



TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

County Council

MINUTES

January 12, 2021

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

- I. Agenda – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Agenda of Tuesday, January 12, 2021.
- II. Minutes – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Minutes of Tuesday November 17, 2020, Tuesday, December 8, 2020, and Tuesday, December 15, 2020.
- III. Disbursements – Mr. Callahan requested and received Council’s unanimous support for approval of the disbursements of Tuesday, December 22, 2020, Tuesday, December 29, 2020, Tuesday, January 5, 2021, and Tuesday, January 12, 2021.
- IV. Update to Board of Health – Maria Maguire, M.D., MPP, FAAP – Acting Talbot County Health Officer – Dr. Maguire provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic from the Health Department’s perspective. She provided statistical information on the number of cases nationwide, in Maryland and Talbot County, the upward trend of positivity rates and hospitalizations in the state and Talbot County, and a breakdown of the cases by age and race/ethnicity. Dr. Maquire provided information on the types of COVID tests and differences in same, days, times and locations of testing availability in Talbot County, the benefits and importance of contact tracing, the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccines, the need for volunteers to assist with upcoming vaccination clinics, and information on how citizens can register to receive the vaccine. Dr. Maguire concluded her presentation by emphasizing the importance of continuing to wear masks, avoiding large gatherings and getting vaccinated when eligible to do so. Council discussion ensued with Dr. Maguire as various information was brought forward. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mr. Pack, the Council approved rewording a letter to the Governor requesting that Dr. Maguire be given the latitude to not only move through the State’s vaccination plan tiers as specifically needed for Talbot County citizens, but to also have the flexibility to immediately better serve high risk populations when specific needs arise, by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Dr. Maguire will continue to update the Board of Health on a regular or as-needed basis. Information on COVID-19 is available at www.talbotcovid19.org, the Talbot County Health Department website and its Facebook page.

V. Public Hearings:

Bill No. 1467, AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE CODIFICATION AND REVISION OF THE ORDINANCES OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND; PROVIDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SAID CODE; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY FOR ALTERING OR TAMPERING WITH THE CODE; AND MAKING CERTAIN SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IN PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ORDINANCES, was read into the record by the Clerk, brought forward for public hearing, and the public was provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Upon motion by Mr. Divilio, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved moving Bill No. 1467 to third reader. Prior to the reading of the legislation, Mr. Pack requested that Anthony Kupersmith, Acting County Attorney, outline the purpose of the legislation. Mr. Kupersmith stated that the purpose of the legislation is the compilation and codification of all the County's ordinances which is required by the Talbot County Charter at least once every 20 years. The process also included minor changes identified by General Code, the publisher of the Talbot County Code, identifying any necessary reformatting changes and updating references to State law; the last time recodification took place was in 2001. The Council approved bringing Bill No. 1467 to third reader by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Upon motion by Ms. Price, and no objection by the Council, a full reading of the legislation was waived. The Council approved Bill No. 1467 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

Bill No. 1467 will take effect as provided for in the legislation.

- VI. Update by University of Maryland Medical System Shore Regional Health – Ken Kozel, President & CEO, University of Maryland Shore Regional Health - Mr. Kozel expressed his appreciation to the Council, Clay Stamp, and Dr. Maguire for their leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic and their partnership with, and support of, Shore Regional Health. Mr. Kozel briefed the Council on the following four areas of preparation instituted by Shore Regional Health and their role during the COVID-19 pandemic, all of which were coordinated through an Incident Command Center: (1) Surge – the capability to expand in-patient capacity; (2) Staffing – ensuring enough staff in place to handle any increased number of in-patients resulting from a surge in hospitalizations; (3) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) - ensuring enough personal protective equipment is available to treat patients safely and effectively; and (4) Equipment – ensuring an adequate supply of equipment, including ventilators; Mr. Kozel outlined the details of the areas of preparation as each was brought forward. He provided information on Shore Regional Health's focus on managing the recent surge in COVID-19 patients while continuing to support patients who require

