



TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

County Council

MINUTES

November 9, 2021

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

- I. Agenda – The Agenda of Tuesday, November 9, 2021 was brought forward for approval. Mr. Divilio requested that Item G of the County Manager’s Report, *Request from Roads Department to Procure Utilities and Equipment for Talbot County Repurposing Center* be removed; there was no objection. Mr. Leshner then requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the agenda of November 9, 2021, as amended.
- II. Disbursements – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Disbursements of Tuesday, November 2, 2021 and Tuesday, November 9, 2021.
- III. Proclamation: National Hospice and Palliative Care Month – November 2021 - The Clerk read a proclamation into the record which spoke of the purpose of hospice and palliative care to provide patients and their families with the physical, spiritual, psychological, and emotional care they need during the last chapter of life so that the wishes of the patients and their families are given priority. The proclamation also spoke of the dedication of the thousands of volunteers who provide care to individuals with life-limiting illnesses. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the proclamation by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

Prior to presentation of the proclamation, Mia Cranford, Marketing and Development Director, Talbot Hospice, stated that the interdisciplinary team at Talbot Hospice helped over 300 patients in 2020. Ms. Cranford expressed her appreciation to the Council for their continued support of the various programs offered by Talbot Hospice to members of the Talbot County community and their families. She stated that Talbot Hospice has put together a booklet entitled *Know Us Before You Need Us* as a way of providing the public with information on the services offered by Talbot Hospice, should they or a family member ever need the services. Council commended Ms. Cranford and all those who work and volunteer for Hospice for the valuable services they provide.

Mr. Divilio presented the proclamation to Ms. Cranford and the representatives of Talbot Hospice in attendance who accepted on behalf of the organization.

- IV. Proclamation: Animal Shelter Appreciation Week – November 7 – 13, 2021 - The Clerk read a proclamation into the record which spoke of the more than 3,500 animal shelters in the United States which receive six to eight million homeless animals each year and not only provide a safe haven for animals, but also provide critical services for animals including, reuniting lost pets with their owners, the opportunity to

adopt an animal, teach children respect of and care for animals, offer spaying and neutering services and investigate cruelty and neglect complaints. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, second by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the proclamation by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Lesher – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

- V. Update by Talbot Humane – Patty Crankshaw-Quimby, Executive Director, Talbot Humane – Ms. Crankshaw-Quimby expressed her appreciation to the Council for acknowledging National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week, to the members of her staff who are on duty 365 days a year, and to the volunteers who assist at Talbot Humane. She stated that intake of animals has increased 20% from the timeframe last year but is in line with the pre-COVID intake. She provided statistical information on the number of animals reunited with their owners, adopted into homes or foster care, and Animal Control’s response to complaints. She stated that Talbot Humane has seen an increase in complaints of cruelty and neglect which she attributed to the various stressors related to the pandemic. She encouraged citizens who are in need of pet food and supplies and whose animals are having behavioral issues to contact Talbot Humane. She stated that Talbot Humane continues to see the number of bite cases increase and encouraged individuals to use proper restraint with their animals, learn to read their behavior and to be careful with pets around children. Ms. Crankshaw-Quimby briefed the Council on the continued success of the spay/neuter program, the importance of the microchipping program, and the internship program for high school seniors. She outlined various on-going or upcoming fundraising efforts, including the opening of a holiday boutique adjacent to Talbot Humane. She stated that events are being planned for August 3, 2022 which will mark the 90th year of the organization’s service to the community. Council discussion ensued with Ms. Crankshaw-Quimby as various matters were brought forward. Talbot Humane will continue to update the Council on a regular or as-needed basis.

Mr. Divilio presented the proclamation to Ms. Crankshaw-Quimby who accepted on behalf of her organization.

