

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2025-14
July 15, 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 July 15, 2025, was called to order by Council President Miller at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Manager Henson called the roll and noted that four members were present.

OPENING PRAYER/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pastor Steve Nissley of Mercy Missionary Baptist Church offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Councilwoman Culberson, seconded by Councilwoman Branch, the Council moved to approve the agenda of July 15, 2025. The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Vice President Meffley, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Legislative Session of July 1, 2025. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Richard Polansky spoke about Rezoning Files 2025-02 and 2025-03.
Ms. Michelle Ravert spoke about representation via Councilmanic districts and at-large voting.
Mr. Harold McCannick spoke about property taxes.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Branch stated she attended the Adopt a Classroom event on July 9th, which was sponsored by PuroClean. She stated that PuroClean provides supplies to educators and is inviting other business to do the same.

Councilwoman Branch stated she attended the grand opening of Green Pasture Christian School on July 12th.

Vice President Meffley stated he attended the grand opening of Vietri's Italian Market and Restaurant on July 12th.

Vice President Meffley offered congratulations to Ms. Dale Kerns of the Rotary Club of Cecil County, noting that she was elected Governor for the Eastern Shore, adding that Ms. Kern is the 3rd Cecil County Rotary Club member to be elected to this office.

Vice President Meffley stated he attended the Earleville Civic Association meeting at Hacks Point Fire Co. on July 9th. He stated the association's goal of obtaining playground equipment and installing a pickle ball court at their community park.

Vice President Meffley stated that the public is always welcome to attend meetings and express concerns in an open, civil manner.

Councilwoman Culberson provided Emergency Services Intel for the week of July 7th, stating Emergency Services responded 331 calls; 13 of which were mental health related; 53 domestic incidents, 23 of which were physical; 10 overdoses, 0 of which resulted in fatalities. She noted that there were no overdose-related fatalities for approximately 44% of the last 27 weeks, stating her belief that public education is saving lives.

Councilwoman Culberson announced that installation of sidewalks near Perryville High School is nearly complete.

President Miller offered congratulations to Cecil County School of Technology (CCST) student Scott Holmes who placed 6th in Diesel Equipment Technology at the National SkillsUSA Competition.

President Miller stated the Cecil County Fair runs July 18th – 26th, adding that during AG Day events on July 22nd, Emergency Services, the Health Department and the Farm Bureau will partner to offer first aid training. He stated the program is referred to as “Stop the Bleed”, the goal of which is to assist farmers about safely addressing injuries.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 48-2025

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 48-2025 – Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Sheriff’s Office – Warrant Apprehension

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2026, in order to provide a total of \$12,500.00 to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund – Sheriff’s Office - to record a grant awarded from the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP) for the purpose Overtime and Fringe, in the amount of \$12,500.00.

Introduced and order posted on July 15, 2025; and scheduled for consideration on August 5, 2025.

Director Schneckeburger stated Resolution No. 48-2025 supplements overtime wages and fringe benefits of Deputies working on specific assignments. He stated that the grant associated with Resolution No. 48-2025 is the first of several that will be received over the coming months.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 45-2025

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 45-2025 – Sheriff of Cecil County – Salary

A Resolution to adjust the salary of the Sheriff of Cecil County beginning in Fiscal Year 2026.

Introduced and order posted on July 1, 2025; and scheduled for consideration on July 15, 2025.

Director of Administration Schneckeburger stated that Administration had no comments.

President Miller stated that Council reviews the Sheriff salary every two years. He stated Council compared Sheriff salaries from similar jurisdictions with similar job duties, adding that Council’s recommended salary of \$150,000 was lower than that of the referenced counties.

Councilwoman Culberson reiterated her support for the Sheriff and her concerns regarding the amount of the increase.

Vice President Meffley made a motion to approve Resolution No. 45-2025, which was seconded by Councilwoman Branch.

Roll Call Vote: Hamilton – Absent, Culberson – N, Branch – Y, Meffley – Y, Miller – Y

The motion was approved 3-1

Resolution No. 46-2025

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 46-2025 – Appointment – Electrical Inspection Agencies – Bay Area Inspection Agency and American Inspection Agency, Inc.