hospitalization for other reasons, as well as the community’s testing and vaccination needs. Mr. Kozel expressed his appreciation to Dr. Coppersmith of Chesapeake College for their partnership with Shore Regional Health to establish a COVID-19 testing facility at the College, stating that, to date, 6,000 plus individuals have received testing at that location. He stated that 1,100 team members of Shore Regional Health have received their first dose of vaccine and that Shore Regional Health continues to work with the Talbot County Health Department to implement the tier vaccination structure established by the State of Maryland. He provided an update on plans for the new regional medical center at the northern end of the town of Easton near Easton Airport. He stated that his vision for the regional medical center remains strong and UMMS is doing everything it can to see that the vision of a regional integrated healthcare system comes to fruition. He estimated the timeframe for opening the new regional medical center in Easton to be five years from now and outlined the steps which must occur prior to opening the new facility. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Kozel as various items were brought forward. Mr. Kozel will continue to update the Council on a regular or as-needed basis.

VII. Introduction of Legislation:

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 190 OF THE TALBOT COUNTY CODE (ZONING, SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT) TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A PRIVATE PIER AS AN ACCESSORY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE ON A LOT WITHOUT A PRINCIPAL USE, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for introduction. Prior to introduction, Anthony Kupersmith, Acting County Attorney, stated that the legislation, if approved, would authorize, under limited circumstances, a pier as an accessory structure on a parcel that does not have a principal residential structure. Miguel Salinas, Planning Officer, provided an aerial view of the property which is the subject of the proposed legislation, and outlined the current zoning ordinance with regard to such properties. He stated that the owner of the subject property initiated the request for the text amendment; the Planning Commission considered the request at their meetings on November 4, 2020 and December 2, 2020 and recommended that Council adopt the text amendment. The legislation was introduced as Bill No. 1468 with the Council voting 3-1-1 as follows:

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

A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

VIII. Discussion of Proposed Assistance to Taxpayers During COVID-19 – Angela Lane, Talbot County Finance Director – Ms. Lane briefed the Council on previous assistance provided to Talbot County taxpayers, including Council approval of partial payments of any amounts on sewer bills, and a waiver of all interest and penalties for the timeframe April 2020 through December 2020. She stated that even though the timeframe has expired, the financial hardships associated with the pandemic continue. Ms. Lane requested Council consideration to extend the waiver of interest and penalties on sewer bills through June 2021. She stated that in April 2020, the Council approved only sending sewer properties to tax sale if they had an unpaid balance as of December 31, 2019. She also requested Council’s consideration to continue accepting partial payments on Real Property tax bills indefinitely; however, doing so would not change the due dates for the Property Tax bills; State code defines when properties go to tax sale. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved Ms. Lane’s requests by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye

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

- IX. Discussion of Pending General Assembly Legislation – Prior to discussion of pending General Assembly legislation, Mr. Callahan stated that he had recently met with staff to discuss possible ways the Council could review legislation it may be asked to consider, particularly in light of the huge number of bills “pre-filed” in Annapolis before the 2021 Legislative Session begins and the way in which the legislative session will be conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Anthony Kupersmith, Acting County Attorney, outlined several recommendations he had drafted for Council discussion and consideration regarding how the Council could consider specific bills before the Maryland General Assembly. He stated that the recommendations include having a standing item on the agenda during the time the General Assembly is in session to provide Council an opportunity to come to a consensus on legislation; the scheduling of a conference call under the guidelines of the Open Meetings Act for time-sensitive legislation; and Council’s referral of legislation to staff for further research and evaluation, followed by a report to the full Council at a Council meeting. Ms. Price, the Council’s representative to MACo (Maryland Association of Counties), outlined, in her opinion, the important role played by MACo in focusing on legislation which would directly affect counties. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Pack expressing his objection to discussing the process by which legislation would be brought forward only to have the bills then brought forward; Council discussion again ensued. The two bills for Council’s consideration were then brought forward. Council deferred consideration of *HB325, TALBOT COUNTY – DEER AND TURKEY HUNTING – SUNDAYS*, until the Council meeting of Tuesday, January 26, 2021. *SB 153, RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITIES*, was brought forward for consideration. Mr. Leshner provided a brief outline of the provisions of the proposed legislation and made a motion to forward a letter in support of the legislation; Ms. Price seconded the motion and the Council approved forwarding a letter in support of SB153 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