- VI. Presentation of 2021-2021 Annual Report for Talbot County Public Schools – Kelly Griffith, Ed.D., Superintendent, Talbot County Public Schools; Susan Delean-Botkin, President, Talbot County Board of Education – Prior to the presentation, Council congratulated Dr. Griffith on recently being named as Superintendent of the Year for the State of Maryland. Dr. Griffith stated that Talbot County Public Schools (TCPS) was one of the counties in the state which had the most in-person days for students during the 2020-2021 school year which she attributed to everyone working as a team to ensure the safety of the students first and working at a pace that allowed for transition when needed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. She expressed her appreciation to Geneva Schaffle, Talbot County Emergency Management Coordinator for coordinating the Wednesday COVID calls so that the school system could keep abreast of the community COVID-19 transmission rate. Dr. Griffith and Ms. Delean-Botkin provided various statistical information on the number of students enrolled in TCPS during 2020-2021, the demographics of the student population and the number of teachers and support staff, students taking Advanced Placement courses, college scholarship offers, and a listing of colleges to which TCPS students had been accepted. Dr. Griffith provided an update on the Strategic Plan and outlined the 2025 goals and objectives. Ms. Delean-Botkin outlined various accomplishments of Talbot County Public Schools during the 2020-2021 year; Dr. Griffith stated that TCPS attained one of its highest graduation rates and lowest dropout rates they have ever had. Council discussion ensued with Dr. Griffith and Ms. Delean-Botkin as various information was brought forward.

VII. Presentation of Findings of Board of Education Redistricting Commission – Zach Smith, Chairperson, Board of Education Redistricting Commission; Mark Cohoon, Talbot County GIS Manager – Mr. Smith presented the findings on behalf of the nine member Talbot County Board of Education Redistricting Commission to prepare a redistricting plan for the seven (7) Board of Education election districts based on the 2020 census data. In accordance with the Education Article § 3-12A-01, Md. Code Ann., the boundaries for the seven (7) Talbot County Board of Education election districts are required to be established promptly following each decennial census. The statute provides that the Redistricting Commission is to prepare a redistricting plan for the seven (7) Board of Education election districts. The districts are required to be reasonably compact, contiguous and substantially equal in population, and, in accordance with legal principles established by law, ensure that one (1) or more of the election districts encompasses residents in which a majority of the voting age population consists of racial minorities. Mr. Smith stated that the Board of Education Redistricting Commission had met several times to review the existing Board of Education district boundaries and utilized the 2020 Census data to determine if any changes were needed to the current district boundaries. He stated that it was the opinion of the Commission that the current boundaries met all requirements as outlined by law, even in light of changes in the Census data but did decide to review District No. 1 to determine if there were any changes that might increase the minority population in that district which would satisfy the majority minority district requirement. He stated that several possibilities were drafted and provided by Mr. Cohoon and reviewed by the Commission; several minor adjustments were made to the boundaries of the district so that they were in line with the Census tract boundaries. Mr. Smith stated that it was the goal of the Commission that no current Board of Education member be displaced from their district. Mr. Cohoon briefed the Council on the work he completed for the Commission and outlined the factors required for determining redistricting. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Smith and Mr. Cohoon. Mr. Smith concluded the presentation by stating that it was the Commission’s recommendation that the Council adopt the redistricting maps as presented. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council directed the Office of Law to draft legislation for introduction at an upcoming meeting by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

