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TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

January 22, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Talbot County Courthouse, Easton, Maryland

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Corey Pack, President

Frank Divilio

Chuck Callahan

Laura Price

Pete Leshner

REPORTED BY: David Corbin, RPR

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<p>1 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS</p> <p>2 MR. PACK: Please rise and join Council</p> <p>3 for an opening prayer followed by the pledge of</p> <p>4 allegiance.</p> <p>5 (Prayer and pledge of allegiance.)</p> <p>6 MR. PACK: Hello, everyone. Council has</p> <p>7 before it an agenda. The Chair would ask if</p> <p>8 there is any additions, deletions or</p> <p>9 corrections to the agenda. Hearing none, the</p> <p>10 Chair would ask the agenda be accepted with</p> <p>11 unanimous consent. We also have</p> <p>12 disbursements -- sorry, minutes from December</p> <p>13 the 18th. We had a chance to go through those</p> <p>14 minutes. Are there any additions, deletions or</p> <p>15 corrections to those minutes. Hearing none,</p> <p>16 the Chair would also ask they also be entered</p> <p>17 by unanimous consent. Council has</p> <p>18 disbursements from January 15th and also</p> <p>19 January 22nd. We had a chance to go through</p> <p>20 those disbursements, speak with our County</p> <p>21 fiscal officer. Any deletions, corrections or</p>	<p>1 We do have a request for concurrence on the</p> <p>2 regional plan, but I want to do a little bit of</p> <p>3 background on who we are, what we do and why we</p> <p>4 do it before we ask for that concurrence. So</p> <p>5 Workforce Investment Board is required by the</p> <p>6 Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act. That's</p> <p>7 federal legislation. There is a workforce area</p> <p>8 aligned with every political jurisdiction in</p> <p>9 the country. So everywhere you go in the</p> <p>10 country there is a group of people like the</p> <p>11 people you appoint to our board and people like</p> <p>12 me and Melissa who work for that board</p> <p>13 implementing federal job training employment</p> <p>14 and training services. The Governor designates</p> <p>15 the areas, and in Maryland there are 12 areas.</p> <p>16 Our area is Kent, Queen Anne, Talbot, Caroline,</p> <p>17 Dorchester County. Some of the areas in</p> <p>18 Maryland are single jurisdiction areas, some</p> <p>19 are a couple of counties. We have the</p> <p>20 distinction of serving the most political</p> <p>21 jurisdictions and the largest geographic area</p>
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<p>1 questions about the disbursements. Hearing</p> <p>2 none, the Chair would ask they also be accepted</p> <p>3 with unanimous consent. Item number five on</p> <p>4 the Council's agenda is a Certificate of</p> <p>5 Recognition to Mr. Harold Baines. Looking over</p> <p>6 the audience, Mr. Baines is not with us at this</p> <p>7 time. I'm going to ask Council consideration</p> <p>8 that we move that until his arrival and proceed</p> <p>9 with item number six. Any objection to doing</p> <p>10 so. Hearing none, Madam Secretary record that</p> <p>11 we're going to move to item number six at this</p> <p>12 time. We have a presentation request from the</p> <p>13 Upper Shore -- sorry, Upper Shore Workforce</p> <p>14 Investment Board. Mr. Dan McDermott, Executive</p> <p>15 Director is here with us. Good evening.</p> <p>16 DAN MCDERMOTT: Good evening. Thank you</p> <p>17 for your time. And with me is Melissa Mackey,</p> <p>18 who has been the operations services director</p> <p>19 for longer than I've been at the Workforce</p> <p>20 Investment Board. So I appreciate Melissa</p> <p>21 coming down and appreciate your agenda time.</p>	<p>1 with the smallest population. Local elected</p> <p>2 officials. You appoint members to our board.</p> <p>3 The members you have appointed to the board are</p> <p>4 Mary Ellen Carter, Roy Sampson, Randy Holliday,</p> <p>5 Craig Wanner, and Scott Warner. So we have a</p> <p>6 really good delegation. Thank you for getting</p> <p>7 us those kinds of quality board members who</p> <p>8 keep us straight and make sure that we're doing</p> <p>9 everything as we should be. So really what the</p> <p>10 Workforce Investment Board and all the plans</p> <p>11 that we do and the things we're asking for</p> <p>12 concurrence on is the mechanism to bring</p> <p>13 federal resources into the area, federal</p> <p>14 employment and training resources. The board</p> <p>15 itself is a private sector majority, private</p> <p>16 sector chair, and there are other members as</p> <p>17 required by the legislation. So what we do.</p> <p>18 The Federal Government gives out money with</p> <p>19 employment and training missions to a large</p> <p>20 number of programs. At one time there was a</p> <p>21 study by the General Accounting Office, which</p>

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1 is now the Government Accountability Office,  
 2 there were 147 programs that received federal  
 3 employment and training money. Now the number  
 4 is somewhere around 40. So there are fewer,  
 5 but there are still multiple programs doing the  
 6 same thing. So one of the things the Workforce  
 7 Innovation Opportunity Act did, it aligned 17  
 8 of those programs. Thirteen of the aligned  
 9 programs all come from Department of Labor  
 10 funding. As what Melissa does, Title I, is  
 11 from the Department of Labor. So the majority  
 12 of what we do is with Department of Labor  
 13 funds. And what the Workforce Board does is  
 14 put together a mechanism to connect the  
 15 resources from the 17 partners into what we  
 16 call American Job Centers. And we call them  
 17 American Job Centers because the Feds told us  
 18 we had to call them the American Job Centers  
 19 and they give us the money. So we decided to  
 20 call them that. The American Job Center in  
 21 Talbot County is at 301 Bay Street, Suite 301,

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1 not too far from this very place. What we are  
 2 able to do by coordinating these activities is  
 3 bring about \$560,000 a year of services from  
 4 our agency and partner agencies to be delivered  
 5 here in Talbot County. So how do we do it. We  
 6 work with employers and our aligned programs to  
 7 determine what employers need and what we can  
 8 do for the citizens of the jurisdiction, Talbot  
 9 County, to get them connected to employment.  
 10 Because what we really look at is, and again  
 11 because the law tells us to, we want people to  
 12 get a job, keep a job, earn and manage a  
 13 paycheck, have the skills game and earn an  
 14 credential. That's how we stay in business.  
 15 And any time we talk about performance, that's  
 16 what we're talking about. So that's really  
 17 what we do and we put that together. Some of  
 18 the efforts that we have, one in particular  
 19 administered by the Department of Labor  
 20 Licensing and Regulations is the demand side  
 21 program, that's Maryland Business Works, where

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1 they can give employers to underwrite  
 2 50 percent of the training for the employer's  
 3 existing workers and company workers. Most of  
 4 our efforts are on the supply side, giving job  
 5 seekers tools to make them more employable and  
 6 connected to employment. So what we -- in  
 7 general what we do, we try to put together the  
 8 resources from these 17 partner programs who  
 9 all get federal money and do it in a way that's  
 10 aligned and collaborative as opposed to being  
 11 isolated. The Board itself I would have to  
 12 say, after all the years I've done this, where  
 13 we add value for you, the County Council, is  
 14 that we assure compliance, fiscal integrity and  
 15 performance management that we meet the  
 16 performance goals, do it in a way that's  
 17 fiscally responsible. We're audited and  
 18 monitored three times a year. And that we  
 19 ensure the compliance. And that's one of the  
 20 things we're here about tonight. We have a  
 21 plan that we need concurrence on. That

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1 compliance is how one of the mechanisms that  
 2 brings the money into the area. So there are  
 3 really three things we're going to ask for from  
 4 you and the other County Councils and  
 5 Commissions in the upper shore in the next few  
 6 months. The first one is this regional plan.  
 7 In my mind the State -- the Governor's  
 8 Workforce Development Board has kind of asked  
 9 us to do this backwards. There are three plans  
 10 or three documents we need concurrence on. One  
 11 is our local plan, which is how the Upper Shore  
 12 Workforce Investment Board is going to spend  
 13 money specifically for training people. That's  
 14 what Melissa did. And in the last year she did  
 15 \$100,000 worth of training for folks in Talbot  
 16 County in demand driven occupations. The  
 17 second thing we're going to ask for concurrence  
 18 on is the American Job Center memorandum of  
 19 understanding and resource sharing agreement.  
 20 What that is is the collaborative document that  
 21 just says these 17 programs are going to work

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1 together in Talbot County, here's how they are  
 2 going to work together, here's the services  
 3 being delivered. There is a resource sharing  
 4 agreement with that which is how we're going to  
 5 pay for it. Right now that resource sharing  
 6 agreement for Talbot County is worth \$561,000.  
 7 So that's the resources that fund what everyone  
 8 says they are going to do in the memorandum of  
 9 understanding. Finally we have the regional  
 10 plan, which is how we're going to cooperate  
 11 with the lower shore, which is Somerset,  
 12 Worcester and Wicomico County if we need to.  
 13 So if I were in charge I would say local plan,  
 14 MOU, regional plan. But I'm not in charge so  
 15 we're here tonight to talk about the regional  
 16 plan, which is an agreement we have with the  
 17 lower shore that involves us doing a regional  
 18 analysis, looking at where we have  
 19 similarities, and we have a lot, in fact there  
 20 is about the same number of people who leave  
 21 our area every day and go down to work there as

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1 leave their area and come to work here. It's  
 2 almost one for one. We could, I guess, go out  
 3 and stop cars and go, "hey, what are you doing,  
 4 you should do that there, we should do that  
 5 here." But we don't could do that. We do have  
 6 some regional service strategies, and a lot of  
 7 times our service strategies are either good or  
 8 bad. A new company is coming down there and  
 9 they need people, we know some of the people  
 10 may live here. A company is laying off here,  
 11 we know some of the people live down there who  
 12 get laid off here. So usually it's a very  
 13 positive or negative time that we interact.  
 14 And we also have in there a mechanism if we did  
 15 something together, how would we pay for it and  
 16 how would we measure performance. But this  
 17 plan is more of an intellectual exercise. It's  
 18 kind of a what if. And it forces us to talk to  
 19 the lower shore periodically, which we do  
 20 anyway. But it's simply -- I would have to say  
 21 out of everything we do, it's more just

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1 compliance, that we have a plan, we have it in  
 2 place, we have concurrence, and there it is.  
 3 One thing we have done with the lower shore,  
 4 and I think you all may have seen some of this  
 5 data, we purchased a data analytics tool called  
 6 Chmura Jobs EQ with the lower shore. We pay  
 7 half, they pay half. And that's an extremely  
 8 powerful tool that's taken our ability to  
 9 analyze data quickly to the next level. We can  
 10 generate reports very quickly on any number of  
 11 topics. And the beauty of that is then we can  
 12 say, well, we've got some reports, what do they  
 13 mean, what do you think they mean, let's talk  
 14 about it. Instead of talking about how we got  
 15 the data. When people go "where did you get  
 16 the data." I go from Chmura. Where did they  
 17 get the data. Well, I promised I wouldn't hack  
 18 their algorithm but what do you think. We have  
 19 been able to do that with the lower shore and  
 20 part of that was out of the regional plan,  
 21 because the regional plan requires a lot of

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1 regional analysis and Chmura was the way to do  
 2 it. We bought it last year with them, upped it  
 3 again this year. I know we shared a lot of  
 4 that data with the economic and tourism  
 5 department here. We shared it with a lot of  
 6 economic development offices throughout the  
 7 five counties. We ask them whenever you want  
 8 data, we'll get it for you, because it  
 9 literally takes us 30 seconds to run, pretty  
 10 nice looking reports with a lot of data in  
 11 them. So that's an example of how the regional  
 12 plan has helped us coordinate something with  
 13 the lower shore. The actual way that worked,  
 14 we procured and then they paid half. So we  
 15 kind of wrote that into the regional plan.  
 16 That's kind of who we are in a nutshell and  
 17 that's why we're here tonight to ask for  
 18 concurrence on the regional plan. We will be  
 19 back in a few months to ask for concurrence on  
 20 the local plan, and then we will be back to ask  
 21 for concurrence on that memorandum of

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<p>1 understanding resource sharing agreement for</p> <p>2 the American Job Centers throughout the five</p> <p>3 counties but specifically you're worried about</p> <p>4 Talbot County, which I will add is the</p> <p>5 comprehensive American Job Center for the upper</p> <p>6 shore. It's open five days a week, fully</p> <p>7 staffed. There are requirements in the law</p> <p>8 that say here's what it has to look like. The</p> <p>9 other four American Job Centers throughout the</p> <p>10 five counties are satellite centers, which</p> <p>11 means they don't have the full array of</p> <p>12 partners and in most cases they are not open</p> <p>13 five days a week. So Talbot has a distinct</p> <p>14 advantage of having the five day a week</p> <p>15 comprehensive center with the most partners and</p> <p>16 the most services delivered. This isn't going</p> <p>17 out to any other County?</p> <p>18 MR. PACK: They tap our fee.</p> <p>19 MS. PRICE: We're all streamed live.</p> <p>20 MR. HOLLIS: So at this point we're</p> <p>21 looking for a motion for concurrence if Council</p>	<p>1 MS. PRICE: Aye.</p> <p>2 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>3 MR. LESHER: Aye.</p> <p>4 MR. PACK: Thank you very much.</p> <p>5 DAN MCDERMOTT: We'll be back twice more</p> <p>6 before the end of the fiscal year.</p> <p>7 MR. PACK: And you'll be welcomed each</p> <p>8 time. Ms. Mackey, good to see you as well.</p> <p>9 All right. I believe Mr. Baines has joined us.</p> <p>10 Harold, if you wouldn't mind coming forward.</p> <p>11 We want to present you with a certificate for</p> <p>12 being selected to the National Baseball Hall of</p> <p>13 Fame. We're not going to keep you long.</p> <p>14 Again, we just felt it was due to just</p> <p>15 recognize you. I know you're a man of few</p> <p>16 words and very modest, that's the thing that's</p> <p>17 always struck people about you, Harold. But we</p> <p>18 felt that it would not be doing you service to</p> <p>19 not say from this Council, from your County,</p> <p>20 congratulations to you formally. We don't want</p> <p>21 to make any more of this than to do that. I'm</p>
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<p>1 supports the presentation from Mr. McDermott.</p> <p>2 MR. PACK: Before so, is there any</p> <p>3 questions of Mr. McDermott or the plan itself</p> <p>4 or the Workforce Investment Board as we</p> <p>5 understand it. Hearing none, the Chair will</p> <p>6 ask for a motion to accept the regional plan as</p> <p>7 laid out by Mr. McDermott. We have a copy of</p> <p>8 that as well. Is there a motion to accept.</p> <p>9 MS. PRICE: So moved.</p> <p>10 MR. PACK: By Ms. Price.</p> <p>11 MR. CALLAHAN: Second.</p> <p>12 MR. PACK: Seconded by Mr. Callahan. Any</p> <p>13 questions on the regional plan. Hearing none,</p> <p>14 Madam Secretary, please call your roll.</p> <p>15 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.</p> <p>16 MR. PACK: Aye.</p> <p>17 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.</p> <p>18 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.</p> <p>19 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>20 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>21 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.</p>	<p>1 sure there is going to be much more ceremonies</p> <p>2 as you go into the actual induction. We did</p> <p>3 contact your hometown of St. Michaels and let</p> <p>4 them know we were presenting this with you --</p> <p>5 to you. They also agreed with it as well. And</p> <p>6 I'm sure you'll probably be hearing from the</p> <p>7 Town of St. Michaels sometime this spring or</p> <p>8 summer if they wish to also pay you honor as</p> <p>9 well. Again, this Council just wants to say</p> <p>10 congratulations to you from your Council, from</p> <p>11 your County, for all the work that you've done</p> <p>12 here. I have something I want to read here,</p> <p>13 but just want to say for your all great work</p> <p>14 that you've done here for Talbot County and for</p> <p>15 the citizens, for its children, we certainly</p> <p>16 appreciate it and we do not want you to go</p> <p>17 away --</p> <p>18 HAROLD BAINES: I'm not going anywhere.</p> <p>19 MR. PACK: But not hearing it officially</p> <p>20 from your Council that services one of our</p> <p>21 citizens. We're certainly proud of you and</p>

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1 we're honored to have you before us today, sir.  
 2 Any members of County Council wish to say  
 3 anything further.  
 4 MS. PRICE: This is a big deal. We're so  
 5 honored to have you here. And that you come  
 6 from little old Talbot County is a big deal  
 7 when you get on the national stage. So thank  
 8 you for everything that you've done and we're  
 9 glad to hear that you're not going anywhere.  
 10 I'll have another question for you after we do  
 11 the presentation.  
 12 HAROLD BAINES: Thank you. Thank you very  
 13 much.  
 14 MR. CALLAHAN: Harold, I really appreciate  
 15 all you've done for Talbot County. Everybody  
 16 here has known you for over 30 years and what  
 17 you've done for St. Michaels. Half my family  
 18 is from St. Michaels.  
 19 HAROLD BAINES: They like each other?  
 20 MR. CALLAHAN: They do. They do. Yup.  
 21 Exactly. I lost my train of thought. Thanks.

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1 No, but just what you've brought to Talbot  
 2 County and the excitement and being on these  
 3 professional teams and stuff. It's very  
 4 exciting. One other thing I want to leave with  
 5 you too. I was very, very fortunate in the  
 6 early 2000s to work with your father side by  
 7 side laying brick. And he laid brick on a  
 8 house I was building and I got to know him very  
 9 well. It was a pleasure knowing him too.  
 10 HAROLD BAINES: Thank you.  
 11 MR. DIVILIO: I would just like to say I  
 12 think you're a fantastic asset for Talbot  
 13 County. I really -- I greatly appreciate  
 14 everything you've done here. I think growing  
 15 up watching you play was great and meeting guys  
 16 who played against you in high school. I  
 17 loving hearing them say things like, "yeah, he  
 18 hit a homerun off me. I don't think it's  
 19 landed yet."  
 20 HAROLD BAINES: They tend to stretch it a  
 21 little bit.

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1 MR. DIVILIO: So thank you.  
 2 MR. LESHNER: Congratulations and thank you  
 3 for your dedication to this community.  
 4 HAROLD BAINES: Thank you.  
 5 MR. PACK: Let me read this and then I'm  
 6 going to have Madam Secretary read the  
 7 Certificate of Commendation. It reads as such,  
 8 "Mr. Harold Baines, Senior, who is being  
 9 honored here today as a native of Talbot County  
 10 having been born in Easton and raised in St.  
 11 Michaels, attending St. Michaels Elementary and  
 12 Middle High School. Following graduation in  
 13 1977, Mr. Baines was drafted by the Chicago  
 14 White Sox and made his Major League debut in  
 15 1980. After a successful career as a player  
 16 for several major league teams, including his  
 17 selection to six all-stars, Mr. Baines was  
 18 named the bench coach for the Chicago White Sox  
 19 in 2004, and now serves as the team ambassador  
 20 in the community relations department for the  
 21 team. Throughout his professional baseball

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1 career and beyond, Mr. Baines has remained  
 2 connected to his hometown of St. Michaels and  
 3 to Talbot County. His wife, Marla -- to the --  
 4 I'm sorry, to raise their family here and to  
 5 support various projects in the community, he  
 6 and Marla established a Harold Baines  
 7 Scholarship Fund to assist college bound Talbot  
 8 County graduates, donated funds towards the St.  
 9 Michaels Middle High School baseball field, now  
 10 known as the Harold Baines field, and donated  
 11 property which is now the site of Bay Hundred  
 12 community pool. It is with great honor that  
 13 this Council recognizes Harold Baines -- Harold  
 14 Douglas Baines, Senior for his outstanding  
 15 professional achievement in the field of  
 16 baseball, his devotion to his family and his  
 17 contribution to the citizens of this County.  
 18 Please join me with a round of applause to our  
 19 friend, our sincere congratulations to his  
 20 selection to the National Baseball Hall of  
 21 Fame, to Mr. Harold Baines, Senior.

