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TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

March 26, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Talbot County Courthouse, Easton, Maryland

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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Chuck F. Callahan, Vice President

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<p>1 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS</p> <p>2 MR. PACK: Please stand with council</p> <p>3 for opening prayer followed by the Pledge of</p> <p>4 Allegiance.</p> <p>5 (Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.)</p> <p>6 MR. PACK: Thank you. Good evening,</p> <p>7 everyone. Thank you for coming out and being</p> <p>8 with us. County Council has an agenda, you've</p> <p>9 had a chance to go through it. Any additions</p> <p>10 or corrections to the agenda?</p> <p>11 (No response.)</p> <p>12 MR. PACK: Hearing none the chair would</p> <p>13 move that the agenda be accepted with unanimous</p> <p>14 consent. We also have the minutes from our</p> <p>15 February the 12th meeting. Have we had a</p> <p>16 chance to go through those minutes? Are there</p> <p>17 any additions, deletions, or corrections to</p> <p>18 those minutes?</p> <p>19 (No response.)</p> <p>20 MR. PACK: Hearing none the chair would</p> <p>21 ask that they also be accepted with unanimous</p>	<p>1 Neighborhood Service Center. This is scenes</p> <p>2 from last year. So, if you'll bear with us.</p> <p>3 MS. MORAN: Our TV director is still doing</p> <p>4 something with it, so if you want to speak a</p> <p>5 little bit first.</p> <p>6 MS. POE: I'll speak and then we'll try</p> <p>7 it. No problem. Good evening, county council</p> <p>8 members. I'm here this evening representing</p> <p>9 the people and the organizations behind our</p> <p>10 second annual Resource Day Expo which will be</p> <p>11 held Saturday, April 6th, and we will once</p> <p>12 again be back at Moton Elementary School this</p> <p>13 year from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>14 Now to give you a little bit of background</p> <p>15 of why we feel it's necessary to have this day.</p> <p>16 Despite the growing economy we still have</p> <p>17 pockets of poverty and hunger in our county,</p> <p>18 and not because of no jobs, all right, but</p> <p>19 because people are often having to work two</p> <p>20 jobs to put food on the table for their</p> <p>21 families.</p>
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<p>1 consent. Moving on we have disbursements from</p> <p>2 March the 19th and March the 26th. We've had a</p> <p>3 chance to go through those and speak with</p> <p>4 Ms. Lane our finance officer. Are there any</p> <p>5 additions, deletions, or corrections to those</p> <p>6 disbursements?</p> <p>7 (No response.)</p> <p>8 MR. PACK: Hearing none the chair would</p> <p>9 move that they also be accepted with unanimous</p> <p>10 consent. Thank you. Our next item, council,</p> <p>11 you have a presentation for the 2019 Resource</p> <p>12 Day event which will take place on Saturday,</p> <p>13 April the 6th.</p> <p>14 We have with us Ms. Catherine Poe. She's</p> <p>15 the chairperson of the Talbot County Hunger</p> <p>16 Coalition. Catherine, good to see you again,</p> <p>17 and thanks for coming back in and telling us</p> <p>18 about this event. Second year for this event?</p> <p>19 MS. POE: Second year. I'm here to tell</p> <p>20 you a little bit about it. I can start with a</p> <p>21 slide show that was actually made for us by the</p>	<p>1 The working force are often deciding</p> <p>2 between medical bills and dinner, rent and</p> <p>3 transportation, and to put this a little bit in</p> <p>4 perspective I'd like to give you some stats</p> <p>5 from this county. One out of five Talbot</p> <p>6 children go to bed hungry in this county.</p> <p>7 One out of ten residents are food</p> <p>8 insecure. Forty-four percent of the children</p> <p>9 in our public schools are on free and reduced</p> <p>10 meals. That's nearly 2,000 students. More</p> <p>11 than 200 students have been identified this</p> <p>12 year as homeless. Food stamps or SNAP who</p> <p>13 supplies \$33 per individual a week for food --</p> <p>14 that's all.</p> <p>15 That's why we have 16 food pantries in our</p> <p>16 county, and we have meal providers such as</p> <p>17 Meals on Wheels. The non-profits and the</p> <p>18 social agencies recognize we need to do much</p> <p>19 more and this is why we are on initiative --</p> <p>20 Resource Day Expo last year.</p> <p>21 It is a one-stop source of assistance for</p>

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<p>1 people living on the edge no matter what their 2 circumstances. They just need help navigating 3 the system, and believe me trying to get 4 through the bureaucracy and understand all the 5 different organizations is really hard. 6 In fact, last year the vendors told us 7 that they didn't even know that other 8 organizations existed until they were in the 9 same room with them. They said, I had no idea. 10 This is great. So, you can imagine if they 11 don't know obviously the public knows less. 12 So, it helps them navigate the system, 13 understanding there are resources in our county 14 to give them a leg up, and that's the whole 15 point. So, once again spearheaded by the 16 Neighborhood Service Center, the Talbot County 17 Hunger Coalition, the Talbot County Network, 18 Eastern Utilities, Choptank Electric, Delmarva 19 Power, Talbot Library and the Talbot schools. 20 This is the steering committee of the team. 21 We have been working since last fall to</p>	<p>1 for their families and people who are shut in, 2 in their families. 3 As you can see this is a public/private 4 partnership, and it brings resources to the 5 most vulnerable in our community. Last year 6 185 people came through our doors -- 185, and 7 thanks to our tireless volunteers -- and that 8 was the adults in the community, high school 9 students from Easton, and Spanish-speaking 10 interpreters from Chesapeake Multicultural 11 Center. They were able to give personal 12 attention. 13 MR. PACK: Wait until this turns off. 14 We are going to do your video at this time. 15 MS. POE: I didn't know our video had 16 music. It doesn't, but that's not it. 17 MR. PACK: We're going to close that out. 18 MS. POE: We may skip the video I think. 19 Back to who our volunteers are. They are, of 20 course, the development community. They're 21 high school students as well as people who</p>
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<p>1 prepare for the expo. Here's a sampling of 2 what the 50 vendors will be offering -- just a 3 sample -- 5,000 pounds of groceries thanks to 4 the Maryland Food Bank, and that includes meat 5 and fresh vegetables. Heating assistance from 6 the three utilities, free dental exams, private 7 HIV and AIDS testing, financial literacy by 8 Shore United Bank and BB&T Bank, pro bono legal 9 help, mental health help, school registration, 10 free personal and hygiene items thanks to our 11 churches, veteran's services, and even a free 12 barber. 13 I think you get the idea. That was only 14 some of the 50. Plus we are serving free lunch 15 to everyone who attends, and we have had 1,000 16 meals prepared for people not only to eat there 17 but to take home. This is thanks to Sodexo 18 but I have to give a special shout out to 19 Eat Sprout which is a local business, and 20 they're the ones preparing the 1,000 meals for 21 people to be able to take home -- several meals</p>	<p>1 speak Spanish, and last year we had, I think, 2 eight people who spoke Spanish which is a big 3 help taking people around. 4 That way -- we try to give each family 5 that comes in personal attention and take them 6 around individually so they're not just left to 7 flounder. We try to find out what their needs 8 are. This year we expect 200 or more. That 9 depends always on the weather of course. 10 We're hoping that the county council will 11 add its support to another successful day, the 12 small amount of funding, and believe me we make 13 every dollar count, and I'd like to invite all 14 of you to drop by that day and join us for 15 lunch as well. 16 Corey was there last year, and 17 Addie Eckardt was there. She took a 18 few lunches home. She loved it. It's that 19 good. If you have any questions I'll be happy 20 to answer them now. 21 MR. PACK: Let me just say last year you</p>

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<p>1 said 185 people?</p> <p>2 MS. POE: Yeah.</p> <p>3 MR. PACK: I thought I saw more people</p> <p>4 there. I really did. I mean, the place was</p> <p>5 jammed from the gymnasium area going back into</p> <p>6 the cafeteria. I think we had a little bit of</p> <p>7 overcast last year.</p> <p>8 MS. POE: It was supposed to be snow day</p> <p>9 that day. Luckily it didn't snow.</p> <p>10 MR. PACK: I think the weather maybe kept</p> <p>11 your numbers down just a bit.</p> <p>12 MS. POE: I think it did.</p> <p>13 MR. PACK: But even still I saw a</p> <p>14 tremendous outpouring and you're right, I think</p> <p>15 the way you all had it set up people were not</p> <p>16 just left to wander from booth to booth. They</p> <p>17 came in, they registered, and they were put in</p> <p>18 contact with --</p> <p>19 MS. POE: What we call a navigator.</p> <p>20 MR. PACK: -- a navigator who worked them</p> <p>21 through the various stations according to what</p>	<p>1 MS. POE: I would like to recognize the</p> <p>2 people who have come tonight who are part of</p> <p>3 making this day happen, and believe me they are</p> <p>4 vital to this community. If you would all</p> <p>5 stand I would appreciate it.</p> <p>6 (Applause.)</p> <p>7 MR. PACK: Catherine, thank you for being</p> <p>8 the chairperson and helping put all this</p> <p>9 together. It's not an easy undertaking I know.</p> <p>10 So, I hope that people will come out on April</p> <p>11 the 6th between 9:00 and 1:00 p.m. at Moton,</p> <p>12 and don't mind the construction.</p> <p>13 MS. POE: Right. There will be plenty of</p> <p>14 parking.</p> <p>15 MR. PACK: I think you even had people</p> <p>16 outside last year if I remember correctly.</p> <p>17 MS. POE: Yes, we do.</p> <p>18 MR. PACK: I don't think there's any</p> <p>19 action we need to take up at this time. We'll</p> <p>20 get together and let you know the council's</p> <p>21 decision.</p>
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<p>1 they need. So, very well done for your first</p> <p>2 time last year.</p> <p>3 MS. POE: Yes. We were surprised. It</p> <p>4 went well.</p> <p>5 MR. PACK: Absolutely, and so I hope the</p> <p>6 council will also be agreeable to supporting</p> <p>7 this. I think it's a very worthwhile cause</p> <p>8 when you can bring all these partners together,</p> <p>9 Eastern Utility and all the others. It is for</p> <p>10 a great cause.</p> <p>11 MS. POE: I expect that of a</p> <p>12 public/private partnership.</p> <p>13 MR. PACK: One department can't do all</p> <p>14 this.</p> <p>15 MS. POE: No.</p> <p>16 MR. PACK: It's too much to do. Anything</p> <p>17 else from the council members?</p> <p>18 MR. CALLAHAN: Good job.</p> <p>19 MR. PACK: Okay. I don't think --</p> <p>20 MS. POE: Can I just do one more thing?</p> <p>21 MR. PACK: You can do one more thing.</p>	<p>1 MS. POE: Okay. Thank you, very much.</p> <p>2 MR. PACK: Thank you, Catherine.</p> <p>3 (Applause.)</p> <p>4 MR. PACK: Council, we have another</p> <p>5 presentation on our agenda. We're going to</p> <p>6 have a presentation and request from the Upper</p> <p>7 Shore Workforce Investment Board on Workforce</p> <p>8 Innovation and Opportunity Act Local Four-Year</p> <p>9 Integrated Plan for Caroline, Dorchester, Kent,</p> <p>10 Queen Anne's, and Talbot Counties.</p> <p>11 We have with us Dan McDermott. Dan is the</p> <p>12 executive director of the Upper Shore Workforce</p> <p>13 Investment Board. Dan, good to see you again,</p> <p>14 and Melissa?</p> <p>15 MR. MCDERMOTT: Melissa Mackey.</p> <p>16 MR. PACK: Ms. Mackey, we appreciate you</p> <p>17 being here as well.</p> <p>18 MS. MACKEY: Thank you.</p> <p>19 MR. MCDERMOTT: I want to say before I</p> <p>20 start this is the last time you'll see Melissa.</p> <p>21 She's announced her retirement, and I'd like to</p>

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1 thank her in front of you all for 32 years. We
 2 worked together 30 of those years. She's
 3 worked for 32. So, next time I'll be flying
 4 solo or with a novice. I don't want you to go,
 5 Melissa.

6 Thank you again for the time on your
 7 agenda. This is kind of step two of what I
 8 talked about last time. The Local Integrated
 9 Plan, the first thing that we do in the plan is
 10 an economic analysis of the five counties so
 11 that we know kind of what the labor market
 12 context is for the entire plan.

13 A new addition to the plan this time -- we
 14 brought it here two years ago for its first
 15 approval. A new addition is a thing called
 16 Benchmarks of Success, and in this plan we're
 17 coordinating 13 federally-funded employment and
 18 training initiatives.

19 So, Benchmarks of Success is the
 20 Governor's Workforce Development Board's
 21 attempt to come up with some way to measure

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1 those 13 funding stream programs who don't
 2 measure things the same way. So, it's a way to
 3 try to measure the efficiency and the
 4 effectiveness.

5 Even though we measure these five things
 6 somebody else measures two things that aren't
 7 exactly the same. Somebody else measures three
 8 things that aren't the same as the two or the
 9 five. So, this is an attempt to pull it all
 10 together.

11 In the plan we talk about the American Job
 12 Center Memorandum of Understanding for Resource
 13 Sharing Agreement. We'll be back to you all
 14 with that document in a month or so. What that
 15 document is, is it tells us how the American
 16 Job Centers will deliver services that are
 17 described in this plan. That's the everyday
 18 ins and outs of what we do.

19 The rest of the plan details out the
 20 employment and training functions of the 13
 21 federally-funded partners and how we're going

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1 to work together, how they're going to deliver
 2 their services, how Melissa and her gang are
 3 going to deliver the Title I training services,
 4 and finally in the plan there are some things
 5 about equal opportunity because we have to have
 6 that in everything.

7 It's a federally-funded plan, and also the
 8 fiscal performance and management functions of
 9 the Workforce Board itself as it undertakes in
 10 implementing this plan and the training
 11 components of Title I.

12 The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity
 13 Act passed in 2014. We fully were implementing
 14 it in 2016, and I have to say it's the third
 15 piece of federal legislation -- employment
 16 training legislation I've worked under, and I
 17 think this time we are actually doing things
 18 differently.

19 We're moving towards a more efficient
 20 system, a more effective system. The way to
 21 think about what's described in the plan is

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1 maybe in a healthcare context. It's a center
 2 where you're triaged and then referred to
 3 specialists.

4 If you come into the center and you don't
 5 have a job and you say I just need a job, there
 6 are people in the plan, Title III, the
 7 Wagner-Peyser Act, who can help with that, but
 8 if there's a reason you don't have a job, like,
 9 you need education, you need a high school
 10 diploma, you need training, you have a
 11 disability and you need position-rehabilitation
 12 services.

