



TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

County Council

MINUTES

June 8, 2021

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

- I. Agenda – The Agenda of Tuesday, June 8, 2021 was brought forward for approval. Mr. Leshner made a motion to amend the Agenda to include a request from the De Shields family for a letter in support of their grant application for the Bellevue Passage Museum; the motion was seconded by Mr. Divilio. Council approved the Agenda, as amended, by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

- II. Minutes - Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Minutes of Tuesday, May 18, 2021.
- III. Disbursements – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Disbursements of Tuesday, June 8, 2021.
- IV. Introduction of Joye Nagle, Talbot County Finance Director – Council introduced Joye Nagle, the new County Finance Director. Ms. Nagle stated that she has a Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting, an MBA, and is a Certified Public Accountant. She stated that her work experience includes working for large public companies, the nonprofit and government sectors in both the financial and business management areas. Ms. Nagle stated that she is a resident of Talbot County and looks forward to working with her County colleagues. Council members and County Manager, Clay Stamp, welcomed Ms. Nagle to Talbot County.
- V. Introduction of David Edwards, Talbot County Director of Human Resources – Council introduced David Edwards, the new County Director of Human Resources. Mr. Edwards stated that he recently relocated to the area from Long Island, New York where he served as Global Vice President of People for a large manufacturing company; his previous experience includes working for General Electric, Samsung and LG Electronics. Council members and County Manager, Clay Stamp, welcomed Mr. Edwards to Talbot County.
- VI. Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to Vernon Cephas, Talbot County Department of Corrections Employee of the Year for 2020 – Council recognized Mr. Vernon Cephas as the Department of Corrections (DOC) Employee of the Year for 2020. Mr. Cephas stated that he is a native of Easton and has worked for the Talbot County DOC for approximately four and one-half years as a corporal with the transportation unit. Terry Kokolis, Director, Talbot County Department of Corrections, stated that Corporal Cephas is responsible for transporting and picking up inmates in the 23 counties of the state, and as such, represents everyone in the county. Mr. Kokolis spoke of the many attributes Corporal Cephas brings to the Department, including his even temperament and empathetic nature. Council members congratulated Corporal Cephas on having received the award from his peers. The Clerk read a certificate of recognition from the Council and a statement from Director Kokolis into the record. The statements recognized Corporal Cephas’ commitment to

his job, his importance to DOC operations, the timeliness and preparedness he brings to his assigned duties, and the professionalism by which he performs his duties to ensure the safety of the inmates and the facility.

- VII. Presentation of FY 2022 Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) Easement Applications – Martin Sokolich, Planner III – Mr. Sokolich requested Council’s approval to submit the 12 top-ranked easement applications to the State for the MALPF FY 2022 easement purchase consideration; 35 applications were received. He outlined the criteria by which the applications presented are ranked and stated that all are in the County’s Priority Preservation Area; all top-ranked applications were reviewed and approved by the Talbot County Land Preservation Advisory Board and the Planning Commission. He stated that the purpose of the easement application is to permanently retire the development rights on the subject properties. The Council approved submittal of the easement applications as presented by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye

Mr. Divilio – Aye

Mr. Leshner – Aye

Ms. Price – Aye

- VIII. Introduction of Legislation:

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO AIRPORT ROAD was read into the record by Finance Director, Angela Lane, and introduced by Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1474. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1419, THE APPROPRIATION FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A BELT FILTER PRESS TO UPGRADE THE REGION II (ST. MICHAELS) WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT was read into the record by Finance Director, Angela Lane, and introduced by Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1475. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A MASTER PLAN FOR THE BILL BURTON STATE PARK LOCATED AT 29761 BOLINGBROKE POINT DRIVE, TRAPPE, MARYLAND was read into the record by Finance Director, Angela Lane, and introduced by Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1476. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1366 AND 1448, THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BLACK DOG ALLEY was read into the record by Finance Director, Angela Lane, and introduced by Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1477. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPANSION OF BROADBAND TO UNSERVED AND UNDERSERVED AREAS OF TALBOT COUNTY was read into the record by Finance Director, Angela Lane, and introduced by Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1478. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1244, THE APPROPRIATION FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE ROOF REPLACEMENT AT THE TALBOT COUNTY COURTHOUSE SOUTH WING was read into the record by Finance Director, Angela Lane, and introduced by Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1479. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1393 AND 1452, THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FREDERICK DOUGLASS PARK ON THE TUCKAHOE LOCATED AT 13213 LEWISTOWN ROAD, QUEEN ANNE, MARYLAND was read into the record by Finance Director, Angela Lane, and introduced by Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1480. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOF AT EASTON HIGH SCHOOL was read into the record by Finance Director, Angela Lane, and introduced by Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1481. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1459, THE APPROPRIATION FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT TO RESURFACE/REPAVE THE EASTON HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT was read into the record by Finance Director, Angela Lane, and introduced by Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1482. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1449, THE APPROPRIATION FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT TO REPLACE THE EASTON HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TRACK was read into the record by Finance Director, Angela Lane, and introduced by Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1483. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES STATIONS was read into the record by Finance Director, Angela Lane, and introduced by Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1484. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE ICE PLANT AT THE TALBOT COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER ICE RINK was read into the record by Finance Director, Angela Lane, and introduced by Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1485. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1424, THE APPROPRIATION FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT TO PURCHASE LAND FOR FUTURE COUNTY PURPOSES was read into the record by Finance Director, Angela Lane, and introduced by Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1486. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1396, THE APPROPRIATION FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TALBOT COUNTY GOVERNMENT BAY STREET FACILITY PARKING LOTS, EASTON, MARYLAND was read into the record by Finance Director, Angela Lane, and introduced by Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1487. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE UPGRADE OR REPLACEMENT OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AT THE PRESERVE AT WYE MILLS was read into the record by Finance Director, Angela Lane, and introduced by Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1488. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TALBOT COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER was read into the record by Finance Director, Angela Lane, and introduced by Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1489. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1366, 1430 AND 1454, THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE REGION II (ST. MICHAELS) WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENTS was read into the record by Finance Director, Angela Lane, and introduced by Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1490. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A BILL TO ABANDON BILL NO. 1461, WHICH AUTHORIZED A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE RESURFACING/REPAVING OF THE ST. MICHAELS SCHOOL PARKING LOT was read into the record by Finance Director, Angela Lane, and introduced by Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1491. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

IX. Continuation of Public Hearings:

Resolution No. 299, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN TO RECLASSIFY AND REMAP REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND LOCATED ON ST. MICHAELS ROAD (MARYLAND ROUTE 33), EASTON, MARYLAND 21601 AND SHOWN ON TALBOT COUNTY TAX MAP NO. 34, GRID 2 AS PARCEL 11 FROM UNPROGRAMMED TO "S-1" IMMEDIATE PRIORITY STATUS (*Repurposing Center*), was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for public hearing. Prior to the public hearing, Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the Public Works Advisory Board at its meeting on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, voted 5 – 0 to recommend to the Council that Resolution No. 299 not be approved. He stated that the Planning Commission had found that Resolution No. 299 was not consistent with the County's Comprehensive Plan. Miguel Salinas, Planning Officer, outlined the reasons for the Planning Commission's finding of inconsistency. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Salinas. Members of the public were afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Written comments on Resolution No. 299 will be accepted until the close of business on Friday, June 11, 2021. Resolution No. 299 is eligible for vote on Tuesday, June 22, 2021.

Resolution No. 300, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN TO RECLASSIFY AND REMAP COMMERCIAL REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON OCEAN GATEWAY AND MARINA DRIVE, TRAPPE, MARYLAND 21673 AND SHOWN ON TALBOT COUNTY TAX MAP NO. 62 AS PARCELS 13, 21, 42, 43, AND 80 FROM UNPROGRAMMED TO "S-1" IMMEDIATE PRIORITY STATUS, AND TO RECLASSIFY AND REMAP RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON OCEAN FERRY POINT DRIVE, TRAPPE, MARYLAND 21673 AND SHOWN ON TALBOT COUNTY TAX MAP NO. 62 AS PARCELS 1 THROUGH 19 FROM UNPROGRAMMED TO "S-2" FUTURE PLANNED SEWER SERVICE IN 3 TO 5 YEARS (*Ferry Point*) was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for public hearing. Prior to the public hearing, Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the Public Works Advisory Board, at its meeting on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 adopted a motion to recommend that the Council adopt Resolution No. 300, with an amendment to remove the S-2 classification for the residential properties. Miguel Salinas, Planning Officer stated that the Planning Commission, at its meeting on May 5, 2021, voted 5 – 0 that Resolution No. 300 was consistent with the County's Comprehensive Plan. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Clarke and Mr. Salinas. Members of the public were afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Written comments on Resolution No. 300 will be accepted until the close of business on Friday, June 11, 2021. Resolution No. 300 is eligible for vote on Tuesday, June 22, 2021.