VIII. Introduction of Legislation:

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 281, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN (THE “PLAN”) TO RECLASSIFY AND REMAP PORTIONS OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF TRAPPE, MARYLAND, ASSOCIATED WITH THE LAKESIDE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (THE “LAKESIDE PROJECT”) (FORMERLY KNOWN AS “TRAPPE EAST”), FURTHER DESCRIBED AS TAX MAP 54, PARCEL 304; TAX MAP 55, PARCELS 14, 15, 17, 19, 44, 65, 83, AND 85; AND, TAX MAP 59, PARCEL 4, THE TOTAL AREA CONSISTING OF EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE ACRES, MORE OR LESS (THE “PROPERTY”), FROM “S-2” AND “W-2” (AREAS WHERE IMPROVEMENTS OR EXTENSIONS TO EXISTING, OR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW COMMUNITY, MULTI-USE, OR SHARED SANITARY FACILITIES ARE PROGRAMMED FOR PROGRESS WITHIN THREE TO FIVE YEARS) TO “S-1” AND “W-1” (AREAS SERVED OR TO BE SERVED BY COMMUNITY, MULTI-USE, OR SHARED SANITARY FACILITIES WHICH ARE EXISTING, UNDER CONSTRUCTION, OR HAVE IMMEDIATE PRIORITY STATUS); TO AMEND THE PLAN TO ADD CERTAIN WATER AND SEWER CAPITAL PROJECTS RELATED TO THE LAKESIDE PROJECT AND EXISTING SYSTEMS FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2020 THROUGH 2030; AND, TO AMEND THE PLAN TO UPDATE THE NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION IN THE PLAN RELATIVE TO

THE LAKESIDE PROJECT AND EXISTING SYSTEMS, *as amended*, IN CERTAIN RESPECTS REGARDING THE CONNECTION OF PHASE 1, SECTION 1 OF THE LAKESIDE PROJECT TO THE EXISTING TRAPPE WASTEWATER SYSTEM was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for introduction. At Ms. Price's request, the Clerk also read the "WHEREAS" clauses into the record and the paragraph of the proposed legislation which outlined changes. Ms. Price stated that she had initially requested that the legislation be prepared as an amendment to the County's Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan, which, in her opinion is the appropriate means of proposing a change to Resolution No. 281, as amended (adopted by the Council on August 11, 2020), but which she was advised can only be done four times a year (December, March, June, and September) as established in the County's Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan. She stated that following the public hearing hosted by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), and her subsequent conversation with two MDE officials, she wanted to get the language out to the public; she stated that she will not be introducing the legislation today, but will be requesting that the legislation be redrafted as a Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan amendment and scheduled for introduction on December 14, 2021. Ms. Price then outlined the purpose of the amendment which is consistent with the original Resolution No. 281 – that connection to the Trappe wastewater treatment plant is solely for the purpose of starting up wastewater treatment for the Lakeside project. She stated that the amendment is consistent with the representations of the developer who has publicly stated that construction of the Lakeside wastewater treatment plant will begin immediately upon issuance of a permit by MDE and that construction will take 12 to 18 months as outlined in the Developer's Rights and Responsibilities Agreement (DRRA) with the Town of Trappe. She stated that, in her opinion, the amendment is a fair compromise to both the developer and the Town of Trappe and outlined her reasons for same. Council discussion ensued. No Council member sponsored the legislation for introduction. The legislation is scheduled for introduction on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 as an amendment to the County's Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF ANY INTEREST TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND HOLDS IN FLOOD AVENUE TO THE TOWN OF EASTON AND THE EXECUTION OF A QUITCLAIM DEED TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for introduction. Prior to introduction, Patrick Thomas, County Attorney, stated that the Council had received a request from the Town of Easton requesting Council's consideration that the County convey its interest in Flood Avenue to the Town; the Town, in turn, would assume sole expense for maintenance of the road. Mr. Thomas outlined the process under State law by which the County can dispose of property no longer needed for a public purpose. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Thomas. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner, Mr. Pack, and Ms. Price as Resolution No. 310. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE TO CLARIFY CERTAIN PROCEDURES REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF NUMBERED AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTIONS, THE FILING OF PETITIONS, THE DRAFTING OF LEGISLATION, AND THE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS AND TO CORRECT OUTDATED AND INCONSISTENT LANGUAGE was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for introduction. Prior to introduction, Patrick Thomas, County Attorney, stated that several of the proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure have been pending for some time; other changes outlined in the proposed legislation are intended to bring clarity and structure to the filing of petitions and to clean up outdated and inconsistent language in the Rules of Procedure. Council discussion ensued. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner, Mr. Pack, and Ms. Price as Resolution No. 311. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