13 It's kind of like when you go to the
 14 doctor they check you out and then refer you to
 15 a cardiologist or urologist or whatever.
 16 That's kind of what this model is, and I think
 17 it's the first time we've ever gotten to where
 18 we've tried to look at somebody holistically
 19 and then send them to the specialist who can
 20 treat what's keeping them either out of the
 21 labor market or keeping them from advancing in

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1 the labor market.
 2 So, I think for the first time we're
 3 actually not trying to all do everything but
 4 making the money that we each implement be more
 5 efficient and effective by this kind of triage
 6 and then specialist approach. So, that's the
 7 plan.
 8 What we're asking you for is if you have
 9 any questions Melissa will answer them, and
 10 then we're asking you to concur with this.
 11 Basically you concurred with it two years ago.
 12 The only real difference is the Benchmarks of
 13 Success and some tweaks based on two years of
 14 experience implementing the Workforce
 15 Innovation and Opportunity Act.
 16 MR. PACK: Thank you. Melissa?
 17 MS. MACKEY: Well what I wanted to do is
 18 let you know that we've also implemented a more
 19 efficient directing to our American Job Center
 20 right here in Easton open five days a week. We
 21 also have a website with an explainer video,

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1 and we do a morning show every morning to tell
 2 people where they can go to find help, letting
 3 them know training scholarships are are
 4 available.
 5 This website has some examples of how to
 6 get what you're looking for whether it's
 7 training or maybe help with Department of
 8 Social Service resources or other resources in
 9 our partnership. So, we have these rack cards
 10 available so that if someone comes to you and
 11 says I don't know what to do I've got them
 12 here.
 13 Plus they can go right on line, do the
 14 explainer video, so they're not intimidated by
 15 by this showing up.
 16 MR. MCDERMOTT: The last comment that
 17 comes to my mind based on what Melissa said,
 18 we've also held three professional development
 19 sessions for all the partners. We've had over
 20 75 people in the sessions. The first one was
 21 kind of a team-building thing. The second one

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1 was about case studies where we all had to
 2 divide up and not be with our friends and try
 3 to figure out how to help somebody.
 4 Last Friday we did a specific training on
 5 serving people who are impacted by opioids and
 6 serving ex-offenders. So, we had some
 7 excellent presentations there; a really good
 8 presentation about ex-offenders by parole and
 9 probation.
 10 They really helped us get some perspective
 11 on those two hard-to-serve target groups so
 12 that we can triage and treat in a best possible
 13 efficient and effective manner.
 14 MR. PACK: Okay. Any questions of
 15 council? Any comments?
 16 (No response.)
 17 MR. PACK: I don't see the full plan. Was
 18 it downloaded?
 19 MR. MCDERMOTT: You can get our full plan
 20 on Usweb.org and we sent you a copy. Melissa
 21 has a copy that's 91 pages of -- written by us

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1 so you know it's got to be...
 2 MR. PACK: I'm sure it's lovely reading.
 3 Would you mind leaving the council some of
 4 those rack cards?
 5 MS. MACKEY: Absolutely.
 6 MR. HOLLIS: So, Council, we're hoping for
 7 a motion for concurrence.
 8 MR. PACK: Council, you do have the
 9 signature letter page for you to review. It
 10 does require each member of the various
 11 counties to sign off on this. I'm asking that
 12 we do so.
 13 As Mr. McDermott explained we've been a
 14 partner with the Upper Shore Workforce
 15 Investment Board for many, many years.
 16 MR. MCDERMOTT: Thirty-six years.
 17 MR. PACK: Twenty?
 18 MR. MCDERMOTT: Thirty-six. As long as
 19 Melissa has been working up there.
 20 MR. PACK: I think we need to continue
 21 being a partner with this endeavor. So, I'm

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<p>1 asking for a motion to sign off on this</p> <p>2 agreement.</p> <p>3 MR. LESHHER: I move for the concurrence.</p> <p>4 MR. CALLAHAN: I second.</p> <p>5 MR. PACK: Any further discussion on the</p> <p>6 motion for concurrence?</p> <p>7 (No response.)</p> <p>8 MR. PACK: Hearing none, Madam Secretary,</p> <p>9 would you call your roll?</p> <p>10 MS. MORAN: Mr. Pack?</p> <p>11 MR. PACK: Aye.</p> <p>12 MS. MORAN: Mr. Divilio?</p> <p>13 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.</p> <p>14 MS. MORAN: Mr. Callahan?</p> <p>15 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>16 MS. MORAN: Ms. Price?</p> <p>17 MS. PRICE: Aye.</p> <p>18 MS. MORAN: Mr. Leshher?</p> <p>19 MR. LESHHER: Aye.</p> <p>20 MR. PACK: Thank you, very much. Melissa,</p> <p>21 congratulations to you and every success in</p>	<p>1 baseline rules and procedures for the</p> <p>2 Short-Term Rental Review Board, a new board</p> <p>3 appointed by the council, and Mr. Kane is the</p> <p>4 chairman of that board with us today.</p> <p>5 And when the board reviewed these they</p> <p>6 made a few changes and tweaks to it, and then</p> <p>7 they unanimously support the resolution that</p> <p>8 has been forwarded to you for action today.</p> <p>9 MR. PACK: Council, you've had a chance to</p> <p>10 go through these rules and procedures. This is</p> <p>11 a new board we just put together, and Mr. Kane,</p> <p>12 thank you for agreeing to be the chairperson of</p> <p>13 this newly-formed Short-Term Rental Review</p> <p>14 Board.</p> <p>15 As previous council and now this elected</p> <p>16 body wanted this board to be not just an</p> <p>17 arbitrator of those applications but also</p> <p>18 somewhat of an advisory body back to the</p> <p>19 council as you go along fulfilling your duties</p> <p>20 from time to time working with Ms. Verdery to</p> <p>21 bring things back to council as you all see</p>
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<p>1 retirement.</p> <p>2 MS. MACKEY: Thank you.</p> <p>3 MR. PACK: It's a wonderful feeling, trust</p> <p>4 me.</p> <p>5 MS. MACKEY: Thank you.</p> <p>6 MR. PACK: Council, next you have a number</p> <p>7 of resolutions to get through. Let's start</p> <p>8 with our first one. Ms. Verdery is still in</p> <p>9 the room so we're going to have -- this is a</p> <p>10 resolution to adopt the rules and procedures</p> <p>11 governing proceedings of the Talbot County</p> <p>12 Short-Term Rental Review Board. You do have a</p> <p>13 copy of that in your file.</p> <p>14 MS. VERDERY: Mr. Kane is here as well.</p> <p>15 MR. PACK: Thank you for joining us as</p> <p>16 well. So, Ms. Verdery, I'm going to turn it</p> <p>17 over to you for the presentation.</p> <p>18 MS. VERDERY: The planning staff took the</p> <p>19 rules and procedures from the planning</p> <p>20 commission and the board of appeals and tried</p> <p>21 to put that together to help develop the</p>	<p>1 fit.</p> <p>2 So, first of all thank you for</p> <p>3 volunteering and thank you also for acting as</p> <p>4 chair. Is there anything you want to add to</p> <p>5 the procedures at this time for council to</p> <p>6 hear?</p> <p>7 MR. KANE: Well I'm not real sure what</p> <p>8 I've gotten into, but yes, I'm looking forward</p> <p>9 to it. I can report that it's a very proactive</p> <p>10 group of five on the board including myself,</p> <p>11 and we've held -- I believe it's three meetings</p> <p>12 and have conducted some business, but we're</p> <p>13 really awaiting your approval of the rules and</p> <p>14 procedures.</p> <p>15 It was initially called bylaws but we were</p> <p>16 corrected. It's now rules and procedures. So,</p> <p>17 that's what's before you. We did our best.</p> <p>18 MR. PACK: Any questions of any council</p> <p>19 members?</p> <p>20 MR. LESHHER: This is eligible for adoption</p> <p>21 tonight?</p>

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<p>1 MR. PACK: This is an introduction</p> <p>2 tonight.</p> <p>3 MR. LESHER: So, we cannot act on it yet?</p> <p>4 MR. PACK: No. We would have to have a</p> <p>5 public hearing. Any other questions?</p> <p>6 (No response.)</p> <p>7 MR. PACK: If not I'll ask by a show of</p> <p>8 hands council members who want to introduce the</p> <p>9 rules and procedures at this time.</p> <p>10 (All council members indicating.)</p> <p>11 MR. PACK: By council, Madam Secretary,</p> <p>12 and I believe this resolution is 271?</p> <p>13 MS. MORAN: That's correct.</p> <p>14 MR. PACK: Do you have a hearing date for</p> <p>15 council?</p> <p>16 MS. MORAN: Yes. It will be Tuesday,</p> <p>17 April 16th at 6:30.</p> <p>18 MR. PACK: So, anyone who wishes to</p> <p>19 comment on the rules and procedures governing</p> <p>20 the Short-Term Rental Review Board please be</p> <p>21 here on April the 16th at 6:30 p.m. for the</p>	<p>1 projects for Talbot County fiscal year 2020:</p> <p>2 Add new capital project in the amount of \$22.32</p> <p>3 million for sewer extension to Bozman and</p> <p>4 Neavitt;</p> <p>5 Add new capital project in the amount of</p> <p>6 \$6 million for individual pump station and</p> <p>7 major pump station improvements in the Region I</p> <p>8 (Unionville, Tunis Mills, and Copperville) and</p> <p>9 Region II (Royal Oak, Newcomb, Bellevue, and</p> <p>10 St. Michaels) sewer service areas;</p> <p>11 Add new capital project in the amount of</p> <p>12 \$2 million for sewer extension from the Region</p> <p>13 V Tilghman Island Wastewater Treatment Plant to</p> <p>14 serve the villages of Bar Neck and Fairbank;</p> <p>15 modify existing capital project by adding up to</p> <p>16 \$2 million for Phase V road and sewer</p> <p>17 improvements to the Region II St. Michaels</p> <p>18 Wastewater Treatment Plant;</p> <p>19 Add a new capital project in the amount of</p> <p>20 \$1.5 million for design of a sewer system to</p> <p>21 serve the Ferry Point Marina area; add new</p>
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<p>1 public hearing on Resolution 271. I guess</p> <p>2 we're going on get that on the website some</p> <p>3 time this week. Any further --</p> <p>4 MR. CALLAHAN: Would that also go in the</p> <p>5 paper?</p> <p>6 MS. MORAN: The public hearing notice,</p> <p>7 yes.</p> <p>8 MR. PACK: Anything further?</p> <p>9 (No response.)</p> <p>10 MS. VERDERY: Thank you.</p> <p>11 MR. KANE: I appreciate it.</p> <p>12 MR. PACK: Council, you next have another</p> <p>13 matter. Mr. Clarke is here. I'm going to ask</p> <p>14 him to join us at the table. This is another</p> <p>15 matter for introduction regarding the Talbot</p> <p>16 County Wastewater Sewer Plan. It's got a</p> <p>17 rather long title so please bear with Madam</p> <p>18 Secretary as she reads the title.</p> <p>19 MS. MORAN: A resolution to amend the</p> <p>20 Talbot County Comprehensive Water and Sewer</p> <p>21 Plan to add or modify the following capital</p>	<p>1 capital project in the amount of \$550,000 for</p> <p>2 belt filter press system replacement at the</p> <p>3 Region II St. Michaels Wastewater Treatment</p> <p>4 Plant;.</p> <p>5 Add a new capital project in the amount of</p> <p>6 \$250,000 for engineering, design, and</p> <p>7 permitting to support extension of sewer from</p> <p>8 the town of Easton Wastewater Treatment Plant</p> <p>9 to the Talbot County Community Center; and</p> <p>10 Add new capital project in the amount of</p> <p>11 \$150,000 for a wastewater feasibility study at</p> <p>12 the Region V Tilghman Island Wastewater</p> <p>13 Treatment Plant.</p> <p>14 MR. PACK: Thank you, Madam Secretary.</p> <p>15 Mr. Clarke, I'll turn it over to you,</p> <p>16 MR. CLARKE: Typically the Maryland</p> <p>17 Department of Environment requests that we</p> <p>18 provide them with the capital projects</p> <p>19 especially when they're under review for the --</p> <p>20 I think it's the grants and whatnot that we</p> <p>21 apply for in January.</p>

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<p>1 So, what the State had asked for is that</p> <p>2 we give a listing of those so they know which</p> <p>3 projects are to be brought forward in the</p> <p>4 future. So, we just basically put both the</p> <p>5 town of Easton as well as the county. We just</p> <p>6 went ahead and listed those projects.</p> <p>7 It doesn't mean we're required to do those</p> <p>8 projects at this point in time. It's just that</p> <p>9 the State has asked us to incorporate those.</p> <p>10 MR. PACK: And they have to be listed so</p> <p>11 when we need the State's funding for the</p> <p>12 projects...</p> <p>13 MR. CLARKE: Yes. It's to help them plan</p> <p>14 as well. The resolution that's after this is</p> <p>15 also from Easton. Just so the council is aware</p> <p>16 I did send a letter out or an e-mail out to all</p> <p>17 the towns asking if they had any other</p> <p>18 projects, both water or sewer. Easton was the</p> <p>19 only one that responded.</p> <p>20 MR. PACK: Nothing from the town of</p> <p>21 Trappe?</p>	<p>1 So, again tonight's just an introduction,</p> <p>2 but we have no real idea what we're going to do</p> <p>3 with that?</p> <p>4 MR. CLARKE: I think from the council --</p> <p>5 the last request from the council was to get</p> <p>6 the proposals and have those reviewed for both</p> <p>7 the two consultants on the wastewater side. I</p> <p>8 have that information. I just have to pull it</p> <p>9 together for you.</p> <p>10 At the same time I think we've also had</p> <p>11 some good discussion with -- the town of Trappe</p> <p>12 has expressed an interest in allowing the</p> <p>13 wastewater to be pumped there.</p> <p>14 MS. PRICE: You have dollar amounts in</p> <p>15 there that we have no idea...</p> <p>16 MR. CLARKE: We had originally -- I think</p> <p>17 way back when it was roughly about \$1.5</p> <p>18 million.</p> <p>19 MS. PRICE: And it skyrocketed up to what,</p> <p>20 three or four?</p> <p>21 MR. CLARK: Well I think that was</p>
<p>Page 31</p> <p>1 MR. CLARKE: We did not get anything from</p> <p>2 Trappe or Oxford.</p> <p>3 MR. PACK: Okay. Council, you all had</p> <p>4 this previously and had a chance to go through</p> <p>5 it and read it. Do you have any questions of</p> <p>6 Mr. Clarke at this time on the amendment to the</p> <p>7 Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan for these</p> <p>8 items?</p> <p>9 MR. CALLAHAN: There was only one. On the</p> <p>10 \$22 million one did we need to mention Mount</p> <p>11 Pleasant?</p> <p>12 MR. CLARKE: I don't think we need to do</p> <p>13 that. They have Resolution 250, so they have</p> <p>14 to define the limits of that project.</p> <p>15 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>16 MR. PACK: Any other questions?</p> <p>17 MS. PRICE: One that's listed -- and I</p> <p>18 know you said they have to be listed, we're not</p> <p>19 necessarily acting on them, but we had quite a</p> <p>20 bit of discussion about the one going to the</p> <p>21 Ferry Point area and the amount of money there.</p>	<p>Page 33</p> <p>1 treatment, and right now we're looking at</p> <p>2 potentially the pumping and whatnot. It could</p> <p>3 be in the \$1.5, two and a half million dollar</p> <p>4 range at this point in time. We're looking at</p> <p>5 all the options.</p> <p>6 MR. PACK: Any other questions?</p> <p>7 (No response.)</p> <p>8 MR. PACK: Okay. As by a show of hands</p> <p>9 council want to introduce the amendment at this</p> <p>10 time?</p> <p>11 (All council members indicating.)</p> <p>12 MR. PACK: Madam Secretary, signified by</p> <p>13 council, and do you have a number for us?</p> <p>14 MS. MORAN: It is Resolution Number 273.</p> <p>15 MR. PACK: And hearing date, please?</p> <p>16 MS. MORAN: I'm sorry, 272, and the public</p> <p>17 hearing date will be on Tuesday, April 23rd at</p> <p>18 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>19 MR. PACK: So, anyone who wants to speak</p> <p>20 on Resolution 272 regarding the amendment to</p> <p>21 the water and sewer plan it will be on Tuesday,</p>

