

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2022-04
February 15, 2022**

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:

Robert Meffley, Council President
Jackie Gregory, Vice President
William H. Coutz, 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 February 15, 2022, was called to order by Council President Meffley at 7:00 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER

Council Member Miller introduced Pastor Kevin Brown from Wright's AME Church in Elkton, who led the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of February 15, 2022. Motion was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION

The Council presentation a proclamation to Cpl. Annette Goodyear of the North East Police Department in recognition of her heroic and unselfish action in risking herself to push a child out of the way from an oncoming vehicle.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the legislative session of February 1, 2022. Motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tanya Emkey, Churchville, commented on the Indian Acres management rules that limit the number of days that a campground owner can use their site.

Dwayne Maeser, Edgewood, commented on an emergency incident at Indian Acres that the management failed to respond.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Coutz thanked the audience for attending and praised Cpl. Goodyear for her heroic acts. He stated that he attended the ribbon cutting of Financial Salvation in Elkton. He reported the statistics from the Sheriff's Office Intel meeting, which showed the number of overdose incidents dropped to five. He also commented on a recent warning from the Delmarva Chicken Association of the avian flu found in chickens in Rock Hall.

Vice President Gregory thanked the audience for attending. She attended the MACo Legislative Committee meeting that reviewed proposed state legislation. She also participated in a virtual discussion of proposed legislation from the Rural Maryland Coalition.

Councilwoman Culberson thanked the audience for attending.

Councilman Miller thanked the audience for attending. He stated that New Holland Equipment donated a state-of-the-art tractor to the Cecil County School of Technology, and recognized W.C. Logan and Sons for their assistance with this donation. He spoke to students at the School of Technology and North East High School about the biodigester process and the potential of jobs in this field. He commented in his concern of the recent discovery of avian flu in chickens on the eastern shore.

Council President Meffley praised Cpl. Goodyear for her heroism and commented on her modesty in being recognized for doing her job as a school crossing guard. He commented on working on Council matters, including proposed charter amendments.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2022-01 Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – Health Department – Roof Replacement

A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, to appropriate expenditure authority within the Health Department Roof Capital Projects Budget in the amount of \$30,000 from the fund balance.

James Appel, Finance Director, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on February 15, 2022, and public hearing scheduled on March 15, 2022.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 04-2022 Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – DPW Roads Division – Road Maintenance and Repair

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, to provide the Department of Public Works, Roads Division budget within the General Fund expenditure appropriation authority to authorize \$3,000,000 to be expended for additional paving and patching of County roads.

James Appel, Finance Director, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on February 15, 2022, and scheduled for consideration on March 1, 2022.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 05-2022 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Community Services – The Bridge and Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, in order to provide a total of \$55,000 to the Community Services Grants Fund – Department of Community Services, to record a grant awarded through the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence to The Bridge/Cecil County Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center to cover costs associated with personnel and staffing.

James Appel, Finance Director, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on February 15, 2022, and scheduled for consideration on March 1, 2022.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 06-2022 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Community Services – Trauma and Substance Use

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, in order to provide a total of \$1,295,121 to the Community Services Grants Fund – Department of Community Services, to record two 3-year grant awards, which includes \$533,057 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), and \$762,064 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, in order to address trauma and substance use in Cecil County.

James Appel, Finance Director, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on February 15, 2022, and scheduled for consideration on March 1, 2022.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 07-2022 Approval – Application – Enterprise Zone Expansion

A Resolution to expand the existing Cecil County Enterprise Zone by 391.86 acres, more or less.

Steve Overbay, Director of Administration, provided comments. Councilman Coutz clarified that this property is already owned by Northrup Grumman, and this designation allows them to receive tax credits.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on February 15, 2022, and schedule for public hearing on March 15, 2022.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 02-2022 Appointment – Board of Library Trustees – Tanya Area

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of Tanya Area to the Cecil County Board of Library Trustees, to a five year term which will expire on February 14, 2027.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on February 1, 2022, and scheduled for approval on February 15, 2022.

Steve Overbay, Acting Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve Resolution No. 02-2022, which was seconded by Councilman Coutz.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Culberson-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y
The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 03-2022 Appointment – Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board – Dr. Morganne Castiglione

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Dr. Morganne Castiglione, to the Cecil County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board for a two (2) year term to expire June 1, 2024.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on February 1, 2022, and scheduled for approval on February 15, 2022.

Steve Overbay, Acting Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Councilman Coutz made a motion to approve Resolution No. 03-2022, which was seconded by Vice President Gregory.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Culberson-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y
The motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment #95

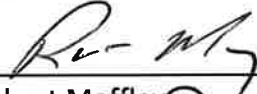
Councilman Miller made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #95, in the amount of \$764,939 for January 2022 expenses. The motion was seconded by Councilman Coutz and was approved unanimously by voice vote of 5 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, Council President Meffley adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Council President Meffley announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building. The public may attend and participate. The legislative session will continue to be livestreamed in real time 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:



Robert Meffley
Council President

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager