Park to Airport Road. Upon

motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved award of the contract as outlined by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner - Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

- F. Request from Department of Parks and Recreation – Requested Council approval of the recommendation of Preston Peper, Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, to enter into a contract with Coastline Pool Services for operation and maintenance of the George Murphy Pool and the Bay Hundred Community Pool in the sum of approximately \$192,000 for the 2021 season; funding for the contract is included in the current budget. Mr. Peper stated that the request is being made due to the Department’s inability to attract the number of lifeguarding staff required. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the recommendation by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner - Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

- G. Request to Apply for and Accept Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) Grant through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development and to Designate the Neighborhood Service Center (Community Action Agency) as Sub-recipient – Requested Council approval to apply for and accept ERAP grant funding in the sum of \$2,439,498; said funding will be used to assist individuals whose income has been negatively affected by COVID-19 with housing and other needs. Mr. Stamp stated Talbot County would designate the Neighborhood Service Center, the County’s Community Action Agency, as a sub-recipient of the grant; no County funds are required. Upon motion by Mr. Divilio, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved the request by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner - Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

- H. Request from Talbot County Finance Director – Angela Lane, Talbot County Finance Director, requested Council direction regarding repayment of income tax refunds to the Maryland State Comptroller’s Office following the ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Maryland State Comptroller of the Treasury v. Brian Wynne, et ux.*, in favor of Mr. Wynne. She briefed the Council on the court case and the two repayment plans authorized by the Maryland State Legislature for the \$1,788,192 paid by the Comptroller’s Office to Talbot County taxpayers. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved paying the full amount due versus 1/80 of the amount, or \$89,409.60 per year for the next 20 years, by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshler - Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

- I. Request for Approval of 4th Quarter Budget Transfers for Fiscal Year 2021 – Angela Lane, Talbot County Finance Director, requested Council approval of 4th Quarter FY21 Budget Transfers between various agencies and departments of the County government. She stated that the transfers are outlined in the County Charter for transfer in the 4th quarter of the fiscal year only, with the recommendation of the County Manager. Ms. Lane briefed the Council on the various transfers. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the 4th Quarter Budget Transfers as outlined by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshler - Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

A detailed listing of the approved transfers may be found at: [FY 2021 Approved 4th Quarter Transfers.pdf \(talbotcountymd.gov\)](#)

- J. Request from Talbot County Free Library – Requested Council’s approval for a letter in support of *Build American’s Libraries Act, S.127, 117th Cong. (2021-2022)*. Dana Newman, Director, Talbot County Free Library, stated that if approved, the legislation will provide funding for construction of new libraries, support broadband for libraries, assist with ADA compliance issues, rectify facility issues related to COVID-19, etc., and will, in her opinion, ease the financial burden of local governments. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Leshler, the Council approved the letter of support by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – aye
Mr. Leshler – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

- K. Request for Letter in Support of the DeShields Family’s Application for a Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant for the Bellevue Passage Museum – Requested Council approval for a letter in support of the DeShield Family’s application for a Maryland Heritage Areas Authority grant in the sum of \$100,000; if approved, the funding, which will be managed by the Mid-Shore Community Foundation, will be used to assist in the establishment of a museum in Bellevue to preserve the history of the village’s historically African-American community; no County funds are required. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the letter of support by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

Mr. Lesher recused himself as he is a member of the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority.

X. Public Comments: Members of the public commented on topics of interest to them.

XI. Council Comments:

Mr. Lesher – Mr. Lesher stated that he, along with Cassandra Vanhooser, had participated in a recent private sector call on COVID-19 conducted by the Department of Emergency Services. He stated that Talbot County’s seven-day positivity rate is significantly higher than a month ago. He stated that although Talbot County leads the state in vaccination rates and 47.5% of the county citizens have had the first dose of a two-dose regimen and over one-third of county citizens have had both doses or a single dose vaccine, caution was advised due to the presence of the UK variant (the B117) in Talbot County. He stated that, in his opinion, citizens need to continue to exercise prudent measures and follow the Governor’s orders until higher vaccination rates, resulting in herd immunity, are achieved. He stated that although the cancellation of the FEMA clinic last week due to the hold on the single-dose vaccine somewhat slowed vaccination efforts, he encouraged citizens to make an appointment at one of the mass vaccination clinics available throughout the state, the closest one of which is in Salisbury. He stated that, in his opinion, the more individuals who get vaccinated, the sooner the economy can fully open, which everyone realizes is important, along with saving lives and protecting the health of Talbot County citizens. Mr. Lesher concluded his comments by encouraging his fellow citizens to get vaccinated.