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<p>1 April the 23rd at 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>2 MS. PRICE: We have a meeting on the 16th</p> <p>3 and the 23rd?</p> <p>4 MS. MORAN: The 9th, 16th, and 23rd this</p> <p>5 year.</p> <p>6 MR. PACK: Okay. Mr. Clarke, stay put.</p> <p>7 We have another before us dealing with the</p> <p>8 comprehensive water and sewer plan more</p> <p>9 specifically for the Town of Easton. Madam</p> <p>10 Secretary, please read the title.</p> <p>11 MS. MORAN: A resolution to amend the</p> <p>12 Talbot County Comprehensive Water and Sewer</p> <p>13 Plan to add the following town of Easton</p> <p>14 capital projects for fiscal year 2020: Add a</p> <p>15 new capital project in the amount of \$2,806,000</p> <p>16 for the relocation of the Windmill Wastewater</p> <p>17 Pump Station; and</p> <p>18 Add a new capital project in the amount of</p> <p>19 \$2,267,000 for the replacement of the Windmill</p> <p>20 Wastewater Force Main.</p> <p>21 MR. PACK: Thank you, Madam Secretary.</p>	<p>1 (No response.)</p> <p>2 MR. PACK: Council has a copy. I'll ask</p> <p>3 for a show of hands who wants to introduce this</p> <p>4 amendment at this time.</p> <p>5 (All council members indicating.)</p> <p>6 MR. PACK: Madam Secretary, by council,</p> <p>7 and do you have a number for us?</p> <p>8 MS. MORAN: It's Resolution Number 273,</p> <p>9 and the public hearing will be on Tuesday,</p> <p>10 April 23rd at 6:30.</p> <p>11 MR. PACK: Okay. If anyone wants to speak</p> <p>12 on Resolution 273 please be here on the 23rd of</p> <p>13 April at 6:30 p.m. Thank you, very much. We</p> <p>14 are now going to go into our public hearing.</p> <p>15 We are about eight or nine minutes behind</p> <p>16 schedule.</p> <p>17 So, we have two matters now for public</p> <p>18 hearing, Resolution 270 and also Bill 1408.</p> <p>19 We'll start with Resolution 270. What I'm</p> <p>20 going to ask you to do, once Madam Secretary</p> <p>21 reads the title of the resolution we'll -- no.</p>
<p>Page 35</p> <p>1 Mr. Clarke?</p> <p>2 MR. CLARKE: The same situation again.</p> <p>3 The State's requested that we provide them with</p> <p>4 the capital projects to be incorporated in the</p> <p>5 comp water and sewer plan so they can be</p> <p>6 involved with the planning for those projects.</p> <p>7 Again, as I indicated, we did request the</p> <p>8 towns for their projects and Eastern Utilities</p> <p>9 submitted that to me about a month ago.</p> <p>10 MR. PACK: Thank you. Questions?</p> <p>11 MR. LESHER: Mr. Clarke, is this the one</p> <p>12 down by the south end of Washing Street at the</p> <p>13 low elevation?</p> <p>14 MR. CLARK: I believe it is.</p> <p>15 MR. LESHER: I know that there have been</p> <p>16 problems with floodplain issues on that</p> <p>17 particular station and hence I assume the</p> <p>18 urgency of this matter.</p> <p>19 MR. CLARKE: And I think that was the</p> <p>20 reason they're relocating it.</p> <p>21 MR. PACK: Anyone else?</p>	<p>Page 37</p> <p>1 I'm going to ask Ms. Vanhooser to come</p> <p>2 forward and give a quick introduction of this,</p> <p>3 and then we'll open it up for public hearing.</p> <p>4 When you come to the table please give us your</p> <p>5 name, your address.</p> <p>6 If you're speaking for a group please let</p> <p>7 us know the name of that group. We'll give you</p> <p>8 five minutes. If you're speaking for yourself</p> <p>9 we'll give you three minutes. So, we'll start</p> <p>10 first with the reading of the title of</p> <p>11 Resolution 270. Madam Secretary?</p> <p>12 MS. MORAN: Resolution Number 270, a</p> <p>13 resolution to approve execution of a lease of</p> <p>14 approximately 1,685.78 square feet of space at</p> <p>15 the Talbot County Business Center, 28712 Glebe</p> <p>16 Road, Easton Maryland, 21601, further described</p> <p>17 as Tax Map 25, Parcel 58, to YMCA of the</p> <p>18 Chesapeake, Inc. for a term of one year with</p> <p>19 base rent of \$42.89 per month.</p> <p>20 MR. PACK: Thank you, Madam Secretary.</p> <p>21 Ms. Vanhooser?</p>

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<p>1 MS. VANHOOSER: How are you, council? 2 So, this is a standard business lease for the 3 Talbot County Business Center. The YMCA needed 4 extra storage, and they came to us. We rented 5 them 1,600 square feet on the manufacturing 6 floor and then an additional 85.78 square feet 7 on the interior of a small office they can keep 8 locked for confidential documents. 9 So, again it's simply for storage and one 10 of our 22 tenants.</p>	<p>1 a numbered resolution. It will go to a second 2 reader at this time if there's a motion to do 3 so. Council, the chair is open to it. 4 MS. PRICE: Move to a second reader. 5 MR. PACK: Ms. Price moved to a second 6 reader. Is there a second? 7 MR. CALLAHAN: Second. 8 MR. PACK: On the discussion of second 9 reader is there any discussion on it? 10 (No response.)</p>
<p>11 MR. PACK: Twenty-two now? 12 MS. VANHOOSER: Yes. 13 MR. PACK: Thank you. Any questions for 14 Ms. Vanhooser? 15 (No response.) 16 MR. PACK: If not -- okay, thank you. 17 MS. VANHOOSER: Thank you. 18 MR. PACK: All right. We're going to 19 start with the left side of the room. 20 Mr. Callahan is going to keep time for us here. 21 Just a few ground rules. If you're coming to</p>	<p>11 MR. PACK: Hearing none, Madam Secretary, 12 I'd ask that you read Resolution 270 at this 13 time. 14 MS. MORAN: Resolution Number 270, a 15 resolution to approve -- 16 MS. PRICE: May I ask that so much be 17 considered a reading? Is that right? 18 MR. PACK: Any objection to Ms. Price's 19 motion? 20 (No response.) 21 MR. PACK: Hearing none so moved. 270 has</p>
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<p>1 the table please state your name and your 2 address. If you're speaking for a group the 3 name of the group. We'll give you five 4 minutes. If not we'll give you three. 5 The left side of the room, first row? 6 (No response.) 7 MR. PACK: No? Second row? 8 (No response.) 9 MR. PACK: Third row? 10 (No response.) 11 MR. PACK: Fourth? 12 (No response.) 13 MR. PACK: Back row? Mr. Hanes is back 14 there. Good seeing you, sir. Right side of 15 the room, anyone at all? 16 (No response.) 17 MR. PACK: No one really cares? 18 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: On which? 19 MR. PACK: We're still on 270. No? Okay. 20 Council, I'm going to ask that the public 21 hearing be closed on 270 at this time. This is</p>	<p>1 now been read a second time. 270 is not 2 eligible for a vote. Is there anything for 3 discussion on 270 at this time? 4 MR. CALLAHAN: So moved. 5 MR. PACK: We're on discussion. Is that a 6 motion to take it to a vote? 7 MS. PRICE: Second. 8 MR. PACK: Madam Secretary, on the vote of 9 270 please call the role. 10 MS. MORAN: Mr. Pack? 11 MR. PACK: Aye. 12 MS. MORAN: Mr. Divilio? 13 MR. DIVILIO: Aye. 14 MS. MORAN: Mr. Callahan? 15 MR. CALLIHAN: Aye. 16 MS. MORAN: Ms. Price? 17 MS. PRICE: Aye. 18 MS. MORAN: Mr. Leshner? 19 MR. LESHNER: Aye. 20 MR. PACK: All right. Thank you. The 21 next matter for public hearing we have a bill.</p>

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<p>1 This is Bill 1408. This is a bill dealing with</p> <p>2 an amendment of Chapter 15 of Article 1. Madam</p> <p>3 Secretary, would you please read the title of</p> <p>4 the bill?</p> <p>5 MS. MORAN: Bill Number 1408, a bill to</p> <p>6 amend Chapter 15 (animals), Article 1 (animal</p> <p>7 control) of the Talbot County Code to create a</p> <p>8 licensure requirement for boarding, breeding,</p> <p>9 training, animal rescue, and pet sale</p> <p>10 facilities, to require that suitable shelters</p> <p>11 be provided to domesticated animals in times of</p> <p>12 extreme weather conditions, and to regulate the</p> <p>13 tethering of dogs and cats.</p> <p>14 MR. PACK: Thank you, Madam Secretary.</p> <p>15 Ms. Quimby, would you please come up for a</p> <p>16 brief introduction to council?</p> <p>17 MS. QUIMBY: Thank you, council and</p> <p>18 community for your time this evening. I'm here</p> <p>19 tonight as the executive director of Talbot</p> <p>20 Humane, the chief animal control officer for</p> <p>21 Talbot County, and the Talbot County residents</p>	<p>1 the public's input.</p> <p>2 Our work has been arduous, and we have</p> <p>3 taken the concerns and recommendations of those</p> <p>4 who have brought them to us. We have the</p> <p>5 support of Talbot Kennel Club who is here this</p> <p>6 evening, numerous boarding kennels, and a</p> <p>7 wealth of private citizens who are interested</p> <p>8 in seeing a more humane Talbot County.</p> <p>9 We believe we've created a compromised</p> <p>10 legislation that not only protects pets but pet</p> <p>11 owners and business owners alike. The ultimate</p> <p>12 goal of these changes -- I want people to</p> <p>13 understand it's not to penalize pet owners, but</p> <p>14 to prevent animals from suffering and to</p> <p>15 protect our citizens.</p> <p>16 I do want to remind our community and our</p> <p>17 board -- excuse me, our council that the board</p> <p>18 is made up of professionals. We have a</p> <p>19 Maryland licensed veterinarian. We have an</p> <p>20 owner of a boarding facility. We have a former</p> <p>21 animal control director on the board. We have</p>
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<p>1 to show our support for Bill 1408.</p> <p>2 As you know, we've heard from many people</p> <p>3 in the community. You've heard from state and</p> <p>4 national organizations supporting these</p> <p>5 changes. The changes are in line with those</p> <p>6 we've seen in other counties in Maryland as</p> <p>7 well as across the county.</p> <p>8 The desire for these changes has come from</p> <p>9 the voice of residents within Talbot County;</p> <p>10 residents who expect their values as a</p> <p>11 community to be mirrored in how we treat our</p> <p>12 animals. No, we have not seen a case of 300</p> <p>13 hoarded dogs in Talbot County, nor have we seen</p> <p>14 a case of animals who died in a boarding</p> <p>15 facility.</p> <p>16 Should we have to see these and then</p> <p>17 react, or should we be making provisions in the</p> <p>18 law to protect the animals and citizens before</p> <p>19 this occurs? We've met almost monthly for the</p> <p>20 past year with the Animal Control Board. These</p> <p>21 meetings have been posted, and we've asked for</p>	<p>1 members of the 4-H community, and we have</p> <p>2 citizens at large who care about animals.</p> <p>3 So, I thank you for your time and</p> <p>4 consideration in passing this bill.</p> <p>5 MR. PACK: Thank you, very much,</p> <p>6 Ms. Quimby. We appreciate it. All right.</p> <p>7 Come to the table, give us your name and</p> <p>8 address. Mr. Callahan is keeping time for us.</p> <p>9 We'll start -- this is on Bill 1408, and we'll</p> <p>10 start on the left side of the room, the first</p> <p>11 row on Bill 1408. Anyone wish to be heard on</p> <p>12 Bill 1408?</p> <p>13 (No response.)</p> <p>14 MR. PACK: Okay, go to the second row,</p> <p>15 anyone on 1408?</p> <p>16 (No response.)</p> <p>17 MR. PACK: Third? Please come up, ma'am.</p> <p>18 Give us your name and your address.</p> <p>19 MS. VERNE: My name is Jo Verne. I live</p> <p>20 in Talbot on Dustin Avenue. Yes, they call it</p> <p>21 Widow's World. I've been here in Talbot County</p>

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1 for 15 years. I've adopted dogs through the
 2 Talbot County Shelter. I've had dogs for -- I
 3 don't know -- I guess most of my life.
 4 This just seems to be so apparent. I know
 5 there are people who differ with this bill, but
 6 letting an animal suffer in the cold -- surely
 7 you've all seen dogs covered in ice with no
 8 water in front of them and know that they're
 9 suffering.
 10 I watch the Sarah McLachlan advertisement
 11 saying for the U.S. Humane Society. It brings
 12 a tear to my eye, and that's happening right
 13 here in Talbot County, and you all can stop it.
 14 This bill is just self-evident, and I hope you
 15 can bring yourselves to support it. Thank you.
 16 MR. PACK: Thank you. We appreciate it.
 17 Anyone else on that row wish to be heard?
 18 Ma'am, come up, please.
 19 MS. O'NEIL: My name is Jenny O'Neil, and
 20 I live at 5521 Old Trappe Road in Trappe,
 21 Maryland. I've come here today to ask you guys

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1 to not pass this bill as it is currently
 2 written and send it back for revision because I
 3 would, I guess, be considered, like, a hobby
 4 breeder of Labrador Retrievers in the county.
 5 I work full time elsewhere myself, and I
 6 teach at Chesapeake College. Some years I fall
 7 under the purview of this proposed bill and
 8 sometimes I do not, but from the perspective of
 9 a cottage business or hobby breeder and even a
 10 professional breeder I think that the
 11 regulation content with regard to licensing and
 12 inspecting and impacting your breeders in this
 13 county when we have a longstanding history of
 14 the Labrador hunting dogs don't have the right
 15 fit for how that is done.
 16 For example, you have a mandatory
 17 requirement for a vet in 24 hours, and a lot of
 18 people are doing their own care. You can buy
 19 antibiotics at Tractor Supply. You have a
 20 mandatory submission and review of all our
 21 records for a 12-month period. It's an

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1 enormous burden.
 2 You have a mandatory requirement for a
 3 certain type of subsurface in the structures
 4 and compounds that are basically disinfected
 5 and that type of thing, but concrete and hard
 6 surfaces are not in the best interest of dogs
 7 day after day, hour after hour, and there are
 8 alternatives which are automatically excluded.
 9 You have vagueness in the bill that gives
 10 unbelievable discretionary authority to the
 11 Humane Society for implementation and
 12 interpretation of your law which needs to be
 13 tightened up not only to protect breeders who
 14 are working diligently to put forth what our
 15 Waterfowl Festival touts as our claim to fame,
 16 but trying to improve the breed.
 17 You know, I dig a foot down, and there's a
 18 foot of dirt in my kennels. I lay wire, I put
 19 dirt in, I change that dirt out regularly to
 20 sustain its cleanliness. I bed in straw. I
 21 bed in shavings, and your law requires a

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1 bleachable surface basically. You have, like,
 2 clauses in there that relate to the right
 3 to give --
 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Thirty seconds.
 5 MS. VERNE: -- the right to give the
 6 license or not give the license. That needs
 7 rewriting. There needs to be better input.
 8 Your control board asked the Humane Society to
 9 reach out to all its professional people and to
 10 include me. They got my name and number. I
 11 was never notified. You didn't publish your
 12 hearing.
 13 And lastly I want to say I think that this
 14 council needs to consider the potential for
 15 disproportionate impact on the lower class
 16 citizen and minorities because there's a
 17 longstanding practice of tethering a dog and
 18 there are humane ways to do it.
 19 You can neglect it, but you -- and you
 20 have no phased-in process built into the
 21 structure of your language where it's an

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<p>1 enormous expense for me as a breeder to come up 2 to grade like that, an enormous expense for 3 citizens to come up to grade with regard to 4 compounds.</p>	<p>1 MR. PACK: The last row? Okay. How are 2 you?</p>
<p>5 MR. PACK: Thank you, very much.</p>	<p>3 MR. HANES: John Hanes, 2756 Oxford Road, 4 Tri-County Pets. I am on the board, and I see 5 this bill really is a standard of care, and it 6 doesn't bother me at all because I maintain 7 that standard of care. I would hope people in 8 my industry would maintain the standard I 9 maintain.</p>
<p>6 MS. VERNE: Thank you.</p>	<p>10 They're really asking for bare minimum.</p>
<p>7 MR. PACK: Anyone else on that row wish to 8 be heard?</p>	<p>11 Yes, there's a lot of interpretation. I mean, 12 these can be very strict. I believe that Patty 13 and her crew will be fair, and she's not out to 14 get anybody out of business or anything else, 15 but there is a standard of care that needs to 16 be done as you would go to a motel or 17 restaurant and all that you expect it to be 18 clean. The same thing with a boarding kennel.</p>
<p>9 (No response.)</p>	<p>19 I'm speaking of boarding kennels because I 20 don't breed, and I'm not really that end, but 21 it's nothing that's really beyond the norm to</p>
<p>10 MR. PACK: Anyone on the next row wish to 11 be heard? Anyone -- okay.</p>	
<p>12 MS. MAKI: Good evening. My name is 13 Betty Maki, and I live at 7448 14 Jeffreys Way in Easton. I'm in favor of the 15 revision submitted by the Talbot Humane and the 16 Talbot County Animal Control Board. I believe 17 these revisions have been thoughtfully 18 constructed to protect the people of Talbot 19 County as well as the animals who look to us 20 for protection from cruelty and neglect. 21 These changes will give the animal control</p>	
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<p>1 officers the regulations they need to inspect 2 boarding kennels, breeder facilities, and 3 groomers to name a few. When animals are found 4 mistreated, neglected, or worse we of Talbot 5 County will know we have the laws and 6 regulations to immediately take care of these 7 situations, and I don't believe these revisions 8 are asking too much.</p>	<p>1 ask that if somebody brings a pet to you that 2 they have reasonable care.</p>
<p>9 It seems to me they are just the way it 10 should be. Facilities should be looked at, 11 inspected on a yearly basis as suggested and 12 that's -- you know, that's to me the general 13 way things should be to make sure everyone is 14 complying with what needs to be.</p>	<p>3 So, nobody wants more laws and 4 regulations, but if it needs to be done it 5 needs to be done. Any questions?</p>
<p>15 Otherwise how would we know, and animals 16 cannot speak for themselves. Thank you.</p>	<p>6 MR. PACK: Thank you. Anyone else on that 7 row?</p>
<p>17 MR. PACK: Thank you. Anyone else on that 18 row?</p>	<p>8 (No response.)</p>
<p>19 (No response.)</p>	<p>9 MR. PACK: We're going to move over to the 10 right side of the room. Anyone in the second 11 row? I'll get to you sir, I'll get to you. 12 I'm going down the rows. I'll get to you. 13 Anybody on the next row? Okay.</p>
<p>20 MR. PACK: Next row behind?</p>	<p>14 MS. BEAVERS: Good evening, gentlemen and 15 ladies. My name is Joann Beavers. My address 16 is 24989 Barrett Lane, St. Michaels, Maryland. 17 I've been working -- well as a gadfly if 18 nothing else -- with both Patty Quimby and the 19 Animal Control Board.</p>
<p>21 (No response.)</p>	<p>20 I represent myself personally, but I'm 21 also representing Talbot Kennel Club as their</p>

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1 legislative liaison. While there are major
 2 changes that we've made over time with this
 3 regulation they have actually coupled together
 4 something that will be very useful, allow them
 5 to prevent dogs, cats, other animals from
 6 suffering without being so onerous to those
 7 people who actually are involved with them.
 8 I've been breeding and showing dogs since
 9 1977, and while I probably would not meet their
 10 definition of a breeding facility I am
 11 concerned that there are people who do meet
 12 their definition who are not taking care of the
 13 animals the way they should be.
 14 This gives them the opportunity to review
 15 those practices and amend them so that the
 16 animals themselves do not suffer. Any
 17 questions?
 18 MR. PACK: No, ma'am.
 19 MS. BEAVERS: Thank you.
 20 MR. PACK: Thank you, very much. Anyone
 21 else on that row?