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1 HAROLD BAINES: That's enough.  
 2 MR. PACK: I'm going to turn our attention  
 3 over to Madam Secretary for the reading of the  
 4 commendation. Madam Secretary.  
 5 SECRETARY: This will be -- the  
 6 information will be put on a plaque, and the  
 7 plaque will go under the poster that we have of  
 8 Mr. Baines, a signed poster in the hallway.  
 9 And here's a rendition of it.  
 10 MR. PACK: We're going to get this plaque  
 11 made up and posted out in the hallway for you,  
 12 Harold.  
 13 HAROLD BAINES: Do I get one.  
 14 MR. PACK: We can certainly do that.  
 15 HAROLD BAINES: Not that big but...  
 16 MR. PACK: We can certainly do that as  
 17 well. We're going to have the clubs that you  
 18 played with on top there and a little scripture  
 19 there. Madam Secretary.  
 20 SECRETARY: The plaque will read, "In  
 21 recognition of hometown hero Harold Douglas

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1 Baines, Senior, Class of 2019 National Baseball  
 2 Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, New York; inductee  
 3 Baltimore Orioles Hall of Fame; player, Chicago  
 4 White Sox, Texas Rangers, Oakland Athletics,  
 5 Baltimore Orioles, Cleveland Indians.  
 6 Community philanthropist, family man, 1977 top  
 7 overall draft pick first year player draft,  
 8 Senior All-American, St. Michaels High School,  
 9 St. Michaels, Maryland. January 22nd, 2019."  
 10 MR. PACK: Thank you, Madam Secretary.  
 11 I'm also going to have you read the certificate  
 12 of commendation if you would, please.  
 13 SECRETARY: Certificate of Commendation to  
 14 native son, Harold Douglas Baines, Senior, for  
 15 his outstanding achievement of being elected to  
 16 the National Baseball Hall of Fame on December  
 17 19th, 2018. Signed by all the Council members.  
 18 MR. PACK: Thank you very much. Chair  
 19 would ask for a motion to present the  
 20 commendation.  
 21 MS. PRICE: So moved.

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1 MR. PACK: Moved by Ms. Price.  
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Second.  
 3 MR. PACK: Second by Mr. Callahan. Any  
 4 comments. Questions. Madam Secretary, please  
 5 call your roll.  
 6 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 7 MR. PACK: Aye.  
 8 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 9 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 10 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 12 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 13 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 14 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 15 MR. LESHNER: Aye.  
 16 MR. PACK: Thank you. Harold, could I ask  
 17 you and Marla, would you join us up front and  
 18 present this to you. We want to present this  
 19 to you. Certainly well deserved. Again,  
 20 you're a very humble man but we could not let  
 21 you go without presenting this from the

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1 Council. Congratulations. Keep up all the  
 2 good work.  
 3 MS. PRICE: I'm Laura. Nice to meet you.  
 4 And I do want to say something. My brother  
 5 Scott is out there, and when you first became a  
 6 baseball player, he bought many hundreds of  
 7 your rookie cards. And he's going to laugh  
 8 now. And he graciously gifted three of your  
 9 rookie cards, one from Topps, one from Fleer,  
 10 one from Donruss, which I had framed and a  
 11 lovely picture of you when you were --  
 12 HAROLD BAINES: Older.  
 13 MS. PRICE: Well, I had to fill the  
 14 fourth spot. So in addition to our plaque and  
 15 the poster, I'm really kind of hoping that you  
 16 would, I made it easy for you, that you would  
 17 take this, sign this to the County Council, and  
 18 I will change out the mat so that we can add  
 19 this to our Harold Baines wall. You can do  
 20 that over there if it's more comfortable. And  
 21 I thank my brother Scott for donating these

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1 three rookie cards to the Talbot County  
 2 Council. He only has about 100 more of each  
 3 one.  
 4 HAROLD BAINES: Thanks for being a fan.  
 5 MS. PRICE: You get to keep that part.  
 6 Thank you very much.  
 7 HAROLD BAINES: Thank you. Thanks  
 8 everybody.  
 9 MR. PACK: Again, good to always recognize  
 10 our hometown heroes for doing great things in  
 11 Talbot County. And Harold is one of the great  
 12 ones here for all of your work here in the  
 13 County, certainly all his work in the baseball  
 14 field. As Frank said, a pleasure watching him  
 15 as he played for the Orioles and White Sox. I  
 16 remember watching him as well. It's an honor  
 17 for this Council to do that. So moving right  
 18 along, Council, back on our agenda, we now have  
 19 item seven, which is a presentation and request  
 20 for participation in the 2019 Maryland  
 21 Agricultural Land Preservation Fund, which is

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1 MALPF. Easement acquisition matching funds  
 2 program.  
 3 MARTIN SOKOLICH: Correct.  
 4 MR. PACK: How are you doing?  
 5 MARTIN SOKOLICH: Good.  
 6 MR. PACK: How are you, Martin.  
 7 MARTIN SOKOLICH: This is the time where  
 8 we're preparing for the easement offers for the  
 9 2019 round, which will be later on this summer.  
 10 As you may know, the way the MALPF program  
 11 works is the state budget allocates a certain  
 12 amount of money for land acquisition to each  
 13 County out of the general fund. There is a  
 14 line item for the Department of Agriculture and  
 15 part of it is for land preservation. We have  
 16 an opportunity to add additional money to that  
 17 allocation that comes in as a certified County  
 18 with the program. So we retain additional  
 19 agricultural transfer tax funds in an account  
 20 here that are dedicated to land preservation.  
 21 We have to say right now we have accumulated

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1 over \$100,000 worth of funds. We want to use  
 2 that 100 even to supplement the funds that we  
 3 already have allocated for the easements that  
 4 come in for -- of the many applications that we  
 5 received last year to preserve a bit more farm  
 6 land in this program. So they ask us to send a  
 7 letter of commitment for what we're going to do  
 8 so as we go forward and make offers and offers  
 9 are received -- are approved by the land  
 10 owners, we can use those funds to perhaps get  
 11 another farm preserved during the course of the  
 12 year. So that's it basically.  
 13 MR. PACK: And the amount you're asking  
 14 from the Council is \$100,000.  
 15 MARTIN SOKOLICH: That's correct. Those  
 16 are all funds on hand.  
 17 MR. PACK: And Ms. Lane, is she here, to  
 18 certify them.  
 19 ANGELA LANE: We do have those funds in  
 20 our coffers now, and they are earmarked for  
 21 this specific program.

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1 MR. PACK: With that being stated, any  
 2 further questions or comments of Mr. Sokolich.  
 3 Hearing none, the Chair would entertain a  
 4 motion to designate -- go ahead and push these  
 5 funds forward, \$100,000 for the MALPF program.  
 6 These are the matching funds from the County.  
 7 Is there a motion to do so.  
 8 MR. CALLAHAN: So moved.  
 9 MR. LESHER: Second.  
 10 MR. PACK: Moved by Mr. Callahan. Second  
 11 by Mr. Leshner. Any further discussion.  
 12 Hearing none, Madam Secretary, please call the  
 13 roll.  
 14 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 15 MR. PACK: Aye.  
 16 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 17 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 18 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 19 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 20 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 21 MS. PRICE: Aye.



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1 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 2 MR. LESHNER: Aye.  
 3 MR. PACK: You have your match, Martin.  
 4 MARTIN SOKOLICH: Thank you very much.  
 5 MR. PACK: Council, next on your agenda we  
 6 have update of the Critical Area Commission's  
 7 Review and Approval of Bill Number 1401. Ms.  
 8 Verdery is already at the table. Mary Kay,  
 9 turn it over to you.  
 10 MARY KAY VERDERY: As you're aware, the  
 11 Council adopted Bill 1401, that's the zoning  
 12 ordinance, chapter 90 -- 190 of the Talbot  
 13 County Code. That became effective on  
 14 November 10th for the non-critical area  
 15 portions of that bill. The critical area  
 16 portions are subject to review and approval by  
 17 the Critical Area Commission. The Commission  
 18 has appointed a five member panel to review the  
 19 full code. And we met with them on  
 20 November 29th, 2018 and we provided an overview  
 21 of the critical area elements of the code. And

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1 they opened the code up for public comment at  
 2 that time. We have met with the panel two  
 3 additional times and provided as much feedback  
 4 as we can and clarification to try to make sure  
 5 that the list of things that they are providing  
 6 back to you, the feedback and comments, are as  
 7 short as possible. We started with several  
 8 pages of comments and that's narrowed down  
 9 significantly at this point. We're scheduled  
 10 to go before the Critical Area Commission on  
 11 February 6 for the panel to make a presentation  
 12 to the full Commission, and hopefully  
 13 successfully vote on this. There are several  
 14 outstanding items that they want to see  
 15 amendments that they have outlined at this  
 16 time. Most of them are clerical kind of  
 17 wordsmithing, consistency or providing  
 18 clarification. I don't think there is anything  
 19 that's a major change that they are suggesting  
 20 that we make to the code. The first relates to  
 21 growth allocation, and they are requesting that

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1 we do some wordsmithing as well as adding a  
 2 clustering provision once we have met the  
 3 50 percent of our growth allocation that's  
 4 available, which would be approximately at  
 5 least another 540 acres before we get to the  
 6 first 50 percent, before we start implementing  
 7 the clustering requirement. So I think it's  
 8 going to be a significant period of time.  
 9 Since 1989 we've done just over 700 acres, so  
 10 it will be a while before we get to the  
 11 15 percent. But that's one of the requirements  
 12 for the clustering provision. The next, forest  
 13 clearing. The Critical Area Commission allows  
 14 you to clear up to 30 percent of a lot. We're  
 15 requesting for lots that are one acre or  
 16 smaller that you be able to clear additional  
 17 lands in order to support the location of the  
 18 house, the driveway, the SDA, some other  
 19 amenities that are associated with residential  
 20 use. So they are allowing us to do that with  
 21 some increase in mitigation associated with

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1 those clearings. Alternative buffer  
 2 establishment standards. We are proposing an  
 3 alternative to planting 100 percent of your  
 4 buffer establishment requirements in the  
 5 100-foot buffer. You can plant up to  
 6 50 percent of it in the 100 feet and the other  
 7 50 percent within 300 feet from mean high  
 8 water. There are some conditions associated  
 9 with that and it has to provide certain water  
 10 quality benefits, but that's an opportunity to  
 11 allow a property owner to have flexibility in  
 12 how and where they plant so they can provide  
 13 the maximum amount of water quality benefits as  
 14 well as a few other orders that we feel are  
 15 pretty important to citizens. The next is the  
 16 alternative buffer standards. And that will  
 17 allow for buffer establishment and mitigation  
 18 to increase the shrub and perivacious plants  
 19 that are required to be planted. That's  
 20 because we have a state requirement for living  
 21 shorelines. And to make sure that they are

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1 getting the maximum benefit from the living  
 2 shoreline and not having to plant canopy trees  
 3 over top of that and maybe provide shading and  
 4 impact the growth and ability of the living  
 5 shoreline to thrive, we have shrubs and  
 6 pervicacious plants to plant along that area.  
 7 There are two RCA, resource conservation area,  
 8 land uses. The public or private conservation  
 9 area and the natural resource oriented public  
 10 recreation, education and research land use  
 11 that they want to provide some limitations on  
 12 the size of structures associated with that.  
 13 They are kind of working on a size limit but at  
 14 this time they are proposing 20,000 square  
 15 feet. If you want to put in more than a 20,000  
 16 square foot building size, then you have to use  
 17 growth allocation for the additional size.  
 18 MS. PRICE: What is our limit now?  
 19 MARY KAY VERDERY: We don't want a limit.  
 20 We have other similar land uses that do have a  
 21 size limit that's at 20,000 square feet. But

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1 these are new land uses in our ordinance. And  
 2 we didn't add that language that was similar to  
 3 existing land use. We have a water resource  
 4 protection and we added this new land use for  
 5 natural resource protection area. So they just  
 6 want similar language to what we have under  
 7 other land uses.  
 8 MS. PRICE: So we just missed it, I guess.  
 9 MARY KAY VERDERY: Yeah.  
 10 MS. PRICE: A lot of rewrite we did.  
 11 MARY KAY VERDERY: I mean we had it under  
 12 the other language. So it's similar language.  
 13 MR. CALLAHAN: Mary Kay, the 20,000 square  
 14 feet, that's the structure itself.  
 15 MARY KAY VERDERY: That's correct. And it  
 16 would still be limited to the 15 percent lot  
 17 coverage that any lot in the critical area are,  
 18 the RCA would be limited to. The next is the  
 19 lot line reconfigurations. We have certain  
 20 elements of COMAR in our zoning ordinance, and  
 21 there were three more, as you get a little

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1 further along in the final decision, the  
 2 appeals process, Critical Area's opportunity to  
 3 appeal, they want that language all from COMAR  
 4 in our zoning ordinance instead of kind of just  
 5 stopping with the process. They want us to go  
 6 on and provide the additional language in COMAR  
 7 associated with the final decision and the  
 8 opportunity to appeal. The last, it's a growth  
 9 allocation. The clarification in the RC use  
 10 growth allocation process, that it's  
 11 supplemental to the growth allocation  
 12 requirements that are already in the code.  
 13 It's under the growth allocation section of the  
 14 ordinance, but they feel as though they want  
 15 this clarification language that you have to  
 16 follow the growth allocation process, even  
 17 though you're in that part of the coordinates  
 18 to begin with. But it's just some language for  
 19 clarification regarding the process you have to  
 20 go through. There are two additional things  
 21 that are not ordinance amendments but they

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1 wants -- they will probably include those as  
 2 conditions of approval. First is report  
 3 requirements. Every two years beginning  
 4 February 6 of 2022, until the next  
 5 comprehensive review, they want us to provide a  
 6 report to see how our alternative buffer  
 7 standards, are they effective, you know, are we  
 8 approving plans that are consistent with the  
 9 amendments that we're trying to propose as  
 10 alternatives and how effective are those plans.  
 11 MS. PRICE: Are these things like, instead  
 12 of planting a whole row of trees that obstructs  
 13 all the view, maintaining the view shed, lower  
 14 bushy things and certain grasses, those types  
 15 of things. They want to see how that's working  
 16 and things like that.  
 17 MARY KAY VERDERY: Right. As I noted,  
 18 there is an amendment that we're proposing  
 19 that's different than COMAR, where COMAR  
 20 requires that you establish the 100-foot  
 21 shoreline development buffer. We're proposing

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1 that you put 50 percent of the plantings in the  
 2 100-foot buffer and 50 percent outside in  
 3 the -- within 300 feet. They just want to know  
 4 how the buffering would go in so if there are  
 5 other locations that want to have similar  
 6 language, they can have some reporting from  
 7 someone that has an alternative.  
 8 MS. PRICE: So other things that we talked  
 9 about, gosh, five years ago, five, six or more  
 10 when we were doing that, have those been taken  
 11 okay, we've been allowed to do some of those  
 12 different types of plantings.  
 13 MARY KAY VERDERY: There are several  
 14 things that came out of the Blue Ribbon  
 15 Committee for the buffers.  
 16 MS. PRICE: Yes.  
 17 MARY KAY VERDERY: That's where some of  
 18 these things came from, the alternative and the  
 19 300-foot. They tweaked it a little bit to make  
 20 sure it provides the water quality benefit, but  
 21 they accepted just about all of those

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1 recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Committee.  
 2 MS. PRICE: Hopefully Talbot County is  
 3 forging forward and other counties can follow  
 4 on our example.  
 5 MARY KAY VERDERY: Yes. I'm very pleased  
 6 that they are even accepting these alternatives  
 7 and that it's giving us an opportunity to  
 8 provide some flexibility to our citizens so  
 9 that we're not planting everything in 100-foot  
 10 buffer. And I think it's been received well  
 11 but they want their protections as well. So  
 12 they put a few things to make sure they get the  
 13 benefit. And the last thing --  
 14 MR. PACK: Go ahead.  
 15 MARY KAY VERDERY: The last thing is that  
 16 they have -- many of the citizens that came  
 17 forward in the public hearing and/or that  
 18 provided written comments associated with short  
 19 term rentals. So the panel determined that a  
 20 short term rental use does not conflict with  
 21 the intent of item the critical area law, so

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1 they are not proposing any changes to the  
 2 zoning ordinance regarding short term rentals.  
 3 What they are asking us to do is include  
 4 language in our house rules, which is a  
 5 requirement of the code that you have these  
 6 house rules. It's basically an educational or  
 7 awareness component to the critical area and  
 8 what the environmental protections are  
 9 associated with being in the critical area.  
 10 MR. PACK: When you say the house rules,  
 11 are you talking about the posting of the County  
 12 rules on the -- somewhere in the house.  
 13 MARY KAY VERDERY: Correct. Yes, sir.  
 14 MS. PRICE: Not that anybody reads  
 15 anything, you know.  
 16 MR. PACK: Well, when the compliance  
 17 officer comes, they should be posted. That's a  
 18 part of the new requirement. So these changes,  
 19 some is actually knew text, are not considered  
 20 substantive in your or Mr. Kupersmith's  
 21 opinion that -- or do we have to have a formal

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1 public hearing on these changes.  
 2 MARY KAY VERDERY: I think it has to be  
 3 legislation that we bring back to you proposing  
 4 these amendments. As conditions, as long as we  
 5 complied with them, we don't have to go back to  
 6 the critical area to have them approve what  
 7 they told us to put into the legislation. I do  
 8 think we need to draft legislation, which I  
 9 kind of already started working on. So as soon  
 10 as they approve this on February 6, I'll  
 11 probably work with Tony to make sure we get on  
 12 the agenda and present you with formal  
 13 legislation that includes these amendments.  
 14 MR. PACK: But as these are presented now,  
 15 they will be updated in 190.  
 16 MARY KAY VERDERY: We will propose  
 17 legislation to provide that language.  
 18 MR. PACK: I got you.  
 19 MR. LESHAR: And after that is introduced,  
 20 it goes back to the Planning Commission for  
 21 their usual review.