HB325 and SB153 had been requested for consideration of support by the Council by Delegate Mautz and Easton Utilities, respectively.

- X. County Manager’s Report:
- A. Talbot County Economic Development Commission – Requested Council approval of the appointment of Amy Kreiner to the Talbot County Economic Development as an Ex-Officio member representing the Talbot County Chamber of Commerce. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the appointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- B. Talbot County Emergency Services Advisory Board – Requested Council approval of the appointment of Shirley Bucci to a three-year term on the Talbot County Emergency Services Advisory Board as the St. Michaels District representative; said term will expire on February 1, 2024. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the appointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- C. Talbot County Local Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council – Requested Council approval of the appointment of Ann Simperts and Andrea Kelley-Freeman to four-year terms on the Talbot County Local Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council; said terms will expire on July 1, 2024. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the appointments by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- D. Virtual County Council Meetings – Requested Council approval to hold all Council meetings via a virtual format through the month of February, 2021. Upon motion by Mr. Divilio seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved the request by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- E. Request from Department of Public Works – Requested Council approval of a request from the Town of Oxford to remove the recycling containers from the Oxford Park adjacent to the tennis courts due to inappropriate dumping of household trash at the site. Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that a sign will be placed at the location directing citizens to take their recycling to the transfer station on Barkers Landing Road (Mid-Shore I). Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the request by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- F. Request from Department of Emergency Services – Requested Council approval of a request from the Department of Social Services to utilize State Homeland Security funding in the sum of \$62,696 for the purchase of two (2) software packages from the following companies: First Watch in the sum of \$36,796; said purchase will be made by piggybacking on a Calvert County

contract; and Academy Analytics in the sum of \$26,000 for a sole source purchase so it is compatible with existing software; no County funding is required. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, the Council approved the request by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- G. Request from Hog Neck Golf Course – Requested Council approval of the request of the Hog Neck Golf Course General Manager to utilize FY21 Contingency Funds in the sum of \$231,000 for replacement of the irrigation pumps, related equipment and pump house at the golf course. Mr. Stamp stated that Angela Lane, Finance Director, has certified that contingency funds are available. Council discussion ensued with Owen Sutherland, Golf Superintendent. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the request by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- H. Request from Department of Public Works – Requested Council’s approval to forward a letter to Secretary Grumbles, Maryland Department of the Environment, asking that he assign a team of key staff to work with County staff to resolve various issues relating to several of the County’s sewer extension projects. Ray Clarke, County Engineer, briefed the Council on the reason for the request. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved forwarding a letter to Secretary Grumbles by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

- I. County Offices Closed – Mr. Stamp stated that County offices will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2021 in recognition of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

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

XII. Council Comments:

Mr. Leshner – Mr. Leshner expressed his appreciation to Ms. Price, MACo First Vice President, for chairing the recent town hall meeting with Senator Ben Cardin. He stated that, in his opinion, following the events of last week in the nation’s capital, we need to find a way to reconcile, live together in American democracy and to balance that with the need to find peace and safety. He stated that the vandals and insurrectionist must be brought to justice, quoting from the Executive Order