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1 (No response.)
 2 MR. PACK: Okay, sir, your row, you're up.
 3 MR. BAKER: I'm Richard Baker, Jr. I live
 4 at 4529 Windy Hill Road, Trappe, and I'm a
 5 third, maybe fourth or fifth generation
 6 Beagle. My grandfather was born in 1895 in
 7 this county. I've birthed cows in the cold.
 8 I've birthed sheep in the cold. I've seen
 9 puppies born in the cold.
 10 As a matter of fact, last year we had a
 11 Beagle in a box with straw that birthed five
 12 puppies perfect in ten degree overnight
 13 temperatures, and she was fine, and all five
 14 are raised and sold.
 15 I have qualified -- I have two Chasens,
 16 and I qualified a Grain Hunting
 17 Beagle champion to go to the World Hunt last
 18 year. When I got to the World Hunt one of the
 19 prettiest things in the world at 5 o'clock in
 20 the morning, all up the side of the mountain
 21 was 223 dogs chained out.

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1 The happiest dogs you'll ever see in your
 2 life. I always tell everybody look at Alaska
 3 and look at the Malamutes. Have you ever seen
 4 a breeder with 20 Malamutes? They're jumping
 5 on their chains. They're the most joyful
 6 animals in the world. They're tickled with
 7 their situation. They're happy. They're not
 8 cold.
 9 I have a Chesapeake. I duck hunt too when
 10 I ain't rabbit hunting. She busted ice. On a
 11 ten-degree morning she was breaking half-inch
 12 ice retrieving ducks and geese. I was fussing
 13 at her to stay out of the water when we were
 14 putting the decoys out, and she's playing in
 15 it. So, everybody's definition of cold is
 16 something else.
 17 I have seen hundreds of dogs born. I have
 18 birthed sheep, and like I said, lean tos with
 19 straw, you put a dog in a good box with straw
 20 and out of the wind. I've never seen a dog
 21 freeze, and my grandfather's never seen a dog

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1 freeze, and that was a long time ago.
 2 I think this Humane Society -- from what I
 3 understand this has been approached all over
 4 the United States. It's another thing to take
 5 away our rights and infringe on our rights.
 6 That dog is my dog. Leave him alone. Don't
 7 bother my animals. I won't bother yours.
 8 I talked to over 12 -- a dozen Beaglers
 9 and other Houndsmen. They won't come here
 10 because they're afraid their faces and their
 11 addresses will be wrote down, and they'll be
 12 harassed, and I can tell you of incidences
 13 where they have come in people's yard and took
 14 an old dog.
 15 One guy, he laughed. He said they took a
 16 dog that was 16 years old because he said it
 17 looked sick. He said by God, it was probably
 18 days from dying, and they took it. He told
 19 them keep it -- you know, he's a practical
 20 person. The dog was no more good. He was
 21 living out his life in his kennel.

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1 This stuff happens from the Humane
 2 Society. I don't care what you say -- you
 3 know.
 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Thirty seconds.
 5 MR. BAKER: Duh, it happens. I just think
 6 that we need -- I wrote the Board. I want you
 7 all to really think about this. We have enough
 8 laws now. They can come do anything they want
 9 now about a dog or anything.
 10 A chain or anything like that is the best
 11 training thing in the world. A chain will
 12 proud up a shy dog. It's just -- they don't
 13 understand animals. These people only go by
 14 their feelings and poor boo-hoo because he's
 15 out in the cold, and the cold isn't cold to a
 16 well-fed animal.
 17 Feed him 15 percent more food any time the
 18 temperature drops, and my dogs will stay out
 19 there longer than you will. I don't care how
 20 you're dressed. Amen? Thank you all, very
 21 much, and I'm sorry I couldn't bring more

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1 people here.
 2 MR. PACK: Thank you, Mr. Baker. Anyone
 3 else on that row? Come on up.
 4 MS. SARUBIN: My name is Susan Sarubin. I
 5 live on Easton Village Drive in Easton, and I'm
 6 a certified behavior consultant and dog
 7 trainer. I didn't plan on saying anything
 8 today. I'm also on the board at Talbot Humane.
 9 But I've heard kind of enough. Speaking
 10 as a trainer and addressing dogs being on a
 11 chain the research is clear. We know that dogs
 12 being on chains and being left on chains leads
 13 to aggressive behavior. It just does. I mean,
 14 it's not even a question.
 15 The laws here and the ordinance here is
 16 what, 13 years old now, and it hadn't had any
 17 revisions? It's outdated. It's antiquated.
 18 We need further protection for our animals. I
 19 can't speak to Beagling, but I do know that
 20 most average household -- most dogs in this
 21 community are household pets or are pets

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1 anyway.
 2 Hopefully they're household pets. They
 3 should be -- dogs are social animals. They
 4 should be living in a home and not tied out on
 5 a chain or a rope. I'm a cyclist. I've seen
 6 it too many times riding through this town.
 7 It breaks my heart seeing dogs tied out on
 8 a chain with a crappy old doghouse nearby, and
 9 they get by on the current ordinance. If
 10 they've got water, and they've got some sort of
 11 shelter they get by. These dogs are miserable.
 12 They hit the end of their chain when you
 13 come by. It's called barrier frustration.
 14 That's how dogs become aggressive when they're
 15 on a chain or on a tether because they can't
 16 get to what it is they want to get to. They
 17 become frustrated.
 18 Initially they just want to get to that
 19 person who's walking by, that child or
 20 whatever, but over months or years of this
 21 happening they get frustrated, and then they

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1 tend to get aggressive. I've seen it time and
 2 time again.
 3 I've worked with dogs that have come from
 4 those sorts of situations. It's awful. So,
 5 I'm asking you -- there's nothing in this bill
 6 for boarding kennels, as far as I'm concerned
 7 for breeders, or for the average dog owner that
 8 is unreasonable to ask for to protect our
 9 animals. That's it. Thank you.
 10 MR. PACK: Thank you. Anyone further on
 11 that row?
 12 (No response.)
 13 MR. PACK: Going back to the last row, is
 14 there anyone in the last row?
 15 (No response.)
 16 MR. PACK: I saw a hand pop up over here.
 17 Going back to the left side. Come on up,
 18 ma'am. Come on up and be heard.
 19 MS. ELLISON: My name is Rebecca Ellison.
 20 I've been living in this county since 1946, and
 21 I hate to admit my age. I've been supposedly

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1 training dogs that entire time. My parents
 2 like dogs. We always had dogs. I went to
 3 obedience classes and dog agility.
 4 I don't train other people's dogs, but my
 5 own dogs have been in the top ten in the
 6 country 12 different years -- 12 different
 7 times. I have Jack Russells. I suppose
 8 they're built more like Beagles.
 9 You cannot compare them to dogs that are
 10 bred and raised for the colder climates. They
 11 have different hair. Jack Russells are
 12 supposed to have a lower coat, an inner coat,
 13 an outer coat, and all these subtleties. I
 14 don't think Beagles really do.
 15 I would like to say that I'm really
 16 shocked. I think we have -- gosh, I'd like to
 17 hit a lot of points. Is this a pet bill or is
 18 this a livestock bill? It's sounding like
 19 livestock. I personally am so upset about the
 20 idea of tethering cats.
 21 You have all had cats. Would you really

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1 take your pet cat and tether it outside?
 2 What's the point? The other thing is that I
 3 happen to have PhD in biology and don't need
 4 one to know that ice freezes at 32 degrees
 5 Fahrenheit.
 6 I don't know whether we were centigrade or
 7 Fahrenheit on the ten-degree thing, but we hit
 8 12 degrees a couple weeks ago. Was that fun to
 9 be out in? It's very hard to legislate for
 10 conditions.
 11 You can say under this temperature or that
 12 temperature, but what if this is a kennel that
 13 faces north instead of south? What if this is
 14 a kennel that's had water seep into it, and
 15 it's damp and it's not really measurable?
 16 I think that one way to address this --
 17 and I'm sorry I haven't read the bill -- is to
 18 have the Humane Society have an emergency
 19 power, like, tonight, now, that dog goes inside
 20 because sometimes a perfectly good kennel would
 21 be facing the wrong way, it may be be wet.

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1 We've had all this flooding.
 2 It's not going to get better weather-wise,
 3 and I can sit here and talk to you about the --
 4 out back of St. Michaels -- I forget whatever
 5 park it is where they have the rows and rows.
 6 There are Pit Bull things, like, was involved
 7 in chasing down some Pit Bull activities there
 8 where they steal cats and dogs. You can find
 9 trash cans of cats, and the people who -- I
 10 mean pets versus livestock versus cruelty --
 11 we're not talking about chicken baiting, but
 12 these things do exist in the county.
 13 The first comment about the 300 dogs,
 14 we're lucky we don't some barn someplace with
 15 300 puppies in it. I've adopted dogs. How
 16 many dogs can you possibly adopt? We don't
 17 want that to start, and I don't know what the
 18 bill says. I'm just here to tell you that
 19 water freezes at a certain temperature.
 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Thirty seconds, ma'am.
 21 MS. SARUBIN: What's the percent that

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1 human bodies are made of water? A big percent,
 2 and it's likely salty water, but still you
 3 cannot have dogs out in those conditions. What
 4 would be the point in having a dog -- if we
 5 could have, like, a drive when there's known
 6 cold coming I would be glad to take my dog
 7 crates into the Humane Society so people could
 8 come pick them up and borrow them, and have
 9 their dog in kitchen in my crate and sort it
 10 out later.
 11 So, some flexibility. Thank you, very
 12 much. I thought I would just say I'm in
 13 support of the Humane Society, and I haven't
 14 read the bill. Maybe there are things that we
 15 could fine tune, but I think that they
 16 represent the majority of Talbot County
 17 citizens and pets.
 18 He talked about his rights. He never
 19 mentioned his dogs' rights.
 20 MR. BAKER: It's a dog, ma'am. It's a
 21 dog, an animal. That's in the Bible.

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1 MR. PACK: A little order, please.
 2 MS. SARUBIN: Don't get me started on the
 3 Bible.
 4 MR. PACK: Thank you, very much,
 5 Ms. Ellison. Anyone else on the left side of
 6 the room on this -- on 1408?
 7 (No response.)
 8 MR. PACK: Any comments from council?
 9 Ms. Quimby, can you please come back up to the
 10 table for a moment, please? We have a
 11 clarification question for you.
 12 MS. QUIMBY: Sure.
 13 MS. PACK: Thank you.
 14 MS. QUIMBY: Sure.
 15 MR. DIVILIO: I just had a couple
 16 questions.
 17 MS. QUIMBY: Sure.
 18 MR. DIVILIO: Just roughly in the last
 19 year about how many dogs did you take away from
 20 a resident?
 21 MS. QUIMBY: Seized under the county laws?

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1 MR. DIVILIO: Okay.
 2 MS. QUIMBY: So, we do not do it very
 3 often. We really try to work with our
 4 community. Our goal -- I can't speak to what
 5 my predecessors have done. You know, I have
 6 been the director now as of Sunday for eight
 7 years.
 8 But I can speak to how we have been
 9 working since I've been director, and our goal
 10 is to educate the community, not to take their
 11 animals. We don't want their animals. I think
 12 that shows in the number of animals that have
 13 been coming into our shelter every year
 14 decreasing and the number of people using our
 15 services increasing.
 16 So, these bills are important in our
 17 ability to protect the animals. This winter --
 18 last winter I'd get calls at midnight. I get
 19 e-mails from people who drive past a dog that's
 20 out, and we can't do anything until we can
 21 prove that the animal is suffering. These

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1 bills will prevent the suffering of the animals
 2 before it happens.
 3 MS. PRICE: Let me follow up to that. If
 4 these regulations had been in place how many do
 5 you think you would have seized?
 6 MS. QUIMBY: If these regulations had been
 7 in place we would have hopefully not had to
 8 seize any animals. Our goal right now -- our
 9 officers I can speak to have been telling our
 10 residents about these new laws going into
 11 place.
 12 We did seize one dog in February for being
 13 out on a tether in the cold without proper
 14 shelter. The owners never contacted us. I
 15 sent certified letters. They never contacted
 16 us. They never came for their dog. They never
 17 did any of the things that give them the
 18 opportunity to get their dog back.
 19 Our seizures of animals, it could go up
 20 slightly. I would hope it would not. I would
 21 hope that -- I truly believe and I have seen in

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1 other areas when people know what the laws are
 2 and what can happen, they do better for their
 3 animals.
 4 MS. PRICE: Did you have an opportunity to
 5 read Ms. O'Neil's letter?
 6 MS. QUIMBY: Yes.
 7 MS. PRICE: So, there was a couple of
 8 points, just for example, alternatives to the
 9 hard surfaces. In turning over the dirt and
 10 straw and things like that, that are warm and
 11 good and clean. Are there ways, possibly some
 12 amendments that would address that?
 13 MS. QUIMBY: I would have to do some
 14 research on what the professionals in the field
 15 feel about that. My feeling is that how do you
 16 regulate -- how do you know that that dirt has
 17 been turned over? How do you know that it's
 18 being changed regularly?
 19 An example for our -- for shelters, the
 20 regulations that we have, we cannot have
 21 surfaces that are not able to be cleaned

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1 properly and disinfected. Veterinary hospitals
 2 are much more strict than what we have. I
 3 think we could look into that. I'm not opposed
 4 to discussing changes to this bill.
 5 One of the concerns was when we had our
 6 work session that we had recommended a delay in
 7 implementation of the kennel inspection for a
 8 year. I have heard from some people that
 9 they're concerned about that having been taken
 10 out of the bill that was presented.
 11 I think that if that's a concern to ensure
 12 that people know what's going on and that they
 13 have time to get in place I think that's
 14 something that we should discuss.
 15 MS. O'DONNELL: Just to clarify, it is
 16 not taken out.
 17 MS. QUIMBY: It wasn't taken out.
 18 MR. PACK: It's in the bill.
 19 MS. O'DONNELL: Section 7 indicates that
 20 the entire bill -- that provision will take
 21 effect January 1, 2020.