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<p>1 MARY KAY VERDERY: For recommendation and                  2 come back to you.                  3 MR. LESHER: To the Council.                  4 MARY KAY VERDERY: That's correct.                  5 MS. PRICE: In the house rules, is there                  6 anything at the bottom of the house rules that                  7 says we have a compliance officer and, I don't                  8 want to say the neighbors are watching, but you                  9 could be reported and have a violation. If                  10 somebody were to, you know, cut the shrubs or                  11 disturb it, that there would be a fine                  12 involved. I mean A, I guess would there be,                  13 and B, how would they know that.                  14 MARY KAY VERDERY: I'm not sure it's that                  15 specific, but, yes, within the rules there is                  16 a -- the STR helper that the Council has                  17 engaged their services, there is a number that                  18 you can call and report 24/7 if there is any                  19 instances. That number is provided to -- in                  20 the certificate of notice that the applicant                  21 for short term rental provides to everyone</p>	<p>1 done their investigation and the severity of                  2 the violation is how they determine what --                  3 MS. PRICE: I'm not saying necessary fill                  4 in X, but to point that the person who is                  5 renting the property needs to know this is                  6 being taken seriously.                  7 MR. PACK: That's going to go towards the                  8 owner, not the renter.                  9 MR. KUPERSMITH: The tenant -- presumably                  10 the tenant reads the house rules. They are not                  11 really going to be the one that comes before                  12 the STR board, it's going to be the property                  13 owner who has the license.                  14 MS. PRICE: I guess it would be the owner                  15 that has to go back to the tenant if he was                  16 given a fine --                  17 MR. KUPERSMITH: If they had something in                  18 their agreement that says if you do something                  19 and it causes me a violation, that would be a                  20 private matter.                  21 MR. PACK: Speaking of short term rental,</p>
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<p>1 within a thousand feet. So everyone within a                  2 thousand feet of this short term rental will                  3 have that phone number to call if there is any                  4 concerns.                  5 MS. PRICE: The person who is renting the                  6 property, they might think, you know, that's                  7 just words, you know, what's going to happen to                  8 me if I really do do this, you know. Is there                  9 any -- would there be a fine if they were to                  10 violate that.                  11 MARY KAY VERDERY: Certainly.                  12 MS. PRICE: And so I'm saying when we're                  13 drafting this -- in the house rules, should it                  14 then say, if you are caught violating these, a                  15 fine of X will apply, just to be an extra                  16 deterrent.                  17 MARY KAY VERDERY: I'm not sure if we want                  18 to say a fine of X, because someone may be                  19 cutting down a shrub or something small and                  20 somebody may be cutting 20 trees in the buffer.                  21 Our code enforcement uses -- once they have</p>	<p>1 I'm assuming all of those persons that were                  2 selected have agreed to serve and --                  3 MARY KAY VERDERY: We had our first                  4 meeting last week. Our next meeting is on                  5 February 11th at 1:00 o'clock at the community                  6 center. We did a first meeting where it was                  7 basically kind of getting an administrative                  8 review, we provided them with copies of the                  9 rules, the applications, talked about the open                  10 meetings act and a couple other things. We                  11 provided them with a draft of bylaws for the                  12 board so when we meet again on February                  13 11th the first part of the agenda will be old                  14 business and actually adopting the bylaws,                  15 which do require Council approval. So once                  16 they provided us with a draft they are                  17 comfortable with, we will work to put that into                  18 a resolution and come before you to adopt the                  19 short term rental review Board's bylaws.                  20 MR. PACK: Have they selected a chair                  21 person.</p>

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<p>1 MARY KAY VERDERY: They did not because</p> <p>2 one member was absent. So they want to do that</p> <p>3 first thing on February 11th.</p> <p>4 MR. PACK: Anything more. Thank you,</p> <p>5 Ms. Verdery.</p> <p>6 MARY KAY VERDERY: Thank you very much.</p> <p>7 MR. PACK: I believe, Council, we're down</p> <p>8 to Mr. Hollis.</p> <p>9 MR. HOLLIS: Mr. President, we have a</p> <p>10 rather lengthy County Manager report. We'll</p> <p>11 start with what I hope will be the easier item.</p> <p>12 Talbot County Department of Correction bid</p> <p>13 number 18-16 inmate food services, requesting</p> <p>14 your approval to award that bid to Trinity</p> <p>15 Services Group in the amount of \$230,130.20.</p> <p>16 There were two bids received. Director</p> <p>17 Devenyns and Deputy Director Tyler thoroughly</p> <p>18 vetted both proposals and recommended award to</p> <p>19 Trinity for providing the strongest technical</p> <p>20 proposal and response. Department of</p> <p>21 Corrections has 231,000 in the budget to cover</p>	<p>1 Corrections food service contract to Trinity in</p> <p>2 the amount of, Mr. Hollis, 231.</p> <p>3 MR. HOLLIS: \$230,130.20.</p> <p>4 MR. PACK: Thank you, sir. If there's no</p> <p>5 further question or comment, Madam Secretary,</p> <p>6 please call the roll.</p> <p>7 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.</p> <p>8 MR. PACK: Aye.</p> <p>9 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.</p> <p>10 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.</p> <p>11 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>12 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>13 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.</p> <p>14 MS. PRICE: Aye.</p> <p>15 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>16 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>17 MR. HOLLIS: Thank you, Council. We now</p> <p>18 have several items from the County engineer.</p> <p>19 Starting with bid 15-23, Talbot County St.</p> <p>20 Michaels Bayside engineering services,</p> <p>21 amendment number nine. Requesting your</p>
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<p>1 this expense, so it is under. It's</p> <p>2 approximately \$15,000 more than the lower bid.</p> <p>3 The lower bid could be considered in certain</p> <p>4 parts to be nonresponsive. It did not meet</p> <p>5 particularly every section of the RFP but was</p> <p>6 considered as much as possible with Trinity but</p> <p>7 it is clear from the director's position that</p> <p>8 Trinity comes out on top. And I'm sure I don't</p> <p>9 need to remind you that unfortunately when</p> <p>10 you're incarcerated in a detention center, food</p> <p>11 services are a very high priority for you. So</p> <p>12 we want to get the best deal possible for the</p> <p>13 most effective dollar. So we're recommending</p> <p>14 Trinity for \$230,130.20.</p> <p>15 MR. PACK: Any questions. Chair would</p> <p>16 entertain a motion.</p> <p>17 MS. PRICE: So moved.</p> <p>18 MR. PACK: Moved by Mrs. Price.</p> <p>19 MR. CALLAHAN: Second.</p> <p>20 MR. PACK: Second by Mr. Callahan. Any</p> <p>21 discussion on the motion. The Department of</p>	<p>1 approval to award this amendment to Rauch</p> <p>2 Incorporated in the amount of \$107,625. The</p> <p>3 purpose of the amendment is for additional</p> <p>4 engineering services with funding from the USDA</p> <p>5 grant balances, and USDA will need to agree and</p> <p>6 concur with the recommendation.</p> <p>7 RAY CLARKE: And this is associated with</p> <p>8 basically construction inspection and</p> <p>9 construction management services that we're</p> <p>10 projecting to be, I guess, through October.</p> <p>11 MR. HOLLIS: So we're actually extending</p> <p>12 their services.</p> <p>13 RAY CLARKE: Yes, because our contracts</p> <p>14 are also extended.</p> <p>15 MR. PACK: Extension of contract with</p> <p>16 Rauch Engineering for the amount specified by</p> <p>17 Mr. Hollis on bid 15-23. Any additional</p> <p>18 comment or question. The Chair would entertain</p> <p>19 a motion to accept the bid.</p> <p>20 MR. CALLAHAN: So moved.</p> <p>21 MR. PACK: From Mr. Callahan.</p>

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1 MS. PRICE: Second.  
 2 MR. PACK: Second by Ms. Price. Any  
 3 further discussion. Hearing none, Madam  
 4 Secretary, please call the roll.  
 5 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 6 MR. PACK: Aye.  
 7 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 8 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 9 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 10 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 11 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 12 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 13 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 14 MR. LESHER: Aye.  
 15 MR. HOLLIS: Council, next is bid 17-08,  
 16 open ended engineering services. And it has  
 17 two parts requesting two separate approvals.  
 18 And Council, this deals with resolution 235 for  
 19 the extension of sewer down Route 33. We're  
 20 requesting first your approval to award  
 21 engineering services to Lane Engineering, LLC

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1 in the amount of \$86,000 for design,  
 2 preparation of construction documents and  
 3 obtain MDE construction permits to install  
 4 sewer in the communities of Aveley, Doncaster,  
 5 North Bend Road, Arcadia Shores, Blueberry  
 6 Acres, Falls Grange Road and Royal Oak Fee.  
 7 Fees for this work will be paid from the Talbot  
 8 County Sanitary District budget. Funding from  
 9 Maryland Department of the Environments State  
 10 Revolving Fund water quality improvement loan  
 11 will be used for the construction of the sewer  
 12 to these communities.  
 13 MR. PACK: I may have overlooked it. How  
 14 many total hook-ups were in those.  
 15 RAY CLARKE: Resolution 235 was 351  
 16 connections. We currently, with the rest of  
 17 the pipe connected, maybe 30. And we had Teal  
 18 Point Drive, which we have got about two or  
 19 three connected at this point.  
 20 MR. PACK: Thank you. So in the first  
 21 part, this is to award a fixed fee of \$8,600

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1 to -- 86,000, excuse me, \$86,000 to Lane  
 2 Engineering for the design of sewer -- thank  
 3 you very much -- design of sewer and MDE  
 4 contract. Is there a motion to accept.  
 5 MR. CALLAHAN: So moved.  
 6 MR. PACK: By Mr. Callahan.  
 7 MR. LESHER: Second.  
 8 MR. PACK: Second by Mr. Leshner. Any  
 9 further discussion. Hearing none, Madam  
 10 Secretary, please call the roll.  
 11 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 12 MR. PACK: Aye.  
 13 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 14 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 15 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 17 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 18 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 19 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 20 MR. LESHER: Aye.  
 21 MR. HOLLIS: So the second part of this

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1 project is again open engineering services.  
 2 Requesting awarding to Wallace Montgomery and  
 3 Associates in the amount not to exceed \$35,000.  
 4 This is for the preparation of preliminary  
 5 engineering reports and environmental reports  
 6 to determine the best solution for connecting  
 7 the existing septic systems to the County sewer  
 8 for the communities I just previously named.  
 9 RAY CLARKE: Just so the Council is aware  
 10 too, this is also going to incorporate review  
 11 of our existing pump stations, which is the  
 12 grant we have -- proposal we have also.  
 13 MR. CALLAHAN: I just got one. So this  
 14 company here is going to be -- designing how to  
 15 hook up to the house.  
 16 RAY CLARKE: Yes.  
 17 MR. CALLAHAN: And Lane is engineering --  
 18 RAY CLARKE: The lines within the street.  
 19 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 20 RAY CLARKE: What has happened right now,  
 21 Council, we currently have a scenario where in

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1 Unionville, Tunis Mills, Copperville we used a  
 2 E1 grinder pump, and now we've got systems what  
 3 we're looking at, the E1's have not been the  
 4 best performing pumps for us, so we're now  
 5 looking at an alternative pump scenario. So  
 6 the key would be is do we want to go with a  
 7 Goulds type grinder or do we want to go with a  
 8 Goulds type -- or F1 type pump system, that  
 9 we --  
 10 MR. PACK: So that's the part where  
 11 Wallace Montgomery comes in.  
 12 RAY CLARKE: Yes. And then they will also  
 13 look at the main system and are existing main  
 14 pump stations as well. So it's part of this  
 15 PER. Which will then let us know if we need to  
 16 do any capacity improvements at our existing  
 17 pump stations, like Unionville, Royal Oak.  
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: So Lane wouldn't do both.  
 19 RAY CLARKE: Because of the work  
 20 associated with this, the permitting side, we  
 21 figured we have an open ended engineering

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1 services contract to --  
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Spread it out. It helps  
 3 speed --  
 4 RAY CLARKE: Helps faster -- we have  
 5 actually given a lot of work to Lane, so we  
 6 decided to try and give work to another firm.  
 7 MR. CALLAHAN: No problem.  
 8 MR. PACK: So on the permitting side, will  
 9 Lane, they won't do the permitting side --  
 10 RAY CLARKE: They will. Lane will  
 11 actually do the permitting. Part of the  
 12 process when we extend sewer, it's been a  
 13 lengthy process and we have to go to MDE for a  
 14 MDE construction permit. So there is  
 15 requirements that we have to put the packages  
 16 together. Since we're using grant funds, we  
 17 have to use their boilerplate information, and  
 18 then that's incorporated in the bid packages  
 19 and that goes out. Typically Lane has been  
 20 doing most of it for us.  
 21 MR. PACK: The Chair would entertain a

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1 motion on bid 17-08.  
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: So moved.  
 3 MR. PACK: Moved by Mr. Callahan.  
 4 MS. PRICE: Second.  
 5 MR. PACK: Second by Mrs. Price. Any  
 6 further discussion on the bid or of Mr. Clarke.  
 7 Questions. Hearing none, Madam Secretary,  
 8 please call your roll.  
 9 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 10 MR. PACK: Aye.  
 11 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 12 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 13 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 14 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 15 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 16 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 17 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 18 MR. LESHNER: Aye.  
 19 MR. HOLLIS: Council, just quickly. I  
 20 want to thank Mr. Clarke. This is a major  
 21 initiative of the County Council in terms of

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1 extending this sewer line, and we are finally  
 2 moving ahead with engineering, which is a huge  
 3 step forward. So thank you. Bid 17-09, Grace  
 4 Street pump station retrofit. This is change  
 5 order number eight. Requesting your approval  
 6 to award the change order of \$26,648 to Schummer  
 7 Incorporated. The purpose is for additional  
 8 wedge and level asphalt work needed for the  
 9 Grace Street Rehabilitation Project and for  
 10 pump piping modifications to re-route the force  
 11 main to make a new connection for pump  
 12 discharge piping. Funding is from the USDA  
 13 grant balance, and again USDA will need to  
 14 review and concur with the work.  
 15 MR. PACK: Mr. Clarke, what does -- sorry.  
 16 RAY CLARKE: When we were actually doing  
 17 the Grace Street rehabilitation, we ended up  
 18 having to do a wedge and level which required a  
 19 greater amount of asphalt on the wedging  
 20 leveling side. At the same time we have a  
 21 scenario where we have three houses that are on

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1 the back side of Grace Street that we need to  
 2 get sewer to. We talked about that and right  
 3 now the objective is to bring those three  
 4 houses to a pump station and then pump it over  
 5 to the other pump station we have on Grace  
 6 Street. The problem we're running into, the  
 7 area in question, we actually have -- we're  
 8 working with the Town to put a box culvert in  
 9 and we actually have to directionally drill  
 10 under the stream area there, which is requiring  
 11 the additional pump work that we're talking  
 12 about in this project.

13 MR. CALLAHAN: And Ray, so this group,  
 14 Schummer, is the one that's been doing a lot of  
 15 work for us, a million seven, you know, every  
 16 month or so doing projects and get into sort of  
 17 a design build. It's not necessarily -- I  
 18 guess it's a change order to them but it's kind  
 19 of all going as they go along, correct.

20 RAY CLARKE: And just so the Council is  
 21 aware, we actually have two contracts. We

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1 have -- within St. Michaels sewer. We have the  
 2 contract with Mobile Dredging and Video Pipe  
 3 Services. They are doing a lot of T.V.  
 4 inspections, sewer cleaning. They also are  
 5 going to be getting involved with lateral  
 6 replacement work within the town. And then the  
 7 disadvantage with Mobile Dredging and Video  
 8 Pipe Services is they have cold patch repair  
 9 for asphalt, they don't have an asphalt price  
 10 for us in their contract. Whereas Schummer does.  
 11 So what ends up having when we're working with  
 12 the town and we're tearing up the curbs and  
 13 what not, Schummer has got the asphalt so we have  
 14 a change order with them for the road  
 15 improvements. And that's how that's kind of  
 16 separating the two now.

17 MR. PACK: Okay. Bid 17-08 for the Grace  
 18 Street pump station in the amount of \$26,648.  
 19 All these funds are from the USDA grant fund.

20 MR. HOLLIS: It's actually bid 17-09, Mr.  
 21 President.

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1 MR. PACK: What did I say.  
 2 MR. HOLLIS: Eight.  
 3 MR. PACK: Nine. Change order number  
 4 eight. Do we have a motion.  
 5 MR. CALLAHAN: So moved.  
 6 MR. PACK: By Mr. Callahan.  
 7 MS. PRICE: Second.  
 8 MR. PACK: Second by Mr. Leshner, I  
 9 believe. Ms. Price. Any further discussion.  
 10 Madam Secretary, please call the roll.  
 11 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 12 MR. PACK: Aye.  
 13 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 14 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 15 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 17 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 18 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 19 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 20 MR. LESHNER: Aye.  
 21 MR. HOLLIS: Council, remember if you will

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1 recall we held a work session with Mr. Clarke  
 2 to go over several requests he would like to  
 3 submit to the Maryland Department of --  
 4 Maryland Water Quality Financing  
 5 Administration, excuse me, for several  
 6 different projects. You all seemed supportive  
 7 at the work session but we need actual approval  
 8 here. So we're going to start with the request  
 9 to the administration for the UMS Shore Health  
 10 Systems Regional Medical Center water mains in  
 11 the amount of \$450,000. I know you discussed  
 12 it at length but if you have more questions,  
 13 Mr. Clarke is here.

14 MR. PACK: Any questions of Mr. Clarke on  
 15 the project. Mr. Clarke, you want to run  
 16 through the project so members of Council's may  
 17 be refreshed.

18 RAY CLARKE: Sure thing. This is part of,  
 19 I guess, the agreement with the Shore Health,  
 20 or UMS and Shore Health, was the County would  
 21 extend water to the hospital site out at the --



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1 towards the community center. This would  
 2 actually take a line coming off Airport Road  
 3 running down Maryland 662 to the property line  
 4 of the UMS property. Then the other side we  
 5 actually have to run another line and they are  
 6 roughly 12 inches in diameter of water lines  
 7 that would then run from about Airport Road  
 8 downs Goldsboro Neck Road to the property line  
 9 of the Regional Medical Center. And the 450  
 10 would be covering a part of that.

11 MR. PACK: And this project is probably  
 12 long overdue. I think the information we're  
 13 getting back from Shore Health is that the  
 14 change to 662 will not take place. I think  
 15 that was one of the considerations we had  
 16 waiting for that work to be done. But what  
 17 we're hearing now through our discussions is  
 18 that it will not be rerouted.

19 RAY CLARKE: And this project has no  
 20 bearing. To your point, 662 was more in the  
 21 center of the Regional Medical Center. So this

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1 is just taking it to the property line, the  
 2 southern property line.

3 MR. PACK: Right. That's true. But as we  
 4 go further north, pick up the community center  
 5 off one of those two lines, that project needs  
 6 to also be considered as we go forward with  
 7 this as well. I know the 662 change was one of  
 8 the things that we considered to move through  
 9 the property going to the community center.  
 10 Okay. Any questions. Okay. Is there a motion  
 11 to approve.

12 MR. CALLAHAN: So moved.

13 MR. PACK: By Mr. Callahan.

14 MS. PRICE: Second.

15 MR. PACK: Second by Ms. Price. Madam  
 16 Secretary, please call your roll.

17 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.

18 MR. PACK: Aye.

19 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.

20 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.

21 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.

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1 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.

2 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.

3 MS. PRICE: Aye.

4 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.

5 MR. LESHNER: Aye.

6 MR. HOLLIS: So, Council, that was for the  
 7 water line. For the same project Mr. Clarke  
 8 would like to apply to the same administration  
 9 for the sewer and pump station in the amount of  
 10 \$1,150,000.

11 MR. PACK: Comments. Is there a motion --  
 12 how much. What was the price again.

13 RAY CLARKE: I thought it was 550,000.

14 MR. HOLLIS: I have 1,150,000. It's your  
 15 project, Mr. Clarke.

16 RAY CLARKE: I apologize, it's only  
 17 550,000.

18 MR. HOLLIS: Mr. Clarke.

19 RAY CLARKE: Sorry.

20 MR. CALLAHAN: Save us money.

21 MR. PACK: And those funds will be sought

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1 from where, Mr. Clarke.

