

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2025-04
February 18, 2025

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:

Al Miller, Council President
Bob Meffley, Vice President
Rebecca Hamilton, Council Member
Donna Culberson (virtually), Council Member
Dawn Branch, 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 February 18, 2025, was called to order by Council President Miller at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Manager Culver called the roll and noted that four members were present and one was virtual.

OPENING PRAYER/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pastor Kevin Marshall of Janes Church in Rising Sun gave the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Councilwoman Branch, seconded by Vice President Meffley, the Council moved to approve the agenda of February 18, 2025. The motion was approved 4 to 0 with 1 virtual.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Councilwoman Hamilton, seconded by Vice President Meffley, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the legislative session of February 4, 2025. The motion was approved 4 to 0 with 1 virtual.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment was offered.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

President Miller noted Michelle Henson was appointed as Council Manager and will begin on March 10th. He also attended the Chamber's GRC Meeting on February 12. He also noted he attended the Fair Board Meeting on February 13.

Councilwoman Hamilton noted the Cecil County Historical Society is still having screenings of "Blackboards and Barriers" and encourage everyone to go and see this film.

Councilwoman Branch noted on February 22 a robotics tournament will be held at Perryville Middle School. She also noted that it will be all of our schools as well as schools outside of Cecil County and hopes people will volunteer to help and attend this event.

Vice President Meffley noted the County officially deeded the Chesapeake City Elementary School to the town this past week. He also attended the Farm Bureau Meeting on February 13 and was happy to report they are granting five \$2,000 scholarships this year. He also noted they discussed the state bill that would allow the condemnation of land to run electrical distribution lines and this could be over preserved farm land. He also noted they discussed the decrease in funding for the USDA and what that could do to the farming community. He also noted they are doing a farming ride along with police and interested parties to show them how motorists drive around farm equipment on

public roads. He also noted the Rotary Club will be packing meals for the Paris Foundation on February 19.

Councilwoman Culberson noted that the State Delegates and Senators scholarship fund applications are open and encouraged high school students to apply.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 13-2025 - Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Community Services – ENOUGH Act Local Management Board Capacity Building Grant

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 \$146,000.00 to the Community Services Grants Fund – Department of Community Services, Community Partnerships Division Fund 109, Department 536 to record a grant awarded from the Maryland Governor's Office for Children. Grants funds will be used to conduct a capacity-building study and assessment.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on February 18, 2025 and scheduled for consideration on March 4, 2025.

Director of Administration Dan Schneckenburger noted this is a grant for the Governor's Office for Children and will be used to conduct a capacity-building study and assessment.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 14-2025 - Supplemental Appropriation – General Fund Balance – Roads Division – Department of Public Works – Asphalt Overlay

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, to move expenditure authority from the general fund balance to the Roads Division – Department of Public Works in the amount of \$3,500,000 for the benefit of additional asphalt overlay of county roads.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on February 18, 2025 and scheduled for consideration on March 4, 2025.

Director of Administration Dan Schneckenburger noted this is a request to add \$3,500,000 to the Roads Budget to pave approximately 14 miles of roads.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 15-2025 - Supplemental Appropriation – General Fund – Department of Parks and Recreation – Program Open Space – County Matching

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 \$39,200 from the Fund Balance to the General Fund – Building and Improvement Account for the Department of Parks and Recreation to record the \$39,200, a 10% County Match.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on February 18, 2025 and scheduled for consideration on March 4, 2025.

Director of Administration Dan Schneckenburger noted this is to fund the County's 10% portion of the Open Space Funds and will be used for paving the parking lot at Brantwood Park and new turf and HVAC system at Cecil Arena.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 16-2025 - Appointments - Department of Social Services Board

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of Diane Fox and the appointment of Georgia Galicki and David Rudolph, to the Department of Social Services Board with terms to June 30, 2026.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on February 18, 2025 and scheduled for consideration on March 4, 2025.

Director of Administration Dan Schneckenburger noted these individuals are highly qualified and this will fill the vacant positions on this Board.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 10-2025 - Supplemental Appropriation - Grant Funds– Community Services – Human Services Division – Rape Crisis Funding

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 \$50,000.00 to the Community Services Grants Fund – Department of Community Services, Human Services Division, Fund 109, Department 533, to record a grant awarded from the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy, through the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault. Grant funds will cover travel, training, contractual services and supplies related to Rape Crisis services.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on February 4, 2025 and scheduled for consideration on February 18, 2025.

No additional comments were offered.

Councilwoman Branch made a motion to approve Resolution 10-2025, which was seconded by Vice President Meffley.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Culberson – V, Branch – Y, Meffley – Y, Miller - Y
The motion was approved 4 to 0 with 1 virtual.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 11-2025 - Appointment – Public Safety Pension Plan Board of Trustees – Tyler Adams

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Tyler Adams, who is replacing Mary McLennan, Public Safety Pension Plan Board of Trustees, which will expire on December 31, 2025.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on February 4, 2025 and scheduled for consideration on February 18, 2025.

No additional comments were offered.

Councilwoman Hamilton made a motion to approve Resolution 11-2025, which was seconded by Councilwoman Branch.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Culberson – V, Branch – Y, Meffley – Y, Miller - Y
The motion was approved 4 to 0 with 1 virtual.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record

Resolution 12-2025 - Appointment—Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board – Patrick Campbell

Synopsis: A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Ex-Officio Member Patrick Campbell, who is replacing Wayne Tome, to the Cecil County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board for a three (3) year term to expire June 1, 2027.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on February 4, 2025 and scheduled for consideration on February 18, 2025.

No additional comments were offered.

Vice President Meffley made a motion to approve Resolution 12-2025, which was seconded by Councilwoman Branch.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Culberson – V, Branch – Y, Meffley – Y, Miller - Y
The motion was approved 4 to 0 with 1 virtual.

NEW BUSINESS

Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #132

President Miller noted this budget amendment was for \$349,995.

Councilwoman Branch made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #132 in the amount of \$349,995. The motion was seconded by Vice President Meffley.

The motion was approved 4 to 0 with 1 virtual.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilwoman Hamilton, seconded by Councilwoman Branch, President Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:24 pm.

Council President Miller announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 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