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1 MS. PACK: Okay. I missed that.
 2 MS. PRICE: And then getting medications.
 3 Like, we get sick, and we don't always go
 4 straight to the doctor. Are there ways to do
 5 that, maybe a 24 mandate?
 6 MS. QUIMBY: That was from our
 7 veterinarian that's on our board. I mean,
 8 he -- I think what we're speaking about --
 9 MS. PRICE: He's in the business. He'd
 10 love to have more people come.
 11 MS. QUIMBY: I don't think that was his
 12 impetus of this. I think when we're talking
 13 about a kennel -- a breeding kennel or a
 14 boarding kennel where you are boarding other
 15 people's animals or a training kennel where you
 16 are boarding other people's animals there's a
 17 higher expectation of care for those animals.
 18 As a pet owner if I was boarding my animal
 19 and I was away and it fell ill I would
 20 certainly expect that the person caring for my
 21 animal would get it to a vet.

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1 MS. PRICE: So, is there a difference
 2 between caring for another person's animal and
 3 being a breeder or having several -- you know,
 4 one breed?
 5 MS. QUIMBY: You're the owner?
 6 MS. PRICE: Yes.
 7 MS. QUIMBY: Perhaps. I think that it's
 8 difficult unless we're going to have a
 9 provision for boarding and training kennels and
 10 a provision for breeding kennels where they're
 11 owned.
 12 MS. PRICE: That might be something to
 13 consider because they're familiar with the
 14 dogs. When you have someone else's animal you
 15 don't know what might be normal for them, and
 16 you'd want to get them medical care.
 17 MS. QUIMBY: That's something I can
 18 certainly take back to Dr. Harris and the
 19 Animal Control Board if that's something that
 20 the board is interested in us looking at. Our
 21 goal is to be fair. There's not an idea to

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1 penalize business owners or pet owners. It's to
 2 protect the animals and consumers and citizens.
 3 MR. CALLAHAN: I'm assuming, Patty,
 4 talking through some of the testimony that
 5 we've heard, when you take a look at a call --
 6 somebody calls you. I'm assuming that you're
 7 going to take a look at the call, assess what's
 8 going on, and mainly assess if the dog or
 9 animal is outside tethered you'd look at that
 10 breed too.
 11 MS. QUIMBY: Well right now the tethering
 12 law -- we don't have a tethering law in Talbot
 13 County. So, if we're talking about extreme
 14 weather it is an issue of -- tethering and
 15 extreme weather are different issues really.
 16 So, tethering has been proven -- USDA -- I
 17 know not everybody likes HSUS, but the National
 18 Veterinary Association, the Association of
 19 Shelter Veterinarians all have come out and
 20 stated that tethering -- continuous tethering
 21 is a cruel and unusual treatment of dogs.

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1 So, this isn't something new. The first
 2 statement was made in 1996 by the USDA that
 3 that was an inhumane manner of continuously
 4 containing an animal. So, I'm just asking that
 5 we are looking at getting with the times and
 6 following suit with other counties in the state
 7 with the tethering law.
 8 The animals that we see that bite,
 9 specifically children are two and a half times
 10 more likely to have been a tethered dog.
 11 Children under 12, 5.8 times more likely to be
 12 a tethered dog that has bitten.
 13 We're talking about a public safety issue.
 14 We're not talking about people who are at field
 15 trials with their dogs. Their dogs are being
 16 monitored. They're out there doing their
 17 thing. They love to do their thing.
 18 We're not talking about people putting
 19 their dogs out for fresh air and to go to the
 20 bathroom. We're talking about animals that are
 21 living continuously on tethers attached to a

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1 doghouse across Talbot County, and your
 2 residents, your citizens, don't want to see
 3 this anymore.
 4 MR. PACK: Any other questions?
 5 MR. LESHER: Ms. Quimby, I can't find it.
 6 The temperatures, they're what, 32 to 85 I
 7 think?
 8 MS. QUIMBY: Yes. Those are our
 9 recommendations. Those are based on what other
 10 counties have adopted. Also the ABMA and HSUS,
 11 those are all -- what has been recommended as
 12 temperatures that are fair to be out.
 13 Now that being said that doesn't mean that
 14 if a dog is outside when it's 90 degrees and it
 15 has proper shade and it's not suffering that
 16 the dog has to be brought in. It means that --
 17 this bill as it reads, you have to provide
 18 proper provisions.
 19 So, if you have a doghouse that has proper
 20 insulation and has proper -- there are things
 21 that you have to provide above and beyond the

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1 plastic doghouse that you can buy at Pet Smart
 2 if it is 10 degrees outside, or if it's 90
 3 degrees outside, being outside without proper
 4 shade and proper ventilation and all of those
 5 things.
 6 This gives latitude for the officers who
 7 go out and the dog is not -- currently the dog
 8 has shade, but we can tell by where the tree
 9 row is that by 2 o'clock the dog isn't going to
 10 have shade.
 11 MR. PACK: Ms. Quimby, I'm going to stop
 12 you there. This is the public hearing, so I'm
 13 going to stop you there. Thank you, very much.
 14 Council, I'm going to ask that we leave this
 15 public hearing open for any further comment
 16 until this coming Friday, the 29th.
 17 So, if anyone has any other written
 18 comment -- we do have a letter from Ms. O'Neil,
 19 a written letter to Mr. Beaver. If your group
 20 couldn't attend today and wishes to send a
 21 letter tell them to please do so. So, Madam

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1 Secretary, we're going to keep the public
 2 hearing open unless there's some objection from
 3 council.
 4 MS. PRICE: No, but I have a question.
 5 MR. PACK: Let me finish up this. We're
 6 going to keep it open until Friday close of
 7 business if anyone wishes to send in any other
 8 comment, if you have a particular pet passage
 9 that you would like to see amended just write
 10 the page down and send it in, and we'll take a
 11 look at it by this coming Friday, and it will
 12 be back before council for a vote on the next
 13 legislative date.
 14 MS. MORAN: April 9th.
 15 MR. PACK: So, we'll take this matter up
 16 for the council to vote on April the 9th. What
 17 time, Madam Secretary?
 18 MS. MORAN: 6:00.
 19 MR. PACK: 6 o'clock.
 20 MS. PRICE: A couple of the things that we
 21 mentioned that you might -- won't be able to

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1 look at. Some of the amendments might be
 2 better going to Patty than to us to see if
 3 they're reasonable. I don't know whether we
 4 can -- if there's anything to work out we'll
 5 take that up on the 9th and maybe make an
 6 amendment.
 7 MR. PACK: You can do amendments any time.
 8 MS. PRICE: But if you have a way to work
 9 something out you can --
 10 MS. QUIMBY: I'll write myself a note
 11 because --
 12 MS. PRICE: Yes.
 13 MS. QUIMBY: Specifically you were talking
 14 about the 24-hour vetting and the
 15 sub straight under which --
 16 MS. PRICE: There might be other things in
 17 this letter that are valid -- I'm not the
 18 expert -- to maybe work with this person and
 19 see if there's anything that I didn't mention
 20 that might be appropriate for an amendment.
 21 Again, I'd rather walk on carpet than on a

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1 hard floor. So, maybe the dog would like to do
 2 that too, if there's a way to work that out,
 3 and then if there's something that you think
 4 could be changed contact the county manager's
 5 office so that we can see if there's an
 6 amendment to draft or not. Thank you.
 7 MS. QUIMBY: Okay. Thank you.
 8 MR. PACK: Send it into the county
 9 manager's office for Ms. Moran to make sure we
 10 get it. Okay, we're going to -- again, this
 11 public hearing is not closed. It's going to
 12 stay open through the end of business this
 13 coming Friday, the 29th for any other written
 14 comments.
 15 We thank you all for coming out. We
 16 appreciate your comments, and we're going to be
 17 moving on, on our agenda at this time. Thank
 18 you.
 19 Council, you now have an update from the
 20 Talbot County Department of Economic
 21 Development and Tourism. Ms. Cassandra

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1 Vanhooser is here with us, our director. Also
 2 Talbot County Department of Economic
 3 Development and Tourism Mr. Sam Shoge, the
 4 Economic Development coordinator, is with us as
 5 well. Cassandra, Sam, good to see you both.
 6 This is an update.
 7 MS. VANHOOSER: Thank you for having us.
 8 I'm going to give it to Sam and let him kick it
 9 off, and then I'll bring it back in to wrap it
 10 up.
 11 MR. SHOGE: Good evening. We have just a
 12 very short and brief update from the Economic
 13 Development side of things. As you know, the
 14 Allen Heron project and getting that converted
 15 into a state-of-the-art vertically integrated
 16 aquaculture project is currently underway.
 17 Things are proceeding which is great to
 18 report. We actually spoke with one of the
 19 partners today. So, we got a brief update from
 20 him, and things are moving along. So, we
 21 should have -- you know, further stuff to

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1 release to the public as the weeks develop.
 2 We are also excited to announce that the
 3 Talbot County Public Schools has officially
 4 joined the apprenticeship -- the Youth
 5 Apprenticeship Program. This allows Talbot
 6 County high school students to serve in
 7 businesses as apprentices.
 8 So, that component of their overall
 9 apprenticeship in the business consists of
 10 about 450 hours of on-the-job training as well
 11 as in classroom experience as well. So, this
 12 is something that many of the businesses have
 13 been advocating for adamantly.
 14 They were looking for some type of
 15 pipeline to establish to get the youth more
 16 connected with their business so that that
 17 could translate into full-time employment when
 18 that student graduates. So, we're very excited
 19 to have that as a tool in our toolbox.
 20 Lastly we have the business appreciation
 21 breakfast coming up. So, please mark your

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<p>1 calendars for Friday, May the 3rd. That is the 2 can't-miss event of the year for our 3 department. We've got a record number of 4 nominations for the community impact award this 5 year. 6 It definitely got circulated wide and far, 7 and we're really excited about the nominations 8 that came in. Some really fantastic businesses 9 and individuals were nominated, so I do not 10 relish being an EDT member having to vote on 11 one of those winners. 12 So, again please mark your calendar for 13 Friday, May the 3rd. The breakfast will be 14 held at The Milestone from 8:00 to 10:00. 15 We are also excited to announce that 16 Department of Commerce Secretary Shultz will be 17 our keynote speaker. We're very excited to 18 have her. Deputy Secretary Benjamin Woo of 19 Congress was our speaker last year, and then, 20 of course, Lieutenant Governor Boyd Rutherford 21 was the keynote the year before.</p>	<p>1 So, we're really excited about the number 2 of people across a broad range of industries 3 who want to plant their business here. We 4 think that that speaks to a healthy ecosystem 5 for the economy. So, that's all really good, 6 good news. 7 So, from the tourism aspect of the 8 Economic Development and Tourism Department 9 this is the time of year where we plot and plan 10 and print and do our guide and print out all of 11 our brochures and make sure our website is up 12 to date. It's like drinking from a fire 13 hydrant right now. 14 So, we just sent out our 2019 travel guide 15 to the person who will be laying it out, and it 16 will go to the printer next week. So, we're 17 really excited about that. We are working on 18 the master plan and the interpretive plan RFD 19 for the project for the Frederick Douglass 20 Park. 21 We had our first meeting with our advisory</p>
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<p>1 This has really allowed us to build great 2 relationships with our state officials. We 3 typically tour them around some of our local 4 businesses afterwards as well. That's giving 5 our businesses a pipeline to the state also. 6 So, we definitely plan on continuing that 7 overall momentum with Secretary Shultz. And 8 that's the update from Economic Development. 9 MS. VANHOOSER: As Sam said, we're really 10 excited about the number of nominations that 11 came in because it speaks to the health of the 12 economy in Talbot County, and that we also 13 continue to field a number of inquiries from 14 people who want to start businesses here, and 15 they're primarily in the hospitality industry 16 which is really exciting. 17 We've had a tour company, we've had 18 Meridian Today, we've got a wholesale business, 19 a brewery, a bakery, several lodging business. 20 So, we're -- a doggy daycare to carry on the 21 theme that we've just had for this evening.</p>	<p>1 committee, so thank you for appointing that 2 committee. It looks like we've got a really 3 great group, and Corey is part of that group. 4 So, we're excited about the possibilities for 5 that, and we'll be releasing that RFP hopefully 6 at our next meeting which is this Thursday. 7 Then, of course, Restaurant Week is coming 8 up April 7th through 13th. I would encourage 9 you to make your reservations now if you want 10 to get a great table. We do a large promotion 11 driving people to our restaurants, and the 12 singular goal here is to fill up the seats in 13 restaurants. 14 We are very supportive of this aspect of 15 the industry. It provides the quality of life 16 that we all enjoy from living here but also 17 brings people in because of our culinary 18 assets. That promotion will be running through 19 the 13th. 20 Then, of course, the spring and summer ad 21 campaign is being shipped out even as we speak.</p>

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1 So, we're in places like Southern Living with
 2 our Maryland State Co-op and all the other
 3 publications and have a large digital component
 4 this year.
 5 We have been shifting toward digital
 6 marketing and have put additional resources
 7 toward that this year. So, a lot going on in
 8 Economic Development and Tourism.
 9 One last thing is I would like to
 10 acknowledge my two board members from the
 11 Tourism Board who are here tonight, Angela Lee
 12 who represents short-term rentals and Kelly Cox
 13 who represents the Bay Hundred, and through
 14 happy circumstance we're here together, and I'm
 15 delighted to have them with us and say thank
 16 you for their service that they give to the
 17 tourism industry and to this board.
 18 MR. PACK: Thank you, very much, both of
 19 you. The Restaurant Week, normally there's a
 20 kickoff event -- it used to be at the
 21 Tidewater. Is that taking place again this

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1 year?
 2 MS. VANHOOSER: No. We're not doing that
 3 this year. We did not do that last year, and
 4 it just seemed like that event's time had come
 5 and gone. We're looking for alternatives on
 6 how to transition that event to possibly a
 7 hospitality fundraiser.
 8 That would be my dream and goal, and we
 9 are working on that. So, you might see that
 10 come back.
 11 MR. PACK: I hope so. American Salmon,
 12 what is their timetable, Sam, as far as getting
 13 their doors open? I know they have to go
 14 inside and do a lot of retrofitting inside that
 15 building.
 16 MR. SHOGE: The first phase is really
 17 going to be cleaning up the property. He
 18 actually has some pretty interesting ideas in
 19 terms of getting that done. You know, his goal
 20 is to do the project with as much local talent
 21 as possible.

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1 He even mentioned the possibility of
 2 bringing on -- apparently there's a training
 3 program for demolition people, people who want
 4 to kind of further their skills in the
 5 demolition trade and industry. They kind of
 6 have, like, an apprenticeship program.
 7 So, he's actually speaking with that
 8 training program to potentially incorporate
 9 that into moving the next phase forward.
 10 MR. PACK: Do any other buildings have to
 11 be demolished?
 12 MR. SHOGE: Not the main building itself.
 13 There are several sheds and outbuildings out on
 14 the periphery there. So, getting the property
 15 cleaned up is phase one, if you will, and then
 16 as that's ongoing he's going to be finalizing
 17 those details with his engineering team over
 18 the next several weeks.
 19 So, we should have a better visual and
 20 layout and renderings and so on and so forth
 21 regarding what the overall site is going to

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1 look like. So, he reported to us over the next
 2 several weeks that should start to develop a
 3 little bit faster.
 4 MR. PACK: I think we'll be hearing from
 5 Ms. Verdery's office probably in the next month
 6 or so regarding the zoning issue there for that
 7 particular use. Okay. So, we don't have a
 8 clear timeline, but they are moving and have to
 9 do some preliminary stuff.
 10 MR. SHOGE: Yes.
 11 MR. PACK: Any other questions?
 12 MR. LESHER: Just back to your first item,
 13 Mr. Shoge, on the apprenticeship program --
 14 MR. SHOGE: Yes.
 15 MR. LESHER: -- this is certified through
 16 the state DLLR?
 17 MR. SHOGE: That's correct.
 18 MR. LESHER: And is it simply the high
 19 school program that's certified, or with all
 20 the apprentices being businesses do all the
 21 individual business need to get certified by

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1 the State as well?