issued by the White House on June 26, 2020 that, *“The first duty of government is to ensure domestic tranquility and defend the life, property, and rights of its citizens. Anarchists have sought to impose their ideology on Americans through violence and mob intimidation. They have led riots, killed, and assaulted government officers. During the unrest, innocent citizens have also been harmed and killed. These criminal acts are frequently planned and supported by agitators who have traveled across state lines to promote their own violent agenda. These radicals shamelessly attack the legitimacy of our institutions and the very rule of law itself. In the midst of these attacks, members of our government appear to have lost the ability to distinguish between the lawful exercise of rights to free speech and assembly and unvarnished vandalism. They have surrendered to mob rule in periling community safety, allowing for the wholesale violation of our laws, and privileging the violent impulses of the mob over the rights of law abiding citizens. Some particularly misguided public officials even appear to have accepted the idea that violence can be virtuous and have prevented the police from enforcing the laws. It is the policy of the United States to prosecute to the fullest extent permitted under federal law and, as appropriate, any person or any entity that destroys, damages, vandalizes, or desecrates government property. The desire of the Congress to protect federal property is clearly reflected in Section 1361 of Title 18, United States Code, which authorizes a penalty of up to ten years imprisonment for the willful injury of federal property.....”*. He stated that, in his opinion, we need to ensure that the horrors of this past week that were visited on this nation are not repeated, and likewise, in any state capital or even in county courthouses; we need to come together, talk to each other and stop the violence.

Mr. Pack –

Mr. Pack stated that the Martin Luther King Day celebration which usually takes place at Easton Middle School bringing together middle school students from Dorchester, Talbot and Caroline counties, will not be held this year due to the coronavirus pandemic. He stated that instead, the organizers of the event have decided to hold a virtual event by partnering with MCTV to highlight games of past years, testimonies and comments from citizens about Dr. King, his life, and legacy, and to reflect on recent current events in the nation. Mr. Pack stated that the presentation can be viewed on Easton Channel 98. He quoted Albert Einstein who said, *“The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything.”* Mr. Pack stated that Hitler did not come into power in Germany by himself; there were people who were his co-conspirators. Stalin didn’t come into power in Russia by himself; there were those who conspired with him. He stated that the events we saw happen last week did not just materialize out of the ground; there were people who watched as Albert Einstein said, this decaying of America take place over months and years and did nothing about it; did not voice opposition to the lies and opposition to the distortion of truth. He stated that what he saw last week was so upsetting that it took him back to the images of 9/11. He stated that to see that type of behavior at the Capitol, to see citizens who were driven and had the intent to do Speaker Pelosi and Vice President Pence harm had they come upon them was very disturbing. Mr. Pack stated that, in his opinion, one cannot call oneself an American and not be moved to the core by the images at the Capitol, and by wrapping yourself in a flag and painting your face red, white, and blue does not absolve you of that type of behavior. He spoke of a statement made years ago by Frank Madison Reed, a Baltimore City minister, who said that according to the

Book of Romans, we all sin and fall short of the glory of God but that the issue facing America is a failure to distinguish between right and wrong, the failure to distinguish between what is true and what is a lie. Mr. Pack stated that, in his opinion, we have now come to the point about which Reverend Reed and Albert Einstein both spoke about - that we can't distinguish between what is true and what is a lie and that it is so disheartening to watch people behave in that manner and to be egged on by a president who can't handle the fact that he lost. He stated that we should all be speaking up, and reminded everyone of Senator Romney's recent comments from the Senate floor regarding those who are hurt by loss, who have put their time, money and energy into a campaign only to find out at the end of the day that they did not do as well as they anticipated, that it is difficult to be on the losing end of something and can be hard to handle, but that the hurt should not be compounded by lying to supporters. He stated that, in his opinion, what Senator Romney was saying is that sometimes the simplest thing to do is to tell the truth – we fought a hard fight but we came up short. He stated that he hopes we will do some soul searching when it comes to how we move issues forward in Talbot County. He stated that Mr. Ewing, who had called during the public comments portion of the meeting, had spoken about the Confederate statue on the Courthouse grounds. Mr. Pack stated that, in his opinion, the statue needs to go as it does not speak to what we are and the people that we are in Talbot County and glorifies a culture and a time when individuals of color were not given equal protection under the law. He stated that, in his opinion, as elected officials, we should be ashamed to walk past that statue in 2021 and not do anything about it, knowing how it offends our citizens, particularly our citizens of color. He respectfully stated that it needs to be placed in another location where people can go see it if they want to, but that it should not be on public display on the Courthouse grounds.

