



# TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

County Council

MINUTES

May 24, 2016

Present – President Corey W. Pack, Vice President Jennifer L. Williams, Dirck K. Bartlett, Chuck F. Callahan, Laura E. Price, County Manager R. Andrew Hollis, County Attorney Michael Pullen and Assistant County Attorney Anthony Kupersmith.

- I. Agenda – The Agenda of Tuesday, May 24, 2016 was brought forward for approval. Ms. Price requested that the Agenda be amended to include the introduction of an amendment to *Bill No. 1329, A BILL TO REPEAL THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 15, 2005, AND ENACT THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 2016, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF LOCAL GOV'T. ART. § 10-324, LAND USE ART. §1-405, MD. ANN. CODE, AND TALBOT COUNTY CHARTER § 403 (b) AND § 404 (c)*; there was no objection. Mr. Pack then requested and received Council's unanimous consent for approval of the Agenda of Tuesday, May 24, 2016, as amended.
- II. Minutes – Mr. Pack requested and received Council's unanimous consent for approval of the Minutes of Tuesday, April 26, 2016 and Tuesday, May 3, 2016.
- III. Minutes – April 28, 2016 Regional Joint Meeting Between Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties – Chesapeake College FY2017 Budget – Mr. Pack requested Council's unanimous consent for approval of the Minutes of the April 28, 2016 Regional Joint Meeting between Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties - Chesapeake College FY2017 Budget. Mr. Bartlett asked for a Point of Order, stating that he had not been in attendance at the meeting. The Council voted to approve the Minutes of the April 28, 2016 meeting by voting 3 – 0 – 2 as follows:  
  
Mr. Pack – Aye  
Ms. Williams – Abstain (not present at the meeting)  
Mr. Bartlett – Abstain (not present at the meeting)  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Callahan - Aye
- IV. Disbursements – Mr. Pack requested and received Council's unanimous consent for approval of the Disbursements of Tuesday, May 17, 2016 and Tuesday, May 24, 2016.
- V. Council Recognition of Talbot County Free Library Authors Karen Karydes, Acquisitions Librarian, Talbot County Free Library and Author of *Hard-Boiled Anxiety: The Freudian Desires of Dashiell Hammett, Raymond Chandler, Ross Macdonald, and Their Detectives*; and William "Bill" Peak, Communications Manager, Talbot County Free Library and Author of *The Oblate's Confession* - Ms. Karydes and Mr. Peak gave a brief synopsis of the recent books each had authored and had published. Council members congratulated each of the Talbot County Free Library employees on their accomplishment.
- VI. Council Discussion of Proposed Annexation Application to the Town of Easton for Parcels Located at Easton Point - Attorney Ryan Showalter, representing the owners of several parcels of property at Easton Point, requested Council's consideration as to whether the County wished to have its property at Easton

Point included in the petition for annexation into the Town of Easton, specifically the County owned boat launch area, small grass park and freestanding house at Easton Point. Mr. Showalter’s request was a follow-up to a letter previously sent to the Council regarding their interest in including the County owned property in the annexation petition. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Showalter, Mr. Pullen, and John Shroeder, one of the Easton Point property owners represented by Mr. Showalter. Council members expressed a consensus to proceed with inclusion of County owned properties in the annexation petition. Mr. Bartlett requested that Mr. Showalter provide the Council with a chart of uses that will be allowed under the general commercial zoning proposed for Easton Point. Mr. Pullen stated that since his office had only just now received direction from Council, he needed time to review the annexation petition to determine whether the County would like to include any additional terms and/or conditions in the petition. Council agreed to formally consider the matter on Tuesday, July 7, 2016, which is anticipated to be declared a Special Legislative Day. Upon motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved moving forward with collaborating with property owners at Easton Point for annexation of County properties into the Town of Easton and to give staff direction to proceed with negotiations by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

- Mr. Pack – Aye
- Ms. Williams – Aye
- Mr. Bartlett – Aye
- Ms. Price – Aye
- Mr. Callahan - Aye