IX. Public Hearings:

Resolution No. 309, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN TO RECLASSIFY AND REMAP CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 24108 MT. PLEASANT ROAD, ST. MICHAELS, MARYLAND 21663 AND SHOWN ON TAX MAP 32 AS PARCEL 85 FROM UNPROGRAMMED TO "S-1" IMMEDIATE PRIORITY STATUS, 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 an application had been received from the owner of the 1.25 acre property outlined in Resolution No. 309 to be incorporated into the Region II wastewater system as part of the proposed sewer extension to the parcels outlined in Resolution No. 250 (Bozman/Neavitt). Mr. Clarke stated that the subject property originally had an outhouse and a shallow well. He stated that the Public Works Advisory Board, at its meeting on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 approved a motion by a vote of 4 – 0 recommending that the Council adopt Resolution No. 309; the Planning Commission, at its meeting on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, approved a motion by a vote of 4 – 0 that Resolution No. 309 was consistent with the 2016 Comprehensive Plan. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Clarke and members of the public were afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation; Council discussion again ensued with Mr. Clarke. The Council approved Resolution No. 309 by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

Resolution No. 309 is effective immediately.

Bill No. 1494, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AND AN OFFICE TRAILER FOR THE REPURPOSING CENTER LOCATED AT 28128 ST. MICHAELS ROAD, EASTON, MARYLAND, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for public hearing. Prior to the public hearing, Patrick Thomas, County Attorney, stated that the purpose of the legislation is to authorize a capital project for the acquisition of equipment to recycle materials, safety equipment and an office trailer for the Repurposing Center; if approved, the actual request for expenditures would come at a later date. The Council approved Bill No. 1494 by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

Bill No. 1494 becomes effective as outlined in the legislation.

X. Discussion of Preserve at Wye Mills and Request to Submit Letter of Intent to Assume Ownership of The Preserve at Wye Mills Wastewater Treatment Plant – Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the Department of Public Works has been working with Phil Jackson, President, The Preserve at Wye Mills Homeowner’s Association, on addressing compliance issues at The Preserve at Wye Mills wastewater treatment plant. He stated that Mr. Jackson has been meeting on a regular basis with the Department of Public Works, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), Talbot County Office of Environment Health and Rauch, Inc., the design firm. Mr. Clarke stated that it had been suggested at the last meeting that the County assume ownership of the facility in order to allow the County to be eligible for grant funding for upgrades and improvements needed at the wastewater treatment facility to bring the facility into compliance with their discharge permit issued by MDE. He stated that should The Preserve at Wye Mills Homeowner’s Association retain ownership of the facility, only loans will be available to them

from MDE. Mr. Clarke stated that he and Terry Martin, Senior Engineer, Talbot County Department of Public Works, have reviewed the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) prepared by Rauch, Inc. and that the PER recommends a Membrane Bioreactor (MBR) system to replace the current system. Mr. Clarke requested Council's consideration to forward a Letter of Intent to MDE stating that the County plans to assume ownership of the wastewater treatment plant at The Preserve at Wye Mills; the Letter of Intent will put the County in the queue for grant funding available from MDE on July 1, 2023. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Clarke and Mr. Jackson. Upon motion by Mr. Divilio, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved forwarding a Letter of Intent to MDE as outlined by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

XI. County Manager's Report:

- A. Talbot County Weed Control Committee – Requested Council approval for the appointment of Donald “Don” Webster to a three-year term on the Talbot County Weed Control Committee; said term will expire on July 1, 2024. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the appointment by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

- B. Request from Department of Parks and Recreation – Requested Council approval to use Contingency Funds, which the Finance Director has certified are available, to purchase a truck in the sum of \$28,719.00 from Hertrich Fleet Services utilizing the State contract. Mr. Stamp stated that funding for the purchase was budgeted in FY21 in anticipation of taking delivery by June 30, 2021; however, due to the lack of availability, it was unable to be delivered by that date. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved use of Contingency Funds for the purchase by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