2 RAY CLARKE: These are what we had  
 3 originally secured from the Maryland Department  
 4 of the Environment as part of their capital  
 5 request. We had secured a million dollars out  
 6 of the MDE capital fund about three or four  
 7 years ago with \$450,000 being associated with  
 8 the water mains and \$550,000 being associated  
 9 with the pump station at Hiners and 662. We'll  
 10 review with UMS that that's the actual location  
 11 of the pump station. It was planned at the  
 12 corner of Hiners and MD 662. If that's  
 13 changed, we'll double check that.

14 MR. PACK: Great. Any further questions.  
 15 Is there a motion to accept the amount of  
 16 \$550,000 for the pump station from MDE.

17 MR. CALLAHAN: So moved.

18 MR. PACK: From Mr. Callahan.

19 MS. PRICE: Second.

20 MR. PACK: From Mrs. Price. Madam  
 21 Secretary, please call the roll.

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<p>1 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.</p> <p>2 MR. PACK: Aye.</p> <p>3 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.</p> <p>4 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.</p> <p>5 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>6 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>7 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.</p> <p>8 MS. PRICE: Aye.</p> <p>9 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>10 MR. LESHER: Aye.</p> <p>11 MR. HOLLIS: Council, in the same area,</p> <p>12 the County is requesting MDE funding in the</p> <p>13 amount of \$250,000 for the Talbot County</p> <p>14 community center for the pump station and force</p> <p>15 main. Is that the right amount?</p> <p>16 RAY CLARKE: Yes. This is the one,</p> <p>17 Mr. Pack, I think you indicated that I'll be</p> <p>18 sending some paperwork over to UMS to review</p> <p>19 the actual line strategy. Either we're going</p> <p>20 to take it up to the existing 662 from the</p> <p>21 community center or we'll follow the relocation</p>	<p>1 If you could address that just for a second.</p> <p>2 RAY CLARKE: Sure thing. I guess back in</p> <p>3 March of 2010 we had a situation where the</p> <p>4 septic system out at the community center</p> <p>5 failed, and ultimately it's a mound system.</p> <p>6 And when -- what happened is the mound would be</p> <p>7 charged with a pump, when that pump turned on,</p> <p>8 sewage was coming out of the mound. So</p> <p>9 unfortunately when that -- we had a situation</p> <p>10 MDE was on site when the pump kicked on and</p> <p>11 sewage was coming out of the ground. At that</p> <p>12 pointed we pumped and hauled. We continued to</p> <p>13 pump and haul assuming the hospital was coming</p> <p>14 forward. So I think at this point with the</p> <p>15 potential delays that we may see with the</p> <p>16 hospital continuing, we then started looking at</p> <p>17 how to connect the community center. We then</p> <p>18 had some meetings over the last year and a half</p> <p>19 with Easton Utilities. At that point in time</p> <p>20 there were discussions as to the capital</p> <p>21 charges with Easton Utilities. At some point</p>
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<p>1 of 662, whatever they want us to do.</p> <p>2 MR. PACK: Which sounds like they are not</p> <p>3 going to relocate.</p> <p>4 RAY CLARKE: So we'll probably just take</p> <p>5 it up to 662 as it exists today and run it down</p> <p>6 662.</p> <p>7 MR. PACK: I note that in talking with</p> <p>8 Mr. Pepper over the holiday weekend, he was</p> <p>9 very anxious to get this connection made. His</p> <p>10 pumping and hauling bill has become somewhat of</p> <p>11 a strain for him.</p> <p>12 RAY CLARKE: So the Council is aware, as</p> <p>13 well as citizens, we have reviewed the funding</p> <p>14 we have available for ERF funds for this fiscal</p> <p>15 year. It looks like we have funding to assist</p> <p>16 up to about \$70,000. So we'll do what we can.</p> <p>17 MR. PACK: Okay. Pump station for the</p> <p>18 community center, \$250,000.</p> <p>19 MR. DIVILIO: I think it's worth</p> <p>20 revisiting. Just real quick about the pump and</p> <p>21 haul that's going on at the community center.</p>	<p>1 we were looking at 250,000. We negotiated that</p> <p>2 down to about 31 to \$32,000 for the capital</p> <p>3 charges. So now we also have a scenario where</p> <p>4 we have two 5-horsepower pumps that were built</p> <p>5 as part of the addition for ice rink and we're</p> <p>6 looking at using that station that was put in</p> <p>7 to actually be the station to pump all the</p> <p>8 sewage flow into the Easton system. And</p> <p>9 through a meeting I think we had just in</p> <p>10 November or December of last year, Easton</p> <p>11 Utilities has indicated we can make a tie-in</p> <p>12 where Hyde Park is tied into today. So that's</p> <p>13 actually very helpful to the County in reducing</p> <p>14 the overall cost. I think when we were</p> <p>15 originally looking at trying to do the sewer</p> <p>16 extension, I mean we were probably in the</p> <p>17 neighborhood of 750,000 or more because of the</p> <p>18 capital charges and distance we had to go. So</p> <p>19 now it's getting to a point thing are, let's</p> <p>20 say --</p> <p>21 MR. PACK: Reasonable.</p>

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1 RAY CLARKE: Reasonable, yes. Reasonable  
 2 cost. I think it's in our best interest in  
 3 trying to make it work.  
 4 MR. HOLLIS: So we're closing in a decade  
 5 of pumping and hauling.  
 6 MR. PACK: Going back to Rick Towel and  
 7 now to Mr. Pepper. And he's expressed to me  
 8 over the weekend that he desperately needs this  
 9 done. Ray, not to be putting you on the spot,  
 10 but if all things go according to plans, and  
 11 you know how plans are, if you had to project  
 12 our timeline, when do you think we could  
 13 possibly see a connection of the community  
 14 center.  
 15 RAY CLARKE: At this point we'll probably  
 16 be getting back to you sometime in February  
 17 with a proposal with Lane Engineering to go  
 18 ahead and design the sewer. At that point once  
 19 we have that design and met with staff in-house,  
 20 one idea we have in-house of trying to expedite  
 21 is we actually have, I think it's Duvall

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1 Brothers and Bravos, have given us a proposal  
 2 to install 3-inch lines, a 3-inch force main.  
 3 Bravos I think was the lowest bid. They are  
 4 actually out of Upper Marlboro. So it's a  
 5 possibility if we can get MDE to concur, and we  
 6 can get them to let us use funds, we're hoping  
 7 maybe to get something in the works and maybe  
 8 installed by the end of the year. If we can do  
 9 it faster than that, we'll do it. But...  
 10 MR. PACK: Talk about a Merry Christmas.  
 11 RAY CLARKE: So the Council is aware, the  
 12 application we're requesting your all's approval  
 13 on for the \$250,000 ultimately is -- that  
 14 funding cycle is July 1st of 2020. What we're  
 15 trying to do is advise the MDE of the necessity  
 16 to get this done, so we're trying to put this  
 17 in their wheelhouse at this point to review.  
 18 Also we'll be talking with Anne Morse to get us  
 19 a later indicating the system has failed.  
 20 There is no way other than public sewer to  
 21 address this.

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1 MS. PRICE: Are they going to yell at us  
 2 and say, why did you wait nine years.  
 3 RAY CLARKE: No, I think they are going to  
 4 understand.  
 5 MR. HOLLIS: You do realize Mr. Pack heard  
 6 end of the year. That's what he got.  
 7 MR. PACK: That's what stuck in my mind.  
 8 RAY CLARKE: I'm doing everything I  
 9 possibly can. Like I said, we just met with  
 10 staff this morning, we're reviewing our  
 11 allocations for BRF funds. We have probably  
 12 about a million dollars of BRF for this fiscal  
 13 year we're looking at using. I can't sit here  
 14 and tell you the Council that we will be able  
 15 to get all that in grant money.  
 16 MR. LESHER: Which is, for the public, Bay  
 17 Restoration Funds.  
 18 RAY CLARKE: Bay Restoration. I  
 19 apologize, yeah, Bay Restoration Funds.  
 20 MR. LESHER: Sometimes aligned with the  
 21 flush tax.

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1 RAY CLARKE: Exactly. And we get a lot of  
 2 it.  
 3 MR. PACK: And let's be clear so there is  
 4 not a lot of confusion amongst people listening  
 5 or watching. This is a dedicated line solely  
 6 for the community center that we're running  
 7 here. This isn't a line that's running, as you  
 8 pointed out, across the property that will be  
 9 the home of the new hospital, regional  
 10 hospital.  
 11 MS. PRICE: From your lips to God's ears.  
 12 MR. PACK: Just want to state clearly that  
 13 the purpose of this line is to pick up the  
 14 community center and not to pick up any  
 15 additional properties that may be out there.  
 16 We are going to bring that, as you said before,  
 17 that earlier bid, that line up to the property  
 18 boundary of that 257 acres that the community  
 19 center purchased -- the hospital purchased from  
 20 us. And that's all we were obligated to do on  
 21 their end. And they got to do the connection

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1 onto the line itself. We'll take care of our  
 2 end as far as the water and sewer up to the  
 3 line. We will run this line across. And maybe  
 4 another question comes to mind. Because the  
 5 Shore Health now owns that property, running  
 6 this line across their property, how would that  
 7 work as far as -- I mean does that mess up your  
 8 timeline with any further --  
 9 RAY CLARKE: No. That's one of the  
 10 reasons that I think you were hearing Mr.  
 11 Kozel, was I had forwarded the plat that was  
 12 recorded within the land records that outlined  
 13 the relocation of 662 as well as the utility  
 14 easements that are along that. So that was my  
 15 first request was do we use that -- those  
 16 easements, those utility easements that are  
 17 already set in place with that recorded plat to  
 18 put in a force main. I think they came back  
 19 and said we're actually not doing any  
 20 relocation of 662. So to your point, what  
 21 we'll now have to do is provide them with an

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1 alternative and then get an easement that would  
 2 go -- an easement on their property to allow us  
 3 to put a force main to go up to 662. And then  
 4 we would use the State Highway right-of-way and  
 5 run the force main down State Highway  
 6 right-of-way to the point where Hyde Park  
 7 connects into the Easton system.  
 8 MR. PACK: I'm hearing end of the year,  
 9 right?  
 10 RAY CLARKE: Do the best I can.  
 11 MR. HOLLIS: He's going to start asking in  
 12 September.  
 13 RAY CLARKE: I'll give you a better  
 14 timeline when I get that proposal from Lane.  
 15 How does that sound. But I'm going to do my  
 16 best.  
 17 MR. PACK: I know you'll make myself and  
 18 Mr. Pepper very, very happy. Thank you. We  
 19 finished that. No, you had a question.  
 20 MR. DIVILIO: No, we didn't vote.  
 21 MR. PACK: We hadn't voted on that. Any

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1 additional questions on that. Hearing none,  
 2 did we have a motion on that.  
 3 SECRETARY: No.  
 4 MR. CALLAHAN: So moved.  
 5 MR. PACK: Motion by Mr. Callahan.  
 6 MS. PRICE: Second.  
 7 MR. PACK: Second by Mrs. Price. Any  
 8 other discussion. Hearing none, Madam  
 9 Secretary, call your roll.  
 10 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 11 MR. PACK: Aye.  
 12 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 13 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 14 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 15 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 16 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 17 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 18 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 19 MR. LESHNER: Aye.  
 20 MR. HOLLIS: In your work session,  
 21 Mr. Clarke also spoke about applying to MDE for

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1 the rehabilitation, a step and major pump  
 2 stations in Royal Oak, Newcomb, Bellevue, and  
 3 the Unionville, Tunis Mills, Copperville sewer  
 4 service areas and the development of electronic  
 5 utility maps and system wide pump control  
 6 monitoring system in the amount of \$6 million.  
 7 RAY CLARKE: This, again, part of this is  
 8 actually to look at our existing pump station.  
 9 We currently have five pump stations. One of  
 10 the things we're looking at as part of the  
 11 overall is we extending the sewer out,  
 12 especially for resolution 235. We will be  
 13 adding flows, so we want to make sure our pump  
 14 stations have the capacity for the additional  
 15 flows. In addition to that we also have -- I  
 16 guess when the sewer was extended out to  
 17 Unionville, Tunis Mills, Copperville, as well  
 18 as Royal Oak and Bellevue, that was done back  
 19 in the 1990's or 1993. We do not -- we don't  
 20 have any -- we have a paper system now, smile  
 21 off paper system now. So the key would be to

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1 add actually a digital GIS based system map.  
 2 And with that the other thing we're looking at  
 3 doing is where we actually have valve vaults  
 4 along the route from, let's say, the Royal Oak  
 5 pump station all the way back to Unionville.  
 6 We actually have air release valves, other  
 7 valve vaults that are along the main road of  
 8 Maryland Route 33 as well as Unionville Road.  
 9 One of the things we're looking at doing is  
 10 putting in some kind of radio control system so  
 11 when there's a high water level we're actually  
 12 notified. We have actually had scenarios in  
 13 the past where we had a -- the T in that valve  
 14 ball broken and has resulted in an overflow,  
 15 sanitary sewer overflow. So this would  
 16 actually give us, you know, information when  
 17 that break happens. We would know about it and  
 18 ultimately guys could respond and we're not now  
 19 estimating, you know, if it was up to  
 20 15,000 gallons, maybe they would be out there  
 21 hopefully within the day.

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1 MR. PACK: Is all the monitoring, let's  
 2 say, there underground or is there anything  
 3 above ground?  
 4 RAY CLARKE: What we're looking at right  
 5 now is actually one of the systems is a mission  
 6 control system, which basically has a radio  
 7 call out. So it's a level control system that  
 8 actually will call out on the radio. And it  
 9 uses a radio signal and reports out that you  
 10 have a high level condition. That's one system  
 11 we're looking at. Another system basically  
 12 does a similar strategy but it's put on a pole  
 13 with a small solar panel and in essence the  
 14 battery recharges with the solar panel. We're  
 15 looking at that opportunity as well.  
 16 MR. PACK: So it's a recording of the  
 17 water table inside --  
 18 RAY CLARKE: Typically they are like a  
 19 magnetic strip that's put in the valve ball.  
 20 So when the water comes up, it then creates  
 21 that contact. That contact then sends out a

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1 signal of high level alarm. That's what we're  
 2 looking at right now.  
 3 MR. PACK: So this is just a marker of  
 4 signaling. It doesn't shut anything off --  
 5 RAY CLARKE: The other thing we're looking  
 6 at with the valve vaults, it would just be a  
 7 monitoring system. With the pump stations, one  
 8 of the things we're looking at as part of the  
 9 pump stations is Scada, which is kind of a  
 10 remote control system where the guys can  
 11 actually go in, they can pull up the pumps on  
 12 the Internet, they can make any adjustments to  
 13 the pumps using what they call an RFD, which is  
 14 a -- it's a variable frequency, sorry, VFD,  
 15 variable frequency drive. They can adjust the  
 16 frequencies and ultimately ramp up the impeller  
 17 speed and pump more flow through it. Those are  
 18 things we're looking at as well.  
 19 MR. PACK: So the \$6 million price tag on  
 20 this is all through MDE funding.  
 21 RAY CLARKE: We're actually going to go

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1 through both. We're going to go through both  
 2 Rural Development as well as MDE.  
 3 MR. PACK: Okay. Any further questions of  
 4 Mr. Clarke on this project. Rehabilitation of  
 5 the step and major composition for those areas  
 6 that Mr. Hollis outlined, the \$6 million  
 7 projectment, and Mr. Clarke went over the  
 8 funding mechanism. Is there a motion.  
 9 MS. PRICE: So moved.  
 10 MR. PACK: By Ms. Price.  
 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Second.  
 12 MR. PACK: Second by Mr. Callahan. Any  
 13 further discussion. Hearing none, Madam  
 14 Secretary, please call your roll.  
 15 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 16 MR. PACK: Aye.  
 17 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 18 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 19 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 21 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.

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1 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 2 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 3 MR. LESHNER: Aye.  
 4 MR. HOLLIS: And, Council, the largest  
 5 project Mr. Clarke spoke to you about was to  
 6 submit an application to MDE for funding for  
 7 the Region two sewer system, that's for Bozman  
 8 Neavitt. It would be an extension of sewer in  
 9 accordance with Resolution 250 in the amount of  
 10 \$22,320,000. And with that would be a request  
 11 to de-obligate the current MDE loan the County  
 12 has in the amount five -- excuse me, \$5,650,000  
 13 to extend that same sewer line.  
 14 MR. PACK: And we did have a public  
 15 hearing about this. There were members of the  
 16 Bozman Neavitt community present. Council did  
 17 allow for comment from the community. So would  
 18 you please just take a moment just to run  
 19 through the defunding and then reapplication.  
 20 RAY CLARKE: Sure thing. I think as we  
 21 talked with the Council and the citizens, and

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1 the citizens tonight, the County applied last  
 2 year for funding for the project. Our estimate  
 3 total project cost was about \$29 million. We,  
 4 ultimately working with MDE, we were only able  
 5 to secure loan monies for what we were calling  
 6 phase one. Phase one extends sewer from St.  
 7 Michaels to about the Mount Pleasant area. It  
 8 would not get down to the Bozman Neavitt area  
 9 under that scenario. Ultimately we would have  
 10 to come back in and reapply. Well, as part of  
 11 this, in August of 2018, we worked with Davis  
 12 Bowen and Friedel to develop a preliminary  
 13 engineering report. They then looked at the  
 14 step system that's being used up in Kent  
 15 Island, which is -- I think it's a Arenko,  
 16 which uses a bio tube. So that system, one of  
 17 the advantages you have with that system is you  
 18 do not have to put in a pump station. It uses  
 19 what we call a multiple stage pump. It's like  
 20 a well pump and you can actually pump it  
 21 further distances. Instead of having to put in

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1 a pump station, like two or three pump stations  
 2 from Neavitt to pump to Bozman and then pump  
 3 from Bozman, let's say, to Mount Pleasant, we  
 4 could actually pump all the flows using the  
 5 pumps pressure from Neavitt all the way to the  
 6 St. Michaels plant. That saves us on cost of  
 7 trying to buy land, it saves us on the cost of  
 8 actually doing a pump station. And then with  
 9 the pump station you have to have emergency  
 10 power, all that stuff. So with this, because  
 11 we're now moving with the Kent Island strategy,  
 12 the overall cost was now reduced from  
 13 29 million to about 22.3 million. So at this  
 14 point we're now requesting or talking with the  
 15 Council about is you go back to go MDE  
 16 requesting a loan and grant package on the  
 17 \$22 million rather than trying to set us up  
 18 with just \$5.6 million just for phase one.  
 19 MR. PACK: So these new step pumps, call  
 20 them step pumps, they don't require any kind of  
 21 redundancy for power as a pump station would.