Ms. Price – Ms. Price expressed her appreciation to Mr. Leshner for mentioning the recent virtual town hall with Senator Cardin. She stated that it had been an honor to have been the moderator of the session which was for all the MACo members. She stated that MACo had asked Senator Cardin to provide an update on the federal government's response to COVID-19 and how the proposed new round of funding would be distributed to the State and the counties. She stated that MACo representatives expressed concerns regarding delay of funding to the smaller counties which is first funneled through the State, often causing delay in receipt of funding to the smaller counties; funding for the larger counties and large municipalities is forwarded directly to them. Mrs. Price stated that the MACo representatives clarified that the counties not municipalities, with the exception of Baltimore City, are responsible for the health departments throughout the state, and asked the Senator to provide that information to his colleagues so that the funding can be sent directly to the counties. She stated that following the town hall, she led the first MACo Legislative Committee meeting of the 2021 Legislative Session. She stated that most of the bills reviewed were "leftovers" from last year, bills which did not pass during the last legislative session or never came up for vote because the session adjourned early due to the pandemic. She stated that approximately 900 bills were pre-filed this session, some of which don't even have text yet associated with them. She stated that the MACo Legislative Committee will be meeting each Wednesday throughout the Session and that she will bring all bills of interest to Talbot County to the Council's attention. Ms. Price concluded her comments by commending MACo staff who

review all legislation and expressed optimism that 2021 will be a far better year than 2020.

Mr. Divilio - Mr. Divilio stated that he was proud of the two individuals recently selected by Council to the positions of County Manager and Talbot County Health Officer. He stated that Clay Stamp, now County Manager, was previously an Assistant County Manager, and Dr. Maria Maguire was previously Deputy Health Officer. He stated that, in his opinion, Talbot County is fortunate to have two individuals who were second in command step up during a pandemic and near economic collapse. He stated that there have been numerous businesses which have opened during the pandemic which can't get PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) funding because they just recently opened or don't yet have losses to show. Mr. Divilio stated that he had spoken with Dr. Maguire on Friday and Saturday, and that, in his opinion, she is on the ball, knows what she's doing and has a great staff, and he wishes her luck and great support as we get through this. Mr. Divilio concluded his comments by reiterating that he is glad to be starting off the new year with two individuals who are stepping into the pandemic who are known.

Mr. Callahan - Mr. Callahan concurred with his colleagues' remarks and stated that, in his opinion, we could not be more blessed to have Dr. Maguire, Ken Kozel, County staff, our police, first responders and EMS personnel and that everyone is stepping up to keep us safe. He expressed his appreciation to everyone for protecting us and showing us what good, hard workers they are. He stated that there are so many people to thank – Clay Stamp for jumping into the position of County Manager. He stated that he realized that we're throwing a lot on his shoulders and can't thank him enough for being there and watching over the Council and the community. He commended Ms. Price for moderating the town hall with Senator Cardin. He stated that he had been unable to attend but both Mr. Leshner and Mr. Stamp had indicated that Ms. Price had done an outstanding job for Talbot County, he was proud of her for doing that for Talbot County. Mr. Callahan expressed his appreciation to Richard Potter, President, NAACP – Talbot County Chapter, for meeting with him last week one on one, and that, in his opinion, we got to know one another better and got a lot accomplished and that it's a start. He stated that he and Mr. Potter did not know each other and walked away knowing each other a little bit more, and in his opinion, it is the beginning of something and he appreciates Mr. Potter meeting with him – that's the way you unite. He again expressed his appreciation to Mr. Potter for setting up the meeting. Mr. Callahan concluded his comments by commending the ongoing COVID-19 vaccination efforts for Talbot County citizens and reminding his colleagues that although the Council members are all very passionate about some of the subjects before them, everyone needs to remember that we still need to respect staff who are doing the best they can. He stated that staff is working for the Council and the Council is working for the community, and at the end of the day we are all trying to get to the same place.

