

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

September 5, 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, 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 four Council Members present which constitute a quorum. Councilman Miller was absent.

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 August 1, 2023, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Legislative Agenda

a. Introduction of Resolutions

1. 43-2023 - Appointment—Economic Development Commission - Mary Way Bolt, JoAnn Dawson, Bernard DeMarinis, Woody Jackson, Robert Palsgrove, Michael Ratchford, Michael Travers, II, Joseph DiNunzio, Vincent Fiorelli, Jeff Lawson, Morgan Miller, Charles Jones, Jr, and Amy Dipietro

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted the function of the Economic Development Commission and stated most members are being reappointed. President Gregory inquired if some of the nominees are based on the positions, they hold such as Superintendent of Schools and Director Overbay noted they are not. He further noted that some members often represent large businesses or organizations, such as schools or the Community College, since they play an integrated role in job training, recruitment, or retention of new businesses.

2. 44-2023 – Appointment– Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council - Aaron Wright and James W. Ziccardi

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted that both individuals are highly qualified and represent organizations that serve individuals that have drug and alcohol abuse issues.

3. 45-2023 – Appointment—Cecil County Mental Health Core Service Agency Advisory Board – Heather Baginski, Kathryn Farinholt, Sheryl White, Elizabeth Murphy, and Suanne Blumberg

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted this board assists with mental health issues in Cecil County and the members being appointed are highly qualified.

4. 46-2023 - Appointment— Public Safety Pension Plan Board of Trustees – Paul Camponelli

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted that this board oversees the pensions for public safety employees and that Paul Camponelli, as the Director of Human Resources, will need to be appointed to the board as per County Code.

5. 47-2023 - Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Community Services – Community Development Block Grant – Holloway Beach Sewer Project – Habitat for Humanity Home Rehabilitation Project

Director of Community Services David Trolio noted that this is an award of the grant they applied for last May to assist low- and moderate-income families with the cost of connecting into the Holloway Beach sewer line project. Part of the grant will be awarded to Habitat for Humanity to allow them to assist low- and moderate-income households to perform rehabilitation on the dwelling unit at the same time. He noted that \$550,000 of this grant is for the connection and construction fees of the sewer line and the remainder is for the housing rehabilitation grants. Councilwoman Culberson inquired if these funds are already reflected in the FY24 general fund or as a specific line item in the grant funds account and Director Trolio indicated they are not reflected on the FY24 Budget but the funds will be added to a dedicated grant fund account.

6. 48-2023 - Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Community Services – Aging and Disabilities Division – State Senior Care Waitlist Grant

Director of Community Services David Trolio noted this grant will assist in reducing the waitlist of seniors for nursing home care. Currently, the County has 23 seniors on the waitlist and this grant should allow the County to assist in the placement of all of these individuals. The grant will help cover the cost of staffing and supplies.

7. 49-2023 - Supplemental Appropriation – Program Revenue – Community Services – Cecil Transit Division – Great Wolf Lodge Transportation Contract

Director of Community Services David Trolio noted this grant will assist in the transportation of employees to and from the Great Wolf Lodge. The grant from Great Wolf will provide \$280,000 for the transportation expenses and the remainder will go towards the leasing of the necessary vehicles. Councilwoman Culberson inquired if the J1 students are mostly housed in the former hotel in Perryville and Director Trolio noted that is where they are currently being housed and Great Wolf is looking for other alternatives. Councilwoman Culberson also inquired if they are attending school or just working, and Director Trolio noted they it is his understanding they are just working to gain experience. President Gregory inquired as to the length of time they are employed at Great Wolf and Director Trolio noted that Great Wolf has a need for additional help during peak times, usually May until October then during the winter months and they will make adjustment as they learn of the demand at this location.

8. 50-2023 - Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Community Services – Human Services Division – Domestic Violence Rape Crisis Program/The Bridge

Director of Community Services David Trolie noted this grant is from ARPA funds and will be divided between sexual assault and domestic violence programs. He anticipates about \$100,000 for the sexual assault programs and \$178,196 for the domestic violence programs. He also noted this will help offset the cost of staffing and supplies for these programs.

9. 51-2023 - Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – Cecil County Public Schools Small Capital Projects

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted that these are carry over funds from FY23 to FY24 to complete various projects with the Board of Education including several of the safe and secure entrance projects. President Gregory inquired if these projects are near completion and Director Overbay indicated they are being completed and no additional funds will need to be allocated.

b. New Business

1. Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Paul Camponelli – Director of Human Resources

Paul Camponelli introduced himself to Council and noted his background in Human Resources. Mr. Camponelli noted that he brings a unique prospectus to the position since he has been working primarily in the private sector. Director of Administration Steven Overbay reviewed the nomination letter from the County Executive and noted that the administration performed an extensive search and believe that Mr. Camponelli is highly qualified for this position.

2. Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #113

President Gregory noted the Board of Education Budget Amendment for June is \$2,262,643 and was discussed at the last Board meeting.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Culver noted the updated Council Manager report is in the packet. He noted that numerous event invitations are being reviewed and please respond as soon as possible so we can respond on attendance. He also noted the Secretary of Transportation will be doing the annual visit on October 31.

Council Member Items

Councilmembers deferred comments to the Legislative Session of September 5, 2023.

President Gregory announced that no further items are on the September 5, 2023 Work Session agenda.

Adjournment

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

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 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