

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2025-05
March 4, 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
Donna Culberson, 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 March 4, 2025, was called to order by Council President Miller at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Manager called the roll and noted that all four members were present and one absent.

OPENING PRAYER/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pastor Steve Basht of Jane's Church in Rising Sun gave the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Councilwoman Culberson, seconded by Vice President Meffley the Council moved to approve the agenda of March 4, 2025. The motion was approved 4 to 0 with 1 absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Councilwoman Branch, seconded by Vice President Meffley, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the legislative session of February 18, 2025. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sean Brimm of North East spoke on the Ethics Commission.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Culberson gave an update on the intel numbers for the previous week and noted 11 overdoses with 1 fatal which is the highest in a while. She also read to the students at Thompson Estate on March 5.

Councilwoman Branch noted she attended the ribbon cutting at Masala Time in Elkton.

Vice President Meffley noted he also attended the Social Services Board and they finalized the Donaldson Brown Trust Budget and Diane Fox was elected Chair of the Board. He also attended the Earlville Civic Association meeting along with County executive Adam Streight and discussed numerous local issues. He also met with the Maryland Department of the Environment on well and septic permits and will answer the questions posed by the County. He also attended the Army Alliance luncheon on March 5 and they discussed economic development issues and programs at Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

President Miller attended the Rooted in Our Community meeting at Cecil College on March 1 and discussed the various programs. He also attended the Cub Scouts Arrow of Light Ceremony on March 1 and 7 boys and 2 girls received promotion to Scouting America.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager stated for the record:

Resolution No. 17-2025 - Supplemental Appropriation – Donation – Department of Park and Recreation – Facilities Maintenance Account

A resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, to provide a total of \$10,000 to the General Fund – Facilities Maintenance Account for the Department of Parks and Recreation to record a \$10,000 donation by W.L. Gore & Associates.

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

Director of Administration Dan Schneckenburger noted this was a donation of \$10,000 from W.L. Gore for park equipment.

Council Manager stated for the record:

Resolution No. 18-2025 - Appointment—Adult Public Guardianship Review Board - Lisa Beeman, E. Sean Poltrack, Erin Bird, Stacy Kortas and Mary Falkenstein

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of the reappointment of Lisa Beeman and E. Sean Poltrack, to fill a three-year term that will expire on April 1, 2028 and, Erin Bird and Stacy Kortas, to fill a two-year term that will expire on April 1, 2027 and, Mary Falkenstein, to fill a one-year term that will expire on April 1, 2026, to the Cecil County Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.

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

Director of Administration Dan Schneckenburger noted these candidates are well qualified and bring the Board to full membership.

Council Manager stated for the record:

Resolution No. 19-2025 - Appointments—Department of Social Services Board – Glenn Jensen, Berkeley Orr, and Abigail Hooper

A Resolution to confirm the appointments of Glenn Jensen, Berkeley Orr, and Abigail Hooper, to the Department of Social Services Board for three-year terms to expire June 30, 2028

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

Director of Administration Dan Schneckenburger noted these appointments are well qualified and bring this Board to full membership along with those being appointed by resolution 16-2025. Vice President Meffley thanked the Board members for the service they provide.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager stated for the record:

Resolution No. 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.

Councilwoman Culberson inquired on the capacity building aspect of this grant and if that would require additional office space to provide these services and Director of Administration Schneckenburger noted it would not, this would just assess the capacity of the County to provide these services and the need for addition funding for the program.

Vice President Meffley made a motion to approve Resolution 13-2025, which was seconded by Councilwoman Culberson.

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

Council Manager stated for the record:

Resolution No. 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 that if this is approved the projects will begin this month.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution 14-2025, which was seconded by Vice President Meffley.

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

Council Manager stated for the record:

Resolution No. 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.

No additional comments were offered.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution 15-2025, which was seconded by Councilwoman Branch.

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

Council Manager stated for the record:

Resolution No. 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.

No additional comments were offered.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution 16-2025, which was seconded by Vice President Meffley.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment – Director of Finance – Raymond W. Hamm

No additional comments were offered.

Vice President Meffley made a motion to approve Raymond W. Hamm as the Director of Finance, which was seconded by Councilwoman Culberson.

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

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilwoman Culberson, seconded by Councilwoman Branch, President Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

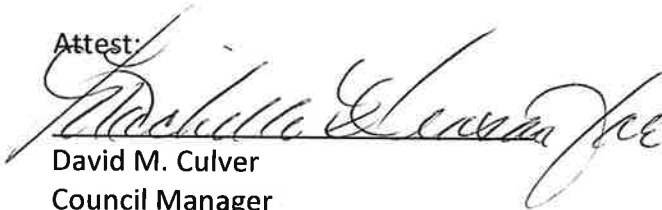
Council President Miller announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building. The legislative session will be livestreamed at the county's webpage at www.ccgov.org/council. The recording and transcription will be uploaded to the county's website as soon as possible.

Approved:



Al Miller
Council President

Attest:



David M. Culver
Council Manager