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1 RAY CLARKE: No, because we're actually  
 2 using the property owner's power. And what  
 3 happens, typically for --  
 4 MR. PACK: So if his or her power goes  
 5 out, there is no backup power for that pump?  
 6 RAY CLARKE: No. What happens is their  
 7 well pump is going down as well. So what will  
 8 typically happen, as -- a step system is  
 9 actually a separate tank and a pump system,  
 10 typically a house is going to have, let's say,  
 11 a well pump with a hydro-pneumatic tank. That  
 12 hydro-pneumatic tank might have maybe 40 gallons  
 13 in it max. So what ends up happening is once  
 14 you've lost power, you're going to have  
 15 whatever is in that hydro-pneumatic tank, and  
 16 then ultimately when you're out, you're out.  
 17 You've lost pressure because you don't have a  
 18 well pump on any more. What happens now is  
 19 septic tank will have probably a minimum of  
 20 200 gallons or more of storage capacity in the  
 21 pump chamber. So what will end up happening is

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1 when you're pumping in the one pump chamber,  
 2 which is usually the second compartment, the  
 3 500-gallon compartment of the septic tank, that  
 4 chamber, you're going to have more than enough  
 5 time, probably a day's worth I hate to say that,  
 6 a day's worth to operate about 125 to 250  
 7 gallons a day.  
 8 MR. PACK: So there will be a series of  
 9 these pumps per home.  
 10 RAY CLARKE: What would end up happening,  
 11 typically what we have done in Royal Oak,  
 12 Newcomb, Bellevue, even Unionville, Tunis  
 13 Mills, Copperville, each house has got its own  
 14 pump system. That pump system pumps into the  
 15 County sewer system. And so what happens is  
 16 those pumps, and this part of that, the  
 17 sanitary district owns and operates those  
 18 pumps. So that's kind of how we control how  
 19 the pumps are used. We then, if there's a high  
 20 level scenario, we go out and replace the  
 21 pumps, rip out the new pump, and then rebuild

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1 them back in the shop.  
 2 MR. PACK: And who is currently using this  
 3 system.  
 4 RAY CLARKE: Kent Island. What they call,  
 5 I guess it's the SKI project, which is the  
 6 Southern Kent Island sewer project. They went  
 7 to this Arenko step system.  
 8 MR. PACK: Arenko.  
 9 RAY CLARKE: I think it's Arenko,  
 10 A-R-I-N-C-O. I'm not sure.  
 11 MR. PACK: Okay. Council, this is the  
 12 Region two sewer system down to Bozman Neavitt,  
 13 Resolution 250. Let's take this in parts if  
 14 we can, Mr. Hollis. First would be the  
 15 de-obligation of the \$5,650,000 loan. And  
 16 Mr. Clarke, you didn't speak fully to this. Do  
 17 you want to address why we're going to ask to  
 18 de-obligate for that MDE loan.  
 19 RAY CLARKE: What we're doing as far as  
 20 de-obligating, since we had the award for last  
 21 year for this project, what we're going to do

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1 is submit to MDE a letter, probably this week,  
 2 saying please de-obligate that \$5,650,000 and  
 3 then ultimately next we would submit for a  
 4 brand new cap.  
 5 MR. PACK: I think Ms. Price was pointing  
 6 out at the public hearing it seems somewhat  
 7 unfair because if the person who came in under  
 8 phase one will be paying back at a higher loan  
 9 rate than those who are coming in later on the  
 10 phase two and three. And that didn't seem fair  
 11 to do with that first group of home owners.  
 12 So, Council, under the first request, the  
 13 de-obligation of MDE loans for the \$5 million  
 14 loan, is there a motion to do so.  
 15 MR. CALLAHAN: So moved.  
 16 MR. LESHER: Just a further question.  
 17 MR. PACK: We have a motion. Like a  
 18 second and then the question.  
 19 MR. DIVILIO: Second.  
 20 MR. PACK: Second by Mr. Divilio. Now  
 21 your question.

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1 MR. LESHER: Mr. Clarke, could you, as I  
 2 recall, if successful this grant will result in  
 3 significant savings for rate payers for this  
 4 Bozman Neavitt corridor. Do you want to hit on  
 5 those significant reductions. Really this is  
 6 going to make it affordable.  
 7 RAY CLARKE: The scenario -- I think --  
 8 find my paperwork. Here it is. Typically with  
 9 the loan, if you're looking at just loan and  
 10 cost of that, we're probably looking at a cost  
 11 of about, maybe, let's say, \$200 a month.  
 12 Anywhere from 190 to \$200 a month. Which is  
 13 pretty significant when you're, let's say, on a  
 14 fixed income or what not, or have to pay \$2,400  
 15 a year for sewer service. So what we're now  
 16 looking at is potentially trying to drive that  
 17 down to \$100 a month or less. Again, that's  
 18 all contingent on how much money we're  
 19 receiving.  
 20 MR. PACK: That's a big savings for a lot  
 21 of homeowners. Any further comment or

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<p>1 questions. We have a motion and a second.  2 Madam Secretary, please call the roll.  3 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  4 MR. PACK: Aye.  5 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  6 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  7 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  8 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  9 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  10 MS. PRICE: Aye.  11 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  12 MR. LESHER: Aye.  13 MR. PACK: And now, Council, to the  14 reapplying for the \$22 million for MDE. This  15 is for the grant funding. Grant and loan I  16 should say, mixture. Any questions of  17 Mr. Clarke on that. Chair would entertain a  18 motion.  19 MS. PRICE: So moved.  20 MR. CALLAHAN: Second.  21 MR. PACK: By Mrs. Price. Second by</p>	<p>1 MR. HOLLIS: Go ahead.  2 RAY CLARKE: We have the belt filter  3 press.  4 MR. PACK: We did have the belt filter  5 press on our public hearing, yes, we did.  6 RAY CLARKE: This is basically -- it's a  7 solvent management system within the Region two  8 wastewater treatment plan. The system, the  9 belt filter press we have today is probably  10 going on forty years old. The funds we're  11 seeking is \$550,000 through MDE to replace that  12 press as well as the preparer system. So  13 that's the additional request we have.  14 MR. PACK: Council, that does not appear  15 on your sheet there, but we did discuss that,  16 if you all remember, in public meetings. So  17 you all should be aware of that. Any further  18 questions of Mr. Clarke on the replacement of  19 that belt filter press. And this is  20 compressing those solids and --  21 RAY CLARKE: That's the nasty stuff.</p>
<p>Page 91</p> <p>1 Mr. Callahan. Any further comment or  2 questions. To Mr. Leshner's point, I think this  3 is -- should we get this money, and hopefully  4 we do, will be a dramatic savings on those home  5 owners who will be connecting to that line. So  6 we do have a motion and a second. Madam  7 Secretary, please call your roll.  8 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  9 MR. PACK: Aye.  10 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  11 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  12 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  13 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  14 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  15 MS. PRICE: Aye.  16 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  17 MR. LESHER: Aye.  18 MR. HOLLIS: Thank you, Mr. Clarke. We  19 hit them all.  20 RAY CLARKE: I think we hit them all. Do  21 we need approval on that belt filter press?</p>	<p>Page 93</p> <p>1 MR. PACK: Is there a motion.  2 MR. CALLAHAN: So moved.  3 MR. PACK: By Mr. Callahan.  4 MS. PRICE: Second.  5 MR. PACK: By Ms. Price. Any further  6 discussion on it. Hearing none, Madam  7 Secretary, please call your roll.  8 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  9 MR. PACK: Aye.  10 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  11 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  12 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  13 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  14 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  15 MS. PRICE: Aye.  16 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  17 MR. LESHER: Aye.  18 RAY CLARKE: Now we're done.  19 MR. PACK: Thank you, Mr. Clarke.  20 MR. HOLLIS: Council, Ms. Lane, your  21 finance director, is here to present four</p>



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1 requests for budget reconsideration you have  
 2 earmarked on your current fiscal year budget.  
 3 ANGELA LANE: Good evening, Council.  
 4 Council, I came before the Council last May to  
 5 actually approve final budget reconsiderations  
 6 for the current fiscal year budget. There were  
 7 three items that you had me defer until after  
 8 December of 2018. So I am now back to have you  
 9 reconsider these three items that you all did  
 10 not make the final decision on back in May.  
 11 The first one --  
 12 MR. HOLLIS: Then we also have the  
 13 fourth item from the airport.  
 14 ANGELA LANE: Yeah, there's a fourth item  
 15 from the airport. So first I want to deal with  
 16 the three items that were deferred from last  
 17 May. The first is a new position for the  
 18 States Attorney's office. This would be an  
 19 attorney position. The salary and benefits for  
 20 this position on an annual basis is \$87,366.  
 21 Obviously the cost for the rest of this fiscal

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1 year would be significantly less, it's just  
 2 Council did not make a decision as to whether  
 3 to fund this position in fiscal '19 or not.  
 4 And you have some information that was provided  
 5 by Scott Patterson, our States Attorney, at  
 6 that time, and I believe he's also provided you  
 7 all with some additional information. The next  
 8 item is an administrative assistant position  
 9 for the Planning and Zoning and Permits  
 10 Department. The total annual cost for this  
 11 position, salary and benefits, is \$49,084.  
 12 Obviously the cost of the current fiscal year  
 13 would be less than that. And the library  
 14 administration has asked for an additional  
 15 operating appropriation, request for materials  
 16 and supplies. The materials are like books and  
 17 DVD materials for the public. That is \$13,850.  
 18 And then a capital outlay item of a client  
 19 server and five Zero Thing client computers of  
 20 \$9,540. And those items were not specifically  
 21 outlined back in May. They recently submitted

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1 that information to the Council. They said  
 2 that they had concerns about being able to meet  
 3 all their obligations of the current year  
 4 budget. I will obviously need Council to go  
 5 through these one by one. I don't know if you  
 6 have specific questions.  
 7 MR. PACK: Let's talk about them and go  
 8 up. With the library operating appropriation,  
 9 these are, if I remember, new items then.  
 10 ANGELA LANE: Yeah, they had asked for  
 11 additional -- they had asked in their original  
 12 budget funding for library materials and some  
 13 supply items. They have fine-tuned those  
 14 requests in this request. In their original  
 15 budget that they submitted to the Council for  
 16 funding for fiscal 2019, they had requested  
 17 \$22,000 of additional library materials and  
 18 \$2,500 of additional operating expense items.  
 19 And they have now fine-tuned that to \$3,100 for  
 20 adult materials, \$8,500 for children's  
 21 materials, and then \$2,250 for operating

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1 supplies. And then the capital outlay request,  
 2 they had requested in their original budget 20  
 3 personal computers. Council funded ten in the  
 4 budget. And now I guess after reevaluating,  
 5 they have decided that this thin client server  
 6 and five client computers is an option they  
 7 would rather do than the traditional PC's.  
 8 MS. PRICE: So --  
 9 MR. LESHAR: Which is essentially, instead  
 10 of buying separate towers for every single  
 11 computer work station, they are basically  
 12 using -- they are using servers and just an  
 13 access point to those.  
 14 MS. PRICE: I just want to make a general  
 15 statement of why -- to remind people why we  
 16 asked for some of these requests to come back  
 17 in December. It's because we had an election  
 18 with a tax cap proposal in November. And I  
 19 think at least at the time that Council wanted  
 20 to know whether it was going to pass or not,  
 21 whether or not we felt like we were going to

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1 have the additional funds, because all of these  
 2 requests were over and above the budget. Last  
 3 years budget went up significantly, and we felt  
 4 like we did as much as we could without knowing  
 5 what the answer was going to be in November.  
 6 Unfortunately it did not pass in November, and  
 7 trust me, the five of us will be back in  
 8 another 20 months to put it back on the ballot,  
 9 because this is critical. So that's the  
 10 history of why we've asked for these things to  
 11 come back after December so that we knew what  
 12 the answer was in November. Unfortunately the  
 13 answer in November was no. So this is, you  
 14 know, at least where I'm going to be as we  
 15 discuss the other items. And typically we  
 16 don't do things mid-year. We want to set a  
 17 budget and we want to stick to it. So this is  
 18 not the normal course of action where people --  
 19 departments come to us mid-year, they know  
 20 basically not to do that. We asked them to  
 21 come back at the end of year so that we would

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1 have an answer, at least in my mind, of what  
 2 happened on the ballot initiative in November.  
 3 Just a little bit of background information as  
 4 we discuss these three or four requests.  
 5 MR. PACK: Anything further on the library  
 6 appropriation. No. Let's deal with this one  
 7 first, Council, if we could. On approval of  
 8 the \$13,850 for materials and supplies for  
 9 capital overlay and then another 9500 for  
 10 client server and five zero thing client  
 11 computers. Is there a motion to approve this  
 12 appropriation at this time.  
 13 ANGELA LANE: Or a different amount.  
 14 MR. PACK: Is there a motion for any  
 15 amount to be.  
 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Did you say 9540 --  
 17 MS. PRICE: We have got a budget coming up  
 18 in two months, and in my opinion that's when we  
 19 should take those up at this time.  
 20 MR. PACK: Mrs. Price's opinion is  
 21 recorded. Mr. Leshner, any comment from you

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1 regarding this item for the library.  
 2 MR. LESHNER: I attended a library Board  
 3 meeting the other day and learned about the  
 4 relative urgency of particularly the computer  
 5 materials. They have got dated machines with  
 6 dated operating systems. I don't know -- I  
 7 don't know what can be afforded on this, but if  
 8 we're going to defer this for the time being,  
 9 we're certainly going to need to be mindful of  
 10 this in the new budget, and I can't imagine our  
 11 situation is going to be much better at that  
 12 point.  
 13 MR. PACK: So as our library rep, of these  
 14 two items, were any one more pressing than the  
 15 other that you would want to convey to us at  
 16 this time.  
 17 MR. LESHNER: Well, they have -- what the  
 18 library staff has done is to whittle this list  
 19 down to what they feel are the essentials.  
 20 These are high use materials that they are  
 21 looking to be able to replace.

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1 MR. PACK: So the 9500, Ms. Lane, would  
 2 that be the hardware itself or is there any  
 3 other software component to this, any monthly  
 4 service contract to this, any other fee  
 5 associated with this.  
 6 ANGELA LANE: My understanding is that  
 7 that is the full cost for this although they  
 8 will be looking for additional computers in the  
 9 next year budget.  
 10 MR. LESHNER: Simply because they have got  
 11 all these on a replacement schedule.  
 12 ANGELA LANE: They have the need for  
 13 replacing these computers. They did say in the  
 14 narrative that the computers were seven years  
 15 old and had really reached the end of their  
 16 life. And those computers are heavily used.  
 17 Seven years old is old in the computer world.  
 18 Also the fact that they need new computers is  
 19 not surprising.  
 20 MR. HOLLIS: The Council approved ten  
 21 replacement --

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1 ANGELA LANE: Ten, correct. They asked  
 2 for 20.  
 3 MR. PACK: So five more. Mr. Divilio,  
 4 Mr. Callahan.  
 5 MR. CALLAHAN: Will we go down --  
 6 MR. PACK: Yes, I'm going to go one by  
 7 one. I'm just taking this one first.  
 8 MR. LESHER: I will move for funding the  
 9 \$9,540 portion.  
 10 MR. PACK: Okay. Is there a second on  
 11 funding the computer portion at this time on  
 12 the current budget. Madam Secretary, I'm going  
 13 to yield the -- over to Mr. Callahan. I'm  
 14 going to second Mr. Lesher's motion to fund  
 15 just the 9540 portion of their request. I'll  
 16 give a second. Any further discussion on that.  
 17 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes, I would like to -- I  
 18 think -- just talking in a broad sense here.  
 19 With all these costs in the budget ready to  
 20 come up, we -- one might want to think about  
 21 delaying this to the actual budget process.

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1 Because I think it would help me to make some  
 2 determinations on these four categories. And I  
 3 might be making decisions now that once I know  
 4 what we're dealing with with the budget, it  
 5 might help me in a sense to go farther with  
 6 some of these recommendations for these people  
 7 and boards. So I would like to see Council  
 8 sort of delay this until we see the big  
 9 picture, if you will, because I think it could  
 10 cause a little bit of miscalculations on my  
 11 effort to fund some of this stuff.  
 12 MR. PACK: I certainly appreciate that,  
 13 Mr. Callahan. I think the amount of 9540, if  
 14 there is no additional associated cost with it,  
 15 it's not an extreme amount. They do have the  
 16 funding, Ms. Lane, correct me if I'm wrong, in  
 17 the current budget for the purchase of these  
 18 computers.  
 19 ANGELA LANE: No, these would be in  
 20 addition to the funding we've provided.  
 21 MR. PACK: So they do not have the

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1 additional funds.  
 2 ANGELA LANE: We need to provide the  
 3 additional funds.  
 4 MS. PRICE: Contingency funds for  
 5 everything, right.  
 6 ANGELA LANE: At this point Council can't  
 7 do a budget modification until the  
 8 fourth quarter. At that point we would do a  
 9 budget modification for any of these items that  
 10 are approved. And if there are any other items  
 11 approved, as we have done in the past, moving  
 12 capital outlay items into the current year, we  
 13 would do a budget modification in the  
 14 fourth quarter. So I would come back in April  
 15 with a budget modification. At that point I  
 16 would have identified specific sources of  
 17 funds, whether we have savings in line items or  
 18 using contingency funds and moving those into  
 19 these line items.  
 20 MS. PRICE: I think it's important for the  
 21 public to understand how critical, I'm going to

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1 say the word again, how critical this is. We  
 2 didn't come to you in November and ask five  
 3 fiscal Republicans, and a fairly fiscal  
 4 Democrat, but you weren't there yet, for no  
 5 reason. I mean the education funding is on  
 6 auto pilot. We're going to have I think a two  
 7 and a half percent escalator.  
 8 ANGELA LANE: Yes, we will.  
 9 MS. PRICE: And we're going to be stuck on  
 10 that. I think for the first time we gave,  
 11 what, a three and a half to \$4 million increase  
 12 last year, which is -- with that piece, half of  
 13 our County budget going up so high, we don't  
 14 have any way, other than raising taxes, to do  
 15 that. And unfortunately the other half of the  
 16 County budget, there isn't anything extra. So  
 17 you have -- I mean whether Republicans or  
 18 Democrats, it doesn't matter, I think you've  
 19 always had a County Council that was fairly  
 20 fiscally conservative and we're very careful, I  
 21 think all of the Councils that I can remember,

