

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

JUNE 3, 2025

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 Dawn Branch; L. Michelle Henson, Council Manager; Christine Palmer, Council Assistant, members of County Administration and members of the public.

Call to Order

President Miller 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 Hamilton, seconded by Councilwoman Branch, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of March 25, 2025, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentations

1. Quitclaim Deeds

County Attorney presented the following Quitclaim Deeds for Council's information:

- a. Quit Claim Deed to Town of Chesapeake City – (2) small parcels
- b. Quit Claim Deed to Town of Rising Sun – Railroad Bed
- c. Quit Claim Deed and Deed of Easements to Town of Rising Sun – Pierce Road and road widening easements

Councilwoman Culberson questioned why the County does not sell properties such as those associated with the quitclaim deeds. Director of Administration Dan Schneckenburger stated there is no debt associated with the properties, and disposal of the properties benefits the County.

2. Finance – Monthly Review of County Contracts (County Charter Section 516)

Finance Deputy Director Andrew Ondish provided the Monthly Review of County Contracts for April 2025. A copy of the report was placed in the record of the minutes.

Councilwoman Culberson questioned if the reimbursement to Chesapeake City Fire Company was for an ambulance. Deputy Director Ondish stated the reimbursement was for a fire engine. Councilwoman Hamilton, referring to the Unity Landscape Design/Build contract, questioned if the project was considered a Capital Improvement Project. Deputy Director Ondish answered in the negative, stating the project was for the Bohemia River State Park, and was funded via a grant.

Councilwoman Culberson, referring to the Voices of Hope Recovery House Project, questioned if the total cost exceeded the \$500,000 grant. Deputy Director Ondish answered in the affirmative. President Miller commended Deputy Director Ondish and Council Assistant Christine Palmer regarding formatting of the report.

Review of Legislative Agenda

a. Introduction of Resolutions

- 1) Resolution No. 41-2025 – Annexation – Town of Elkton – 812 and 814 East Pulaski Highway (Tax Map 033C, Parcels 0607 and 0608) and 344 Maloney Road (Tax Map 033C, Parcell 0077)

Administrator Schneckenburger stated Town of Elkton Director of Planning Jeanne Minner was in attendance as well as Director of Land Use and Development Services Stephen O'Connor. Councilwoman Hamilton requested a map of the area. Council Manager Henson stated the contract purchaser will attend the Public Hearing on June 17th to address questions of Council.

- 2) Resolution No. 42-2025 – Appointment – Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board – Wayne Tome, Sr.

Administrator Schneckenburger stated the Administration had no additional comments.

b. Consideration of Resolutions

- 1) Resolution No. 30-2025 – Adoption – Real Property and Personal Property Tax Rates – Fiscal Year 2026 AS AMENDED

Administrator Schneckenburger stated the amendment lowers the per-parcel tax rate in the Winding Brook Special Tax District.

- 2) Resolution No. 40-2025 – Appointment – Electrical Examiners Board – Joseph Johnson, Steve Moon, Richard LeBrun III and Donald Hicks.

Administrator Schneckenburger stated Mr. Hicks will serve as a representative of the Fire Marshall's Office.

c. Call for final reading of bills

- 1) Bill No. 2025-01 – Capital Improvement Program – FY 2026-2030

Administrator Schneckenburger stated that the Administration had no additional comments.

- 2) Bill No. 2025-02 Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance – FY2026

Administrator Schneckenburger stated that the Administration had no additional comments.

- 3) Bill No. 2025-03 – Authorization of Lease Purchase Equipment Financing

Administrator Schneckenburger stated that the Administration had no additional comments.

- 4) Bill No. 2025-04 – Taxation – Tax Credit – Senior Citizens and Veterans

Administrator Schneckenburger stated that the Administration is conducting public information sessions throughout the County and has received positive feedback from citizens regarding Bill No. 2025-04.

- 5) Bill No. 2025-05 – Taxation – Tax Credit – Sworn Officers

Administrator Schneckenburger stated that the Administration had no additional comments.

- 6) Bill No. 2025-06 – Amendment – Adoption of National Electric Code

Administrator Schneckenburger stated that the Administration had no additional comments.

- 7) Bill No. 2025-07 – Amendment – Zoning Ordinance – Definitions, Districts, Permissible Uses, Utilities, and Industrial Uses AS AMENDED

Administrator Schneckenburger stated that the Administration takes no exception to the amendments to Bill No. 2025-07. Councilwoman Hamilton stated the proposed amendment removes amendments to Section 164A Cannabis Growers, and Section 164B Cannabis Processor.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Henson stated that the Council Manager Report was included in Council's meeting packet.

Council Member Items

Council deferred Council Member Items to the Legislative Session at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilwoman Branch. President Miller adjourned the work session at 5:02 pm.

Next County Council Work Session – June 10, 2025

Approved:



Al Miller
Council President



L. Michelle Henson
Council Manager