

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

January 3, 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: Robert Meffley, Rebecca Hamilton, Al Miller, Donna Culberson, and Jackie Gregory; David Culver, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant, members of the administration, and members of the public.

Call to Order

Council 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 Vice President Meffley, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of December 20, 2022, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Legislative Agenda

a. Introduction of Resolutions

Resolution 01-2023 - Appointment – Public Safety Pension Plan Board of Trustees – Steven Overbay, Stephen Brownhill, Matthew Carr, Mary McLennan, Shon McCollum, Angela Blodgett, Wayne Tome, and Angelia Lawson. Director of Administration, Steven Overbay explained the Pension Board and the need for the nominations to fulfill the County Code requirements. Council did not have any questions or comments.

b. Consideration of Resolutions

Resolution 66-2022 - Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Community Services – Human Services Division – Domestic Violence Program/The Bridge will be considered at the January 3, 2023 Legislative Session. Director of Administration, Steven Overbay thanked the Community Services staff for continuing to find grants to help these programs. Council did not have any questions or comments.

Resolution 67-2022 - Cecil County Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update will be considered at the January 3, 2023 Legislative Session. Director of Administration, Steven Overbay noted that Emergency Services did follow up with Council on the plan and answered all questions. President Gregory and Councilwoman Hamilton thanked Emergency Services for the updates and information. Council did not have any other questions or comments

Resolution 68-2022 - Budget Transfer – Fund Balance – Liquor Board will be considered at the January 3, 2023 Legislative Session. Director of Administration, Steven Overbay noted that this adjustment was necessary to help fund the part time administrative assistant and for additional office supplies. Vice President Meffley inquired as to the duties of this employee and would they

also be doing field inspections. County Attorney Lawrence Scott noted that this is an administrative assistant and would not be doing field inspections. Council did not have any other questions or comments.

Resolution 69-2022 - Budget Amendment – Fund Balance – Department of Emergency Services will be considered at the January 3, 2023 Legislative Session. Director of Administration, Steven Overbay noted that this ambulance would be stationed in the Southern District and will assist that area and Chesapeake City. Vice President Meffley inquired about the 2 existing ambulances and if 3 other units were previously in the budget. County Attorney Lawrence Scott noted that the County purchased two used ambulances and this would replace them. Director of Emergency Services Wayne Tome noted that the other ambulances in the budget were for various fire companies. President Gregory noted that the other ambulances in the Rising Sun area and Councilwoman Culberson noted the ambulance is needed in the Chesapeake City area. Councilman Miller asked if the volunteer fire companies are in favor of this purchase and service. Director Tome stated they were in favor since this is needed gap coverage. Vice President Meffley noted the number of calls by Singerly and the potential need for help in that area. Director Tome stated that the need for additional ambulances may expand. Council did not have any other questions or comments.

Resolution 70-2022 - Appointment—Police Accountability Board – Stephen A. Miller, Jamila H. Mettee, John W. Thompson, Michael W. Dawson, Robert F. McKnight, John R. Stricklett, and Rodney W. Heinze will be considered at the January 3, 2023 Legislative Session.

County Attorney Lawrence Scott noted that the presentation and interview of the candidates occurred at the December 20, 2022 meeting. He also noted the background checks were done by the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services not the Maryland State Police. Vice President Meffley noted that he would support an amendment to pay the CCPAB \$1,500 per year, the CCACC, \$3,000 per year and members serving on both \$4,500 per year and \$300 per day to attend mandated training plus travel expense. Councilwoman Culberson inquired as to this being an independent Board. President Gregory noted the state regulations on the Boards being independent. Vice President Meffley inquired as to how many Counties still needed to comply with the State regulations. Sheriff Scott Adams indicated that about 8 Counties still needed to comply. Councilman Miller stated he supports the volunteers and the job they will do regardless of pay, but opined that a hourly rate would be his choice. Councilwoman Hamilton agreed with Councilman Miller that the volunteers will do a fine job but agreed with the proposal to pay an annual rate, not hourly. President Gregory and Councilwoman Hamilton inquired on the timing of training and if both Boards would be trained. County Attorney Scott indicated that they will try to get all Board members trained as soon as possible. Sheriff Adams discussed training and the meetings that would be needed by both the CCPAB and CCACC. President Gregory and Councilwoman Hamilton also inquired on the amount of time for an investigation. Sheriff Adams noted it would depend on the alleged violation by the officer. Vice President Meffley inquired If the PABs could dismiss charges. Sheriff Adams indicated they did not have that authority. Councilwoman Hamilton indicated she would support the amendment for the payments to the Boards as proposed. President Gregory noted that the amendment would be considered at the Legislative Session.

Cecil County Public School – Budget Amendment #105

President Gregory introduced the Budget Amendment and noted she spoke to Dr. Lawson on the changes. Councilwoman Culberson asked several questions on the amendment which President Gregory explained.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Culver reported on the upcoming MACo Winter Conference. Mr. Culver reminded Council of the timeline to fulfill Section 601 of the Charter that requires a Charter Review Commission every 10 years. Mr. Culver noted the Chambers State of the Economy meeting on January 23, 2023. Mr. Culver noted the upcoming presentation from WILMAPCO and the Board of Education at the January 10, 2023, Work Session.

Council Member Items

Council deferred comments until the January 3, 2023, Legislative Session.

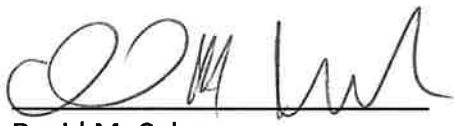
Adjournment

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hamilton. Council President Gregory adjourned the session at 5:27 pm.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 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