VII. Council Vote to Declare Tuesday, June 7, 2016 a Special Legislative Day - Mr. Pack outlined the items proposed for the agenda on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. The Council declared Tuesday, June 7, 2016 a Special Legislative Day by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

- Mr. Pack – Aye
- Ms. Williams – Aye
- Mr. Bartlett – Aye
- Ms. Price – Aye
- Mr. Callahan - Aye

VIII. Introduction of Amendment to Bill No. 1329, A BILL TO REPEAL THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 15, 2005, AND ENACT THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 2016, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF LOCAL GOV'T. ART. § 10-324, LAND USE ART. §1-405, MD. ANN. CODE, AND TALBOT COUNTY CHARTER § 403 (b) AND § 404 (c), was brought forward by its sponsor, Ms. Price. She outlined the proposed amendment which she stated is being offered as an amendment to Amendment No. 3, introduced by Mr. Bartlett as to how village zoning densities should be calculated. The amendment, known as “Amendment No. 7,” was introduced by Ms. Price and Mr. Bartlett; discussion ensued between Ms. Price and Mr. Bartlett regarding the differences in each amendment. At Ms. Price’s request, the Planning Commission will review Amendment No. 7 at its meeting on June 1, 2016. Bill No. 1329, and amendments, are eligible for vote on Tuesday, June 7, 2016.

IX. Introduction of Administrative Resolution and Public Hearing:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION BY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – CHOPTANK FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SEVEN (7) SINGLE FAMILY HOMES AT BROOKS LANE, ST. MICHAELS, MARYLAND (TAX IDENTIFICATION # 02-061279) was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for introduction and public hearing. The administrative resolution authorizes Habitat for Humanity Choptank to apply for a State of Maryland Community Development Block Grant in the sum of \$425,000; said funding will be used for site development in St. Michaels and authorizes Talbot

County to execute all documents pertaining to the grant; once site work has been completed, the location will be used by Habitat for the construction of seven (7) single family homes. Nancy Andrew, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity Choptank, Wayne Suggs, Director of Construction, Habitat for Humanity Choptank, and Sarah Abel, Codes Enforcement Officer/Planning Zoning Inspector, Town of St. Michaels, provided an update on various facets of the proposed project. Council discussion ensued with the representatives. The administrative resolution was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Callahan, Mr. Pack, Ms. Price, and Ms. Williams, brought forward for public hearing, and the public was provided an opportunity to comment on the resolution. Upon motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Price, the Administrative Resolution was brought to second reader with the Council voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye  
Ms. Williams – Aye  
Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Callahan - Aye

Upon motion by Mr. Bartlett, and no objection by the Council, a full reading of the Administrative Resolution was waived. The Council approved the Administrative Resolution by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye  
Ms. Williams – Aye  
Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Callahan - Aye

X. Introduction of Numbered Resolution:

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 4659 BACHELOR POINT ROAD, OXFORD, MARYLAND 21654, FURTHER IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP 53, PARCEL 128, LOT 1, CONSISTING OF 1.893 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS (THE “PROPERTY”), OWNED BY RONALD L. WALKER AND ANNE Y. WALKER, FINDING THAT THE PROPOSED REZONING FROM THE COUNTY’S EXISTING RURAL RESIDENTIAL (“RR”) ZONE TO THE TOWN OF OXFORD’S R-1 (RESIDENTIAL) (“R-1”) ZONE WILL ALLOW A SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER DENSITY, EXCEEDING 50%, THAN COULD BE GRANTED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY UNDER THE COUNTY’S EXISTING “RR” ZONING, AND WAIVING THE 5-YEAR HOLD ON THE PROPOSED REZONING IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE § 4-416, MARYLAND ANNOTATED CODE, was read into the record by the Clerk. Prior to introduction, Planning Officer, Mary Kay Verdery stated that the Planning Commission had reviewed the proposed legislation and unanimously supported waiving the five-year hold for the project. The resolution was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Callahan, Mr. Pack, Ms. Price, and Ms. Williams as Resolution No. 226. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, June 7 2016 at 2:15 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