Resolution No. 301, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN TO APPROVE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM ON RUSTLING OAKS DRIVE, WYE MILLS, MARYLAND SHOWN ON TALBOT COUNTY TAX MAP 1, GRID 23 AS PARCEL 98 (*Preserve at Wye Mills*) was read into the record and brought forward for public hearing. Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the Public Works Advisory Board, at its meeting on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, recommended that the Council table Resolution No. 301 until such a time as the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) has been completed. At Council's previous request, Mr. Clarke has been working with the Office of Law on a Memorandum of Understanding between the County and The Preserve at Wye Mills Homeowners Association regarding repayment of funding provided by the County for the PER. Mr. Clarke stated that the PER is required before the County can submit an application for State funding for the project. Miguel Salinas, Planning Officer state that the Planning Commission, at its meeting on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, voted 5 – 0 that Resolution No. 301 is consistent with the County's Comprehensive Plan. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Clarke. Members of the public were afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Written comments on Resolution No. 301 will be accepted until the close of business on Friday, June 11, 2021. Resolution No. 301 is eligible for vote on Tuesday, June 22, 2021.

X. Public Hearing:

Resolution No. 302, A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXECUTION OF A LEASE OF UNIMPROVED LAND AT THE EASTON AIRPORT DESCRIBED AS LOT 9200, CONSISTING OF THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (35,200) SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS, FOR A TERM OF THIRTY (30) YEARS WITH THE RIGHT TO RENEW FOR UP TO TWO (2) ADDITIONAL TERMS OF FIVE (5) YEARS EACH, WITH RENT OF THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND FOUR CENTS (\$32,384.04) PER YEAR, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ESCALATION IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX UP TO FIVE PERCENT (5%), AND WITH A REQUIREMENT THAT THE TENANT, AEROVANTI HANGAR, LLC, CONSTRUCT AN AIRCRAFT HANGAR AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS; AND TO APPROVE EXECUTION OF A TWO-YEAR OPTION TO LEASE UNIMPROVED LAND AT THE EASTON AIRPORT DESCRIBED AS LOT 9180 AND LOCATED ADJACENT TO LOT 9200, WHICH LOT 9180 CONSISTS OF THIRTY SIX THOUSAND EIGHTY

FEET (36,080) SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS, FOR A TERM OF THIRTY (30) YEARS WITH THE RIGHT TO RENEW FOR UP TO TWO (2) ADDITIONAL TERMS OF FIVE (5) YEARS EACH, WITH A NONREFUNDABLE OPTION PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$24,000), PAYABLE IN MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000) PER MONTH DURING THE OPTION TERM; AND, TO APPROVE, IN THE EVENT THE OPTION IS EXERCISED, THE TERMS OF SAID LEASE, WITH RENT IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY-THREE DOLLARS AND FIFTY-SIX CENTS (\$33,193.56) PER YEAR, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ESCALATION IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX UP TO FIVE PERCENT (5%), AND WITH A REQUIREMENT THAT THE TENANT, AEROVANTI HANGAR, LLC, CONSTRUCT AN AIRCRAFT HANGAR AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for public hearing. Prior to the public hearing, Micah Risher, Manager, Easton Airport, introduced Steve Harr, representative of Aerovanti, the company requesting to lease land from Easton Airport. Mr. Harr briefed the Council on Aerovanti's plans for their operations at Easton Airport. Members of the public were afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved Resolution No. 302 by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

Resolution No. 302 is effective immediately.

- XI. Discussion of Proposed Assistance to Taxpayers Impacted by COVID-19 – Angela Lane, Talbot County Finance Director – Ms. Lane stated that the Council had approved her previous requests in April 2020 and December for approval of a waiver of interest and penalties on sewer bills through June 2021. She stated that approximately 4.3% of County sewer accounts have a balance of more than one (1) quarter and that it is her recommendation that the County continue to waive interest and penalties on sewer bills through December 2021. Ms. Lane stated that she had discussed the matter with County Engineer, Ray Clarke, and that he concurs with her recommendation. Council discussion ensued with Ms. Lane. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved Ms. Lane's recommendation by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

- XII. County Manager's Report:

- A. Talbot County Commission on the Aging – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of Julie Crocker to a three-year term on the Talbot County Commission on the Aging; said term will expire on April 1, 2024. Upon motion by Mr. Divilio, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved the reappointment by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