2 MR. SHOGE: Yes, it's the businesses that

3 need to be certified. So, we actually had

4 lunch today with the navigator for the Youth

5 Apprenticeship Program.

6 So, the Department of Labor Licensing and

7 Regulation has three navigators that serve the

8 entire state of Maryland, and those navigators

9 are responsible for essentially guiding the

10 businesses through the paperwork and then

11 getting them signed on to the overall program,

12 and that's, of course, Patty Shrieves who is

13 going to be our local navigator to help those

14 businesses.

15 So -- you know, from our perspective,

16 Cassandra and I, whenever we are integrating

17 with businesses who express an interest or

18 desire for some type of apprenticeship program

19 we help make that connection with Patty who

20 then, working with the DLLR, will help the

21 business go through the paperwork, and she's

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1 also partnered with the school system as well

2 and their career placement staff, and then

3 identify the students who would then go through

4 that apprenticeship program.

5 MR. LESHER: We've certainly heard over

6 the past years about the -- an increasing

7 recognition for the need for vocational

8 education and job training, and I love to see

9 one, that the State is stepping up to this

10 need, and two, that we at the county level and

11 our high school is responding to that.

12 So, that's very, very good news and thank

13 you for bringing it to us.

14 MR. SHOGE: Absolutely, and if you want to

15 hear more I'm sure Dr. Kelly Griffith can give

16 you a full update. I hope we didn't steal her

17 thunder by handing out things about the

18 apprenticeship program, but we're so excited

19 about it because -- you know, this really is

20 something that the businesses have been asking

21 for.

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1 MS. VANHOOSER: We think that this can

2 help solve some of the workforce problems and

3 also give kids who are looking for a

4 nontraditional path a way forward. So, we

5 think it's a win/win and pretty exciting,

6 and -- you know, it can influence the

7 industries of hospitality and boat building

8 and -- you know, all kinds of things that we

9 have here that we do really well and help kids

10 get plugged into that.

11 So -- you know, it's a great thing. We're

12 excited.

13 MR. LESHER: Kudos to all involved in that

14 effort.

15 MR. PACK: The one thing -- I was over in

16 DC at The American University with my daughter

17 last weekend and you see scooters all over the

18 place where people are now taking scooters and

19 driving them.

20 Do you think that's something that would

21 ever be a useful enterprise here, these

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1 scooters that people take around town? In

2 Baltimore City they have it as well. I guess

3 you take your credit card and swipe it. You

4 see these things parked all over the place.

5 MS. VANHOOSER: I think technology makes

6 those things really easy now, and I think

7 there's opportunity for enterprising people to

8 do lots of different things. That's one of the

9 things I was saying is that we're so excited

10 about the entrepreneurs bringing these fabulous

11 new ideas in.

12 I do want to give a shout-out to our

13 partner in this, Rich Loeffler. When someone

14 comes to us with a business idea like that we

15 typically connect them with the Small

16 Business Development Center, and Rich is our

17 point of contact for them.

18 We get them a business plan. We walk them

19 through the process, and as Sam has said so

20 many times to you when we give you our update,

21 people who come to us early in the process --

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1 you know, have a much easier row to hoe than
 2 those who don't come.
 3 So -- you know, I think there's
 4 opportunity for all different kinds of things.
 5 That's one of my favorite things is to envision
 6 the future and think about what is possible and
 7 what's next.
 8 MR. PACK: I thought you meant ride
 9 scooters.
 10 MS. VANHOOSER: I like to ride scooters
 11 too.
 12 MR. PACK: Anything else council?
 13 (No response).
 14 MR. PACK: Thanks, but don't leave.
 15 MS. VANHOOSER: We're not leaving.
 16 MR. PACK: We're going to move on to our
 17 next item. This is a presentation of the town
 18 of Easton's proposal to establish an Arts and
 19 Entertainment District, and Ms. Vanhooser is
 20 here with us as well as --
 21 MS. VANHOOSER: Angela Lane. She is here

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1 to answer our tax questions, and Sam is going
 2 to help me with the PowerPoint.
 3 MR. PACK: So, this is a credit for
 4 persons within a particular jurisdiction, Okay.
 5 MS. VANHOOSER: The proposal that we have
 6 on the table today is for an Arts and
 7 Entertainment District in the town of Easton.
 8 I really look at this as community development
 9 through the arts. If you look at the numbers
 10 for arts programming we are extraordinarily
 11 strong here.
 12 So, we already have some of the best
 13 cultural institutions on the eastern shore and,
 14 in my opinion, throughout the state. So, we
 15 have a strong arts presence here. So, what
 16 we're looking to do is to identify a 115-acre
 17 section of the town of Easton and give tax
 18 incentives for artists and/or developers who
 19 want to do art projects to come in and place
 20 their businesses or their projects there.
 21 So, again it's a state program. It's

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1 managed by the State, the Maryland State Arts
 2 Council. This program will be administered by
 3 the Easton Business Alliance for the town of
 4 Easton. Ross Benincasa is the director of
 5 Easton Business Alliance, and I think he was --
 6 I don't think he was able to join us tonight
 7 because of the late hour, but he and I have
 8 been in communication about this extensively,
 9 and we are 100 percent supporting, and again
 10 the area encompasses approximately -- I said
 11 215, sorry. It's 115 acres in downtown Easton.
 12 Primarily -- and the reason we're here
 13 talking to you is that it creates tax
 14 incentives for those artists working in the A&E
 15 and for developers who renovate buildings for
 16 use for the arts.
 17 So, for example, an artist who is working
 18 in the A&E district, sells their work in an A&E
 19 district, would get an income tax credit, and
 20 so the purpose is to help develop and promote a
 21 unity involvement, tourism, and revitalization

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1 through tax-related incentives that are track
 2 artists, arts organizations, and other creative
 3 enterprises to counties and cities across the
 4 state.
 5 So, let's go over the incentives. There
 6 are three. I sent you a detailed letter that
 7 you have, but I also am going over them here
 8 for you and have the PowerPoint.
 9 Incentive one, again it's a qualified
 10 artist residing in the state of Maryland will
 11 receive an income tax subtraction for work
 12 created or sold or performed within Easton's
 13 Arts and Entertainment District. This income
 14 tax subtraction is required by the state of
 15 Maryland as an incentive for the approved
 16 district.
 17 So, this is not really negotiable. This
 18 comes with an A&E District. So, we've got some
 19 data about the income tax impact so you can
 20 understand the numbers that we're talking
 21 about. This comes directly from the

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1 comptroller's office.
 2 I went over it with Angela this afternoon.
 3 So, she can answer the detailed questions. The
 4 subtraction will sort of flow through the
 5 locality, and on average it's a .016 percent up
 6 to .551 percent, and so like some A&E
 7 districts -- there are 25 in the state now, and
 8 some of them don't have any artists.
 9 They would be on the lower end and those
 10 with more working artists would have more of an
 11 income tax subtraction that they would see.
 12 So, from the comptroller's numbers Easton
 13 residents had about \$8.02 million in local
 14 income tax in tax year 2016.
 15 So, these are the most recent numbers that
 16 we have. That means that Easton residents paid
 17 that much income tax through the county. Using
 18 the average impact -- and this is -- I put
 19 Easton's County revenues but it's revenues from
 20 Easton residents to the county just to be
 21 clear.

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1 It would have decreased our income tax by
 2 \$1,037, and using the maximum impact Easton's
 3 County revenues would have decreased by \$36,692
 4 and Angela, who's much more clever than I with
 5 numbers did a quick analysis this afternoon.
 6 It's not much different for 2019 for what
 7 she's projecting, and again I'll let her speak
 8 to you momentarily.
 9 Then incentive two, the Easton Business
 10 Alliance has proposed a 100 percent property
 11 tax abatement for ten years to owners of any
 12 manufacturing or commercial or industrial
 13 property within the proposed A&E district when
 14 it is totally or partial renovated for the use
 15 by qualified performing artists or arts and
 16 entertainment enterprises.
 17 So, just like the Enterprise Zone the
 18 property tax abatement is based on pre and post
 19 renovation assessments.
 20 So, I've given you an example of what this
 21 might look like for us in terms of what our

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1 investment would be at 100 percent over ten
 2 years. So, let's say I have a \$5 million
 3 property. I make an investment and it raises
 4 the assessment value by \$1 million. I used \$1
 5 million because it's a nice round number.
 6 The increase in property tax to the county
 7 would be -- or to the town would be \$5,200 per
 8 year, and the increase in Talbot County
 9 property taxes would be \$4,731. Over ten years
 10 that's \$47,310 that we would invest in artists
 11 or a building that supports artists.
 12 I think that's a pretty great return on
 13 investment for the things that you get. Again
 14 I want you to see fully -- and understand the
 15 impact to our tax base when we offer these
 16 incentives.
 17 Incentive number three is artists that are
 18 also collecting admissions and amusement taxes
 19 on sales made within the Arts and Entertainment
 20 District, and I think this is primarily on
 21 performance art. I don't really have any --

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1 the numbers are really negligible on that.
 2 My next slide here shows an outline which
 3 I think you have. You might be able to see it
 4 better in your own packet. This the outline of
 5 the A&E District and the areas that it would
 6 encompass. You can see it overlaps the
 7 Enterprise Zone just a tad behind the
 8 courthouse there.
 9 They have cut out the courthouse because
 10 we're not really going to put an arts
 11 organization within our walls here. So, they
 12 put the boundaries around that. It does extend
 13 out Brookletts Avenue. It includes some of the
 14 properties down there that are primed for
 15 re-development.
 16 Again this is about 115 acres and was put
 17 together by Ross working with Don Richardson
 18 and Sharon VanEmburch with the town of Easton
 19 and also with the mayor.
 20 So, what is the County's role here? I'm
 21 asking you to submit a letter of support

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1 agreeing to the tax incentives, and that is our
 2 only role here. That is required for a state
 3 application because we are agreeing to give tax
 4 incentives to artists or developers who are
 5 developing art projects.
 6 So, the application deadline April 1st,
 7 and I know that's right around the corner.
 8 Easton Town Council approved this at their
 9 March 18th meeting. So, I wanted to bring it
 10 to you as soon as I got the go-ahead from them,
 11 and this is our first meeting after that
 12 meeting. Questions?
 13 MR. PACK: Thank you for the presentation.
 14 The type of -- these are, like, art studios
 15 or -- they can't sell admission, there's no
 16 amusement park. Would art galleries that would
 17 sell there, would they will qualify?
 18 MS. VANDOOSER: So, an artist --
 19 MR. PACK: They're not charging admission
 20 getting in the door, but if someone wants to
 21 buy a piece of art from the gallery would that

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1 qualify?
 2 MS. VANDOOSER: As long as that artist is
 3 working within a qualified Arts and
 4 Entertainment District. So, let's say I'm in
 5 Denton in their A&E District creating fiber art
 6 which is what they're well-known for over
 7 there, and I bring it over here and I sell it
 8 in a gallery which is also in an A&E District.
 9 So, it was made in and sold in an A&E, and
 10 it would qualify for an income tax incentive.
 11 As a gallery owner -- so, if I wanted to buy a
 12 piece of property and renovate that and put a
 13 gallery there that would qualify for the
 14 property tax incentive.
 15 MS. PRICE: What if I'm living someplace
 16 else in the county and I'm selling it at that
 17 gallery, that wouldn't qualify?
 18 MS. VANDOOSER: You haven't made it there
 19 so you would not qualify for the tax incentive.
 20 MR. CALLAHAN: How many businesses is this
 21 going to trigger if we pass this?

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1 MS. VANDOOSER: It's hard to say. There
 2 are not across the state, and that is one of
 3 the things I didn't put in my PowerPoint, but I
 4 did include it in your packet. I think there
 5 are only two jurisdictions that have A&E where
 6 someone has claimed a property tax credit.
 7 The income tax credit is more because
 8 you've got working artists there. Cambridge,
 9 for example, is an A&E, and they have a number
 10 of working artists there. So, what we're
 11 hoping it will do is bring working artists to
 12 us.
 13 We already have a number or working
 14 artists. We have the Avalon and the Academy
 15 Art Museum. This, by the way, enjoys wide
 16 support from all of those organizations and
 17 individuals. A number of people turned up for
 18 the public hearing on the A&E and spoke in
 19 support of it including the Academy Art Museum.
 20 As my good friend Jessica Bellis of the
 21 Avalon says, more is more. I think that the

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1 benefits of a thriving arts community is kind
 2 of like I was saying before, one of the things
 3 we're so excited about is the entrepreneurs
 4 coming to us because it indicates a healthy
 5 ecosystem, and I think a healthy, thriving art
 6 community is a driver for community development
 7 but it's also part of our healthy ecosystem.
 8 So, that's one of the reasons -- this is
 9 primarily a marketing ploy, but it is important
 10 to artists who are working in these
 11 districts -- you know, that they are supported.
 12 We become art patrons so to speak when we agree
 13 to a program like this.
 14 So, I understand that there are monetary
 15 commitments that we would be making. I don't
 16 think that over time that it's going to be an
 17 enormous amount of money. I think the benefit
 18 we get from it will be enormous.
 19 MR. PACK: So, performance art is also
 20 included?
 21 MS. VANHOOSER: Yes.

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1 MS. PRICE: A word about income tax
 2 subtraction modification or sub-mods as this
 3 chair has come to know and hate pretty much,
 4 not necessarily this particular usual but there
 5 are literally hundreds of these little sub-mods
 6 that the State passes, and many of them will --
 7 what we always say is please pass a state tax
 8 credit.
 9 Don't pass something that the State
 10 mandates that requires the locals to lose our
 11 income tax. This one's a little different
 12 because we are choosing whether to participate
 13 or not, and by choosing we also assume it's
 14 going to bring some type of positive financial
 15 impact for us by bringing people to the area,
 16 but when I see there's a requirement and I see
 17 a subtraction modification the State does this
 18 all the time.
 19 The message gets out there at all that
 20 with the state mandates we must refer to state
 21 tax credits when the State is choosing whether

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1 to pass something along to their tax pairing.
 2 Sometimes we get caught in the turmoil of that.
 3 I do want to say this one is different
 4 because we can chose whether or not to
 5 participate. Most of the time we can't.
 6 MS. VANHOOSER: One of the things that we
 7 discussed with Mr. Hollis is the number of
 8 incentives that we are now offering with this
 9 Enterprise Zone in Tilghman, with an Enterprise
 10 Zone in Easton, and now an A&E. I think we're
 11 very cognitive of what that means to our
 12 budget.
 13 We are working with Ms. Lane and
 14 Mr. Holland to budget for these things and to
 15 try to anticipate what this will mean in terms
 16 of our budget, and how we will pay for this as
 17 a county. I think that we're looking at the
 18 accumulative effect of the things that we're
 19 agreeing to for economic development.
 20 I would like to hear from Ms. Lane if you
 21 would like to.

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1 MR. PACK: Before Ms. Lane comes on with
 2 the dollars and cents who sort of measures
 3 the -- who's a qualifier of an applicant, does
 4 it go to your offices? Does it go up to the
 5 state?
 6 MS. VANHOOSER: Easton Business Alliance.
 7 MR. PACK: The \$1 million improvement,
 8 there was a structural improvement, or was
 9 there a brick and mortar or --
 10 MS. VANHOOSER: Any investment that you
 11 make in a building that causes your tax
 12 assessment to increase is eligible. So, if
 13 we're re-pointing the brick or if we're putting
 14 down new floors, or we're reconfiguring our
 15 space inside and building walls -- you know,
 16 any of those kinds of things, if they increase
 17 the tax assessment is the only time that it
 18 qualifies for a property tax credit, and that
 19 again is the way it is in an Enterprise Zone.
 20 So, if I have -- let's say the Talbot
 21 County Business Center, we're going to keep it.