- C. Request from Department of Public Works - Requested Council approval to enter into a pool management contract renewal with Coastline Pool Services for operation and maintenance of the George Murphy Pool and the Bay Hundred Community Pool for the 2022 season in the approximate sum of \$214,000; one-half the contract will be paid out of FY22 funding, the remaining three months will be paid out of FY23 funding. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved renewal of the contract by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

- D. Requests from Town of St. Michaels Climate Change/Sea Level Rise Commission– Requested Council approval of the Town’s request for a letter in support of their grant application to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for a pilot design project for mitigation of sea level rise and stormwater flooding and its economic impact on St. Michaels Harbor; requested Council approval of the Town’s request for a letter in support of the Town’s grant application to DNR for a stormwater infrastructure study of the Town’s west side harbor and San Domingo Creek waterfront. Roy Myers, Chairman, St. Michaels Climate/Sea Level Rise Commission briefed the Council on the proposed projects and Geneva Schaffle, Talbot County Emergency Management Coordinator, outlined how the projects would be in concurrence with the County’s Hazard Mitigation Plan; no County funding is required. Upon motion by Mr. Divilio, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved forwarding the letters of support by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

- E. Request to Enter Into Compensation Study Analysis Contract – Requested Council approval to award the contract for a compensation study analysis to Alera Group, in the sum of \$71,825; Alera is the parent company of Avon Dixon, the County’s benefits broker; said funding is within the amount budgeted in FY22. David Edwards, Director, Human Resources, briefed the Council on the purpose for the analysis which was last completed in 2002. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the request by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

- F. Continuation of Dan Watson’s Presentation on Resolution No. 308 – Mr. Stamp stated that there will be a follow-up of Mr. Watson’s presentation of Tuesday, October 12, 2021 on Resolution No. 308 on Monday, December 13, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 N. Washington Street, Easton.

- G. Letter from Maryland State Highway Administration – Mr. Stamp stated the State had recently responded to the County’s request for consideration of a reduction of the speed limit on MD Rt. 329 (Royal Oak Road) due to the number of accidents on the road as well as the deep ditches on both sides of the road. He stated that the request had been reviewed by the State Highway Administration and it was

determined that no reduction in speed is warranted at this time; however, the State will work to work to wedge the roadway and the ditches.

H. Issuance of Bid No. 21-12 – Mr. Stamp stated that, at the direction of the Council, Bid No. 21-12, REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR REMOVAL OF COUNTY OWNED CONFEDERATE MONUMENT FROM TALBOT COUNTY COURTHOUSE GREEN – 11 NORTH WASHINGTON STREET, EASTON, TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND has been issued; sealed proposals are due by Friday, November 19, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Manager’s Office; all bid documents are on the County’s website.

I. County Offices Closed – Mr. Stamp stated that County offices will be closed on Thursday, November 11, 2021 in honor of Veterans’ Day.

XII. Public Comments: There were no comments.

XIII. Council Comments:

Mr. Pack - Mr. Pack expressed his condolences to the family of Nancy Clem who recently passed away. He stated that Mrs. Clem was the second woman to serve on the Council, following Sylvia Gannon. Mr. Pack stated that he had had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Clem when he first became a Council member and knew Mrs. Gannon very well. Mr. Pack thanked all veterans in the community for their service, as well as any members of County staff who may have served in the Armed Forces.

Ms. Price - Ms. Price stated that she and several other members of the County had attended the Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast on October 29, 2021 and she thanked Mayor Willey for putting together, in her opinion, a nice event. She stated that it was nice to see everyone again after the event not having been held last year. She stated that the Council had met with State transportation representatives at the Annual Consolidated Transportation Meeting last week and that, in her opinion, the Council had a good discussion with the representatives. Ms. Price concluded her comments by stating that she was looking forward to the 50th Waterfowl Festival this coming weekend.

