

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2024-19
October 15, 2024

The County Council of Cecil County met in legislative session at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elk Room, Elkton, MD. The following members of the Council were present:

Jackie Gregory, Council President
Robert Meffley, Vice President
Rebecca Hamilton, Council Member
Al Miller, Council Member
Donna Culberson, Council Member

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County of October 15, 2024, was called to order by Council President Gregory at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Manager Culver called the roll and noted that all five members were present.

OPENING PRAYER/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Reverend Steven Nissley of Mercy Baptist Church in North East gave the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Vice President Meffley, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, the Council moved to approve the agenda of October 15, 2024. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Economic Development Week

Councilwoman Hamilton read the proclamation for Economic Development Week on October 21 to 25 into the record. Director of Economic Development William Sorensen thanked the Council for the proclamation and highlighted the accomplishments of the Economic Development Department over the past year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Vice President Meffley, seconded by Councilwoman Hamilton, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the legislative session of October 1, 2024. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Katie Fortune of Perryville spoke on education funding.
Theresa Farsace of North East spoke on the 5 Star funding.
Christine Sharp of Elkton spoke on social media issues.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice President Meffley noted he participated in the Cecil Chamber Candidate Forum on October 9. He also attended the Board of Realtors lunch on October 15 and noted they installed the new officers. He also was at the Fair Hill Nature Center Fall Fest on October 12 and the Elkton Rotary Club granted them \$250. He noted he will be attending the Port Deposit Stormwater Meeting as well as the Correction Officers graduation on October 16.

Councilwoman Hamilton thanked everybody for attending. She noted the Maryland 250 Commission and hoped everyone would volunteer to help in preparing the celebration of America's 250th anniversary on July 4, 2026.

Councilman Miller noted he attended the Teacher of the Year Award ceremony on October 4 and that Brittany Rigdon from the School of Technology was one of the seven finalists. He also attended the Fair Hill Nature Center Fall Fest and Rising Sun Spooktacular on October 12.

Councilwoman Culberson noted the intel numbers for the previous week. She noted that year to date Cecil County has had 24 out of 39 weeks with no overdose deaths and out of 177 overdose calls only 17 resulted in death.

President Gregory noted she participated in the Cecil Cares Event on October 11. She also attended the Board of Realtors luncheon on October 15. She also noted 5 Star is October 17 to 20 at Fair Hill and hopes everybody can attend. She also thanked everybody for her 8 years on Council and thanked the administration for all of the efforts and accomplishments they had over the past four years.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 49-2024 - Support of the Maryland Two Fifty Commission

A Resolution in support of the Maryland Two Fifty Commission and the appointment of Councilwoman Rebecca Hamilton as the Cecil County Council representative.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on October 1, 2024 and scheduled for consideration on October 15, 2024.

Councilwoman Hamilton noted that Governor Wes Moore created the Maryland Two Fifty Commission to help promote the upcoming anniversary of the founding of the United States.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution 49-2024, which was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -Y, Culberson – Y, Meffley – Y, Gregory- Y
The motion was approved 5 to 0.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 50-2024 - Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Tourism – Winter Lights Cecil Nights

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, in order to provide a total of \$15,000 to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund- Office of Economic Development – Tourism, to record the grant awarded from the Upper Shore Regional Council, for the purpose of a “Winter Lights-Cecil Nights” Marketing Campaign in Cecil County.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on October 1, 2024 and scheduled for consideration on October 15, 2024.

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted that this is the 5th year for this event and for the first time all eight municipalities will be participating. He also thanked Upper Shore Regional Council for the support they have given to this event.

Councilwoman Hamilton made a motion to approve Resolution 50-2024, which was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -Y, Culberson – Y, Meffley – Y, Gregory- Y
The motion was approved 5 to 0.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 51-2024 - Operation Green Light for Veterans

A Resolution to designate Cecil County as a Green Light for Veterans program participant and encouraged business and residents to display a green light on November 4-11, 2024 to salute and honor Veterans in observance of Operation Green Light for Veterans.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on October 1, 2024 and scheduled for consideration on October 15, 2024.

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted that this is an annual event that encourages people to use green lights on buildings and in homes to honor our veterans,

Vice President Meffley made a motion to approve Resolution 51-2024, which was seconded by Councilwoman Culberson.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record Amendment 1 to Resolution 51-2024
Amendment No. 1 To Resolution No. 51-2024

Title: Operation Green Light for Veterans

Synopsis: A Resolution to designate Cecil County as a Green Light for Veterans program participant and encouraged business and residents to display a green light on November 4-11, 2024 to salute and honor Veterans in observance of Operation Green Light for Veterans.