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<p>1 even before I was on, have been very                  2 conservative on how to spend the money. When                  3 we ask for a revenue increase to keep up with                  4 these types of requests, we have to say no.                  5 And we look bad. We look like the bad guy                  6 sitting up here and saying no. This is why we                  7 asked and why we need -- you're going to see,                  8 you know, a budget where we're trying to save                  9 in our current year budget. If there is -- we                  10 had personnel discussions, prior to coming out                  11 here, some requests, very similar requests, and                  12 we're trying to cut money out of this years                  13 budget because it is -- we're in a very                  14 difficult place. And so I think what we're                  15 trying to do here is not be the bad guys but to                  16 express how very important this is that we're                  17 really stuck. And any of these requests means                  18 we have to raise your taxes. We do that on the                  19 education side. We have no ability to do so on                  20 the other half of County Government, and we                  21 need the public to understand that.</p>	<p>1 several months from now we could have done                  2 that.                  3 MR. PACK: Mr. Callahan, you have the                  4 gavel over there. You could call a vote. You                  5 have a motion and second.                  6 MR. CALLAHAN: No. I'll call for a vote.                  7 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.                  8 MR. CALLAHAN: No.                  9 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.                  10 MR. DIVILIO: No.                  11 MS. PRICE: You're confused.                  12 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.                  13 MR. PACK: No.                  14 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.                  15 MS. PRICE: No.                  16 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshler.                  17 MR. LESHER: Aye.                  18 MR. PACK: Got a record. Thanks very                  19 much. The motion passes. Thank you, Ms. Lane.                  20 Fails. Sorry. I'm taking my gavel back. So                  21 let's talk about the request from Planning and</p>
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<p>1 MR. CALLAHAN: And I would add one more                  2 thing to that. I think that these departments                  3 have a better chance waiting to see what the                  4 big picture is than do it now. Because the                  5 circumstances we've asked them to wait six                  6 months, and I really appreciate that, but at                  7 the same time we felt that the tax cap would                  8 probably get passed. And I think we all felt                  9 that. We felt that that's what we wanted, that                  10 is what Talbot County needed, and we still                  11 think that. So we have to evaluate this year                  12 or this upcoming year what's important. That                  13 library is extremely important. So I don't                  14 want to really necessarily vote on something                  15 right now that I feel like that is important                  16 and I don't know the big picture yet, and                  17 actually from you and Andy reporting back to us                  18 and giving us -- we've got a variety of things                  19 to deal with this year that are extremely                  20 important. I don't want to risk doing away                  21 with something when we really need it and</p>	<p>1 Zoning and Permits for a new administrative                  2 assistant position. Number you have here is                  3 49084.                  4 ANGELA LANE: That would be the full                  5 salary and benefits for a full fiscal year.                  6 They have asked for this position primarily for                  7 help with their boards. One of them being the                  8 newly created Short Term Rental Board, the                  9 Electrical Board and the Historic Preservation                  10 Committee. All these boards require a fairly                  11 significant amount of administrative time to                  12 support them. And they have had difficulty                  13 with current staffing providing the necessary                  14 services. So they had requested a new                  15 administrative assistant position.                  16 MR. PACK: Okay. Now, was this -- this                  17 position was deferred previously.                  18 MS. PRICE: All three were, correct.                  19 MR. PACK: Well, not the library portion,                  20 that's an add-on.                  21 ANGELA LANE: Yes, they had requested this</p>

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1 in the -- I believe in '18's budget and in '19  
 2 budget. And '19 you had it deferred until  
 3 after December.  
 4 MR. PACK: Okay. So December has come and  
 5 gone, we're now in January. So this matter is  
 6 now before for reconsideration. Any comments,  
 7 questions of Ms. Lane. Ms. Verdery is here  
 8 with us as well. What this position does, if  
 9 it can wait, if it's urgent.  
 10 MR. CALLAHAN: Once again, Mr. Pack, I'm  
 11 sort of -- I just need to see the overall  
 12 picture.  
 13 MS. PRICE: Ditto.  
 14 MR. CALLAHAN: And it's not like -- I  
 15 understand that Mary Kay needs something, you  
 16 know, but I'm just not ready to vote right now.  
 17 I need to see the big picture.  
 18 MR. PACK: We don't have Mr. Garner here.  
 19 MR. CALLAHAN: And I'm with Brett a lot,  
 20 several times a month. He's reached out to me  
 21 and I've been in his office and he's got a

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1 great staff. I think he does need some help  
 2 but I'm just not ready. I'm just not ready to  
 3 commit to something like that until I see what  
 4 our bottom line is.  
 5 MS. PRICE: The thing is, all of these  
 6 things require additional funds above our  
 7 budget and we don't have it. So we might not  
 8 be able to create any new positions for two  
 9 years. I don't know what we're going to do.  
 10 MR. PACK: Does Planning and Zoning have  
 11 any additional funds to cover this for the  
 12 balance of this year.  
 13 ANGELA LANE: They have identified some  
 14 fees that would help cover if not all of the  
 15 cost, the cost -- let's see, it's on page ten  
 16 in your handout.  
 17 MS. PRICE: But I'm going to say the  
 18 problem with that, you can't use some fees and  
 19 things that you have a one-time thing or  
 20 one-time savings to create a new position that,  
 21 Mr. Duncan used to say, keeps on eating every

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1 year. You can't create a position in one year  
 2 and use savings to pay for it. How are you  
 3 going to pay for it the next year and the  
 4 following year and the following year after  
 5 that. That's the problem.  
 6 MR. PACK: If the fees, if you have a  
 7 trend line that shows the fees bring in this  
 8 annual amount every year, I would differ  
 9 because the fees would actually pay for the  
 10 position. So in that regard you can provided  
 11 that those fees stay consistent with what you  
 12 predicted them to be. If this is a fee  
 13 structured position then, yeah, the fees  
 14 actually pay for the position.  
 15 MS. PRICE: Is it \$50,000 in new fees.  
 16 ANGELA LANE: The fees are existing fees  
 17 that I know we've adjusted in some cases the  
 18 rates associated with these fees and some we  
 19 haven't. But they are projecting just revenue  
 20 increases for fiscal '19 and that those  
 21 increases would cover the cost of the position.

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1 MR. PACK: Okay. A bit more information  
 2 we'll have to consider. If it's a fee driven  
 3 position, does that --  
 4 MS. PRICE: You have \$50,000 in additional  
 5 fees every year?  
 6 ANGELA LANE: I don't know that we would  
 7 have it every year. Certainly they are  
 8 projecting for fiscal '19.  
 9 MS. PRICE: Maybe we need to see 2020.  
 10 MR. LESHER: Well, fees tend to follow the  
 11 economy.  
 12 ANGELA LANE: Right. They go up and down.  
 13 MR. CALLAHAN: Exactly.  
 14 MR. PACK: Okay. Mary Kay, do you have --  
 15 have you had any discussion with Brett that you  
 16 want to share that we may not have taken into  
 17 consideration at this time.  
 18 MARY KAY VERDERY: I just want to note  
 19 that some of the fees that we're discussing to  
 20 cover this position come from newly implemented  
 21 FY '19 fees. And if we use the '18 numbers,

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<p>1 the hard numbers that we have for FY '18, and</p> <p>2 apply that to the fees that are now serving us</p> <p>3 for 2019, we estimate approximately \$127,000 --</p> <p>4 \$127,000. So we're hoping that that would</p> <p>5 cover the \$49,000 for the position plus provide</p> <p>6 our office with additional income and revenues.</p> <p>7 So we think the increases in the fees and the</p> <p>8 new fees that were implemented in FY '19 would</p> <p>9 certainly cover this position. We have the new</p> <p>10 short rental fees, the new board fees, other</p> <p>11 things associated with it.</p> <p>12 MR. PACK: You're saying those fee</p> <p>13 increases plus the new fees you figure are</p> <p>14 enough to recover 46.</p> <p>15 ANGELA LANE: 49,000.</p> <p>16 MR. PACK: Forty-nine. Okay.</p> <p>17 MS. PRICE: Can you survive another five</p> <p>18 months so we can get through the budget process</p> <p>19 and see the big picture.</p> <p>20 MARY KAY VERDERY: Can we, yes. Would we</p> <p>21 like to. We would certainly rather have the</p>	<p>1 inspections and other things that we have been</p> <p>2 using on occasions when necessary when our</p> <p>3 inspectors are at training and different</p> <p>4 things, but that's usually a supplement to us</p> <p>5 having someone out of the office versus someone</p> <p>6 coming in and helping us in addition to. The</p> <p>7 County -- we're very grateful for the County</p> <p>8 Council giving us some overtime funds, and our</p> <p>9 staff is using that up at a very fast rate.</p> <p>10 But I don't necessarily want to burn out the</p> <p>11 staff that we have working there either by</p> <p>12 having them work overtime every day the week.</p> <p>13 So we have been requesting this position to</p> <p>14 help offset and supplement. As noted it's both</p> <p>15 for permits and Munis, an opportunity to</p> <p>16 provide better customer service by having</p> <p>17 someone to help us put information into Munis a</p> <p>18 little faster or issue the permit a little</p> <p>19 faster at the end of the review process. And</p> <p>20 also to help us with our boards, with the new</p> <p>21 short term rental review board --</p>
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<p>1 position that, like Angela noted, we have been</p> <p>2 asking for last year and this year.</p> <p>3 MR. CALLAHAN: Not only that -- and I hear</p> <p>4 you. Not only that, but I'm a little bit</p> <p>5 sensitive on raising fees.</p> <p>6 ANGELA LANE: They are in the budget.</p> <p>7 MR. CALLAHAN: They are in the budget.</p> <p>8 MR. HOLLIS: But the fees were not raised,</p> <p>9 I'm sorry, simply to afford more personnel.</p> <p>10 The fees were in part to cover the cost of</p> <p>11 providing those services, not just to create</p> <p>12 revenues for new positions.</p> <p>13 MR. PACK: Right.</p> <p>14 ANGELA LANE: Right.</p> <p>15 MR. PACK: Again, I'm just asking</p> <p>16 questions. Just asking questions at this</p> <p>17 point. Have you guys explored any way of</p> <p>18 contracting this position out on a contract</p> <p>19 basis.</p> <p>20 MARY KAY VERDERY: We have not. We have</p> <p>21 an opportunity to use different agencies for</p>	<p>1 MR. PACK: Processing paperwork and</p> <p>2 setting up meetings and so forth.</p> <p>3 MARY KAY VERDERY: Right. The agendas.</p> <p>4 MR. HOLLIS: Did I misunderstand in your</p> <p>5 proposal, because I do not believe the majority</p> <p>6 of the position was directed towards improved</p> <p>7 customer service in the permitting department.</p> <p>8 Did I misunderstand that? Over 50 percent of</p> <p>9 this position going to improve processing</p> <p>10 building permits.</p> <p>11 MARY KAY VERDERY: That's correct. The</p> <p>12 second paragraph of our request talks about the</p> <p>13 Munis and if we had the administrative person</p> <p>14 that could free up our plan reviewers and</p> <p>15 permit tech to do their responsibilities a</p> <p>16 little more efficiently by not having to do all</p> <p>17 the administrative.</p> <p>18 MR. HOLLIS: So the other responsibilities</p> <p>19 for this, preparation of agendas, other</p> <p>20 administrative duties. Are you comfortable</p> <p>21 shifting 100 percent of this position over to</p>

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1 Permits and Inspections, or my position would  
 2 be the customer service is the most suffering  
 3 right now.  
 4 MARY KAY VERDERY: It was a shared  
 5 position for the Munis and for --  
 6 MR. HOLLIS: I understand that. I'm -- my  
 7 concern for operationally is that our biggest  
 8 backlog and biggest source of complaints, which  
 9 I feel are unjustified but I understand because  
 10 of time constraints, are processing permits and  
 11 getting them through that system. I did not  
 12 read this position as solely directly toward  
 13 improving that customer service. Perhaps I'm  
 14 misunderstanding.  
 15 MARY KAY VERDERY: It is both. To input  
 16 the Munis and provide that customer service, as  
 17 well as provide services to our board  
 18 committees.  
 19 MR. HOLLIS: I did understand that. Thank  
 20 you.  
 21 MR. PACK: A little bit more information.

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1 And I will ask again. I know how it can be  
 2 when you have a department that's being  
 3 stretched out and overworked. If there was a  
 4 way to bring a person on contractually, I don't  
 5 know whether -- what's the ramp up time in  
 6 getting them trained to do the Munis input and  
 7 all that. Got six months to the new fiscal  
 8 year. I'm saying what Mr. Callahan is saying,  
 9 by the time you get them in and get them  
 10 trained, '19 is over.  
 11 MR. DIVILIO: I would like to make a  
 12 comment. I would like to be compliment the  
 13 work that you have done, doing the overtime,  
 14 showing those overtime hours. We did see those  
 15 recently. I think if there would be a way that  
 16 we would show that this would reduce the  
 17 overtime hours and that cost. I think we're  
 18 also getting ready to head into the busy permit  
 19 season and I think -- with building in the  
 20 spring, if there would be a way to show -- so  
 21 if I'm hearing you correctly, you're saying

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1 that there is additional fees that could help  
 2 offset the cost of this position as well as  
 3 reduce some of the overtime labor cost.  
 4 MARY KAY VERDERY: That's correct.  
 5 MR. DIVILIO: Then that could also be  
 6 applied here.  
 7 MARY KAY VERDERY: That's correct.  
 8 MS. PRICE: But any time we hire someone  
 9 contractually we save on the health insurance,  
 10 which is a minimum of \$18,000 per employee no  
 11 matter how much money they make. So when we  
 12 make these decisions, if we can do them as a  
 13 contracted basis as opposed to a full-time  
 14 employee basis where we have different  
 15 standards that we have to do, those are the  
 16 types of employees we may need to consider.  
 17 But also it means if you have to let somebody  
 18 go you don't go through a whole process where  
 19 they go through appeals and they have to do  
 20 back pay --  
 21 ANGELA LANE: We don't really have a

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1 contracted position, so they are either a  
 2 part-time County employee or we would have to  
 3 hire through a temp agency. Those are really  
 4 our options.  
 5 MR. HOLLIS: So, Council, I'm going to  
 6 step in. In the memo it says primary  
 7 responsibility of this position is to assist  
 8 with the needs and services of several boards.  
 9 I think that's a valid concern. It's not my  
 10 highest priority in preparing this budget. I'm  
 11 going to ask you to consider this position as  
 12 part of overall so you can see where you are in  
 13 terms of dollars and cents, including revenue  
 14 generated from additional fees. My concern is  
 15 this may not turn out to be the highest  
 16 priority in terms of any new position you're  
 17 creating.  
 18 MS. PRICE: I think you hit the nail on  
 19 the head there. Whether it's the planning  
 20 position or the States Attorney's position or  
 21 whatever -- the other two positions we have

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1 heard about during personnel earlier today,  
 2 while every position has justification and we  
 3 understand it and we wish we could say yes to  
 4 everything, we need to see all of the requests,  
 5 which we're going to see in six or eight weeks,  
 6 and we're going to need to prioritize which  
 7 positions we can fund and which ones we can't.  
 8 And to do two or three in a vacuum makes it  
 9 very difficult on us. I think what  
 10 Mr. Callahan is saying, he needs to see the big  
 11 picture. Not just the funding but what the  
 12 requests are. And we are going to have to  
 13 say -- we can say yes to some and no to others,  
 14 and it doesn't mean that they are not needed,  
 15 it's just the situation that we're in.  
 16 MR. PACK: Depending on how this goes, if  
 17 it doesn't go that we're going to pass this  
 18 this evening and we're going to be bring it  
 19 back in during budget, I would suggest perhaps  
 20 looking at some alternatives, a half-time  
 21 position or some other way if it can't go in as

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1 a full-time position. I understand what you're  
 2 saying, and it appears that the fees will be  
 3 there to certainly supplant cost, but if --  
 4 what I'm hearing from my colleagues up here, if  
 5 there is other creative ways to manage it, I  
 6 think that would be more appealing. So I'll  
 7 just leave you with that. Is there a motion to  
 8 move forward with this request at this time.  
 9 The Chair will entertain a motion. Hearing  
 10 none, the matter does not carry. Moving on  
 11 to -- thank you very much, Ms. Verdery. Moving  
 12 on to our third request which is for the States  
 13 Attorney's office. This is for a new attorney  
 14 position in the amount of \$87,366.  
 15 ANGELA LANE: This position, just for  
 16 Council's reference, had been funded in the  
 17 fiscal '16 budget for six months to start in  
 18 January 2016. At that point Mr. Patterson  
 19 proposed a restructuring of the States  
 20 Attorney's office, which included giving up the  
 21 position for that time period to fund new

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1 software upgrades that were required by the  
 2 court system as well the office restructuring.  
 3 The software upgrades were done, the office  
 4 restructuring was done, but the position was  
 5 not put back in.  
 6 MS. PRICE: When you say office  
 7 restructuring, let's say what we're talking  
 8 about, salary restructuring.  
 9 ANGELA LANE: Yes, salary restructuring.  
 10 MS. PRICE: So we funded a position and,  
 11 yes, we understand you have software, I get  
 12 that, but also the choice was made rather than  
 13 hiring that new person was to give significant  
 14 raises to the current staff. So that was a  
 15 choice there. So I think that's where we felt  
 16 a little bit like you asked for the position,  
 17 you said you needed the position, and then you  
 18 used it instead to fund salaries for the  
 19 current staff.  
 20 ANGELA LANE: And the software upgrade.  
 21 MS. PRICE: Yeah, I said that.

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1 ANGELA LANE: Which wasn't insignificant.  
 2 MR. PACK: Mr. Patterson, if you want to  
 3 address the question. Come to the table if  
 4 Council has questions for you. Ms. Price is  
 5 correct, we did fund this position in a  
 6 previous budget because of Mr. Patterson's  
 7 request. And now we did ask that this position  
 8 be pushed backed through December of last year.  
 9 And now we're back with the request yet again.  
 10 So any additional questions or comments about  
 11 the position. Mr. Patterson is now with us at  
 12 this time as well.  
 13 SCOTT PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr.  
 14 President. From a historical -- and you're  
 15 talking about some history. The office had  
 16 been staffed at five attorneys for the last 30  
 17 years. Since 1989. That was the last time  
 18 there was an increase. For the last seven or  
 19 eight, or maybe nine years, I've come in -- I  
 20 had come in and asked for an increase based  
 21 upon the increased work load that we're



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1 undergoing. And then in the FY 15/16 year the  
 2 Council recognized what was going on and agreed  
 3 to add another position then that would have  
 4 started in January of '16, in that fiscal year.  
 5 Before I could fill the position then, we got  
 6 hit with the information -- implementation of  
 7 MDEC, which is the electronic courts where the  
 8 courts decided to go paperless. And the Upper  
 9 Eastern Shore was the first roll-out, statewide  
 10 roll-out, that year. In order to function, we  
 11 had to, as noted, we had to go out and find  
 12 a -- some software to come into our computer  
 13 systems so we could even file cases. Every  
 14 States Attorney's office had to do the same  
 15 thing. We interviewed numerous vendors. We  
 16 didn't select the most expensive, we didn't  
 17 select the least expensive, but we got one that  
 18 we thought would do the job for us and at a  
 19 moderate cost, which was \$72,000 upfront.  
 20 One-time upfront cost. I met with the Council  
 21 and said look, this is -- I wasn't expecting

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1 this, you weren't expecting this, but in order  
 2 to cooperate under fiscal constraints, I would  
 3 not hire that position to be able to fund that  
 4 piece of software. Never did I ever consider  
 5 that the result would be not funding it again  
 6 and again and again. For the three years for  
 7 fiscal '16/17, fiscal 17/18 and fiscal 18/19 I  
 8 came in to try to get the position back that  
 9 had already been there. And now I've given to  
 10 you in the memo I submitted more information  
 11 about the critical need in that regard. And  
 12 when you look at the numbers that we have given  
 13 you, the increases from the time that you  
 14 deemed the increases were enough to justify  
 15 another attorney for fiscal 15/16, now we start  
 16 in January, are astronomical. Right now if you  
 17 look at the current filings in the Circuit  
 18 Court, from the numbers from when you funded it  
 19 before to now, with the exception of I think  
 20 maybe August, September, October, which are low  
 21 each year for some unknown reasons, you'll find