Mr. Divilio - Mr. Divilio reminded everyone that when they see promotions for various fundraising events throughout the county sponsored by Hog Neck Golf Course, Talbot Country Club, the vendors at the Waterfowl Festival, etc. that a good portion of the proceeds raised go toward scholarships which are presented at Awards Night at the local high schools. He cited examples of the Lions Club selling food at the Waterfowl Festival, and the Elks Lodge sportsman’s banquet, etc. which raise funds which go back into the community. He encouraged those who could to support the events as much as possible as they have a direct impact on our community. Mr. Divilio concluded his comments by wishing his mom a happy birthday.

Mr. Leshner - Mr. Leshner reiterated Mr. Stamp’s statement that an RFP (Request for Proposals) had been issued which would move the Talbot Boys Confederate monument and restore the Courthouse grounds. He stated that stated staff had met with representatives of the Mid Shore Community Foundation regarding funds collected to pay for the move as well as how and when those funds would be transferred to the County to cover the costs of the move. He stated that no public monies will be required or authorized, as was set out in the

resolution to move the monument. Mr. Leshar stated that the bids are due in two weeks, just prior to the next Council meeting so the Council can act to award the bid. He stated that staff has reached out to representatives of the Save the Monument group advising them of the timeframe if an alternative location is to be proposed, that the County has issued a press release with regard to the RFP, and that the information has been posted on the County's website. Mr. Leshar stated that he and staff have been busy planning the County's method for allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and are in the process of designing a survey to collect public input on priorities for the funding; due to its flexibility, the funding can be applied to infrastructure, businesses and non-profits impacted by the pandemic, etc. He stated that input from the public is anticipated to be collected in December so that initial allocations can be made early in the new year. Mr. Leshar commented on the recent passing of Mrs. Nancy Clem, who had served on both the County Council and the Easton Town Council, stating that she had encouraged him to enter public service. Mr. Leshar concluded his comments by stating that he would not be in attendance at the November 23, 2021 Council meeting but would be voting on matters on the agenda via sealed ballot.

- XIV. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council voted to adjourn and to reconvene on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room for the Annual Meeting with the Local Delegation (Senator Eckardt, Delegate Adams, and Delegate Mautz) to discuss the upcoming 2022 legislative session, and to reconvene on Tuesday, November 23, 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. Leshar – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

The transcript of the November 9, 2021 County Council meeting is available for review in the Office of the Talbot County Manager during regular office hours.

- XV. Summary of Closed Session Held on November 9, 2021:

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

Time of closed session: 4:35 p.m. to 5:55 p.m.
Place of closed session: County Council Office, 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: Divilio, Leshar, Pack, Price
Members opposed: None
Abstaining: None

Absent: Callahan

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	Reason for Closed Session Discussion	Persons Present	Action Taken
To discuss appointments to various County boards and committees	GP § 3-305 (b) (1)(i)	Public discussion of specific appointees could discourage individuals from volunteering to serve on County boards and committees	Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	No action
To discuss award of contract for compensation study	GP § 3-305 (b) (1)(i) and (14)	To protect County's bargaining position regarding contract award	Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	No action
To discuss personnel matter in Department of Public Works	GP § 3-305 (b) (1)(i)	Discussion involves specific individuals	Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	Council direction to advertise vacancy
Update on litigation involving Angel Enterprises	GP § 3-305 (b) (7)(8)	Confidential attorney-client discussion regarding settlement of litigation	Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	Council direction to bring case to close
Legal advice on code enforcement matter involving property in Easton	GP § 3-305 (b) (7)	Confidential attorney-client discussion regarding potential dispute resolution	Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	No action
To discuss possible acquisition of property in Easton for a public purpose	GP § 3-305 (b) (3)	To protect County's bargaining position regarding the potential acquisition of a specific parcel of real property for a public purpose	Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	No action

