

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

August 1, 2023

OPEN SESSION – Elk Room

4:30 P.M.

NOTE: The recording and transcription of this meeting are available on the County website at www.ccgov.org/council.

PRESENT: Council Members: Bob Meffley, Rebecca Hamilton, Al Miller, Donna Culberson, Jackie Gregory; David Culver, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant, members of the administration and members of the public.

Call to Order

President Gregory called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm and announced that there were five Council Members present which constitute a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Councilwoman Culberson, seconded by Councilwoman Hamilton, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of July 18, 2023, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Legislative Agenda

a. Consideration of Resolutions

1. 35-2023 - Supplemental Appropriation – General Fund Balance – Board of Education – Safe and Secure School Entrances Projects - Rising Sun and Conowingo Elementary Schools

Council Manager Culver read into the record Amendment 1 to Resolution 35-2023. Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted that the bids have been received and reviewed. The revised numbers were sent to Council for an amendment to the resolution. Councilwoman Culberson noted the cost went down and did the scope of work change. Director Overbay noted that the bids did have other options that were deemed not be needed by the Board of Education and thus the cost did go down. Councilman Miller inquired if this funding would be considered part of the maintenance of effort and Director Overbay noted this was budgeted as a small capital expenditure that is excluded from the maintenance of effort cost. Vice President Meffley inquired on how long the bid prices were valid and Director Overbay noted he was not sure how long the bid package was valid but that the Board of Education indicated they would award the bids once the budget is amended so this should not be an issue. Councilman Miller inquired if the bids were opened last week and Director Overbay confirmed that they were just opened and that is why they are not concerned about the bid costs expiring.

2. 40-2023 – Approval – Tasers with Accessories – Multiple Year Contract

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted that this was a 5-year contract for the tasers, accessories and training. Director Overbay noted that this is the largest manufacturer of the tasers

and the company does the training and repair of all units. Councilwoman Hamilton inquired if this is just for the correctional officers and Director Overbay noted it was, but the lease for the deputies tasers is coming due and would be in front of Council in the near future.

3. 41-2023 – Appointment and Reappointments—Board of License Commissioners – Kristen Ortt, Stephen Miller and Russ Johnson

County Attorney Lawrence Scott noted that Ms. Ortt and Mr. Miller have been excellent members. He also noted that Mr. Johnson is on the Planning Board and has done an outstanding job. Councilman Miller inquired if the applicants filled out the party affiliation line on the application and Attorney Scott indicated that he believed they completed the required information on the application.

4. 42-2023 - Appointment—Adult Public Guardianship Review Board – Dianne Fox

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted Ms. Fox is an outstanding member on this board. He noted this board is responsible to review adult guardianship cases and make recommendations to the courts on the care of the people who are under guardianship.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Culver noted the updated Council Manager report is in the packet. Manager Culver also noted that he was coordinating dates for the annual MDOT and MACo visits.

Council Member Items

Councilwoman Culberson gave the intel report for the last week. She also congratulated the Cecil County Fair members for another successful fair.

Councilman Miller announced that the Cecil County Fair was very successful and that they are still cleaning up the fairgrounds. He also thanked the Sheriff's Office, Agriculture Extension Office, the Farm Bureau and the School of Technology for all of the help they provided at the fair. He also thanked the Fair Board Members and the Junior Fair Board Members for the hard work and dedication they provide to make the fair a success. He also noted the Parks and Recreation program for young gardeners and noted the upcoming program in the fall for apples and pumpkins. He also noted the Weed Control Board will be meeting on August 2, 2023 and he is concerned about the direction of the program.

Vice President Meffley noted that he attended the Drug Court graduation. He also attended the MRDC Meeting and noted that staffing additional teachers is a priority item. He also noted that the Cecil County Fair was well attended and a great event. He also noted that the Upper Shore Regional Council has begun to distribute the ten million dollars grant they received to local projects.

Councilwoman Hamilton noted the great turnout at the Cecil County Fair, especially for the annual chicken dinner. She also noted the successful 4H Auction and the commitment the bidders make to this program and the smashing success of the demolition derby at the fair.

President Gregory noted she attended the Ribbon Cutting ceremony at the Northrup Grumman facility and thanked them for the investment they are making in Cecil County. She also attended the conference call on the Behavioral Health Committee and noted that the Union Hospital peer recovery program is expanding. She also attended, along with Councilwoman Hamilton, the conference call on the proposed Chesapeake Bay Recreation Area that was held with the staff members from US Senators Van Hollen and Cardin office. She noted that the federal legislation has been introduced to create this recreation area and they are still addressing the concerns by the Chesapeake Bay watermen on future regulations. She also noted that Cecil and the other Upper Shore Counties did receive a response from Bryan Mroz, Deputy Secretary for the MDH Healthcare System and Operations, on the expansion of the Whitsitt and Carter Center in Chesterton as it related to our correspondence on the need to expand mental health services. She also thanked the Cecil County Fair Board for another successful fair. Finally, she noted that she, Councilwoman Hamilton and Councilwoman Culberson toured various facilities in Cecil County with the Director of Community Services David Trolio.

President Gregory announced that no further items are on the August 1, 2023 Work Session agenda. She also noted that the Work Sessions scheduled for the rest of August will be cancelled unless an emergency arises so the next Work Session will be on September 5, 2023.

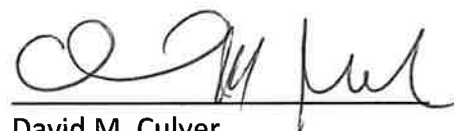
Adjournment

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilman Miller. Council President Gregory adjourned the work session at 4:58 pm.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 4:30 pm in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building. The session will also be livestreamed on the County Council's webpage at www.ccgov.org/council.

Approved:


Jackie Gregory, Council President


David M. Culver
Council Manager