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1 increases from 46 to 60 percent of the number  
 2 of cases that are in the Circuit Court. The  
 3 numbers in the District Court are equally  
 4 astounding. So what we're doing is I'm not  
 5 looking for an additional position, I'm not  
 6 looking to add a new position which was never  
 7 there before, I'm looking to reinstate a  
 8 position you had previously authorized. And I  
 9 mean one of the main things that the County  
 10 Government has to do is provide for public  
 11 safety and public welfare and public health.  
 12 That's why you're talking about 5 million, six  
 13 million dollars for sewer improvements, because  
 14 it's a public health issue. You fund your  
 15 police agencies, the Sheriff's department. I  
 16 saw in the paper today, two new deputies. When  
 17 I was here last year addressing the Council,  
 18 one of the questions that I was asked is why  
 19 are we getting such increases in the cases, and  
 20 I turned around and pointed to Sheriff Gamble  
 21 and said "it's his fault." Because he's in

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1 there doing a great job. He's got officers out  
 2 on the road that are creating more cases.  
 3 Where do you think they end up? He's doing a  
 4 phenomenal job trying to keep this County safe.  
 5 Well, it flows into us. If you looked at the  
 6 newspaper recently, I'm sure you have, you have  
 7 seen the Narcotic Task Force, of which this  
 8 County spent a lot of time and effort and  
 9 expense on, recently resulted in 17 indictments  
 10 on a drug ring based upon a long investigation  
 11 involving a several month electronic  
 12 surveillance, wiretaps. Which they have done  
 13 their work, they have put the cases together,  
 14 but now who do you think it is that has to deal  
 15 with them. And the strain is enormous.  
 16 MS. PRICE: We understand. Where is the  
 17 money going to come from. This is why you all,  
 18 the department heads, and you people in public  
 19 safety, you need to get this word out. There  
 20 isn't the money. Yes, I agree it was funded  
 21 three years ago, but this \$87,000 will be over

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1 and above, because it's been absorbed in other  
 2 ways, the money that we funded for the position  
 3 three years ago, has been used on software and  
 4 has been used on other things. So it's not  
 5 like it's a vacant position that we've been  
 6 saving \$87,000 a year, this is new money. We  
 7 don't have it in place. We don't have any way  
 8 to raise the revenue to pay for these things.  
 9 Yours is not the only request. When you're  
 10 pleading to us, what we need you to do is to  
 11 continue to plea so that the public  
 12 understands. I think we made progress, but we  
 13 didn't make enough progress in November. There  
 14 isn't a revenue source to pay for new requests  
 15 or regurgitated requests from three years ago.  
 16 The public needs to understand. We don't have  
 17 any place to pull it from, Scott.  
 18 SCOTT PATTERSON: I understand, Ms. Price,  
 19 your issue about the fact that the voters  
 20 didn't want to vote to raise their own taxes.  
 21 I understand that. I'm not surprised --

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1 MS. PRICE: So they understand we are  
 2 going to have to cut services now. That's what  
 3 it means.  
 4 SCOTT PATTERSON: And that may be. And  
 5 then you have to look at what services do you  
 6 cut. My position is that the Government has  
 7 several primary areas that really have to --  
 8 you get a grade of A in on a report card. Law  
 9 enforcement, fire protection, public health,  
 10 education. You've kind of painted yourself in  
 11 a corner on the education thing with what  
 12 happened with the budget last year. I don't  
 13 know how you're going to deal with that.  
 14 MS. PRICE: Maintenance of effort law  
 15 allows for that. We can add to the property  
 16 tax with education until the cows come home and  
 17 fund education. Unfortunately we can't do that  
 18 on the other half. So if we fund -- and we  
 19 have prioritized public safety and we went over  
 20 and above for public safety. And I was  
 21 actually concerned last year in the budget,

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1 imagine that, we went too far. Not because we  
 2 don't believe in increased public safety,  
 3 absolutely we do, but we did it without a  
 4 funding source. So when we do that, that means  
 5 we're going to cut other services. So what I  
 6 want the public to tell me at the budget is,  
 7 okay, you want us to fund this, that and the  
 8 other thing for public safety, where do you  
 9 want me to cut. Where do you want me to find  
 10 87,000 in the other part of the budget. The  
 11 people were very responsive last year during  
 12 the election and during the zoning update.  
 13 They need to be just as responsive and tell us,  
 14 okay, yes, I want you to fund this, I want you  
 15 to fund the States Attorney's extra attorney  
 16 position, absolutely. And you tell me where  
 17 I'm going to cut \$87,000 someplace else in the  
 18 budget.  
 19 SCOTT PATTERSON: Well, I don't have the  
 20 budget in front of me, I can't do that --  
 21 MS. PRICE: No, no, no, I'm not asking you

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1 to do that, I'm asking the public when we go  
 2 through our budget hearings, they need to tell  
 3 us, what do you want us to cut.  
 4 SCOTT PATTERSON: I understand that. But  
 5 the only thing I can point out is that your tax  
 6 revenue, which you're looking to increase, is  
 7 the same tax revenue that you had in FY 15/16  
 8 when the position was funded. And I guess the  
 9 80 some odd figure that Angela, Ms. Lane is  
 10 giving, it includes benefits.  
 11 ANGELA LANE: It includes benefits.  
 12 SCOTT PATTERSON: Because the salary  
 13 itself is 65. What I'm doing is, because I was  
 14 invited to come back and talk about a  
 15 reconsideration of the denial of restoring that  
 16 position in the budgetary process last year, is  
 17 looking to have it restored in this year's  
 18 budget. And this year's budget is more than  
 19 half gone at this point as far as timewise.  
 20 Even if you put it in place as of March 1, it  
 21 would be 22,000, approximately, in salary.

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1 MR. CALLAHAN: As part-time. I'm a little  
 2 bit more concerned not of the new position so  
 3 to speak that we have not done for the last few  
 4 years, I'm more concerned about one of your  
 5 long-time attorneys leaving this summer. That  
 6 means in your eyes you're going to be, in a  
 7 sense, two short. In your eyes. So my thought  
 8 process possibly could be, I'm just throwing  
 9 this out at Council and get an idea to try to  
 10 help you, do we -- are we in consideration of  
 11 hiring somebody in the sense of at least  
 12 filling the person that's getting ready to  
 13 retire and bringing them up to speed in the  
 14 next six to eight months to learn what that  
 15 person was here for for 30 years to try to, you  
 16 know, jump in and sort of learn some of the  
 17 stuff that you guys need to take over. That's  
 18 how I'm sort of looking at it in the best  
 19 interest of going down the road a little bit.  
 20 Then once you got that person under control and  
 21 then we can reconsider a new position.

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1 MR. PACK: Let me paraphrase if I can.  
 2 Are you saying you're in favor of funding this  
 3 position under the FY 19 budget now.  
 4 MS. PRICE: I think -- I think he's saying  
 5 the -- hire the replacement four to six months  
 6 early. Not the new position --  
 7 MR. CALLAHAN: Correct.  
 8 MS. PRICE: Not someone to a new position,  
 9 you're hiring a --  
 10 MR. CALLAHAN: No matter what, it's a new  
 11 position.  
 12 MS. PRICE: But it's not necessarily a new  
 13 attorney position. I think your clarification  
 14 is that we know someone is leaving in four,  
 15 five, six months --  
 16 MR. PACK: Let's not mesh that together.  
 17 I just want to stay focused on what's in front  
 18 of us now if we can.  
 19 MR. CALLAHAN: I'm sorry.  
 20 MR. PACK: That's okay. So what's in  
 21 front of us is the position that's been there

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1 since the 15/16 budget, it's back before us  
 2 again now. The Chair would ask is there a  
 3 motion to fund this new position under the FY  
 4 19 budget. You have the numbers there in front  
 5 of you from Ms. Lane, the salary plus benefits.  
 6 Of course it wouldn't be the total amount we  
 7 have in front of us, we only have six months  
 8 more left in this year, so...  
 9 SCOTT PATTERSON: If I might, Mr. Pack,  
 10 just clarification. It wouldn't even be half  
 11 of that because we're now almost at the end of  
 12 January, and it would take -- it's going to  
 13 take time to try to recruit. I couldn't  
 14 imagine getting anybody in the door before  
 15 March 1 anyway. So we're only talking about a  
 16 third of the year going March to June 30. So  
 17 it's not even half the year.  
 18 MS. PRICE: But we're making a commitment  
 19 going forward that we're going to find another  
 20 87,366 in the next year's budget and the year  
 21 after that and year after that along with

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1 increases. So we should not say it's a 30 or  
 2 \$40,000 expense. It's not. It's a permanent  
 3 position --  
 4 SCOTT PATTERSON: That's what I'm looking  
 5 for.  
 6 MS. PRICE: So it doesn't matter to me  
 7 whether it's 87,000 or 35,000, it's a new  
 8 position and that's the question. Are we  
 9 making a decision tonight to create a new  
 10 position in January.  
 11 MR. PACK: Well --  
 12 SCOTT PATTERSON: You're right, Ms. Price,  
 13 that's the reconsideration, is restoring the  
 14 position in the 18/19 budget that wasn't put in  
 15 originally that you asked me to come back to.  
 16 MS. PRICE: Right. And you heard my  
 17 opening comments, we wanted to know what would  
 18 happen with the tax revenue cap on the ballot  
 19 and that's why we asked for three or four  
 20 things to come back after December. That was  
 21 my opening comment. And it failed.

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1 MR. PACK: Well, again, let me just say  
 2 this for Council's consideration. And, Tony,  
 3 throw a flag at me if I'm going too far. Under  
 4 Mr. Patterson, in personnel discussions,  
 5 alluded that he may be losing a counsel, an  
 6 attorney, sometime in this year. I think the  
 7 point that he was trying to make to us is if  
 8 you brought this person on board, March, May,  
 9 and then had this person trained and in place,  
 10 when the eventuality of this attorney, seasoned  
 11 attorney, stepping down sometime later this  
 12 year happens, his numbers would still be at  
 13 five attorneys. To that point, I can  
 14 understand his urgency of saying let me get  
 15 this person on board now, let me train them,  
 16 let me get them acclimated to the case load, to  
 17 the office, with the understanding that  
 18 sometime in '19 I'm going to lose an attorney  
 19 and then I don't have to rush out and go  
 20 through the process. He will still be at the  
 21 number of five attorneys, he would have to come

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1 back to Council about filling that position  
 2 with an attorney that will be retiring, and  
 3 then we consider that at that time. So am I  
 4 correct in my assumption, Mr. Patterson.  
 5 SCOTT PATTERSON: No, sir, that's not what  
 6 I was doing.  
 7 MR. CALLAHAN: That's what I said. That's  
 8 what I said. But you didn't want to do that  
 9 because we wanted to vote the one down. I  
 10 intertwined it.  
 11 MS. PRICE: Corey, if you bring this up  
 12 for a motion, I have a motion that I'll make  
 13 and I'm pretty sure you'll second. A different  
 14 motion.  
 15 SCOTT PATTERSON: Mr. Pack, it wasn't to  
 16 bring somebody in to get them ready to take  
 17 over that position. The attorney is leaving --  
 18 MR. PACK: I did not say that,  
 19 Mr. Patterson. I'm trying to be on your side.  
 20 I said that you wanted to bring in a new  
 21 attorney to train that person now with the

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1 understanding that you're going to lose a  
 2 position sometime this year. Not that that  
 3 position -- not that that person is going to  
 4 take over a 30 year veteran. I understand  
 5 that. I'm not that naive. But that person  
 6 will be trained and ready to go while you're  
 7 walking through the person transitioning out.  
 8 Not that he would go to the job and take over a  
 9 seasoned 30 year veteran position. No, he's  
 10 not.  
 11 SCOTT PATTERSON: Unless I can go to some  
 12 other States Attorney's office and steal one of  
 13 their attorneys, the new person coming in isn't  
 14 going to get out of District Court for the  
 15 longest time. Mr. -- the attorney I'm losing  
 16 is a Clydesdale. He is a work horse. He  
 17 carries an enormous case load of the most  
 18 complicated and serious cases that we have --  
 19 MR. PACK: And I was not trying to say  
 20 that this person was going to fill those shoes  
 21 in any way. I was just trying to say to your

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1 point that you want to bring this person in to  
 2 get this person trained to be able to work a  
 3 case load, whatever case load, District Court,  
 4 a case load.  
 5 SCOTT PATTERSON: My point when I made  
 6 this ask for reconsideration to put back the  
 7 attorney that had been there before. The  
 8 reconsideration was to do it now. Because if I  
 9 were to come in at the budget hearing for the  
 10 session that's coming up, because you don't act  
 11 upon this favorably tonight or whenever you  
 12 consider this, if you don't and I come back in  
 13 and I make the pitch again, if I were able to  
 14 convince you to restore that position as of  
 15 July 1, when most things happen, I'm going to  
 16 be faced with two new people then. The one I'm  
 17 losing, the 30 year veteran, to be replaced by  
 18 someone, unless I can steal someone from  
 19 another place, another two rookies, which would  
 20 be a third of the staff, which is going to be  
 21 not in the best interest of the prosecution of

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1 criminal cases in this County. I was trying to  
 2 suggest that the position be restored but it be  
 3 restored in this so that there would be a  
 4 training period leading up to June or July when  
 5 the seasoned veteran leaves and then we start  
 6 again with another one but we're not doing two  
 7 at one. That's what I was talking about.  
 8 MR. PACK: I'm with you. So with that  
 9 clarification being made, again, the Chair  
 10 would entertain a motion to fill this new  
 11 County -- new position in FY '19. You heard  
 12 Mr. Patterson's explanation, his reasons why.  
 13 And the Chair is now open up for a motion. No.  
 14 Without a motion, the matter does not go  
 15 forward.  
 16 SCOTT PATTERSON: Thank you for hearing  
 17 me.  
 18 MS. PRICE: Would you like me to make a  
 19 different motion. Would you like me to make a  
 20 different motion.  
 21 SCOTT PATTERSON: I'm sorry, I thought it

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1 was done. Sure.  
 2 MS. PRICE: I will make a motion to, with  
 3 the understanding that you're losing a  
 4 long-term person, to go ahead and start looking  
 5 for that replacement on whatever timeframe that  
 6 is so that you will have some overlap. This is  
 7 not a new position, we will consider that  
 8 during the regular budget process, but what my  
 9 motion is is to allow you, because you know  
 10 you're going to have to hire at least one, to  
 11 go ahead and start looking and to allow an  
 12 overlap of three, four, five, six months,  
 13 however long that person stays, with the  
 14 understanding that this is a replacement  
 15 position for the person who is leaving this  
 16 summer. That is my motion. This is not a new  
 17 position, this is a replacement position in  
 18 advance of the retirement.  
 19 MR. PACK: Everyone heard the motion?  
 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. I second.  
 21 MS. PRICE: Is that what you were getting

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1 at, Mr. Callahan.  
 2 MR. PACK: There is a second to allow the  
 3 States Attorney to go ahead and begin the  
 4 hiring process now to replace the attorney  
 5 that's leaving sometime in the summer and if  
 6 that person is hired within this current fiscal  
 7 year. We have a motion, we have a second. Any  
 8 further discussion.  
 9 MR. DIVILIO: I think this will be a great  
 10 opportunity to kind of take a look at the  
 11 workload that's coming up, the additional  
 12 workload you stated on here that you've picked  
 13 up over the last few years. This will be a  
 14 neat opportunity for us to review that as we go  
 15 into the budget season and see what other  
 16 positions we would be able to fill.  
 17 MR. LESHER: Can I just ask functionally,  
 18 does this make any iota of a difference other  
 19 than the Council making this as one replacement  
 20 position versus the unfilled position. In  
 21 terms of who you are able to hire, in terms of

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1 the workload or the assignments of the rookie  
 2 attorney when he or she walks into the job.  
 3 Does this change anything for you.  
 4 SCOTT PATTERSON: Mr. Leshner, I have no  
 5 idea. I'm going to have to look at it. If  
 6 that passes I'll have to look at it, because I  
 7 just don't know the mechanics of how that would  
 8 work as far as who I would find at what salary,  
 9 what the compensation would be. Are they going  
 10 to come in as a full-time employee and  
 11 therefore subject to benefits as any other  
 12 full-time employee. I have to look at it.  
 13 MS. PRICE: I assume this would be a  
 14 full-time employee because it is a replacement  
 15 position for the person who is retiring.  
 16 SCOTT PATTERSON: I have to certainly look  
 17 at it. To answer your question as to whether  
 18 it makes a difference or not, I would like to  
 19 think that it would help certainly.  
 20 MR. PACK: We have a motion, we have a  
 21 second. If there is no further discussion,

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<p>1 Madam Secretary. This is allowing -- again, 2 allowing the States Attorney to go forward in 3 the hiring or the process of attempting to hire 4 an attorney now for the position that will be 5 vacant sometime this year upon the retiring of 6 a seasoned attorney. Madam Secretary, please 7 call your roll. 8 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack. 9 MR. PACK: Aye. 10 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio. 11 MR. DIVILIO: Aye. 12 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan. 13 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 14 SECRETARY: Ms. Price. 15 MS. PRICE: Aye. 16 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 17 MR. LESHER: Aye. 18 MR. PACK: Okay. Done Deal. Thank you. 19 SCOTT PATTERSON: Thank you all for 20 hearing me. 21 ANGELA LANE: The last item, you have a</p>	<p>1 MR. PACK: We have it, yes. 2 MR. HOLLIS: Council, this is not so much 3 budget reconsideration as -- because the 4 airport is self-supporting without general 5 tax dollars, it is a reallocation of its use in 6 advertising dollars, correct. 7 MICAH RISHER: That is correct. This will 8 add nothing to the budget. So... 9 MR. CALLAHAN: That's good. 10 MICAH RISHER: It is. So really, yeah, I 11 don't want to say this is found money in the 12 budget because I know other department heads 13 don't have that problem, but essentially we do 14 have about \$20,000 that really wasn't -- there 15 wasn't a strategy to use that money. It's 16 something that the advisory board recommended 17 last year, they were working on a strategy and 18 of course we had the turnover of the airport 19 management. Our strategy isn't completely put 20 together so I don't want to just willy nilly 21 throw that money at advertising. So this</p>
<p>Page 147</p> <p>1 proposal as submitted by the airport to use 2 funds in their current budget that have -- that 3 were not specifically identified for a specific 4 use advertising funds to pay for basically the 5 transition of IT and telephone systems as they 6 consider moving their administrative offices 7 out of the terminal into a vacant hangar on the 8 property. And by moving they will be able to 9 expand the administrative area, they will have 10 a conference room, be able to provide 11 additional administrative services as well as 12 being able to rent out the terminal offices 13 that are really too small for their purposes. 14 MS. PRICE: You mean Mr. Risher doesn't 15 want to keep his office in the conference room. 16 MR. PACK: Come on up, Michael. 17 MICAH RISHER: Thank you very much. 18 ANGELA LANE: You have his proposal on 19 page 18. 20 MICAH RISHER: Did everybody get this 21 today?</p>	<p>Page 149</p> <p>1 opportunity came up and we're in the process of 2 this is as great opportunity for the airport to 3 locate this vacant 3200 square foot hangar. 4 There is admin space in there. Of course we're 5 going to launch our aviation career initiatives 6 out of there. So this is a bold new step for 7 the airport to be a leader in the region. But 8 as far as talking about this financially, we're 9 not increasing any expenditures whatsoever, 10 we're literally just taking -- I'm asking to 11 take \$10,000 from one pot, slide it over and 12 use it to relocate the IT services down there 13 so we can keep this project moving. 14 MR. PACK: You got this term, Ace Center, is 15 that a new name. 16 MICAH RISHER: Yeah, so aviation career 17 education. The FAA actually sponsors the Ace 18 program. They loosely partner with airports 19 and other education colleges and what not 20 around the country. They call it Ace. So with 21 us starting up our lease program, we can</p>