Ms. Price – Aye

- B. Talbot County Department of Social Services Board of Directors – Requested Council approval for the appointment of Elaine Wilson to a three-year term on the Talbot County Department of Social Services Board of Directors; said term will expire on June 30, 2024. Upon motion by Mr. Divilio, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved the appointment by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

- C. Talbot Family Network Board of Directors – Requested Council approval for the appointment of Berenice Orellana to a three-year term on the Talbot Family Network Board of Directors as a representative of the private sector; said term will expire on June 30, 2024. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the appointment by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

- D. Upper Shore Workforce Investment Board – Requested Council approval for the appointment of Michael Brustein to the Upper Shore Workforce Investment Board as a representative from the private sector; said term will expire on June 30, 2023. Upon motion by Mr. Divilio, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved the appointment by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

- E. Request for Letter of Support for Building African American Minds, Inc.’s (BAAM’s) Grant Application to the Maryland Historical Trust African American Heritage Preservation Program – Requested Council approval to forward a letter in support of BAAM’s grant application to the Maryland Historical Trust African American Heritage Preservation Program in the sum of \$100,000; if approved, the grant funding will be used toward the cost of construction of an Academic Center for the BAAM program in Easton which will enable the organization to expand its programming to also serve African-American female students in grades 1 through 5. Upon motion by Mr. Divilio, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved forwarding the letter of support by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

- F. Bid No. 20-08, SEWER CONNECTION FOR TALBOT COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER, 10028 OCEAN GATEWAY – EASTON, MARYLAND – Requested Council approval of the County Engineer’s recommendation to award Bid No. 20-08 to EastComm, Ltd. in the sum of \$321,324.35; Council discussion ensued with Ray Clarke, County Engineer. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the award by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

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

- XIV. Council Comments:

Mr. Leshner - Mr. Leshner stated that he was delighted to be back in the Bradley Room in person with his colleagues, staff and most importantly, members of the public. He expressed his appreciation to all those who had been vaccinated to make it possible to meet in person and offered words of encouragement to any individuals who have not had the opportunity to become vaccinated. Mr. Leshner thanked all those who came out to speak to the Council on a variety of matters, and stated that, in his opinion, public engagement is vital to the health of our democracy. He expressed his congratulations to all graduating seniors of Easton High School, their families, teachers and staff. He stated that he, Mr. Callahan and Mr. Pack had attended the ceremony and that Mr. Pack was representing the Council at the St. Michaels High School graduation tonight. He stated that this year’s graduation class faced much adversity and that, in his opinion, no one was spared the impact of the pandemic. He stated that there were 270 students who graduated; only two students who did not graduate and they will be helped in order to meet the State and District graduation requirements. He stated that students are not dropping out as they did when he was in high school and, in his opinion, it is an extraordinary achievement for the school to make sure that no one gets left behind. Mr. Leshner concluded his comments by stating that, in his opinion, it is very important and a positive sign for society that we all count.

Ms. Price - Ms. Price stated that, in her opinion, all the Council members are very, very grateful to be back in the Bradley Room after almost a year and that she was thrilled to see so many faces. She stated that bringing us back together, seeing each other on the street, smiling at each other and starting to give hugs again, will, in her opinion, make all the difference in the world. She stated that, in her opinion, people are very divided and it did not help that in 2020 we could not be together and have real conversations – and she appreciates that tonight – to have staff here, the new faces and the faces of those who are leaving. Ms. Price congratulated the graduating seniors. She expressed condolences to the family of cartoonist and editorialist Rick Kollinger, stating that although he took jabs at a lot of political issues and even occasionally at the Council, she will miss him and his sense of humor.

Mr. Divilio - Mr. Divilio stated that his most recent Council comments were regarding what he had learned about sewer. He stated that for those who aren’t aware of it, there are lots of sewer systems throughout the county that are failing. He stated that this time he learned about the Internet and that he does not like to see a company get bashed online for something that is

totally out of its control. He stated that he had been spoiled for a long time by having Easton Utilities and the excellent Internet they provide, but he has had to switch to a cell phone tower and thought he was the problem, not the technology, until learning that a protected species of bird had made a nest on the tower and the company is not able to put out a cell phone signal which affects a lot of people in Cordova, Trappe, and Wye Mills when they use the Internet. He stated that it has been a thorn in his side for a good while that cell phone calls cannot be made in the school or in the fire department in Cordova so he is going to continue to bring it to attention because, in his opinion, it is a significant safety issue which he thinks the Council can address. He stated that the small cell phone companies that are trying to put the Internet out are just a short fix; the County is working to bring broadband to communities; in the meantime, he asks that citizens be more civil on-line when they have a problem with their Internet, and not feel personally attacked and say that the company shut down their Internet – perhaps it is only a bald eagle making a nest.

Mr. Callahan - Mr. Callahan stated that the Council is working hard to help the community and reminded everyone that the Council is working on getting broadband, repairing schools, and hiring staff. He stated that Council members are not always going to agree but we can work together on a solution. Mr. Callahan expressed his appreciation to County staff and Acting County Attorney, Patrick Thomas, for all their hard work, and to the Sheriff Deputies for keeping the community safe.

- XV. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council voted to adjourn and to reconvene on Tuesday, June 22, 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 at 6:00 p.m. for the regularly-scheduled meeting by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

The transcript of the June 8, 2021 County Council meeting is available for review in the Office of the Talbot County Manager during regular office hours.

X. Summary of Closed Session Held on June 8, 2021:

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

Time of closed session: 4:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.
Place of closed session: Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, MD
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 discuss appointments to various County boards and committees	GP § 3-305 (b) (1)(i)	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	No action
To discuss personnel matter in Department of Emergency Services	GP § 3-305(b)(1)(i)	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	Interview scheduled
Update on lawsuit (Robin Ficker v. Talbot County)	GP § 3-305(b)(7) and (8)	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas, Andrew Meehan, Esq.	Council direction to file response in Court
For legal advice on County Council’s Rules of Procedure	GP § 3-305(b)(7)	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas, Andrew Meehan, Esq.	No action
For legal advice on Civil Action No: 1:21-cv-01088	GP § 3-305(b)(7) and (8)	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas, Kevin Karpinski, Esq.	No action

BALANCE 5/25/2021	37,518,999.12
TOTAL ADP PAYROLL PPE 5/14/2021	(636,489.52)
DEFERRED COMP DED PPE 5/14/2021	(19,741.00)
DEFERRED COMP PPE 5/14/2021 PLAN 401(A)	(6,725.47)
PENSION DED PPE 5/14/2021	(38,763.48)
CIGNA CLAIMS PAID THRU 5/24/2021	(67,435.18)
HERTRICH FORD OF EASTON/PUBLIC WORKS	(49,063.00)
BOARD OF EDUCATION 5/2021	(3,635,367.00)
ENTERPRISE LEASE PYMT 5/2021	(9,028.65)
RETURNED CHECK #4978	(140.00)
BANK CHARGES 4/2021	(3,414.54)
INTEREST ON ACCOUNTS 4/2021	2,733.31
DEPOSITS	6,254,866.08
CHECKS	(421,291.91)
BALANCE 6/01/2021	38,889,138.76

INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		0.03%	20,500,000.00
BAYVANGUARD BANK			10,178,839.39
TOTAL INVESTED			<u>30,678,839.39</u>
PETTY CASH BALANCE			<u>12,275.00</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>			<u>69,580,253.15</u>

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BALANCE 6/01/2021	38,889,138.76
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TOTAL ADP MONTHLY PAYROLL PPE 5/31/2021	(14,800.72)
PENSION DED PPE 5/31/2021	(768.40)
DEFERRED COMP DED PPE 5/31/2021	(990.00)
CIGNA CLAIMS PAID THRU 6/1/2021	(67,858.26)
JUNE 2021 RETIREE HEALTH INS PLAN #727	(31,514.56)
TALBOT CO. FREE LIBRARY/FY2020-2021 6/2021	(117,398.00)
TALBOT CO. HUMANE SOCIETY/FY2020-2021 6/2021	(34,167.00)
HARLAND CLARKE/DEPOSIT TICKET ORDER	(89.44)
WELLS FARGO GOLF EQUIP. LEASE PMT	(128.00)
POSTAGE WIRE	(3,000.00)
STALE DATED CHECKS CASHED/# 344237, 344810	(40.34)
DEPOSITS	5,057,561.17
CHECKS	(389,347.55)
VOIDED CHECK(S) #350587	440.77
BALANCE 6/08/2021	43,287,038.43

INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		0.03%	20,500,000.00
BAYVANGUARD BANK			10,178,839.39
TOTAL INVESTED			<u>30,678,839.39</u>
PETTY CASH BALANCE			<u>12,275.00</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>			<u>73,978,152.82</u>