

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2026-15
August 4, 2026

The County Council of Cecil County met in Legislative Session at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elk Room, Elkton, MD. The following members of the Council were present:

Al Miller, Council President
Bob Meffley, Council Vice President
Rebecca Hamilton, Council Member
Donna Culberson, Council Member
Dawn Branch, Council Member

NOTE: The recording of this meeting is available on the County website at cecilcountymd.gov

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County of August 4, 2026, was called to order by Council President Miller at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Miller led all those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Manager Henson called the roll and noted that five Council members were present.

OPENING PRAYER/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pastor Ben Dixon, Porters Grove Baptist Church of Rising Sun, offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Councilwoman Branch, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, the Council moved to approve the agenda of August 4, 2026. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

MD 250th Moment – Reading of “Autos Arrive!” – President Al Miller

President Miller read “Autos Arrive!”, highlighting the impact of automobiles in Cecil County.

PROCLAMATION

Cecil Quilters

County Executive Adam Streight and Council presented a Proclamation to the Cecil Quilters in recognition of their creation and donation of a quilt commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the United States. A copy of the Proclamation was read and placed in the record of the minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING

Bill No. 2026-06

President Miller opened the Public Hearing at 7:11 pm.

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Bill No. 2026-06 Establishment of the Sanitary Sewer Benefit Assessment for the Little Elk Creek Sanitary Subdistrict

An Act to establish the Sanitary Sewer Benefit Assessment for the Little Elk Creek Sanitary Subdistrict in the amount of \$35,265 per Equivalent Living Unit (ELU) which shall be applied to all sewer connections in the Little Elk Creek Sanitary Subdistrict commencing July 21, 2027 and continuing through June 30, 2057.

Introduced by Council President at the request of the County Executive

Introduced and ordered posted on July 21, 2026; Public Hearing scheduled on August 4, 2026; and scheduled for consideration on August 18, 2026

Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated that the County extended sewer service to the Triumph Industrial Park (TIP) several years ago.

Vice President Meffley queried if new businesses within the TIP would be assessed the fee established by Bill 2026-06. Director of Public Works Scott Flanigan responded in the affirmative. President Miller queried members of the audience for comments regarding Bill No. 2026-06.

Mr. Troy Cooper stated that the County did not extend sewer service to the property he owns in the TIP therefore his property should not be assessed.

Mr. Laki Paliouras expressed concerns that buildings within the TIP had been constructed over sewer lines, resulting in difficult maintenance and repair. He stated the County should assume responsibility for maintenance and repair of all sewer lines within the TIP.

Mr. Robert Hodge expressed support for establishment of the Sanitary Sewer Subdistrict, adding that the County should assume ownership and responsibility for all the sewer lines within the TIP.

President Miller closed the Public Hearing at 7:23 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by President Meffley, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2026 Legislative Session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council Manager Henson stated there were no speakers.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Culberson provided Emergency Response Services Intel for the period ending July 31st, reporting 284 calls, 12 of which were mental health related; 34 domestic violence calls, 15 of which were physical; and 3 overdoses, none of which were fatal. She stated the decreases were the result of Narcan and community-based resources.

Councilwoman Hamiton thanked the members of the audience for attending the meeting.

Councilwoman Branch thanked the members of the audience for participating in the Public Hearing.

Councilwoman Branch stated she attended the Republican Women's chicken dinner event during the Cecil County Fair.

Councilwoman Branch expressed appreciation to Administration for posting Board and Committee vacancies on the County's Facebook page.

Councilwoman Branch requested posting of Council agendas on the County's Facebook page.

Vice President Meffley thanked the members of the audience for discussing their concerns regarding sewer lines in the TIP.

Vice President Meffley stated that on August 2nd he attended the unveiling of the County's banner commemorating the 250th anniversary of the United States. He stated many participants in the event were dressed in period costumes, sharing the wealth of Cecil County's history.

Vice President Meffley stated he enjoy the Cecil County Fair and the many events and noted the large attendance this year.