XI. Public Hearings:

Resolution No. 224, A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SALE OF SIX (6) UNIMPROVED LOTS LOCATED ON U.S. ROUTE 50 AND CLEARVIEW ROAD, EASTON, MARYLAND, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 1.395 ACRES IN TOTAL AREA, MORE OR LESS, FOR THE TOTAL SUM OF TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND (\$250,000) DOLLARS, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for public hearing. Prior to the public hearing, County Attorney, Mike Pullen, stated that State law requires that a governmental body which proposes to dispose of real estate is required

to make a finding that the property is no longer needed for a public purpose and must advertise the proposed disposition once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in order to make the terms of the proposed disposition known to the public. The public was then afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation. The Council approved Resolution No. 224 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye  
Ms. Williams – Aye  
Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Callahan – Aye

Resolution No. 224 is effective immediately.

Resolution No. 225, A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SALE OF TWO (2) CONTIGUOUS PARCELS OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED IN EASTON TOWN CENTER, ZONED CR-CENTRAL BUSINESS-COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, KNOWN AS 142 N. HARRISON ST., EASTON, MARYLAND, IMPROVED WITH AN OFFICE BUILDING AND A PARKING LOT, CONSISTING OF 15,690 SF, MORE OR LESS IN TOTAL AREA, AND A CONTIGUOUS UNIMPROVED LOT, KNOWN AS 130 N. HARRISON ST., EASTON, MARYLAND, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 9,990 SF, MORE OR LESS; THE TOTAL AREA OF BOTH PARCELS CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 25,680 SF, MORE OR LESS, FOR THE TOTAL SUM OF ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,100,000) DOLLARS, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for public hearing. Mr. Pullen stated that the purpose of Resolution No. 225 is the same as for Resolution No. 224, to give the public an opportunity to comment on the terms of the disposition of the property. The public was then afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation. The Council approved Resolution No. 225 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye  
Ms. Williams – Aye  
Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Callahan - Aye

Resolution No. 225 is effective immediately.

Bill No. 1330, A BILL TO AMEND TALBOT COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 102, “PARKS AND RECREATION” TO PROHIBIT LITTERING AND DEPOSIT OF HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE IN RECEPTACLES AT COUNTY PARKS, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for public hearing. Prior to the public hearing, Mr. Pullen read into the record two proposed amendments to the legislation. He stated that the first amendment, sponsored by Ms. Williams, would add a new subparagraph D. Rebuttable presumption, which would read as follows: *It shall be a rebuttable presumption that any article bearing a person's name and/or address which is found at a location in violation of this section is the property of the person whose name and/or address it bears; and it shall be a rebuttable presumption that this person placed or caused the article to be placed at the location where found.* Mr. Pullen stated that the purpose of the amendment is to establish that if there is identifying information in household trash that is located at a public park, that there will be “rebuttable presumption” that the trash belonged to the person whose name or address is found in the trash and that that individual (s) placed it there. The amendment, known as “Amendment D,” was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Callahan, Mr. Pack, Ms. Price, and Ms. Williams. Mr. Pullen also outlined a proposed amendment to section E. 2. of

the legislation, sponsored by Mr. Bartlett, which would increase the fine on household garbage from \$250.00 to \$500.00 in order to be consistent with current fines at the public landings. The amendment, known as “Amendment E2,” was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Callahan, Mr. Pack, Ms. Price and Ms. Williams. Upon motion by Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Ms. Price, Bill No. 1330, as amended, was brought to third reader; Mr. Pullen reminded the Council that the amendments needed to be brought forward for vote prior to voting on the legislation. The Council approved Amendment D by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye  
Ms. Williams – Aye  
Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Callahan – Aye

The Council approved Amendment E2 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye  
Ms. Williams – Aye  
Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Callahan – Aye

Bill No. 1330, as amended, was then brought forward for vote. The Council approved Bill No. 1330, as amended, by voting 5 - 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye  
Ms. Williams – Aye  
Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Callahan – Aye

Bill 1330, as amended, will become effective as provided for in the legislation.

XII. Eligible for Vote:

Bill No. 1327, AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE 2016-2017 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, *and amendment* was read into the record by Mr. Pack. Mr. Bartlett requested to consult with the County Attorney before moving forward.