XVI. Annual Consolidated Transportation Meeting - The Council meet with representatives of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and State Highway Administration (SHA) on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in the Wye Oak Room of the Talbot County Community Center. Members of the local delegation were also in attendance. Each of the MDOT and SHA representatives provided statistical information related to their respective agencies, an update on projects throughout the state and in Talbot County, and outlined where customer service enhancements have been made or are planned. The final CTP budget for FY21 – FY26 totals \$15.1 billion. The representatives stated that it is believed that the worst of the revenue impacts due to the pandemic have already taken place and traffic at BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport, the Port of Baltimore and bus service all are rebounding. Tim Smith, Deputy Administrator/Chief Engineer for Operations, State Highway Administration Transportation, emphasized that the Department’s mission of improving congestion, preserving the road system and providing safety measures for both drivers and pedestrians has not changed. Council had previously provided a project priority listing for Talbot County to the State representatives which included various road capacity issues and intersection improvements. Council discussion ensued with the representatives and the local delegation as various items were brought forward, particularly those relevant to Talbot County and the Eastern Shore.

CASH STATEMENT 11/02/2021

BALANCE 10/26/2021	54,073,075.89
TOTAL ADP PAYROLL PPE 10/15/2021	(708,105.64)
PENSION DED PPE 10/15/2021	(40,900.33)
DEFERRED COMP DED PPE 10/15/2021	(19,781.95)
DEFERRED COMP PPE 10/15/2021 PLAN 401(A)	(6,841.86)
ELECTION BOARD PPE 9/21, 9/28, 10/5 AND 10/12/2021	(21,957.11)
CIGNA CLAIMS PD THRU 10/25/2021	(34,523.13)
ENTERPRISE LEASE PYMT 10/2021	(12,559.59)
WELLS FARGO GOLF EQUIP LEASE PYMT	(4,092.00)
USDA/RD QTRLY BOND PYMT #92-12	(16,408.00)
BANK CHARGES 9/2021	(4,971.55)
DEPOSITS	2,248,924.13
CHECKS	(809,956.17)
BALANCE 11/02/2021	54,641,902.69

INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL	0.04%	20,500,000.00
BAYVANGUARD BANK		10,200,195.34
TOTAL INVESTED		<u>30,700,195.34</u>
PETTY CASH BALANCE		<u>12,175.00</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>		<u>85,354,273.03</u>

CASH STATEMENT 11/09/2021

BALANCE 11/02/2021	54,641,902.69
TOTAL ADP PAYROLL PPE 10/31/2021	(14,208.65)
PENSION DED PPE 10/31/2021	(768.40)
DEFERRED COMP DED PPE 10/31/2021	(990.00)
WELLS FARGO GOLF EQUIP LEASE PMT	(128.00)
CIGNA HEALTH CLAIMS PD THRU 11/1/2021	(63,667.98)
NOVEMBER 2021 RETIREE HEALTH PLAN #727	(32,742.40)
TALBOT CO FREE LIBRARY FY21-22 11/2021	(126,616.00)
TALBOT CO HUMANE SOCIETY FY21-22 11/2021	(34,167.00)
BOARD OF EDUCATION 11/2021	(3,658,800.00)
TALBOT COUNTY VISA PAYMENTS 10/2021	(29,057.66)
RETURNED PAYMENTUS PAYMENT	(165.00)
CIGNA HEALTH CLAIMS PD THRU 11/2/2021	(162,812.11)
SHERIFF SUMMONS ACCOUNT TRANSFER	(310.00)
DEPOSITS	2,312,832.56
CHECKS	(1,076,353.08)
VOIDED CHECK(S) #354668	50.28
BALANCE 11/09/2021	<u>51,753,999.25</u>

INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL	0.04%	20,500,000.00
BAYVANGUARD BANK		10,204,248.25
TOTAL INVESTED		<u>30,704,248.25</u>
PETTY CASH BALANCE		<u>12,175.00</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>		<u><u>82,470,422.50</u></u>