Introduced by: Councilwoman Hamilton

On Line 28 delete:

4 through Veterans Day, November 11, 2024.

Add:

1 through November 22, 2024, honoring Veterans Day and lighting the Cecil County Administration Building for 22 days to bring awareness to the 22 veterans who commit suicide each day.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Amendment 1 to Resolution 51-2024, seconded by Vice President Meffley.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -Y, Culberson – Y, Meffley – Y, Gregory- Y
The motion was approved 5 to 0.

Vice President Meffley and Councilwoman Culberson and agreed to revised motion to approve Resolution 51-2024 as amended.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -Y, Culberson – Y, Meffley – Y, Gregory- Y
The motion was approved 5 to 0.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 52-2024 - Appointment—Planning Commission- Christopher Walker, Robb Carey, and Christopher Bannon II

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Christopher Walker with a term to expire on August 17, 2027, Robb Carey with a term to expire on July 21, 2026 and Christopher Bannon II with a term to expire August 17, 2027, to the Cecil County Planning Commission.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on October 1, 2024 and scheduled for consideration on October 15, 2024.

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted that Planning Commission serves a valuable role in reviewing plans and making recommendations to Council. He noted these individuals are well qualified to serve on the Commission.

Vice President Meffley made a motion to approve Resolution 52-2024, which was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -Y, Culberson – Y, Meffley – Y, Gregory- Y
The motion was approved 5 to 0.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 53-2024 - Appointment—Board of Appeals – Scott Williams, Gabriele Coutz, Michael Linkous and Willard Whiteman

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Scott Williams with a term to expire on August 15, 2026, Gabriele Coutz with a term to expire on August 15, 2025, reappointment of Michael Linkous with a term to expire on August 15, 2026, and reappointment of Willard Whiteman as the alternate, with a term to expire on August 6, 2025 to the Cecil County Board of Appeals.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on October 1, 2024 and scheduled for consideration on October 15, 2024.

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted that the Board of Appeals plays a valuable role in the development process and hear appeals of decisions, special exceptions and variance requests. He noted that the administration had two amendments to the bill.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution 53-2024, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hamilton.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record Amendment 1 to Resolution 53-2024

Amendment No. 1 To Resolution No. 53-2024

Title: Appointment—Board of Appeals – Scott Williams, Gabriele Coutz, Michael Linkous and Willard Whiteman

Synopsis: A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Scott Williams with a term to expire on August 15, 2026, Gabriele Coutz with a term to expire on August 15, 2025, reappointment of Michael Linkous with a term to expire on August 15, 2026, and reappointment of Willard Whiteman as the alternate, with a term to expire on August 6, 2025 to the Cecil County Board of Appeals.

Introduced by: Council President at the request of the County Executive

On Line 21 delete:

Scott Williams

Add:

John Thompson

On Line 27 delete

Scott Williams

Add:

John Thompson

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Amendment 1 to Resolution 53-2024, seconded by Councilwoman Hamilton.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -N, Culberson – Y, Meffley – N, Gregory- Y
The motion was approved 3 to 2.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record Amendment 2 to Resolution 53-2024

Amendment No. 2 To Resolution No. 53-2024

Title: Appointment—Board of Appeals – Scott Williams, Gabriele Coutz, Michael Linkous and Willard Whiteman

Synopsis: A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Scott Williams with a term to expire on August 15, 2026, Gabriele Coutz with a term to expire on August 15, 2025, reappointment of Michael Linkous with a term to expire on August 15, 2026, and reappointment of Willard Whiteman as the alternate, with a term to expire on August 6, 2025 to the Cecil County Board of Appeals.

Introduced by: Council President at the request of the County Executive

On Line 24 delete:

Willard Whiteman

Add:

Clay Stubbs

On Line 29 delete

Willard Whiteman

Add:

Clay Stubbs

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Amendment 2 to Resolution 53-2024, seconded by Councilwoman Hamilton.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -N, Culberson – Y, Meffley – N, Gregory- Y
The motion was approved 3 to 2.

Councilwoman Culberson and Councilwoman Hamilton agreed to the motion to approve Resolution 53-2024 as amended.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -N, Culberson – Y, Meffley – N, Gregory- Y
The motion was approved 3 to 2.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 54-2024 - Appointment—Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board- Clay Stubbs and Brandon Van Bibber

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Clay Stubbs with a term to expire on August 1, 2029, and Brandon Van Bibber term with a term to expire on August 1, 2027 to the Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on October 1, 2024 and scheduled for consideration on October 15, 2024.