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1 Whatever money we put into that, if it were in
 2 an Enterprise Zone we'd be increasing the
 3 assessment, and by the way, we work with our
 4 local assessment office to -- they make that
 5 determination.
 6 For an Enterprise Zone we make an
 7 application and we inform them the application
 8 has been accepted so that all the paperwork --
 9 they do the assessment. We don't make that
 10 assessment, they do.
 11 MR. PACK: Right. They're one person
 12 right now.
 13 MR. DIVILIO: How would this plan with the
 14 Waterfowl Festival and the fair and -- do you
 15 think it would bring more people here to it?
 16 If you have a carver from Havre de Grace and
 17 they come down here and sell it...
 18 MS. VANHOOSER: So --
 19 MR. PACK: He'd have to make it in the
 20 zone though.
 21 MS. VANHOOSER: He would have to make it

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<p>1 in an Enterprise [sic] Zone.</p> <p>2 MR. DIVILIO: If Havre de Grace has one,</p> <p>3 and he's a carver there, and he carves it, and</p> <p>4 then he comes down here and sells it during the</p> <p>5 festival --</p> <p>6 MR. PACK: That wouldn't work. It</p> <p>7 wouldn't qualify then.</p> <p>8 MS. VANHOOSER: It would qualify for an</p> <p>9 income tax incentive as long as he's a resident</p> <p>10 in an A&E District.</p> <p>11 MR. PACK: They would have to have a</p> <p>12 district over there.</p> <p>13 MR. DIVILIO: So, the burden's on them or</p> <p>14 the Easton Business Alliance to provide --</p> <p>15 MS. VANHOOSER: The burden is on them.</p> <p>16 MR. DIVILIO: The artist?</p> <p>17 MS. VANHOOSER: On the artist for the</p> <p>18 income tax.</p> <p>19 MR. DIVILIO: So, we're not adding extra</p> <p>20 paperwork.</p> <p>21 MS. VANHOOSER: Only if they're living and</p>	<p>1 Their maximum impact of the county</p> <p>2 revenues would be \$36,692 based on 2016 tax</p> <p>3 year, but I'm projecting that 2020 will be very</p> <p>4 much in line with 2016 tax revenues. So, again</p> <p>5 it's a minimal impact from the income tax side.</p> <p>6 The average would be around \$1,000. We</p> <p>7 can certainly afford \$1,000 in our income tax</p> <p>8 revenue which is in excess of \$25 million. So,</p> <p>9 I think from an income tax standpoint we are</p> <p>10 fine to approve this.</p> <p>11 The real property tax, again with other</p> <p>12 programs it could have an impact down the road.</p> <p>13 We are monitoring them. As you're aware the</p> <p>14 council five years ago, I believe, actually</p> <p>15 started putting money aside for these incentive</p> <p>16 programs.</p> <p>17 So, we have been building up a little bit</p> <p>18 of a fund. I think we have \$70,000 in the fund</p> <p>19 right now. We want to continue to build that</p> <p>20 fund up. So, hopefully we will have a number</p> <p>21 of programs that will take advantage of these</p>
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<p>1 working here does it come under our tax though.</p> <p>2 So, with Mr. Havre de Grace, it's coming out of</p> <p>3 theirs, but he would have to sell it in -- our</p> <p>4 working artists can sell it -- their work in</p> <p>5 any other A&E, and again there are 25 around</p> <p>6 the state.</p> <p>7 They could sell it there and get the</p> <p>8 income tax credit, but if they sell it not in</p> <p>9 an A&E they don't get that.</p> <p>10 MS. PRICE: Do they pay zero in income</p> <p>11 tax, or is it a reduced rate?</p> <p>12 MS. VANHOOSER: No, no. It's just the</p> <p>13 subtraction. It's a reduced rate.</p> <p>14 MR. PACK: Ms. Lane?</p> <p>15 MS. LANE: I'll be very brief. I was</p> <p>16 asked to focus primarily on the income tax</p> <p>17 provisions of this which was actually provided</p> <p>18 to the County by the comptroller's office, and</p> <p>19 it really has a minimal, minimal impact based</p> <p>20 on their data from other Arts and Entertainment</p> <p>21 Districts.</p>	<p>1 incentives, but we already have set aside money</p> <p>2 to start that process to be able to offset</p> <p>3 these credits.</p> <p>4 MR. LESHER: If somebody makes such an</p> <p>5 investment in real property in the A&E District</p> <p>6 and it increases the value by so much, what the</p> <p>7 County would be giving up under this scenario</p> <p>8 would be not the existing collection, not the</p> <p>9 taxes on the existing assessment base, but only</p> <p>10 on the increments of the increase.</p> <p>11 So, we wouldn't be sacrificing any</p> <p>12 property tax revenue that we are currently</p> <p>13 receiving, only for a ten-year period that</p> <p>14 increase that would result.</p> <p>15 MS. LANE: Right. That's pretty much how</p> <p>16 almost all these programs are written. It's</p> <p>17 very similar. With arts and entertainment it</p> <p>18 won't necessarily create a lot of new jobs. It</p> <p>19 will bring people to our area which certainly</p> <p>20 has a positive impact, but when you're looking</p> <p>21 at the manufacturing side the assumption is the</p>

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1 investment we're making in these property tax
 2 credits to these businesses will generate
 3 additional income tax and other revenues to the
 4 County because they have employees who will
 5 hopefully live in our county, buy homes in our
 6 county, as well as bring other visitors to the
 7 county which will increase our tax base
 8 overall.

9 MR. PACK: I didn't know whether anyone
 10 had done an economic impact study to show that
 11 these A&E Zones do bring other dollars into
 12 their area. I'm sure there have been.

13 MS. LANE: I'm sure they have been. If
 14 you want me to I can get that information --

15 MS. VANHOOSER: I have it. It's from
 16 Towson actually.

17 MR. PACK: That will be nice to have just
 18 to kind of look at that as well. Ms. Price?

19 MS. PRICE: I have a question. Let's
 20 assume that our -- we are getting two percent
 21 on the tax cap, right? If we didn't have this

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1 tax credit and someone invested in it doesn't
 2 it just -- because we're allowed to go up two
 3 percent, using that as a nice round number --
 4 it doesn't really matter what it does if you're
 5 giving these people a tax credit on the
 6 increase in the assessable base everybody else
 7 ends up paying a little bit more, or does that
 8 not work?

9 MS. LANE: It should come into play after
 10 we've set our tax rate, so we are giving up
 11 revenues. We are truly giving up revenues
 12 which is why we started building up a fund to
 13 help offset those revenues or those revenue
 14 credits. We'll actually be losing revenue.

15 MR. PACK: Have we identified what's in
 16 this -- is it 215 acres?

17 MS. LANE: No, I'm sorry. It's 115.

18 MS. VANHOOSER: It was a typo. My fault.

19 MR. PACK: That's okay. Have we
 20 identified how many existing galleries, studios
 21 within this area would -- are currently --

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1 currently exist in the town of Easton? Are
 2 there two galleries, three, do you know?

3 MS. LANE: I do not know the answer to
 4 that question, but I'm thinking them off in my
 5 head. Gallery B -- we can find that out.

6 MR. PACK: If you could just find that out
 7 along with the information from Towson, the
 8 economic impact information, and send it to
 9 council, I just want to know how many studios
 10 or galleries we have that are in that area.

11 MR. LESHHER: I think actually the more
 12 important figure is, and we probably can know
 13 this, is how many artists who would be selling
 14 work are residing in this district.

15 MR. PACK: They would have to make it
 16 there, so if you were doing a wood carving, for
 17 an example, that's a studio. That's certain
 18 materials you're going to need.

19 MR. LESHHER: There may be artists who have
 20 studios we know of.

21 MR. PACK: My neighbor did. He had a

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1 studio within his house. He built a shed over
 2 the top, and he did some wood carving there
 3 before he passed away. Would something like
 4 that count then?

5 MS. VANHOOSER: Yes, absolutely.

6 MS. PRICE: If they reside within the
 7 area.

8 MS. VANHOOSER: If they reside in Maryland
 9 and work in an A&E and sell their work in an
 10 A&E.

11 MR. PACK: How can you determine the guy
 12 in Havre de Grace actually made it in that
 13 studio? I mean, is it the honor system we're
 14 counting on here?

15 MS. PRICE: If they go out, like,
 16 plein air and they're painting it by a
 17 riverside --

18 MR. PACK: There you go.

19 MS. VANHOOSER: Plein air is one of the
 20 questions that we're not real sure about
 21 because you're actually not painting it in

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<p>1 that, but I don't think that would qualify 2 because of that.</p> <p>3 MS. PRICE: Artists go out and paint the 4 landscape.</p> <p>5 MS. LANE: I think that's on the 6 comptroller's office to do that investigation. 7 My guess is they do have -- my guess is they do 8 have some mechanism for identifying trends if 9 they have an artist who suddenly has a 10 significant modification to their income. I'm 11 sure they do.</p> <p>12 MR. HOLLIS: The awarding, who's a 13 qualified artist. There's some way the State 14 would qualify them.</p> <p>15 MR. PACK: But he must already, I guess, 16 sign something that says his studio is within a 17 designated area. The point-of-sale is easy to 18 find out. You'd get a receipt for that. Maybe 19 I'm thinking down too deep on this. Any other 20 questions?</p> <p>21 MR. CALLAHAN: That's with entertainment</p>	<p>1 MS. VANHOOSER: Absolutely. We are one of 2 the few places in the state -- one of the few 3 counties in the state without one, and we are 4 definitely the only one on the Eastern Shore 5 without one.</p> <p>6 MR. LESHER: You answered my second 7 question.</p> <p>8 MS. VANHOOSER: There are places that do 9 not have the art, history, and culture that we 10 have here that have A&E Districts. I'll quote 11 Council President Ford who said what do you 12 mean we don't have one? It's just like -- 13 you know, we've been working on trying to get 14 an A&E in Easton since I've been here.</p> <p>15 I'm really excited that the Easton 16 Business Alliance is willing to administer the 17 program because there are some administrative 18 duties that go with it.</p> <p>19 MR. PACK: Okay. That's great. We 20 appreciate the presentation. I think it's a 21 wonderful idea myself. Gather those economic</p>
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<p>1 too, correct?</p> <p>2 MS. VANHOOSER: Yes. Well performance 3 art, yes. So, we can't hire an entertainer to 4 come here and have them. But let's say they're 5 a performer. They are working in an A&E 6 District, like performance art as opposed to, 7 like, Clint Black. Does that make sense?</p> <p>8 Clint Black doesn't live in Maryland, for 9 example, we're going to bring him in.</p> <p>10 MS. PRICE: The guy doing magic on the 11 sidewalk would qualify?</p> <p>12 MS. VANHOOSER: Probably if he's making 13 money from it.</p> <p>14 MR. LESHER: Only if he pays taxes on that 15 income.</p> <p>16 MR. LESHER: Mr. Pack?</p> <p>17 MR. PACK: Yes.</p> <p>18 MR. LESHER: Just a couple questions. 19 Ms. Vanhooser, if this A&E District is created 20 and passes will this, in fact, be the first one 21 in Talbot County?</p>	<p>1 impact numbers for us and how many that we know 2 of currently, studios and galleries. I'd like 3 to know that as well.</p> <p>4 If there's no other questions or comments 5 the chair is open to a motion for this body to 6 support the establishment of an Arts and 7 Entertainment District in the town of Easton as 8 outlined by Ms. Vanhooser in her presentation.</p> <p>9 We heard from Ms. Lane our fiscal officer 10 regarding the impact on the tax credit. If 11 there's no further questions or comments the 12 chair would entertain a motion.</p> <p>13 MR. LESTER: I move for the letter of 14 support.</p> <p>15 MR. CALLIHAN: Second.</p> <p>16 MR. PACK: Any further discussion? 17 (No response.)</p> <p>18 MR. PACK: Hearing none, Madam Secretary, 19 please call your role.</p> <p>20 MS. MORAN: Mr. Pack?</p> <p>21 MR. PACK: Aye.</p>

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<p>1 MS. MORAN: Mr. Divilio?</p> <p>2 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.</p> <p>3 MS. MORAN: Mr. Callahan?</p> <p>4 MR. CALLIHAN: Aye.</p> <p>5 MS. MORAN: Ms. Price?</p> <p>6 MS. PRICE: Aye.</p> <p>7 MS. MORAN: Mr. Lesher?</p> <p>8 MR. LESHER: Aye.</p> <p>9 MR. PACK: Thank you, ladies.</p> <p>10 MS. VANHOOSER: Thank you, so much.</p> <p>11 MR. PACK: I think that's all we have.</p> <p>12 Mr. Clarke, you're up next. Council, you have</p> <p>13 another presentation. This is a County</p> <p>14 Priority Listing for the Maryland Department of</p> <p>15 Transportation. We have with us Mr. Ray Clarke</p> <p>16 and also Mr. Mike Mertaugh as well, the</p> <p>17 assistant county engineer.</p> <p>18 Mr. Edwards is out today. Is he missing</p> <p>19 somewhere?</p> <p>20 MR. CLARKE: He was hoping to stay home.</p> <p>21 Council, just so you're -- each year we're</p>	<p>1 in the future funding will be available for</p> <p>2 those projects. To be honest with you we</p> <p>3 probably have about 10 or 12 projects on the</p> <p>4 list, and we've only had two done in the years</p> <p>5 I've been here.</p> <p>6 MR. LESHER: Mr. Clarke, I certainly</p> <p>7 concur with the priority listing here. Under</p> <p>8 Number 1 we talk about capacity improvements as</p> <p>9 well as elevation modification to eliminate or</p> <p>10 minimize storm surge flooding. This is all</p> <p>11 along Route 33 corridor.</p> <p>12 MR. CLARKE: Correct.</p> <p>13 MR. LESHER: Without increased capacity we</p> <p>14 may get greater backups in the event of an</p> <p>15 evacuation. If there's flooding we get no</p> <p>16 traffic through at all.</p> <p>17 I wonder if it might be wiser to get the</p> <p>18 State to address the elevation improvements</p> <p>19 first and sort of flip the order of that and</p> <p>20 talk about elevation modifications first as</p> <p>21 well as capacity improvements just to emphasize</p>
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<p>1 asked by State Highway to provide them with a</p> <p>2 priority listing for our transportation</p> <p>3 projects. Last year we had basically three</p> <p>4 projects listed -- I'm sorry, three priorities</p> <p>5 listed in five projects.</p> <p>6 Basically there was project one which was</p> <p>7 basically the Maryland Route 33, capacity and</p> <p>8 evacuation improvements. Our second priority</p> <p>9 was U.S. Route Route 50, Maryland Route 309 and</p> <p>10 662 intersection, capacity improvements</p> <p>11 associated with the hospital site.</p> <p>12 And then we had a 3A, B, and C. 3A,</p> <p>13 basically being Route 50 and Mellon Route</p> <p>14 328, Goldsboro Street intersection improvement.</p> <p>15 3B was Maryland Route 50, Mellon Route 331,</p> <p>16 Dover Street intersection improvement.</p> <p>17 And then finally basically Route 50 and</p> <p>18 Chaplin Road, intersection improvement.</p> <p>19 We're recommending no changes to the</p> <p>20 priority list at this time. This is something</p> <p>21 that goes to the state and basically hopefully</p>	<p>1 how important these flooding events are</p> <p>2 becoming for Talbot County citizens and how</p> <p>3 they could endanger us in a storm event.</p> <p>4 MR. CLARKE: That's a good idea, and we</p> <p>5 can do that. At the same time one of the</p> <p>6 things we were talking about as well was maybe</p> <p>7 presenting to the, I guess, District 2, a</p> <p>8 listing of priorities during the PCP tour, and</p> <p>9 one of my ideas is to address the elevation</p> <p>10 issues not only in the town of St. Michaels but</p> <p>11 also the causeway in Oxford, to try and talk to</p> <p>12 them about seeing if there's ways to do that</p> <p>13 now, to try and do something as far as</p> <p>14 preservation of the system.</p> <p>15 I mean, that's something -- I don't</p> <p>16 disagree with you. It would be nice to have</p> <p>17 those flooding areas resolved.</p> <p>18 MR. LESHER: Because they pertain to</p> <p>19 smaller sections of the corridor they may</p> <p>20 actually be more achievable or sooner</p> <p>21 achievable.</p>

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1 MR. CLARK: I think one aspect here is --
 2 I mean, they have talked about doing
 3 improvements in St. Michaels and it's been a
 4 problem. They've had some low spots with
 5 drainage issues, and I think the other area we
 6 had problems with is up by 231 and -- I'm
 7 sorry, 33 and 321, sorry. We've had some
 8 flooding issues there.
 9 MS. PRICE: It's interesting that this
 10 happened to be on our agenda this evening
 11 because -- and I told Corey about this earlier
 12 this today when we were arguing whether I
 13 should guy the M&Ms or not -- which I did not
 14 by the way.
 15 Thrown into this year's BRCA. The BRCA is
 16 the Funded Finance and Reconciliation Act
 17 which -- at the state level. They have thrown
 18 a little amendment in there, and it is going to
 19 require, if this amendment passes, that your
 20 state delegations agree with the listings that
 21 you send up to the State every year during the