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<p>1 partner with FAA. Of course we're working with  2 Talbot County public schools, Queen Anne County  3 public schools, we've talked to Chesapeake  4 College. So, you know, right now what this is  5 going to do is give us a place to facilitate  6 and bring parties in, bring students in, and  7 hopefully we can grow into some really good  8 partnerships, internships and things of that  9 nature. UMES has partnerships, a very good  10 aviation science degree program. They do some  11 work with the Salisbury airport and we're kind  12 of looking down there for some examples. But  13 this -- in a nutshell relocating to this  14 hangar, moving the IT down there, it's going to  15 streamline our operations and make it more  16 efficient. And we'll use the rest of 2019 to  17 kind of evaluate and I'll be sitting here a  18 year from now making budget requests for some  19 other neat stuff.  20 MR. PACK: Micah, these renditions we see  21 up here --</p>	<p>1 back room.  2 MICAH RISHER: I always say we have  3 525 acres of airport, and it's all been managed  4 out of 500 square foot of place. It's like we  5 can't do anything.  6 MR. PACK: You're a tad bit larger than  7 Mike.  8 MICAH RISHER: I am. I need a little more  9 room.  10 MS. PRICE: He already moved his office to  11 the conference room.  12 MICAH RISHER: That's it. I've about run  13 out of room.  14 MR. HOLLIS: So Council would be  15 supportive of the shifting of funds.  16 MR. PACK: I'm good with it. No  17 additional money out of the County budget. I  18 think it's a great idea. I really do.  19 Congratulations to you in coming up with the  20 idea. The renters are great, so hopefully you  21 can --</p>
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<p>1 MICAH RISHER: That's the vision.  2 MR. PACK: That's the vision.  3 MICAH RISHER: That's the vision. The top  4 is now, the bottom is the vision. That's where  5 we're going to go.  6 MR. PACK: Adding some additional windows  7 it looks like and then the covering there.  8 MS. PRICE: And have all the little  9 hanging airplanes down there.  10 MR. PACK: Well, that parking covering  11 there, are there any outlets for electric  12 vehicles to plug into.  13 MICAH RISHER: If you would like one,  14 we can work that into the budget.  15 MR. PACK: I'm just asking.  16 MICAH RISHER: I think right now we're  17 going to start with just a gravel parking lot  18 until next budget hearing.  19 MR. PACK: I mean I like the idea. Of  20 course quite honestly I don't know how  21 Mr. Henry did it so many years in that little</p>	<p>1 MICAH RISHER: I look forward to having  2 you guys visit in the near future so I can show  3 you the big vision.  4 MS. PRICE: Do you need a motion?  5 MR. PACK: Yes.  6 MS. PRICE: I make a motion for \$8,738 to  7 relocate the IT equipment out of the marketing  8 budget.  9 MR. DIVILIO: Second.  10 MR. PACK: This is the whole -- relocate  11 the whole admin.  12 MICAH RISHER: So it is, but the money  13 piece that we only need is -- well, the IT is  14 8,300. I would ask for \$10,000 to be shifted  15 to cover just --  16 MR. PACK: The move as well. Why don't we  17 go the whole ten.  18 MICAH RISHER: The whole ten. That's for  19 new lighting, painting, things of that nature.  20 MS. PRICE: Let's blow the budget and go  21 to ten.</p>

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1 MR. PACK: I don't want to change --

2 MS. PRICE: No, I make a motion, \$10,000.

3 MR. CALLAHAN: Second.

4 MR. PACK: Any further discussion. Okay.

5 Hearing none, Madam Secretary, please call your

6 roll.

7 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.

8 MR. PACK: Aye.

9 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.

10 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.

11 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.

12 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.

13 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.

14 MS. PRICE: Aye.

15 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.

16 MR. LESHNER: Aye.

17 MR. PACK: Okay. Thank you very much.

18 MR. HOLLIS: Council, shifting away from

19 reconsideration of budget, we have had several

20 federal employees that have been furloughed

21 contact County Government asking whether there

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1 would be any reduction of fees, financial

2 assistance opportunities, things of that sort.

3 To Ms. Lane's credit, she has contacted other

4 jurisdictions and she is making a

5 recommendation I hope you support for at least

6 delaying or eliminating any late payment fees.

7 ANGELA LANE: Yes. We had been contacted

8 by not only federal government employees but

9 contractors. And just to give you a little bit

10 of history, right now there is an estimate that

11 there are almost double the number of

12 contractors than there are federal employees.

13 And these are individuals who work for a

14 private company who provide services to the

15 Government. And while federal employees will

16 eventually receive paychecks and back pay, in

17 most cases contractors will not.

18 MR. PACK: Right.

19 ANGELA LANE: So I think we're going to

20 hear more and more about contractors. In

21 Talbot County's case we don't have a very large

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1 number of federal employees and contractors.

2 The Comptroller's office has estimated we have

3 approximately four percent of our households

4 who are federal employees or contractors. So

5 that's a fairly small number. But one of the

6 things that I think the Council could do is

7 allow federal employees and contractors

8 extended payment times on their sewer bills.

9 Which right now because what a lot of them are

10 looking for, how can I extent payments and

11 payment due dates and pay what has to be paid

12 right now. So I would like to allow my staff

13 to be able to waive late fees, which are only

14 one percent per month on sewer bills, and

15 extend the payment due date for six months on

16 County sewer bills that were just issued this

17 January and they are due in January for the

18 January through March cycle. I've also

19 contacted the towns. Oxford and St. Michaels

20 are doing a similar type situation on a case by

21 case basis. The Town of Trappe has a very

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1 formal policy so any request would have to go

2 back to their Commission. Easton Utilities and

3 Choptank Utilities both have programs to assist

4 any customer with utility issues. Obviously

5 right now they are in a non-cutoff period but

6 they are encouraging people to call and ask if

7 there are payment plans, to get payment plans.

8 They are also referring people to the Maryland

9 Energy Program, because if you're not employed

10 you may now be eligible for grants through the

11 Maryland Energy Program. So they are working

12 with their customers, again on a case by case

13 basis. But I would like to be able to offer to

14 contractors and federal employees an extended

15 payment cycle for at least the January sewer

16 bills and waive the late fees, which are very

17 nominal.

18 MR. PACK: Motion.

19 MS. PRICE: Yes, motion to extend the

20 payment date for six months and waive any late

21 fees.



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<p>1 MR. PACK: Motion by Ms. Price. Is there                  2 a second.                  3 MR. CALLAHAN: Second.                  4 MR. PACK: Second by Mr. Callahan. Let me                  5 say this is very admirable on your part,                  6 Ms. Lane, moving forward to do this. People                  7 may not understand, I'm the Council liaison on                  8 the Neighborhood Service Center, I'm on their                  9 board, and a good portion of the Neighborhood                  10 Service Center's funding comes from the Federal                  11 Government. We're waiting on those funds to                  12 come in. So when people say we will refer you                  13 to the Neighborhood Service Center for                  14 assistance, the funds aren't there at the                  15 Neighborhood Service Center to provide that                  16 assistance. I know the Board Chair is looking                  17 for ways to kind of look into different funding                  18 sources so we can continue keeping the doors                  19 open and helping people out who need those                  20 services. So everybody is feeling the pinch.                  21 Like you said, from federal workers themselves</p>	<p>1 roll.                  2 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.                  3 MR. PACK: Aye.                  4 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.                  5 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.                  6 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.                  7 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.                  8 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.                  9 MS. PRICE: Aye.                  10 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.                  11 MR. LESHER: Aye.                  12 MR. HOLLIS: Council, the final request is                  13 to ask Mr. Pack's appointment as Council                  14 liaison to the Public Works Advisory Board.                  15 MS. PRICE: Make a motion.                  16 MR. PACK: Motion by Ms. Price.                  17 MR. CALLAHAN: Second.                  18 MR. PACK: Second by Mr. Callahan. Any                  19 further discussion.                  20 MR. LESHER: Did we somehow miss this one                  21 when we handed out appointments.</p>
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<p>1 to subcontractors and also to those agencies                  2 that help out those communities, both here in                  3 Talbot and across the state. So, yeah, let's                  4 do our part any way we can to help these                  5 individuals out, these families out. Of course                  6 my question to you is who is going to do the                  7 vetting, if you will.                  8 ANGELA LANE: I think we'll review some                  9 forms that other counties have already                  10 identified and would have the employee -- the                  11 federal employee sign off that they are a                  12 federal employee or contractor and provide a                  13 stub or federal identification card. I believe                  14 pay stubs and federal identification cards are                  15 what most agencies are using right now.                  16 MR. PACK: So your office will take care                  17 of all the vetting.                  18 ANGELA LANE: Yes.                  19 MR. PACK: That's the only question I had.                  20 We had a motion and seconded. Any further                  21 discussion. Madam Secretary, please call your</p>	<p>1 MS. PRICE: We added this one.                  2 MR. HOLLIS: I'm sorry, we discussed this                  3 last -- under personnel last time and I should                  4 have refreshed Council's memories.                  5 MR. PACK: So Mr. Pack to liaison to the                  6 Public Works Advisory Board.                  7 MS. PRICE: Who are you again. Getting a                  8 little punchy.                  9 MR. PACK: Public Works Advisory Board.                  10 Madam Secretary, please call the roll.                  11 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.                  12 MR. PACK: Aye.                  13 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.                  14 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.                  15 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.                  16 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.                  17 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.                  18 MS. PRICE: Aye.                  19 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.                  20 MR. LESHER: Aye.                  21 MR. HOLLIS: Thank you, Council.</p>

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1 MR. PACK: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Hollis,  
 2 for that. And welcome back from your trip down  
 3 South. Mr. Leshner, let's start off where we  
 4 left off, back at you. Council comments.  
 5 MR. LESHER: Thank you, Mr. Pack. I just  
 6 want to offer congratulations to the Talbot  
 7 County chapter of the N.A.A.C.P. on the very  
 8 powerful, very meaningful prayer breakfast on  
 9 Martin Luther King day yesterday which I had  
 10 the privilege and pleasure of attending.  
 11 MR. PACK: Okay. Ms. Price.  
 12 MS. PRICE: Went to the inauguration for  
 13 Governor Hogan last Wednesday, which was  
 14 wonderful. I got to go to the daytime events  
 15 and see all that the way they had it set up.  
 16 They actually had bleachers this time so people  
 17 could sit. And the snow had come and gone so  
 18 we didn't have to stand in a snow storm. It  
 19 was really powerful people that were there.  
 20 Former Governor Ehrlich was there. And former  
 21 County Executive Ike Leggett did an

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1 introduction. And then they had Governor Bush  
 2 come and introduce Governor Hogan. And they  
 3 really talked about their dads. With Governor  
 4 Hogan losing his father last year and of course  
 5 Jeb Bush losing his father this year, and they  
 6 talked about John McCain, it was really a  
 7 powerful message this year on the inauguration.  
 8 I know that Mr. Callahan and Mr. Divilio also  
 9 came to the gala that evening at the MGM. And  
 10 seeing Governor Hogan come in on his purple  
 11 surf board to the Beach Boys Surfing U.S.A. was  
 12 pretty cool. Because they were talking about,  
 13 you know, a blue wave and he rode his purple  
 14 surf board in in the State of Maryland. And  
 15 apparently he is now the most popular Governor  
 16 in the country. He was number two for all that  
 17 time. And I'm not sure what he did, I don't  
 18 think he took the other guy out, but he is now  
 19 the number one most popular Governor in the  
 20 country. So it's a real honor to have him as  
 21 our Governor and very special to have been able

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1 to be there to see him inaugurated for a second  
 2 time.  
 3 MR. PACK: Mr. Divilio. Looking sharp at  
 4 the gala.  
 5 MR. DIVILIO: Thank you. Are we going to  
 6 do the streetlights.  
 7 MR. HOLLIS: I think we're going to move  
 8 it to another meeting.  
 9 MR. DIVILIO: So tonight obviously a lot  
 10 of budget discussion. It was incredibly  
 11 difficult decision to tell the States Attorney,  
 12 no, you can't have another attorney when you  
 13 see caseloads increasing. Just can imagine  
 14 that conversation is going to happen over and  
 15 over again for the next couple years. It is a  
 16 difficult decision, difficult discussions, and  
 17 I just hope that we are doing the best we can  
 18 for the County and that the County understands  
 19 where we're coming from when we make those  
 20 decisions.  
 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Couple things. I think

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1 we've had three banquets now, the fire  
 2 departments. We have had Cordova, Trappe and  
 3 Oxford. We had great meals, had great times.  
 4 Really commend all the fire fighters and  
 5 departments for the new equipment and they are  
 6 doing a great job and seems like they are doing  
 7 a great job with recruitment, retention and  
 8 giving back very well. And it seems like they  
 9 are going to have some good things coming. I  
 10 appreciate all they do for us and the County.  
 11 I want to congratulate Corey, president, doing  
 12 a phenomenal job yesterday at the Martin Luther  
 13 King basketball tournament. I was there. He  
 14 did a phenomenal job as usual. Addie was  
 15 there, Johnny was there. Had great turnout.  
 16 And I had a very, very small part in it. And  
 17 Corey has -- takes all the credit for doing  
 18 that for sure. And that's his 13th year and  
 19 proud of you. That is a big deal. And we're  
 20 glad to have somebody like you put something  
 21 like that on for I think -- for Denton,

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1 Federalsburg, Easton, Cambridge. So that was  
 2 great that you did that. Pulled all these  
 3 communities together. And I think it shows the  
 4 dedication of you and this County. So proud of  
 5 you for doing that. And also a big thing for  
 6 Talbot County is, and I want to congratulate  
 7 once again, everybody knows, Jeannie Haddaway  
 8 is now the new secretary of DNR. I want to  
 9 congratulate her on that. Like Mrs. Price  
 10 said, it was a pleasure, an honor to be at the  
 11 gala. Wasn't too good when we were in the  
 12 casino, but the MGM, it's a fascinating place  
 13 to be and experience and I was glad to be a  
 14 part of it and represent, in a good way, the  
 15 County.  
 16 MS. PRICE: Mr. Pack, I have one final  
 17 motion.  
 18 MR. PACK: A motion.  
 19 MS. PRICE: I'm going to make a motion  
 20 that we should be color coordinated on every  
 21 Council meeting. Is there a second to that.

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1 MR. PACK: Not going to get a second. Let  
 2 me say, and I'll jump in where Mr. Callahan  
 3 just left off and congratulate my dear friend  
 4 Jeannie Haddaway Riccio on her appointment to  
 5 DNR secretary. It's just been a pleasure to  
 6 work with Jeannie over the years. The statue  
 7 out front of Frederick Douglass, many may not  
 8 know the back story behind that, but she was  
 9 very instrumental in keeping that funding in  
 10 place for that statute. All the other things  
 11 she has done behind the scenes to help out  
 12 Talbot County. So just very, very proud of her  
 13 and congratulate her on this new appointment.  
 14 I know she will serve the State well as she  
 15 moves forward. One correction to  
 16 Mr. Callahan's statement. I certainly don't  
 17 deserve all the credit for what went on  
 18 yesterday. Preston Pepper from our parks  
 19 department did a tremendous job organizing this  
 20 along with Emily, his assistant. Also Lorraine  
 21 Gould and her staff at the town level. And the

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1 officers from Easton and Denton and Cambridge  
 2 who also come out and give this support. And  
 3 also our Sheriff's department was involved in  
 4 it this year. We have a person from the state  
 5 level, we have a probation liaison also working  
 6 with us this year who came out of Cambridge.  
 7 We have just a combination of different  
 8 individuals and persons who love this County.  
 9 Meghan Cook from the Town Council. Her  
 10 daughter Charlotte and little Ashley, got two  
 11 Ashleys, and Sophia. So I want to  
 12 congratulate the four of them. They were the  
 13 point people for our concession stand. And  
 14 also let me not forget her big son Ben, little  
 15 Ben was also there. Charlotte and Sophia and  
 16 Ashley and Ashley and Ben, thank you very much  
 17 for coming out and working the concession stand  
 18 for us throughout the day and getting service  
 19 credit hours as well. So it's a collaborative  
 20 effort and glad to do it 13 years. 13 years of  
 21 doing it. It was bitter cold out there, but we

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1 did it with a full house. As always glad to do  
 2 that for the community. And you guys looked  
 3 sharp. You sent me the picture from the gala.  
 4 I didn't get one from you, but I know you  
 5 always look fabulous. But, man, these guys  
 6 were looking sharp. They sent me their photos.  
 7 MS. PRICE: I looked better.  
 8 MR. PACK: I don't doubt that at all, Mrs.  
 9 Price. The problem would have been if you had  
 10 one. So as we descend down. County Council's  
 11 next legislative meeting will be held on  
 12 Tuesday, February 12th, at 6:00 p.m. Council  
 13 will convene into open session at 4:30 p.m. and  
 14 then immediately adjourn into closed session to  
 15 discuss real estate, legal, personnel matters  
 16 listed on the statement for closing that  
 17 meeting. The County Council will go into work  
 18 session with Ray Clarke, County engineer, on  
 19 Tuesday, January 29th at 4:00 p.m. right here  
 20 in the Bradley meeting room to discuss primary  
 21 engineering reports for the Ferry Point Marina

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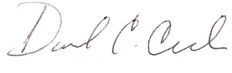
1 and surrounding area. At 5:30 p.m. that same  
 2 evening the County Council will be holding a  
 3 joint dinner with the Board of Education at the  
 4 library here in Easton across the street. On  
 5 Tuesday, February 5th at 5:00 p.m. the Talbot  
 6 County Council will be holding a work session  
 7 with the Animal Control Board to discuss  
 8 proposed amendments to the Talbot County Code,  
 9 Chapter 15, which is the Animal Control Board.  
 10 The work session will be held right here in the  
 11 Bradley meeting room as well. Therefore is  
 12 there a motion to adjourn this meeting, convene  
 13 in closed session for real estate, personnel  
 14 and legal matters as noted.  
 15 MR. CALLAHAN: So moved.  
 16 MS. PRICE: Second.  
 17 MR. PACK: Moved by Mr. Callahan. Second  
 18 by Mrs. Price. Madam Secretary, please call  
 19 your roll.  
 20 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 21 MR. PACK: Aye.

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1 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 2 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 3 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 5 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 6 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 7 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 8 MR. LESHNER: Aye.  
 9 MR. PACK: Thank you.  
 10 (Meeting concluded at 8:47 p.m.)  
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 2 I, David Corbin, a Notary Public in and  
 3 for the State of Maryland, do hereby certify  
 4 that the within named, TALBOT COUNTY COUNCIL  
 5 MEETING, personally appeared before me at the  
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 7 I further certify that the meeting was  
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 12 accurate manner.  
 13 I further certify that the stipulations  
 14 contained herein were entered into by counsel  
 15 in my presence.  
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 17 to any of the parties, not an employee of  
 18 counsel, nor related to any of the parties, nor  
 19 in any way interested in the outcome of this  
 20 action.  
 21 AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal this  
 29th day of January, 2019, at Centerville,  
 Maryland

  
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 David C. Corbin  
 Notary Public

My commission expires November 19, 2019

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