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted that this Board review all agricultural preservation application and make recommendation. He noted both candidates are new and well qualified.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution 54-2024, which was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -Y, Culberson – Y, Meffley – Y, Gregory- Y
The motion was approved 5 to 0.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 55-2024 - Approval – Maryland 5 Star Multi-Year Contract

A Resolution to approve a five (5) year agreement between the County and Sport & Entertainment Corporation of Maryland to hold the Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill event (the “Maryland 5-Star”) and the Maryland Races at Fair Hill event (the “Fair Hill Races”) in calendar years 2025 through 2029. The total value of the contract is Two Million Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars (\$2,850,000.00) and will be funded as follows: \$100,000 from the FY2025 budget, \$550,000 from the FY2026 through FY2030 budgets. The contract will be funded from the County’s general operating funds.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on October 1, 2024 and scheduled for consideration on October 15, 2024.

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted that this is a multi-year agreement that is in the same format that the previous administration utilized to continue the 5 Star Event, but this agreement is also allocating additional funding to the Sport & Entertainment Corporation of Maryland (S&E) to bring back the Fair Hill Races. He noted that the \$100,000 was being committed this fiscal year for the Fair Hill Races and the \$2,850,000 funding over the next five years will be a combination of Video Lottery Funds and general funds.

Councilwoman Hamilton noted that if the races are not held, the funding is not allocated and Director Overbay noted that is correct. Vice President Meffley noted Council would like to see the contract and Director Overbay noted that once it is completed and signed it will be forwarded to Council. Councilman Miller noted that this type of resolution should have a public hearing. He also noted he believes this should be a year-to-year contract since the international calendar does not commit to multi-year events. He also noted that many hotels, including the Great Wolf Lodge, still have vacancies during this event and the majority of the overnight stays are in other jurisdictions. Councilman Miller noted that no local ads are run for this event and as of today, no contract has been presented. Councilman Miller noted that the Fair Hill Races use to be run by Union Hospital and the process benefitted the hospital, but if a new Fair Hill Race is held S&E will receive the proceeds, not a local organization. He also noted DNR will need to fix the track and will need to provide funding. President Gregory noted the previous 5 Star contract violated the Charter and that this contract is proceeding in accordance with the Charter. Vice President Meffley noted that this should be tabled until the next administration takes office. Councilwoman Culberson noted she supports this resolution since it has been several years since the Fair Hill Races were held and this is a great opportunity to restore the races. She noted that no local group has stepped up to resume the races and is unaware of any group that is willing to take on this responsibility. She also noted DNR and the State will help with the racing and if the races are not held then no funding is allocated.

Councilwoman Hamilton made a motion to approve Resolution 55-2024, which was seconded by Councilwoman Culberson.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -N, Culberson – Y, Meffley – N, Gregory- Y
The motion was approved 3 to 2.

CALL FOR FINAL READING OF BILLS

Council Manager Culver Stated for the record:

(TABLED) Bill 2024 – 16 - Supplemental Appropriation – Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025 – Fiscal Year 2029 - Capital Improvement Program – Extend Water Service to Wilson Road.

A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, to add the Extend Water Service to Wilson Road project, to the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget and to record private funding from Southern States LLC for the design and construction of the project in the amount of \$4,300,000. This project will extend public water service to Wilson Road to serve homes in the vicinity of the former Southern States facility having high levels of nitrates in the water wells. Southern States has agreed to fund design and construction costs, meaning that there will be no impact on the County's Fund Balance.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on August 6, 2024 and scheduled for public hearing on September 3, 2024, tabled on September 17, 2024 and consideration on October 15, 2024.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to lift Bill 2024-16 from the table, which was seconded by Vice President Meffley.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -Y, Culberson – Y, Meffley – Y, Gregory- Y

The motion was approved 5 to 0.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Bill 2024-16, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hamilton.

President Gregory noted that three amendments are being offered.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record Amendment 1 to Bill 2024-16

Amendment No. 1 To Bill No. 2024-16

Title: Supplemental Appropriation – Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025 – Fiscal Year 2029 Capital Improvement Program – Extend Water Service to Wilson Road.

Synopsis: A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, to add the Extend Water Service to Wilson Road project, to the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget and to record private funding from Southern States LLC for the design and construction of the project in the amount of \$4,300,000. This project will extend public water service to Wilson Road to serve homes in the vicinity of the former Southern States facility having high levels of nitrates in the water wells. Southern States has agreed to fund design and construction costs, meaning that there will be no impact on the County's fund Balance.