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1 road show.
 2 You know, in current circumstances it's
 3 probably not a problem, although the Eastern
 4 Shore is interesting because we have a
 5 delegation from Wicomico County who might be
 6 wanting to agree with something in Wicomico
 7 than Talbot County.
 8 Again another example of we have our
 9 priorities. We are the local elected
 10 officials, and we deal with our roads. Why in
 11 the world is it necessary to have the buy-in --
 12 and probably do have buy-in from your
 13 delegation -- but in the chance that you don't
 14 this list would not be accepted unless your
 15 delegate and your senator agree with your list
 16 What's troubling -- one of the many
 17 troubling things about Annapolis is there's
 18 been no public hearing, no public comment.
 19 They were throwing it in with the BCRA this
 20 year. So, just in case -- I mean, this is
 21 coming up as far as the other county engineers

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1 and other council, we're going to discuss it
 2 tomorrow at MACo and certainly weigh in on
 3 that, but when you talk about the BCRA and
 4 potentially hundreds of things there's just too
 5 much to absorb, and things like this could get
 6 through with absolutely no public comment.
 7 So, I'm just trying to get that out there.
 8 Maybe the newspaper will pick that up.
 9 MR. CLARKE: That's a good point. I think
 10 the other thing we would run into as well is
 11 that for us we're District 2, but then our
 12 delegation -- our state delegation is part of
 13 Dorchester which I think is another district.
 14 It is kind of a unique overlapping.
 15 MS. PRICE: If they want to do something
 16 like this why are they throwing it into this
 17 all-encompassing catch-all bill? It's not
 18 good.
 19 MR. CLARKE: To make it more complicated.
 20 MS. PRICE: This is our purview. This is
 21 what you do. This is what you advise us on so

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1 that we can send -- we know where we need to
 2 put this, and again we've had the same things
 3 on the list for a very long time to have to get
 4 by.
 5 MR. PACK: I don't know how items get on
 6 the list, but I got a phone call from
 7 Rabbi Hagman with Temple Beth Israel, and he
 8 was asking about lighting along the parkway.
 9 After the service for the shooting up in
 10 Pittsburg I attended that night which was well
 11 attended by a number of residents.
 12 Making that turn out of the temple parking
 13 lot was rather difficult, and so he had called
 14 last week about how to go about getting
 15 lighting there on an entranceway. So, I told
 16 him that these transportation lists are made up
 17 through council and also through the towns, and
 18 it's probably best to try to get on one of
 19 those lists.
 20 MR. CLARKE: One of the recommendations
 21 again is -- again, lighting would probably be

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<p>1 something that would be in District 2, so we 2 would probably make that request in District 2. 3 MR. PACK: If you all could maybe reach 4 out to him and help him? 5 MR. CLARKE: Yeah, we can. 6 MR. MERTAUGH: I think also -- you know, 7 this list is really projects that end up in the 8 Consolidated Transportation Program which is 9 usually tens of millions of dollars. When they 10 do come they hand out those CPT books in the 11 back would be a listing of a bunch of smaller 12 projects, and those are the type projects, 13 like, lighting and like Ray was saying, and 14 certainly at those CTP meetings it's an 15 opportunity -- the District's represented -- to 16 kind of persuade them to do that. 17 MR. PACK: I meant to give you a call last 18 week on it, Ray. 19 MR. CLARKE: No, that's fine. 20 MR. PACK: We're here on this matter, so 21 if you all wouldn't mind reaching out to the</p>	<p>1 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 2 MS. MORAN: Ms. Price? 3 MS. PRICE: Aye. 4 MS. MORAN: Mr. Leshner? 5 MR. LESHNER: Aye. 6 MR. PACK: Gentlemen, thank you, very 7 much. Mr. Hollis, I think you're up. 8 MR. HOLLIS: Council, let's start with 9 Mr. Clarke. I'm giving you a lead here now. 10 Region 5, sewer service area, north pump 11 station, we're requesting your approval to 12 purchase and install an emergency 30 kilowatt 13 propane generator in the amount of \$24,500 from 14 Bilbrough Electric. 15 That is the lowest of three bids that 16 Mr. Clarke's department received. The current 17 generator is over 30 years old and is deemed 18 not repairable. 19 MR. PACK: Any questions of Mr. Hollis or 20 Mr. Clarke? 21 MR. CLARKE: Just to let you know that</p>
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<p>1 rabbi I'd appreciate it. 2 MR. CLARKE: Any other questions? 3 MR. PACK: Any other questions, council? 4 (No response.) 5 MR. PACK: Hearing none the chair would 6 open up a motion to approve the project list as 7 described by Mr. Clarke and Mike. 8 MR. CALLAHAN: So moved. 9 MR. LESHNER: I'll second. Would that 10 include that modification that I suggested? 11 MR. CLARKE: Sure. 12 MR. PACK: Okay. That's modified. Any 13 further discussion? 14 (No response.) 15 MR. PACK: Hearing none, Madam Secretary, 16 please call your role. 17 MS. MORAN: Mr. Pack? 18 MR. PACK: Aye. 19 MS. MORAN: Mr. Divilio? 20 MR. DIVILIO: Aye. 21 MS. MORAN: Mr. Callahan?</p>	<p>1 right now we're without emergency power, so if 2 we lose power -- 3 MS. PRICE: This is coming out of 4 contingencies? 5 MR. CLARKE: This will be coming out of 6 the Sanitary District, and then we would 7 probably use our major facility funds. 8 MR. PACK: So, is it Bill Roth, Rooth? 9 MR. CLARKE: Bilbrough Electric, okay, in 10 the amount of \$24,500 for a propane generator. 11 Is there a motion to accept? 12 MS. PRICE: So moved. 13 MR. CALLAHAN: Second. 14 MR. PACK: Further discussion? 15 (No response.) 16 MR. PACK: Hearing none, Madam Secretary, 17 please call your role. 18 MS. MORAN: Mr. Pack? 19 MR. PACK: Aye. 20 MS. MORAN: Mr. Divilio? 21 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.</p>

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<p>1 MS. MORAN: Mr. Callahan?</p> <p>2 MR. CALLIHAN: Aye.</p> <p>3 MS. MORAN: Ms. Price?</p> <p>4 MS. PRICE: Aye.</p> <p>5 MS. MORAN: Mr. Lesher?</p> <p>6 MR. LESHER: Aye.</p> <p>7 MR. PACK: Thank you, Ray.</p> <p>8 MR. HOLLIS: Talbot County Department of</p> <p>9 Emergency Services requesting your approval to</p> <p>10 purchase a Life Pack 15 heart monitor through</p> <p>11 the Maryland State Contract, \$34,990.92. The</p> <p>12 state level will partner with the County and</p> <p>13 pay 50 percent, so our share is \$17,778 which</p> <p>14 is included in your current fiscal year budget.</p> <p>15 The current unit being replaced is 14 years</p> <p>16 old.</p> <p>17 MS. PRICE: Move.</p> <p>18 MR. CALLIHAN: Second.</p> <p>19 MR. PACK: Any further discussion on the</p> <p>20 request?</p> <p>21 (No response.)</p>	<p>1 MR. PACK: Do we have a motion to approve?</p> <p>2 MS. PRICE: So moved.</p> <p>3 MR. CALLAHAN: Second.</p> <p>4 MR. PACK: Further discussion?</p> <p>5 (No response.)</p> <p>6 MR. PACK: Hearing none, Madam Secretary,</p> <p>7 please call your role.</p> <p>8 MS. MORAN: Mr. Pack?</p> <p>9 MR. PACK: Aye.</p> <p>10 MS. MORAN: Mr. Divilio?</p> <p>11 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.</p> <p>12 MS. MORAN: Mr. Callahan?</p> <p>13 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>14 MS. MORAN: Ms. Price?</p> <p>15 MS. PRICE: Aye.</p> <p>16 MS. MORAN: Mr. Lesher?</p> <p>17 MR. LESHER: Aye.</p> <p>18 MR. HOLLIS: Public County Works</p> <p>19 Department requesting your approval to purchase</p> <p>20 two brush chippers from Vermeer in the amount</p> <p>21 of \$54,757 and \$51,757. They're the same</p>
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<p>1 MR. PACK: Hearing none, Madam Secretary,</p> <p>2 please call the role.</p> <p>3 MS. MORAN: Mr. Pack?</p> <p>4 MR. PACK: Aye.</p> <p>5 MS. MORAN: Mr. Divilio?</p> <p>6 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.</p> <p>7 MS. MORAN: Callahan.</p> <p>8 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>9 MS. MORAN: Ms. Price?</p> <p>10 MS. PRICE: Aye.</p> <p>11 MS. MORAN: Mr. Lesher?</p> <p>12 MR. LESHER: Aye.</p> <p>13 MR. HOLLIS: Talbot County Department of</p> <p>14 Parks and Recreation, Bid 1717, portable</p> <p>15 sanitary chemical toilet service, Talbot</p> <p>16 County, Maryland.</p> <p>17 We're requesting your approval to extend</p> <p>18 the contract with Pierson's Comfort Group for</p> <p>19 this current 2019 season in the amount of</p> <p>20 \$19,044.50. That's the annual budgeted amount</p> <p>21 for this.</p>	<p>1 pieces of equipment, but they're different</p> <p>2 priced because we're getting a trade-in value</p> <p>3 for the two that we're sending in, in different</p> <p>4 amounts.</p> <p>5 The Roads Department will be trading in</p> <p>6 the two, and we're utilizing, piggy-backing up</p> <p>7 to the NJPA contract which we've done before.</p> <p>8 MR. PACK: Is there a motion on the wood</p> <p>9 chippers?</p> <p>10 MR. CALLAHAN: So moved.</p> <p>11 MS. PRICE: Second.</p> <p>12 MR. PACK: Any questions or comments on</p> <p>13 the purchase?</p> <p>14 (No response.)</p> <p>15 MR. PACK: Hearing none, Madam Secretary,</p> <p>16 please call your role.</p> <p>17 MS. MORAN: Mr. Pack?</p> <p>18 MR. PACK: Aye.</p> <p>19 MS. MORAN: Mr. Divilio?</p> <p>20 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.</p> <p>21 MS. MORAN: Mr. Callahan?</p>

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<p>1 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>2 MS. MORAN: Ms. Price?</p> <p>3 MS. PRICE: Aye.</p> <p>4 MS. MORAN: Mr. Lesher?</p> <p>5 MR. LESHER: Aye.</p> <p>6 MR. HOLLIS: Council, I have a series of</p> <p>7 appointment requests. The first is</p> <p>8 Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board</p> <p>9 requesting your approval to appoint</p> <p>10 Sarah Everhart to that board.</p> <p>11 MR. LESHER: I'll move to appoint.</p> <p>12 MR. CALLAHAN: Second.</p> <p>13 MR. PACK: Any further discussion on</p> <p>14 Ms. Everhart to the Agricultural Land</p> <p>15 Preservation Advisory Board?</p> <p>16 (No response.)</p> <p>17 MR. PACK: Hearing none, Madam Secretary,</p> <p>18 call your role.</p> <p>19 MS. MORAN: Mr. Pack?</p> <p>20 MR. PACK: Aye.</p> <p>21 MS. MORAN: Mr. Divilio?</p>	<p>1 through the Emergency Service Advisory Board.</p> <p>2 (No response.)</p> <p>3 MR. PACK: Hearing none, Madam Secretary,</p> <p>4 please call your role.</p> <p>5 MS. MORAN: Mr. Pack?</p> <p>6 MR. PACK: Aye.</p> <p>7 MS. MORAN: Mr. Divilio?</p> <p>8 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.</p> <p>9 MS. MORAN: Mr. Callahan?</p> <p>10 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>11 MS. MORAN: Ms. Price?</p> <p>12 MS. PRICE: Aye.</p> <p>13 MS. MORAN: Mr. Lesher?</p> <p>14 MR. LESHER: Aye.</p> <p>15 MR. HOLLIS: Mid-shore Behavioral Health</p> <p>16 Board of Directors requesting the appointment</p> <p>17 of Tim Connors with the sheriff's department</p> <p>18 and Joan Harris-Brooks.</p> <p>19 MR. PACK: Is there a motion?</p> <p>20 MR. LESHER: So moved.</p> <p>21 MR. CALLHAN: Second.</p>
<p>Page 139</p> <p>1 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.</p> <p>2 MS. MORAN: Mr. Callahan?</p> <p>3 MR. CALLHAN: Aye.</p> <p>4 MS. MORAN: Ms. Price?</p> <p>5 MS. PRICE: Aye.</p> <p>6 MS. MORAN: Mr. Lesher?</p> <p>7 MR. LESHER: Aye.</p> <p>8 MR. HOLLIS: Emergency Services Advisory</p> <p>9 report requesting approval to reappoint</p> <p>10 Debbie Timms for Regional Health, Lois McDaniel</p> <p>11 with the Cordova District, Steven Mroczek</p> <p>12 (phonetic) of the Volunteer Fire and Rescue</p> <p>13 Association, and Scott Mergenthaler of our</p> <p>14 sheriff's office.</p> <p>15 MS. PRICE: So moved.</p> <p>16 MR. LESHER: Second.</p> <p>17 MR. PACK: Any discussion on the</p> <p>18 reappointments? All of these are</p> <p>19 reappointments, correct?</p> <p>20 MR. HOLLIS: Yes, sir.</p> <p>21 MR. PACK: They're all reappointments</p>	<p>Page 141</p> <p>1 THE COURT: Any further discussion on the</p> <p>2 appointments?</p> <p>3 (No response.)</p> <p>4 MR. PACK: Hearing none, Madam Secretary,</p> <p>5 call the role.</p> <p>6 MS. MORAN: Mr. Pack?</p> <p>7 MR. PACK: Aye.</p> <p>8 MS. MORAN: Mr. Divilio?</p> <p>9 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.</p> <p>10 MS. MORAN: Mr. Callahan?</p> <p>11 MR. CALLHAN: Aye.</p> <p>12 MS. MORAN: Ms. Price?</p> <p>13 MS. PRICE: Aye.</p> <p>14 MS. MORAN: Mr. Lesher?</p> <p>15 MR. LESHER: Aye.</p> <p>16 MR. HOLLIS: Public Works Advisory Board</p> <p>17 requesting the reappointment of Roger Pullman</p> <p>18 of the First District and Tim Jones of the</p> <p>19 Fourth District.</p> <p>20 MR. PACK: Is there a motion for</p> <p>21 reappointment?</p>

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Page 143	<p>1 Governor's Appointed Property Tax Assessment</p> <p>2 Appeals Board. At this time the membership is</p> <p>3 so low that they are not able to hear and</p> <p>4 process any appeals.</p> <p>5 So, I will give you the point where it's a</p> <p>6 desperate situation. If we do have a citizen</p> <p>7 that's interested in serving they can contact</p> <p>8 the county manager's office. We'd love to get</p> <p>9 their information. Thank you, very much.</p> <p>10 MR. PACK: Thank you, Mr. Hollis. Council</p> <p>11 comments? Mr. Divilio, do you have anything</p> <p>12 for us this evening?</p> <p>13 MR. DIVILIO: No, sir.</p> <p>14 MR. PACK: Mr. Callahan?</p> <p>15 MR. CALLAHAN: No.</p> <p>16 MR. PACK: Ms. Price?</p> <p>17 MS. PRICE: Not tonight.</p> <p>18 MR. LESHER: I have nothing further.</p> <p>19 MR. PACK: I don't have anything either.</p> <p>20 Council's next legislative meeting will be held</p> <p>21 on Tuesday, April the 9th at 6:00 p.m. The</p>	Page 145	<p>1 MS. PRICE: Aye.</p> <p>2 MS. MORAN: Mr. Lesher?</p> <p>3 MR. LESHER: Aye.</p> <p>4 MR. PACK: Good night.</p> <p>5 (Meeting concluded at 8:24 p.m.)</p> <p>6</p> <p>7</p> <p>8</p> <p>9</p> <p>10</p> <p>11</p> <p>12</p> <p>13</p> <p>14</p> <p>15</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p>


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