

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
May 18, 2021**

The County Council of Cecil County met in work session in an online virtual meeting because of the current health crisis and based on the Governor's orders to avoid public meetings. Council Members and presenters participated in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building while the public observed the meeting by connecting online at www.ccgov.org/council and selecting "livestream".

The following members of the Council were present:

Robert Meffley, Council President
Jackie Gregory, Vice President
Al Miller, Council Member
George Patchell, Council Member

Absent: William H. Coutz, Council Member

NOTE: The video and audio recording with transcription of this meeting is available on the County website at www.ccgov.org.

Call to Order

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County of May 18, 2021 was called to order by Council President Meffley at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call of Council Members

Council President Meffley asked for a roll call of attending Council Members. The Council Manager called the roll and recorded the following Council Members in attendance:

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Absent, Miller-Present, Patchell-Present, Gregory-Present, Meffley-Present.

Council President Meffley announced that there were four Council Members present, which constitute a quorum.

Suspension of Rules

Vice President Gregory made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Council Members to meet together in the Elk Room with presenters that were prescheduled; and provide the public with access to observe the Council's public business by livestreaming the meetings because of the current health crisis and the Governor's order to avoid public meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Absent, Miller-Y, Patchell- Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilman Coutz was absent.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Councilman Miller, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of May 4, 2021, as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Review of Legislative Agenda

Resolution No. 26-2021 Appointment- Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board, will be introduced at tonight's session and requested for expedited legislation.

Dan Schneckenburger, Director of Administration, stated that board appointments had been delayed because the board had to be established by legislation. Board actions are needed to review first responder and Emergency Medical Services in the county in order to improve public safety and health responses. Wayne Tome, Emergency Services Director, stated that the appointees are anxious to get started before summer when there is an increased demand for services.

Council questions and comments ensued. Councilman Patchell clarified that there was an immediate concern for the southern part of the county for ambulance and EMS services. Councilman Miller expressed concern that the request for expediting was not included in the Council packet. Council President Meffley clarified that nine of the appointees were nominated by each volunteer fire company; five of the appointees that represent each of the councilmanic districts were recommended by Frank Muller, former DES Director; and one appointee represents the union. Director Tome also explained that there are three Ex-Officio non-voting members including local physician EMS medical director, Firemen's Association representative, and the Director of Emergency Services.

Council President Meffley stated that the Council must vote to expedite this legislation during the legislative session and this action requires a supermajority of four votes for approval.

Resolution No. 27-2021 Appointment – Department of Social Services Board –

Robert F. McKnight, Sr., will be introduced at tonight's session. Dan Schneckenburger, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 28-2021 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Rental Assistance, will be introduced at tonight's session. Dave Trolio, Community Services Director, provided comments. Council President Meffley clarified how the public may apply for these funds. Councilman Patchell clarified that there was no maximum amount for eligibility.

Resolution No. 24-2021 Appointment – Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council – Rob Alt, will be considered for final approval at tonight's session. Dan Schneckenburger, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council comments.

Under old business, Rezoning Case #2021-05 York Building Products, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Steve O'Connor, Land Use and Development Services Director,

stated that the staff and Planning Commission had recommended approval based on a change in character of the neighborhood since the 2011 Comprehensive Rezoning. There were no Council questions or comments.

Under new business, Cecil County Public Schools budget amendment #86, in the amount of \$84,148 for April 2021 expenses will be considered for approval. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey stated that he will submit his written report.

Council Member Items

Council Members agreed to hold their comments until the legislative session.

Adjournment

Council President Meffley asked for a motion to adjourn. Vice President Gregory made a motion for adjournment, which was seconded by Councilman Miller. Motion was approved unanimously.

Council President Meffley adjourned the work session at 6:23 pm.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 4:30 pm as a virtual meetings because of the current health crisis. The session will be livestreamed on the County Council's webpage. Members of the public who do not have broadband access should contact the Council Office for instructions to be connected via telephone. Limited seating will be available on a first come basis. Attendees must wear masks and observe social distancing.


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Robert Meffley, Council President