The Council meeting recessed at 7:09 and reconvened at 7:14 p.m.

Finance Officer, Angela Lane, then read an amendment to Bill No. 1327 into the record for Council’s consideration as follows:

To amend the Revenue Budget by changing the following categories:

**Property Taxes** – Education Supplement – Changing the rate from .66 cents to .86 cents. It will change the revenue from \$470,000 to \$612,400, a change of \$142,400; Discount on Taxes – will change credit line from \$232,500 to \$239,900, a change of \$7,400;

**Income Tax** – Local Income Tax – from \$26,000,000 to \$26,100,000, a change of \$100,000;

**Other Local Taxes** – Recordation – from \$5,300,000 to \$5,250,000, a change of \$50,000;

The net impact of these line items in the Revenue Budget for the General Fund will increase by \$185,000.

Ms. Lane reiterated that the Education Supplement will change from .66 cents to .86 cents which will change the tax rates. She then read into the record the tax rates for FY 2016-2017 which are as follows:

Real Property Tax revenue for FY 2017 is based on a rate of \$.5385 per \$100 of assessed valuation plus an Education Supplement of \$.0066, changing to \$.0086 per \$100 of assessed valuation (total rate of \$.5451, changing to \$.5471) for all properties outside the incorporated limits of the Towns of Easton, Oxford, Queen Anne, St. Michaels and Trappe. The FY 2017 Real Property Tax rate is \$.4056 per \$100 of assessed valuation plus an Education Supplement of \$.0066, changing to \$.0086 per \$100 of assessed valuation (total rate of \$.4122, changing to \$.4142) for all properties within the incorporated limits of the Town of Easton. The FY 2017 Real Property Tax rate is \$.4216 per \$100 of assessed valuation plus an Education Supplement of \$.0066, changing to \$.0086 per \$100 of assessed valuation (total rate of \$.4282, changing to \$.4302) for all properties within the incorporated limits of the Town of Oxford. The FY 2017 Real Property Tax rate is \$.4776 per \$100 of assessed valuation plus an Education Supplement of \$.0066, changing to \$.0086 per \$100 of assessed valuation (total rate of \$.4842, changing to \$.4862) for all properties within the incorporated limits of the Town of Queen Anne. The FY 2017 Real Property Tax rate is \$.4116 per \$100 of assessed valuation plus an Education Supplement of \$.0066, changing to \$.0086 per \$100 of assessed valuation (total rate of \$.4182, changing to \$.4202) for all properties within the incorporated limits of the Town of St. Michaels. The FY 2017 Real Property Tax rate is \$.4406 per \$100 of assessed valuation plus an Education Supplement of \$.0066, changing to \$.0086 per \$100 of assessed valuation (total rate of \$.4472, changing to \$.4492) for all properties within the incorporated limits of the Town of Trappe.

Railroad and Public Utilities Tax revenue for FY 2017 is based on a rate of \$1.3627, changing to \$1.3677 per \$100 of assessed valuation for all properties outside the incorporated limits of the Towns of Easton, Oxford, Queen Anne, St. Michaels and Trappe. The FY 2017 Railroad & Public Utilities Tax rate is \$1.0305, changing to \$1.0355 per \$100 of assessed valuation for all properties within the incorporated limits of the Town of Easton. The FY 2017 Railroad & Public Utilities Tax rate is \$1.0705, changing to \$1.0755 per \$100 of assessed valuation for all properties within the incorporated limits of the Town of Oxford. The FY 2017 Railroad & Public Utilities Tax rate is \$1.2105, changing to \$1.2155 per \$100 of assessed valuation for properties within the incorporated limits of the Town of Queen Anne. The FY 2017 Railroad & Public Utilities Tax rate is \$1.0455, changing to \$1.0505 per \$100 of assessed valuation for all properties within the incorporated limits of the Town of St. Michaels. The FY 2017 Railroad & Public Utilities Tax rate is \$1.118, changing to \$1.123 per \$100 of assessed valuation for all properties within the incorporated limits of the Town of Trappe.