Introduced by: Council President at the request of the County Executive

Insert beginning at line 18:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, THE SOURCE OF THE WATER WILL BE EITHER THE TOWN OF RISING SUN, ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY, OR CHESTER WATER AUTHORITY.

Vice President Meffley inquired how Artesian would service this area and County Attorney Scott noted that this was listing all the local water companies so that options would exist for water service. Councilwoman Hamilton inquired if MDE would be able to mandate a water company to provide service and Attorney Scott noted that they do have that authority. Vice President Meffley inquired if the property owners were interested in public water and Attorney Scott noted that MDE would determine the remedy for the pollution. Vice President Meffley requested verification that MDE wanted this solution and Attorney Scott noted this was the preferred solution. Councilwoman Hamilton inquired if MDE can mandate is this bill necessary and Attorney Scott noted that since County land is involved and the County will serve as the conduit for the water line construction we need this bill to put the project in the budget. Councilman Miller noted that only 5 houses are now affected since Southern States purchased several homes and several wells are now within acceptable levels. Councilwoman Culberson inquired on who is doing the testing to verify the wells are within limits and Attorney Scott noted MDE. President Gregory inquired if Southern States is

maintaining the units they purchased and Director Overbay noted they were doing the maintenance.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve Amendment 1 to Bill 2024-16, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -Y, Culberson – Y, Meffley – Y, Gregory- Y
The motion was approved 5 to 0.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record Amendment 2 to Bill 2024-16

Amendment No. 2 To Bill No. 2024-16

Title: Supplemental Appropriation – Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025 – Fiscal Year 2029 Capital Improvement Program – Extend Water Service to Wilson Road.

Synopsis: A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, to add the Extend Water Service to Wilson Road project, to the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget and to record private funding from Southern States LLC for the design and construction of the project in the amount of \$4,300,000. This project will extend public water service to Wilson Road to serve homes in the vicinity of the former Southern States facility having high levels of nitrates in the water wells. Southern States has agreed to fund design and construction costs, meaning that there will be no impact on the County’s fund Balance.

Introduced by: Council President at the request of the County Executive

Insert beginning at line 21:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, THAT THE WATER MAIN TO BE INSTALLED TO SERVE THE IMPACTED HOMES ON WILSON ROAD SHALL BE A “DENIED ACCESS” PIPE NO GREATER THAN FOUR (4) INCHES IN DIAMETER.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Amendment 2 to Bill 2024-16, seconded by Councilman Miller.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -Y, Culberson – Y, Meffley – Y, Gregory- Y
The motion was approved 5 to 0

Council Manager Culver stated for the record Amendment 3 to Bill 2024-16

Amendment No. 3 To Bill No. 2024-16

Title: Supplemental Appropriation – Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025 – Fiscal Year 2029 Capital Improvement Program – Extend Water Service to Wilson Road.

Synopsis: A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, to add the Extend Water Service to Wilson Road project, to the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget and to record private funding from Southern States LLC for the design and construction of the project in the amount of \$4,300,000. This project will extend public water service to Wilson Road to serve homes in the vicinity of the former Southern States facility having high levels of nitrates in the water wells. Southern States has agreed to fund design and construction costs, meaning that there will be no impact on the County’s fund Balance.

Introduced by: Council President at the request of the County Executive

Insert beginning at line 24:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, THAT CECIL COUNTY SHALL EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SOUTHERN STATES COOPERATIVE, INCORPORATED OR SUCH OTHER CORPORATE ENTITY AS MAY BE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF SOUTHERN STATES COOPERATIVE, INCORPORATED ("SOUTHERN STATES") STATING THAT SOUTHERN STATES OR THE STATE OF MARYLAND SHALL REIMBURSE CECIL COUNTY FOR ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT.

Vice President Meffley made a motion to approve Amendment 3 to Bill 2024-16, seconded by Councilman Miller.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -Y, Culberson – Y, Meffley – Y, Gregory- Y
The motion was approved 5 to 0

Councilwoman Culberson and Councilwoman Hamilton agreed to revised motion to approve Bill 2024-16 as amended.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -Y, Culberson – Y, Meffley – Y, Gregory- Y
The motion was approved 5 to 0

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Bill 2024-20 - Public Safety Pension Plan – Amendment 9 – Domestic Relations Order and Disability Determination

A Bill to approve the 9th amendment to the Cecil County Pension Plan for Public Service Employees to provide for changes to the average annual compensation, domestic relations order and retirement at disability retirement date.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on September 3, 2024 and scheduled for public hearing on October 1, 2024 and consideration on October 15, 2024.

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted that the Pension Board identified the issue with the pension plan as it relates to disability payments and divorce settlements. He noted that this was examined by the pension consultants and will have no fiscal impact

Vice President Meffley made a motion to approve Bill 2024-20, which was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -Y, Culberson – Y, Meffley – Y, Gregory- Y
The motion was approved 5 to 0

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Bill 2024-21 - Establishment – Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund

A Bill to add a new Section 45-4, the Cecil County Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund, to Chapter 45, Finance and Taxation, of the Cecil County Code, as amended; to create a Fund for receipt of revenue from the State of Maryland pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland Alcoholic Beverages Article §1-322 and used for purposes outlined therein.; and generally related to finance and taxation.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on September 3, 2024 and scheduled for public hearing on October 1, 2024 and consideration on October 15, 2024.

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted that this amendment is part of the Cannabis Act that requires counties to outline how the funds will be spent. Councilwoman Hamilton inquired if the State has determined the equity licenses and funding distribution and Director Overbay said this is still in progress.

Councilwoman Hamilton made a motion to approve Bill 2024-21, which was seconded by Vice President Meffley.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -Y, Culberson – Y, Meffley – Y, Gregory- Y
The motion was approved 5 to 0.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Bill 2024-22 - Supplemental Appropriation – Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025 - Fiscal Year 2029
Capital Improvement Program – Child Advocacy Center.

A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, to add the Renovate Child Advocacy Center project to the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget and to record Community Development Block Grant funding for the design and construction of the project in the amount of \$672,000.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on September 3, 2024 and scheduled for public hearing on October 1, 2024 and consideration on October 15, 2024.

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted that this amendment will coincide with Resolution 43-2024 which is the grant funding for this project. He noted this project will add 800 square feet to the center, allow the roof to be replace and also add an emergency generator.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve Bill 2024-22, which was seconded by Vice President Meffley.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -Y, Culberson – Y, Meffley – Y, Gregory- Y
The motion was approved 5 to 0.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Bill 2024-23 - Supplemental Appropriation - Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025 – Fiscal Year 2029
Capital Improvement Program – ARPA Funding

Project Number 55041 - Holloway Beach Sewer Project
Project Number 50051 - Paramedic Station 2 Project
Project Number 50052 - Paramedic Station 4 Project
Project Number 51030 - Public Safety Training Center Project
Project Number 52594 - Oldfield Point Road Project
Project Number 55064 - Elkton West Sanitary Sewer Project

A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, to provide supplemental expenditure authority for Project Number 51030 - Public Safety Training Center project, in the amount of \$2,100,000; for Project Number 50051 - Paramedic Station 2 project, in the amount of \$300,000; and for Project Number 50052 - Paramedic Station 4 project, in the amount of \$300,000, totaling \$2,700,000; by transferring American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding from Project Number 55041, Holloway Beach Sewer project, in the corresponding amount of \$2,700,000; while concurrently transferring \$1,700,000 in County bond funding from Project Number 52594 - Oldfield Point Road and \$1,000,000 in County bond funding from the Project Number 55064 - Elkton West Sanitary Sewer project totaling \$2,700,000 to the Holloway Beach Sewer project to replace the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on September 3, 2024 and scheduled for public hearing on October 1, 2024 and consideration on October 15, 2024.

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted that this Bill will move ARPA and bond funding between various projects to ensure the ARPA funds are spent in accordance with the deadlines established for the program. The Holloway Beach Project will move \$2,100,000 million to the Public Safety Training Cener, and \$300,000 each to Paramedic Station 2 and 4. County bond funding of \$1,700,000 from Oldfield Point Road and \$1,000,000 for Elkton West Sewer project will be moved to Holloway Beach project. He noted Holloway Beach is behind schedule due to easements being required and that the Oldfield Point project is also needed right of way dedication. Director

Overbay also noted this bill should ensure the APRA funds are allocated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026. Vice President Meffley thanked the administration for making these changes to ensure all funding is spent.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Bill 2024-23, which was seconded by Vice President Meffley.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -Y, Culberson – Y, Meffley – Y, Gregory- Y
The motion was approved 5 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilwoman Culberson, seconded by Councilwoman Hamilton, President Gregory adjourned the meeting at 8:22 pm.

Council President Gregory announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building. The legislative session will be livestreamed at the county’s webpage at www.ccgov.org/council. The recording and transcription will be uploaded to the county’s website as soon as possible.

Approved:



Al Miller
Council President

Attest:



David M. Culver
Council Manager