Vice President Meffley stated that the Fair Hill Nature Center (FHNC) will hold a fund raiser in the future, adding that the FHNC is a great place to visit and learn.

Vice President Meffley stated he attended the a celebration at the Upper Chesapeake Waterski Club on July 25th during which the 250th student was celebrated.

President Miller thanked the members of the audience for participating in the Public Hearing. President Miller stated the Cecil County Fair was blessed with great weather. He expressed appreciation to 4H and Future Farmers of America participants, stating they are Agriculture's ambassadors who promote agriculture in Cecil County and Maryland. He expressed appreciation to Maryland Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Steve Connelly for attending the fair and thanked the Republican Women for the chicken bar-b-cue event. He expressed appreciation to the businesses and volunteers involved in the fair.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 40-2026

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 40-2026 Appointment – Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board – Paul Drummond

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of Paul Drummond to the Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board, to a term which expires on August 1, 2031.

Introduced by Council President at the request of the County Executive.

Introduced and ordered posted on August 4, 2026; and scheduled for consideration on August 18, 2026.

Director of Administration Schneckenburger requested Council's consideration of the reappointment of Paul Drummond to the Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board to a term which expires on August 1, 2031.

Resolution No. 41-2026

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 41-2026 Appointment – Susquehanna Workforce Network Board – Lisa Beeman

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Lisa Beeman to the Susquehanna Workforce Network Board to a term which expires June 30, 2029.

Introduced by Council President at the request of the County Executive.

Introduced and ordered posted on August 4, 2026; and scheduled for consideration on August 18, 2026.

Director of Administration Schneckenburger requested Council's consideration of the appointment of Lisa Beeman to the Susquehanna Workforce Network Board (SWNB) to a term which expires on June 30, 2029. He stated that Federal law requires a representative of the Department of Social Services on the SWNB.

Councilwoman Hamilton queried if the County Administration determines the members of the SWNB. Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated that the SWNB recommends members to the County Administration to fill specific roles on the SWNB.

Resolution No. 42-2026

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 42-2026 Appointment – Commission for Women – Sally Kilby Dulin

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Sally Kilby Dulin who is completing the term of Jennifer Cooper, with a term to expire on March 3, 2029 to the Commission for Women.

Introduced by Council President at the request of the County Executive.

Introduced and ordered posted on August 4, 2026; and scheduled for consideration on August 18, 2026.

Director of Administration Schneckenburger requested Council's consideration of the appointment of Sally Kilby Dulin to the Commission for Women to a term which expires on March 3, 2029. He stated Ms. Kilby Dulin's appointment will fill the vacancy left by Jennifer Cooper.

Councilwoman Hamilton queried if the County has received applications from entities outside of County Government. Director of Administration stated that applications have been received from outside of County Government and are being considered for remaining vacancies on this Commission.

Resolution No. 43-2026

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 43-2026 Appointment – Building Board of Appeals – Christopher Bradley

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Christopher Bradley to the Building Board of Appeals, to a term which expires on August 19, 2031.

Introduced by Council President at the request of the County Executive.

Introduced and ordered posted on August 4, 2026; and scheduled for consideration on August 18, 2026.

Director of Administration Schneckenburger requested Council's consideration of the appointment of Christopher Bradley to the Building Board of Appeals to a term which expires on August 19, 2031. He stated this appointment completes the roster for this Board.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 35-2026

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 35-2026 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Community Services – Human Services Division – Housing Navigator Funding

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, in order to provide a total of \$71,017.00 to the Community Services Grants Fund – Department of Community Services, Human Services Division, Fund 109, Department 533, to record a grant awarded from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, through the Maryland State Department of Housing and Community Development. Grant funds will be used to support a part-time Housing Navigator covering both Cecil and Harford counties.

Introduced by Council President at the request of the County Executive

Introduced and ordered posted on July 21, 2026; and scheduled for consideration on August 4, 2026

Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated that Resolution No. 35-2026 provides for receipt of grant funding for a part-time housing navigator who will provide housing assistance to citizens who are currently in shelters.