A service charge based on a rate of 0.83 percent will be applied to the unpaid balance of Real Property Taxes due in December on properties with the semi-annual tax payment option.

Local Income Tax revenue for FY 2017 is based on a rate of 2.40 percent of the Maryland Taxable Income.

Recordation Tax revenue for FY 2017 is based on a rate of \$6.00 per \$500 of the value of recorded transaction.

Transfer Tax revenue for FY 2017 is based on a rate of 1.0 percent of the actual consideration paid for the conveyance of title, except that the first fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) of consideration payable on the conveyance of owner-occupied residential property intended to be used by the buyer as an owner-occupied residence shall be exempt from this tax.

Mobile/Manufactured Home Rental Community Tax revenue for FY 2017 is based on a rate of \$50 per mobile/manufactured home per quarter.

Public Accommodations Tax revenue for FY 2017 is based on a rate of 4.0 percent of the value of the rental of rooms for sleeping accommodations provided to transients.

Admissions and Amusement Tax revenue for FY 2017 is based on a rate of 5.0 percent of the value of the admissions.

To amend the Appropriation Budget of the General Fund by changing the following categories:

**Assessment Office** – Operating Appropriation – from \$210,000 to 200,000, a change of \$10,000;

**Sheriff** – Salaries & Benefits – from \$2,862,593 to \$2,897,270, a change of \$34,677;

**Parks & Recreation** – Salaries & Benefits – from \$176,328 to \$178,909, a change of \$2,581;

**Public Landings & Wharves** – Salaries & Benefits – from \$187,079 to \$189,660, a change of \$2,581;

**Board of Education** – Operating Appropriation – from \$36,562,830 to \$36,690,230, a change of \$127,400;  
Non-Recurring Expense Appropriation – from \$125,000 to \$140,000, a change of \$15,000;

**Chesapeake College** – Capital Outlay – from \$87,516 to \$97,859, a change of \$10,343;

**Reserve for Contingencies** – from \$610,000 to \$612,418, a change of \$2,418;

The net impact of these changes is to increase the General Fund Appropriation Budget by \$185,000.

**Easton Airport – Capital Budget** – Real Property Acquisition for Future Use – from \$0 to \$6,000,000, a change of \$6,000,000;

**Source of Funds** – Federal and State Grants – from \$95,000 to \$5,595,000, a change of \$5,500,000; Local Funds – from \$5,000 to \$505,000, a change of \$500,000 – Total Change of \$6,000,000.

The amendment to Bill No. 1327 was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Callahan, Mr. Pack, Ms. Price, and Ms. Williams.

The Council approved including the amendment to Bill No. 1327 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye  
Ms. Williams – Aye  
Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Callahan – Aye

Prior to the vote on Bill No. 1327, as amended, Council members expressed their opinions on the budget, their concerns over increasing costs to continue to provide county citizens with the same level of services while facing uncertainty in Income Tax Revenue, the use of over \$2 million of Fund Balance in FY 17 to simply get the County back to its current year revenue level, commented that the “tax cap” of the county is in reality a “revenue cap” and the effects of same; and emphasized the need to find alternative revenue

sources in order to achieve long-term stability of the County’s fiscal situation. Council expressed their appreciation to Ms. Lane and her staff for their hard work on the budget.

The Council approved Bill No. 1327, as amended, by voting 4 – 1 as follow:

Mr. Pack – Aye  
Ms. Williams – Aye  
Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Ms. Price – Nay  
Mr. Callahan- Aye

Bill No. 1327, as amended, becomes effective July 1, 2016.