Ms. Price – No comments.

Mr. Divilio – Mr. Divilio stated that he had attended the Blessing of the Fleet ceremony in Tilghman on Sunday, which, he stated was, in his opinion, a blessing of all the watermen who were there as well. He recounted a water rescue incident which took place in February whereby a man from Queen Anne’s County fell overboard into a Talbot County creek. He commented on the coordination and communication it took between watermen and emergency responders to rescue a fellow waterman and stated that it warms his heart to see a community that asked no questions other than “what can we do?” and “how can we respond?” Mr. Divilio stated that when you look at the crabs and other seafood on the tables in Baltimore, and as you travel around the country and get a Chesapeake Bay blue crab, it is a reminder that those are our watermen out there every day, even in the roughest conditions, bringing back dollars to Talbot County and looking out for one another – and, in his opinion, a great Council that looks out for them. Mr. Divilio expressed his appreciation for having been invited to the ceremony and for the opportunity to learn how close-knit that community is. He stated that it could have been a recreational boater, a sailor or anyone’s family out there and, in his opinion, we are fortunate to have such a great community where individuals look out for one another.

Mr. Pack - Mr. Pack followed-up on Mr. Lesher’s remarks regarding vaccinations in Talbot County, stating that he wanted to do so from the standpoint of equity to make sure we reach the populations in the county that are not getting vaccinated in large enough numbers. He stated that an equity task force was formed to work with Dr. Maria Maguire, the County Health Officer, to reach out to communities of color in Talbot County to make sure any barriers which may be preventing the individuals in those communities from getting vaccinated are addressed; Nancy Andrew is the chairperson of the task force. Mr. Pack stated that Talbot County’s vaccination rates for African-American and Hispanic citizens is below the State average so the task force is trying to help citizens overcome any barriers they may have to getting vaccinated so all Talbot County can be healthier. He stated that the BAMM Center and Trinity Cathedral have held vaccination clinics and one is planned in the near future at the Talbot County Senior Center in Easton. Mr. Pack expressed his appreciation to Childlene Brooks and her staff for working to hold a clinic at the Talbot County Senior Center. He stated that the St. Michaels Community Center and Union United Methodist Church in St. Michaels are being looked at as possible locations to hold vaccination clinics in the Bay Hundred area. Mr. Pack concluded his comments by reiterating that it is a continued effort to vaccinate all segments of the population and he encouraged those who are interested in getting vaccinated but had not done so to go to the Talbot County Emergency Services website for information on where to get the vaccine.

Mr. Callahan - Mr. Callahan stated that the Department of Emergency Services and the Talbot County Health Department are diligently working to make the vaccine available. He commended Mr. Pack, Mr. Stamp and County staff for managing the many matters which come before the Council on a weekly basis. He concurred with Mr. Lesher’s comments that although it is getting better with regard to the pandemic, we can’t let our guard down. He stated that he, Mr. Divilio and Mr. Lesher had attended the Blessing of the Fleet ceremony in Tilghman and, in his opinion, it was one of the best situations he has been in since he has been on the Council – to actually see a miracle happen. He stated that, in his opinion, the miracle was that everything was able to be put into motion to rescue the man who had fallen overboard, was in the water right beside his boat for approximately 25 to 30 minutes, but was unable to be pulled up by the other individual on the boat - and once rescued, that he lived and was given a second chance. Mr. Callahan concluded his comments by stating that it was one of the best moments in his career on the Council – it was, in his opinion, very touching.

XII. The Council voted to adjourn the meeting and to reconvene on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in Open Session and immediately adjourn into Closed Session for discussion of legal, personnel and real estate matters as listed on the statement for closing the meeting, and for the regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. by voting 5 – 0 as follows: **There was no motion or second**

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Lesher – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack - Aye

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

The transcript of the April 13, 2021 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 April 6, 2021:

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

Time of closed session: 3:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Place of closed session: Bradley Meeting Room, Talbot County Courthouse, South Wing, 11 North Washington Street, Easton
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, Divilio, Leshner
Members opposed: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Pack (joined via teleconference at 3:05 p.m.), Price (joined via teleconference at 3:05 p.m.)

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	Persons present	Action taken
To conduct interviews for County Attorney	GP § 3-305 (b) (1)	Corey Pack, Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Laura Price, Clay Stamp	No action

XIV. Summary of Closed Session held on April 13, 2021:

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

Time of closed session: 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Place of closed session: Via WebEx events (virtual meeting)
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, Divilio, Pack
Members opposed: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Leshner (joined via teleconference at 4:35 p.m.), Price (joined via teleconference at 4:35 p.m.)