XIII. Upon motion by Mr. Divilio, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council adjourned the meeting and will reconvene on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in Open Session and immediately adjourn into Closed Session for discussion of legal, personnel and real estate matters as listed on the statement for closing the meeting, and for the regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

The transcript of the January 12, 2021 County Council meeting is available for review in the Office of the Talbot County Manager during regular office hours.

XIV. Summary of Closed Session held on January 6, 2021:

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

Time of closed session: 4:15 p.m. to 6:40 p.m.
Place of closed session: Wye Oak Room, Talbot County Community Center
Purpose of the closed session: To consider various matters as set forth in the statement for closing the meeting

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

Names of members voting aye: Callahan, Divilio, Leshner, Pack, Price
Members opposed: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

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

Topic description	Statutory authority	Persons present	Action taken
To conduct interviews for Director of Emergency Services	GP § 3-305 (b) (1)	Corey Pack, Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Kim Ferullo	Council conducted interviews for Director of Emergency Services

XV. Summary of Closed Session held on January 12, 2021:

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

Time of closed session: 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Place of closed session: Via WebEx Events (virtual meeting)
Purpose of the closed session: To consider various matters as set forth in the statement for closing the meeting

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

Names of members voting aye: Callahan, Divilio, Leshner, Pack
Members opposed: None

Abstaining: None
 Absent: Price (arrived at 4:35 p.m.)

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

Topic description	Statutory authority	Persons present	Action taken
To discuss appointments to various County boards and committees	GP § 3-305 (b) (1)	Corey Pack, Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Tony Kupersmith, Jessica Morris	No action
To discuss personnel matter in Department of Emergency Services	GP § 3-305 (b) (1)	Corey Pack, Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Tony Kupersmith, Jessica Morris	Job offer will be extended to candidate
To discuss personnel matter in Parks and Recreation	GP § 3-305 (b) (1)	Corey Pack, Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Tony Kupersmith, Jessica Morris	Council concurred with posting job vacancy
To discuss personnel matter in County Attorney’s Office	GP § 3-305 (b) (1)	Corey Pack, Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Tony Kupersmith, Jessica Morris	Council concurred with retaining outside legal counsel
To discuss possible acquisition of property in Easton for a public purpose	GP § 3-305 (b) (3)	Corey Pack, Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Tony Kupersmith, Jessica Morris	No action

CASH STATEMENT 12/22/2020

BALANCE 12/15/2020

46,830,097.50

CIGNA CLAIMS PAID THRU 12/14/2020	(128,207.10)
TC PUBLIC IMP REF BOND OF 2015	(1,872,850.00)
POSTAGE WIRE	(3,000.00)
WELLS FARGO GOLF EQUIP LEASE PYMT	(4,092.00)
USDA/RD QTRLY BOND PYMT #92-09	(26,240.00)
USDA/RD QTRLY BOND PYMT #92-11	(60,886.00)
ELECTION BOARD PPE 10/6/2020	(10,797.09)
DEPOSITS	1,828,422.27
CHECKS	(799,954.48)
BALANCE 12/22/2020	45,752,493.10

INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		0.09%	20,500,000.00
1880 BANK			10,158,318.79
TOTAL INVESTED			<u>30,658,318.79</u>
PETTY CASH BALANCE			<u>12,275.00</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>			<u>76,423,086.89</u>