XIII. County Manager’s Report:

- A. Request from Department of Parks & Recreation – Requested Council approval of the recommendation of the Director of Parks & Recreation to amend the contract with J.J. Clow Electric for installation of signage at the Talbot County Community Center in the sum of \$70,000; said cost is 90% reimbursable through Program Open Space funding. The Council approved the recommendation by voting 4 – 1 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye  
Ms. Williams – Aye  
Mr. Bartlett - Nay  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Callahan – Aye

- B. Request from Department of Parks & Recreation – Requested Council approval of two change orders to the contract with J.J.Clow Electric for installation of additional exterior lighting at the Talbot County Community Center in the sum of \$18,850, and additional lighting in the parking area at the Community Center in the sum of \$3,600 for a total of \$22,450; said costs are 90% reimbursable through Program Open Space funding. The Council approved the change orders by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye  
Ms. Williams – Aye  
Mr. Bartlett - Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Callahan – Aye

- C. Neighborhood Service Center Emergency Solutions Grant Requested Council approval to have the Neighborhood Service Center, on behalf of Talbot County, apply for and accept an Emergency Solutions Grant from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development in the sum of \$145,000; if approved, said funding will be used for emergency shelter operations, homelessness prevention, and rapid re-housing for those who are displaced. The Council approved submittal of the grant application by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye  
Ms. Williams – Aye  
Mr. Bartlett - Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Callahan – Aye



- D. Talbot County Golf Board – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of John Robinson to a three-year term on the Talbot County Golf Board; said term will expire on June 1, 2019. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Council approved the reappointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye  
Ms. Williams – Aye  
Mr. Bartlett - Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Callahan – Aye

- E. Talbot County Public Works Advisory Board – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of Edward Schlichter to a four-year term on the Talbot County Public Works Advisory Board as a representative of the 3<sup>rd</sup> District; said term will expire on May 1, 2020. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Council approved the reappointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye  
Ms. Williams – Aye  
Mr. Bartlett - Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Callahan – Aye

- F. Talbot County Department of Social Services Board of Directors – Requested Council approval for the appointment of Nancy Wilson to a three-year term on the Talbot County Department of Social Services Board of Directors; said term will expire on June 30, 2019. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Council approved the appointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye  
Ms. Williams – Aye  
Mr. Bartlett - Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Callahan – Aye

- G. Talbot County Weed Control Committee – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of Charles Lyons, Jr., Gordon Behrens, and John Swaine, III to three-year terms on the Talbot County Weed Control Committee; said terms will expire on July 1, 2019. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Council approved the reappointments by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye  
Ms. Williams – Aye  
Mr. Bartlett - Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Callahan – Aye

- H. Talbot County Commission on the Aging - Requested Council approval for the appointment of Lauren Harding to a three-year term on the Talbot County Commission on the Aging; said term will expire on April 1, 2019. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Council approved the appointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye  
Ms. Williams – Aye  
Mr. Bartlett - Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Callahan – Aye

- I. County Offices Closed – Mr. Hollis stated that County Offices will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2016 in commemoration of Memorial Day.

XIV. Council Comments:

- Ms. Williams – Ms. Williams thanked everyone for all the work they did on the budget. She stated that, in her opinion, it was not easy, and was very frustrating because there were so many worthy requests that it is very difficult to say “no” to those requests. She stated that she is hopeful that the Council will be able to work on that issue in the future so that possibly next year will be easier.
- Mr. Bartlett - Mr. Bartlett thanked Angela Lane and her staff for, in his opinion, their excellent job and hard work on the budget, sometimes on a very compressed schedule in order to provide answers to Council’s questions. He stated that, in his opinion, the feedback received from Ms. Lane and her staff during the budget meetings is evidence of how well the finance office of the County is run, as well as the caliber of the staff. He expressed his hope that the County experiences better economic times so that not as much slashing of the budget is required each year. He stated that, in his opinion, despite necessary cuts, the Council always manages to do so in a way that builds camaraderie; he ensured everyone that the Council does not take it lightly.
- Ms. Price - Ms. Price stated that earlier in the day she had been at the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. where she had anticipated watching a House session with all 435 Congressmen in attendance; instead, only about ten were present but they did debate and vote on a matter, which was, in her opinion, interesting to see. She concluded her comments by stating that as much as the Council members agree or disagree with one another, they do all show up to have their voices heard.
- Mr. Callahan - Mr. Callahan expressed his appreciation to Angela Lane for, in his opinion, doing a phenomenal job during the last six months on the budget. He also commended County Manager, Andy Hollis for doing a great job. He stated that sometimes the Council has to make some tough decisions, particularly with regard to public safety. He referenced Mr. Pack’s previous statement about citizens requesting transportation for Saints Peter and Paul students but having no funding in the budget for same, stating that hopefully these types of things will come in time once the Council has an opportunity to figure out how to generate more revenue. He stated that from his personal experience in business, the lack of revenue is going to continue to be an issue and the public’s help is needed in making some of these financial decisions. Mr. Callahan stated that he did not like what he had seen in the last couple of years with regard to the County generating