Councilwoman Hamilton queried if this is a new position. Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated this is a new, part-time position.

President Miller noted that there is no fiscal impact to the County.

President Miller requested a motion to approve Resolution No. 35-2026.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 35-2026, which was seconded by Councilwoman Branch.

Roll Call Vote: Hamilton – Y, Culberson – Y, Branch – Y, Meffley – Y, Miller – Y

The motion was approved 5-0.

Resolution No. 36-2026

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 36-2026 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Community Services – National Community Care Corps Funding

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, in order to provide a total of \$37,745.00 to the Community Services Grants Fund – Department of Community Services, Fund 109, Department 523, to record a grant awarded from the Department of Health and Human Services National Community Care Corps Program, administered through the Oasis Institute. Grant funds will be used to recruit, train and support volunteers providing assistance to older adults, caregivers and individuals living with disabilities served through the Department's Aging and Disabilities Division.

Introduced by Council President at the request of the County Executive

Introduced and ordered posted on July 21, 2026; and scheduled for consideration on August 4, 2026

Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated that Resolution No. 36-2026 provides for the receipt of grant funds for recruitment of volunteers to work with senior citizens through the Department of Community Services.

President Miller requested a motion to approve Resolution No. 36-2026.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 36-2026, which was seconded by Councilwoman Branch.

Roll Call Vote: Hamilton – Y, Culberson – Y, Branch – Y, Meffley – Y, Miller – Y

The motion was approved 5-0.

Resolution No. 37-2026

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 37-2026 Appointment – Board of Appeals – Devon Perry and Michael Linkous

A Resolution to confirm the reappointments of Devon Perry and Michael Linkous to the Board of Appeals, to terms which expire on August 15, 2029.

Introduced by Council President at the request of the County Executive

Introduced and ordered posted on July 21, 2026; and scheduled for consideration on August 4, 2026

Director of Administration Schneckenburger requested Council's approval of Resolution No. 37-2026, which provides for the reappointments of Devon Perry and Michael Linkous.

President Miller requested a motion to approve Resolution No. 37-2026.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 37-2026, which was seconded by Vice President Meffley.

Roll Call Vote: Hamilton – Y, Culberson – Y, Branch – Y, Meffley – Y, Miller – Y

The motion was approved 5-0.

Resolution No. 38-2026

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 38-2026 Appointment – Electrical Inspection Agencies – Bay Area Inspection Agency and American Inspection Agency

A Resolution to confirm the reappointments by the County Executive of Bay Area Inspection Agency and American Inspection Agency, Inc. to serve as the electrical inspection agencies in Cecil County, to terms which expire on July 31, 2027.

Introduced by Council President at the request of the County Executive

Introduced and ordered posted on July 21, 2026; and scheduled for consideration on August 04, 2026

Director of Administration Schneckenburger requested Council's support of Resolution No. 38-2026, stating that the reappointments are recommended by the Department of Land Use and Development Services.

President Miller requested a motion to approve Resolution No. 38-2026.

Vice President Meffley made a motion to approve Resolution No. 38-2026, which was seconded by Councilwoman Branch.

Roll Call Vote: Hamilton – Y, Culberson – Y, Branch – Y, Meffley – Y, Miller – Y

The motion was approved 5-0.

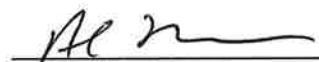
ADJOURNMENT

President Miller requested a motion to adjourn the Legislative Session.

On motion made by Councilwoman Branch, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, President Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:43 pm.

Council President Miller announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Elkton. The Legislative Session will be livestreamed at the county's webpage at cecilcountymd.gov. The recording will be uploaded to the county's website as soon as possible.

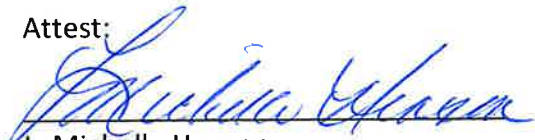
Approved:



Al Miller

Council President

Attest:



L. Michelle Henson
Council Manager