CASH STATEMENT 12/29/2020

BALANCE 12/22/2020	45,752,493.10
TOTAL ADP PAYROLL PPE 12/11/2020	(640,876.70)
DEFERRED COMP DED PPE 12/11/2020	(19,596.26)
PENSION DED PPE 12/11/2020	(38,748.33)
DEFERRED COMP PPE 12/11/2020 PLAN 401(A)	(6,989.70)
CIGNA CLAIMS PAID THRU 12/21/2020	(94,166.19)
FY21 MD STATE RETIREMENT & PENSION SYSTEM	(1,460,440.00)
RETURNED CHECK(S) #1620, 1621	(3,656.10)

BANK CHARGES	(2,897.38)
11/2020	
INTEREST ON ACCOUNTS 11/2020	3,461.90
DEPOSITS	5,098,413.51
CHECKS	(714,056.24)
VOIDED CHECK(S) #347151	680.10
BALANCE 12/29/2020	<u>47,873,621.71</u>

INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		0.08%	20,500,000.00
1880 BANK			10,158,318.79
TOTAL INVESTED			<u>30,658,318.79</u>
PETTY CASH			<u>12,275.00</u>
BALANCE			
<u>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>			<u>78,544,215.50</u>

CASH STATEMENT 1/05/2021

BALANCE 12/29/2020	47,873,621.71
ADP PAYROLL HAZARD PAY 12/30/2020	(411,604.24)
CIGNA CLAIMS PAID THRU 12/28/2020	(78,972.17)
ELECTION BOARD PPE 10/13/2020	(2,401.72)
BOARD OF EDUCATION 12/2020	(3,635,367.00)
TALBOT COUNTY PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF 2020	(424,612.50)
FY21 MD STATE RETIREMENT & PENSION SYSTEM	(25,073.00)
SDAT/FY21 LOCAL COST SHARING	(37,522.00)
ENTERPRISE LEASE PYMT DEC 2020	(8,910.15)
WELLS FARGO GOLF EQUIPMENT LEASE PYMT	(128.00)
USDA/RD QTRLY BOND PYMT #92-03	(9,478.60)
RETURNED PAYMENTUS TAX PAYMENT	(493.49)
DEPOSITS	1,713,085.96
CHECKS	(120,421.34)
BALANCE 1/05/2021	<u>44,831,723.46</u>

INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		0.08%	20,500,000.00
1880 BANK			10,158,318.79
TOTAL INVESTED			<u>30,658,318.79</u>
PETTY CASH BALANCE			<u>12,275.00</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>			<u>75,502,317.25</u>

CASH STATEMENT 1/12/2021

BALANCE 1/05/2021			44,831,723.46
TOTAL ADP PAYROLL PPE 12/25/2020			(636,671.20)
ADDITIONAL ADP PAYROLL PPE 12/25/2020			(1,143.28)
PENSION DED PPE 12/31/2020			(762.45)
PENSION DED PPE 12/25/2020			(38,423.55)
DEFERRED COMP DED PPE 12/25/2020 & 12/31/2020			(20,556.26)
DEFERRED COMP PPE 12/25/2020 PLAN 401(A)			(6,959.90)
CIGNA CLAIMS PAID THRU 1/4/2021			(29,342.40)
JANUARY RETIREE HEALTH INS PLAN #727			(31,923.84)
USDA/RD MTHLY BOND PYMT #97-08			(1,304.00)
RETIREMENT GIFT CARD/MICHELAN GIBBS			(250.00)
RETURNED CHECK #23267			(60.00)
RETURNED PAYMENTUS PYMT			(6,417.87)
DEPOSITS			1,193,594.93
CHECKS			(1,571,091.64)
BALANCE 1/12/2021			<u>43,680,412.00</u>

INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		0.09%	20,500,000.00
1880 BANK			10,158,318.79

TOTAL INVESTED	<u>30,658,318.79</u>
PETTY CASH BALANCE	<u>12,275.00</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>	<u>74,351,005.79</u>