money. He stated that his hat is off to staff who, in his opinion work hard, just as the Council works hard, and who work well as a team. Mr. Callahan concluded his comments by stating that the public elected the Council to do a tough job, and is here to protect and help the citizens of the county the best they can to ensure that the county is safe and sound and is the best county in the state.

Mr. Pack -

Mr. Pack recalled an old story about a knock on the door and when answered, the reply is “we’re the government, we’re here to help.” He stated that, in his opinion, it is just the reverse. The Council is now knocking at the door of citizens and requesting help as the Council tries to work through some very tight budgeting issues over the next several years. He reiterated what he had stated earlier, that no one wants to see emergency services reduced, no one wants to see volunteer fire departments not be able to get units out and no one wants to see culverts not being cleaned. Mr. Pack advised that the scheduled date for closing of the Allen-Harim Cordova facility had been moved up to June 20, 2016, with severance pay for those employees impacted by the closing through July 11, 2016. He offered congratulations to Dr. Karen Salmon, former superintendent of Talbot County Public Schools, who has been selected to be the new superintendent of Maryland Public Schools. Mr. Pack concluded his comments by again thanking Angela Lane and her department, Andy Hollis and his department, and Mike Pullen and his department for their hard work during the budgetary session. He stated that, in his opinion, the Council is starting to work better as a group on some of the issues the County is facing.

- XV. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council voted to adjourn and to reconvene on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. for a work session with the Office of Law, the Office of Economic Development and members of the Economic Development Commission on proposed legislation concerning Brownfields tax credit and at 5:30 p.m. for a work session with members of the Planning Commission and Talbot County Department of Planning and Zoning to discuss solar array projects. Both work sessions will take place in the Bradley Meeting Room. The County Council will hold a Special Legislative Day on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. for the following matters: to vote on Bill No. 1329, A BILL TO REPEAL THE *COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND*, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 15, 2005, AND ENACT THE *TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 2016*, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF LOCAL GOV’T. ART. § 10-324, LAND USE ART. §1-405, MD. ANN. CODE, AND TALBOT COUNTY CHARTER § 403 (b) AND § 404 (c), and amendments; to vote on Resolution No. 226 concerning the annexation of property to the Town of Oxford; and Council comments and vote on the “Talbot Boys” statue; and for two work sessions: a 4:00 p.m. work session with the Town of Easton, Talbot County Department of Public Works, Talbot County Department of Planning and Zoning, and Talbot County Health Department to discuss wastewater treatment and disposal at Talbot Trailer Park; and a 5:00 p.m. work session with the Talbot County Department of Public Works and Talbot County Roads Department to discuss mapping and evaluation of County culverts. The Council will be convening on June 7, 2016 in Open Session at 1:00 p.m. and immediately adjourn into Closed Session to discuss real estate, legal and personnel matters as listed on the Statement for Closing the Meeting by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye  
Ms. Williams – Aye  
Mr. Bartlett - Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye  
Mr. Callahan – Aye

The meeting recessed at 8:04 p.m.

The transcript of the May 24, 2016 County Council meeting is available for review in the Office of the County Manager during regular office hours.

XVI. On Tuesday, May 24, 2016 a Closed Session of the Talbot County Council convened at 5:08 p.m. in the County Council Conference Room. Upon motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Bartlett, the Council met in Closed Session by voting 5 - 0 as follows:

Mr. Bartlett – Aye  
Mr. Callahan – Aye  
Mr. Pack – Aye  
Ms. Price – Aye (via conference call)\*  
Ms. Williams – Aye

Ms. Price arrived in person at 5:45 p.m.