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of Bay Area Inspection Agency and American Inspection Agency, Inc. to serve as the electrical inspection agencies in Cecil County, term to expire on July 31, 2026.

Introduced and order posted on July 1, 2025; and scheduled for consideration on July 15, 2025. Administrator Schneckenburger stated that Administration had no additional comments. Vice President Meffley stated that staff from both agencies have always behaved professionally. Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 46-2025, which was seconded by Vice President Meffley. Roll Call Vote: Hamilton – Absent, Culberson – Y, Branch – Y, Meffley – Y, Miller – Y. The motion was approved 4-0.

Resolution No. 47-2025

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 47-2025 – Appointment – Susquehanna Workforce Network Board – Sandra Edwards, Jen Celeste, Andrew Meyer, Brian Holloway, Danny DeMarinis, Trey Muller-Thym, Leslie Holt, Dr. Mary Bolt and Jeffrey Lawson.

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Sandra Edwards, Jen Celeste, Andrew Meyer and Brian Holloway, to a one year term to expire on June 30, 2026, Danny DeMarinis, Trey Muller-Thym and Leslie Holt, to a two year term to expire on June 30, 2027, and Dr. Mary Bolt and Jeffrey Lawson, to a three year term to expire on June 30, 2028 to the Susquehanna Workforce Network Board.

Introduced and order posted on July 1, 2025; and scheduled for consideration on July 15, 2025.

Director Schneckenburger stated that Administration had no additional comments.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 47-2025, which was seconded by Councilwoman Branch.

Roll Call Vote: Hamilton – Absent, Culberson – Y, Branch – Y, Meffley – Y, Miller – Y

The motion was approved 4-0

OLD BUSINESS

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Rezoning File 2025-02 APPLICANT: Richard Polansky, Managing Partner – EJP, LLC. PROPERTY LOCATION: 0 Old Philadelphia Road, Elkton, Maryland 21901. Election District: 5, Tax Map: 031A, Parcel: 0558. PROPERTY OWNER: EJP, LLC PRESENTLY ZONED: Business General (BG) PROPOSED ZONING: Heavy-Industrial District (M-2).

Director Schneckenburger stated that Administration had no additional comments.

Councilwoman Branch expressed support for the planned project.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Rezoning File 2025-02, which was seconded by Vice President Meffley.

Roll Call Vote: Hamilton – Absent, Culberson – Y, Branch – Y, Meffley – Y, Miller – Y

The motion was approved 4-0

REZONING FILE: 2025-03 APPLICANT: Richard Polansky, Owner – MPH QOZB 1 LLC. PROPERTY LOCATION: 0 Pulaski Highway, Elkton, Maryland 21901. Election District: 5, Tax Map: 031A, Parcel 908 (PART). PROPERTY OWNER: Richard Polansky pursuant to Deed dated July 8, 2024 and recorded in the land records of Cecil County in Book 5516, Page 43. PRESENTLY ZONED: Business General (BG) PROPOSED ZONING: Heavy-Industrial District (M-2).

Director Schneckenburger stated that Administration had no additional comments.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Rezoning File 2025-03, which was seconded by Councilwoman Branch.

Roll Call Vote: Hamilton – Absent, Culberson – Y, Branch – Y, Meffley – Y, Miller – Y

The motion was approved 4-0

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilwoman Culberson, seconded by Councilwoman Branch and approved by all present, President Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

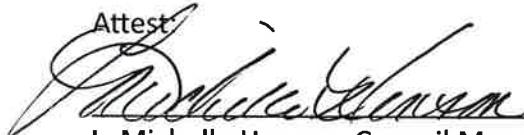
Council President Miller announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building. The legislative session will be livestreamed at the County's webpage at www.ccgov.org/council. The recording and transcription will be uploaded to the County's website as soon as possible.

Approved:



Al Miller, Council President

Attest



L. Michelle Henson, Council Manager