

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
January 5, 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 this meeting; 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
Al Miller, Council Member
Jackie Gregory, Vice President
William H. Coutz, Council Member
George Patchell, 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 January 5, 2021 was called to order by Council President Meffley at 4:30 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-Present, Miller-Present, Patchell-Present, Gregory-Present, Meffley-Present.

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

Suspension of Rules

Councilman Coutz made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Council Members who are connected to participate and vote in this work session, because of the current health crisis and orders by the Governor to avoid public meetings. The motion was seconded by Vice President Gregory.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y
The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of December 15, 2020, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Review of Legislative Agenda

The Council proceeded with the review of the legislative agenda.

Resolution No. 01-2021 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Tourism – Winter Lights Cecil Nights, will be introduced at tonight’s session. Dan Schneckenburger, Director of Administration, introduced Sandra Turner, Tourism Director, to provide comments. Steve Overbay, Economic Development Director, provided additional comments. Councilman Coutz commented that he appreciated that the program will benefit local businesses.

Resolution No. 02-2021 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – MARBIDCO – Micro- Ag Grant Program, will be introduced at tonight’s session. Dan Schneckenburger, Director of Administration, and Steve Overbay, Economic Development Director, provided introductory comments. Maureen O’Shea, Ag-Business Coordinator, provided additional details. Council questions and comments ensued.

Resolution No. 03-2021 Supplemental Appropriation–Grant Funds–Upper Shore Regional Council – Micro- Ag Grant Program, will be introduced at tonight’s session. Dan Schneckenburger, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments. Maureen O’Shea, Ag-Business Coordinator, provided additional explanation regarding the difference in Resolution Nos. 02-2021 and 03-2021. Council questions and comments ensued.

Resolution No. 66-2020 Appointment – Social Services Board – Dianne Fox, will be considered for approval at tonight’s session. Dan Schneckenburger, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 67-2020 Annexation - Town of Elkton –Belle Hill Road et al- Zoning Designation, will be considered for approval at tonight’s session. Dan Schneckenburger, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey updated the Council on the General Assembly opening session, MACo virtual town meeting with Senator Cardin, and the January 11th planned opening of Cecil County Public Schools for 5% of the students.

Council Member Items

Council Members agreed to hold their comments until this evening’s legislative session.

Adjournment

Council President Meffley asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Coutz made a motion for adjournment, which was seconded by Councilman Miller. Motion was approved unanimously. Council President Meffley adjourned the work session at 4:48 pm.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, January 12 at 4:30pm, which is planned as a virtual meeting 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.


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved: 
Robert Meffley
Council President