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	Persons present	Action taken
To discuss appointments to various County boards and committees	GP § 3-305 (b) (1)	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris	No action
To discuss personnel matter in Sheriff's Office	GP § 3-305 (b) (1)	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Angela Lane	No action
To discuss personnel matter in Department of Emergency Services	GP § 3-305 (b) (1)	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris	No action
To discuss personnel matter in Finance Office	GP § 3-305 (b) (1)	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Angela Lane, Patrick Thomas	Approval given for temporary hire
To discuss personnel matter in Roads Department	GP § 3-305 (b) (1)	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	No action
To discuss personnel matter in County Attorney's Office	GP § 3-305 (b) (1)	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris	No action
To discuss personnel matter in Administrative Services	GP § 3-305 (b) (1)	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	No action

For legal advice on lawsuit involving Talbot County (Robin Ficker v. Talbot County)	GP § 3-305 (b) (7) and (8)	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	No action
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CASH STATEMENT 3/30/2021

BALANCE 3/23/2021	46,674,285.43
CIGNA CLAIMS PAID THRU 3/22/2021	(101,870.37)
MARCH 2021 ENTERPRISE PYMT	(8,926.65)
USDA/RD QTRLY BOND PYMT #92-03	(9,478.60)
POSTAGE WIRE	(3,000.00)
DEPOSITS	633,492.43
CHECKS	(320,243.18)
VOIDED CHECK(S) 347712, 348629, 349252	23,661.49
BALANCE 3/30/2021	<u>46,887,920.55</u>

INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		0.05%	20,500,000.00
1880 BANK			10,171,814.28
TOTAL INVESTED			<u>30,671,814.28</u>
PETTY CASH BALANCE			<u>12,275.00</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>			<u>77,572,009.83</u>

CASH STATEMENT 4/06/2021

BALANCE 3/30/2021	46,887,920.55
TOTAL ADP PAYROLL 3/19/2021	(657,998.37)
TOTAL ADP MONTHLY PAYROLL PPE 3/31/2021	(13,648.87)
PENSION DED PPE 3/19/2021 & 3/31/2021	(39,877.85)
DEFERRED COMP DED PPE 3/19/2021 & 3/31/2021	(20,495.98)
DEFERRED COMP PPE 3/19/2021 PLAN 401(A)	(6,810.47)
CIGNA CLAIMS PAID THRU 3/29/2021	(85,357.44)
CIGNA CLAIMS PAID THRU 4/1/2021	(129,733.40)
BOARD OF EDUCATION 3/2021	(3,635,367.00)
SDAT/FY21 LOCAL COST SHARING	(37,522.00)
WELLS FARGO GOLF EQUIP LEASE PYMT	(128.00)
TALBOT CO. FREE LIBRARY/FY20-21 4/2021	(117,398.00)
TALBOT CO. HUMAN SOCIETY/FY20-21 4/2021	(34,167.00)
APRIL RETIREE HEALTH INS PLAN #727	(32,333.12)
DEPOSITS	2,053,653.81
CHECKS	(1,420,326.87)
VOIDED CHECK(S) 34929, 349509	2,069.54
BALANCE 4/06/2021	42,712,479.53

INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		0.05%	20,500,000.00
1880 BANK			10,171,814.28
TOTAL INVESTED			<u>30,671,814.28</u>
PETTY CASH BALANCE			<u>12,275.00</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>			<u>73,396,568.81</u>

CASH STATEMENT 4/13/2021

BALANCE 4/06/2021	42,712,479.53
CIGNA CLAIMS PAID THRU 4/5/2021	(16,451.30)
ELECTION BOARD PPE 1/12/2021 & 1/19/2021	(10,635.71)
USDA/RD MTHLY BOND PYMT #97-08	(1,304.00)
RETURNED CHECK #28427	(177.50)
RETURNED PAYMENTUS PAYMENT	(1,239.32)
DEPOSITS	769,958.23
CHECKS	(560,969.39)
BALANCE 4/13/2021	<u>42,891,660.54</u>

INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		0.05%	20,500,000.00
BAY VANGUARD BANK			10,174,657.19
TOTAL INVESTED			<u>30,674,657.19</u>
PETTY CASH BALANCE			<u>12,275.00</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>			<u>73,578,592.73</u>