In accordance with General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(1)(i)(3)(14) the purpose of the Closed Session was for personnel matters to discuss a personnel matter involving the Office of Economic Development and to discuss appointments to various County boards and committees; and for a real estate matter to discuss possible acquisition of property for a public purpose, and matters directly related thereto. The Closed Session ended at 6:00 p.m.

**CASH STATEMENT 05/17/2016**

|                                  |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| BALANCE 5/10/2016                | \$19,791,474.29 |
| INTEGRA CLAIMS THRU 5/9          | (192,817.81)    |
| ELECTION BD SALARIES PPE 4/12/16 | (8,699.13)      |
| DEPOSITS                         | 379,397.91      |
| CHECKS                           | (323,688.00)    |

**BALANCE 5/17/2016** **19,645,667.26**

**AIRPORT ACCOUNTS**

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| AIP-RUNWAY 4-22 EXTENSION ANALYSIS | 0.00      |
| AIP37                              | 16,762.37 |
| AIP39                              | 73,794.25 |
| AIP40                              | 30,252.21 |
| AIP41                              | 39,343.53 |

**AIRPORT ACCOUNTS TOTAL BALANCE** **160,152.36**

**INVESTMENTS – CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT**

| <u>CERTIFICATE DATE</u>      | <u>MATURITY DATE</u> | <u>RATE</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u>                 |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL  |                      | 0.37%       | 18,000,000.00                 |
| <b>TOTAL INVESTED</b>        |                      |             | <b><u>\$18,000,000.00</u></b> |
| <b>PETTY CASH BALANCE</b>    |                      |             | <b><u>\$15,570.00</u></b>     |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b> |                      |             | <b><u>\$37,821,389.62</u></b> |

**CASH STATEMENT 05/24/2016**

|                                       |  |  |                             |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|
| BALANCE 5/17/2016                     |  |  | \$19,645,667.26             |
| INTEGRA CLAIMS THRU 5/16/2016         |  |  | (72,586.22)                 |
| FLEX SPEND PPE 4/22 & 4/30            |  |  | (3,231.66)                  |
| ELECTION BOARD SALARIES PPE 4/26/2016 |  |  | (9,951.33)                  |
| POSTAGE WIRE                          |  |  | (3,000.00)                  |
| STATE REPORT APRIL 2016               |  |  | (48,207.52)                 |
| PAYROLL-FD/SS/MS WH PPE 5/6/2016      |  |  | (140,757.29)                |
| DEFERRED COMP DED                     |  |  | (11,331.78)                 |
| MD WH                                 |  |  | (35,050.33)                 |
| PENSION DED                           |  |  | (32,717.59)                 |
| SECU DED                              |  |  | (5,092.23)                  |
| ACH TRANSFER                          |  |  | (14,461.75)                 |
| FLEX SPENDING ACCT.                   |  |  | (3,038.33)                  |
| DEPOSITS                              |  |  | 524,860.64                  |
| CHECKS                                |  |  | (114,639.29)                |
| VOID CHECK # 307575                   |  |  | 1,650.00                    |
| <b>BALANCE 5/24/2016</b>              |  |  | <b><u>19,678,112.58</u></b> |

**AIRPORT ACCOUNTS**

|                                       |  |  |                          |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------|
| AIP-RUNWAY 4-22 EXTENSION ANALYSIS    |  |  | 0.00                     |
| AIP37                                 |  |  | 16,762.37                |
| AIP39                                 |  |  | 73,794.25                |
| AIP40                                 |  |  | 30,252.21                |
| AIP41                                 |  |  | 39,343.53                |
| <b>AIRPORT ACCOUNTS TOTAL BALANCE</b> |  |  | <b><u>160,152.36</u></b> |

**INVESTMENTS – CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT**

| <u>CERTIFICATE DATE</u> | <u>MATURITY DATE</u> | <u>RATE</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
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| PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL  | 0.37% | 18,000,000.00                 |
| <b>TOTAL INVESTED</b>        |       | <b><u>\$18,000,000.00</u></b> |
| <b>PETTY CASH BALANCE</b>    |       | <b><u>\$15,570.00</u></b>     |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b> |       | <b><u>\$37,853,834.94</u></b> |