

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2022-08
April 5, 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 April 5, 2022, was called to order by Council President Meffley at 7:00 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER

Council Member Miller introduced Pastor Sean Hurm from Hart's Chapel United Methodist Church in North East, who led the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of April 5, 2022. Motion was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2022-02 Agricultural Land Preservation District – Marybeth and William Preston - Preston Farm

A Bill to approve the petition of Marybeth and William Preston for property located at 160 Spence Road, North East, MD 21901, (Acres 46.004, Election District 5, Tax Map 36, Grid 24, Parcels 153 and 577), requesting the establishment of an agricultural preservation district.

The Bill was introduced on March 1, 2022, advertised on March 23, 2022 and March 30, 2022; and scheduled for public hearing on March 15, 2022.

Steve O'Connor, Director of Land Use and Development Services, provided comments. Councilman Miller expressed his concern that this parcel is within a development.

President Meffley opened the public hearing for public comments.

Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, stated that he would be opposed if the property owner received county funds.

President Meffley concluded the public hearing and announced that Bill No. 2022-02 will be considered for approval at the next legislative session on April 19, 2022.

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 March 15, 2022. Motion was approved unanimously.

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the legislative session of March 22, 2022. Motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Duane Maeser, Edgewood, commented that the Indian Acre management had formed a Funstead Site Committee to assess fines on properties.

Ray Nickson, Linwood, thanked the Council and Lawrence Scott for their assistance with resolving the problems with the Indian Acres management.

Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, commented on Council's approval of the salary and benefit legislation and political games, the proposed balanced budget, school budget, and pickle ball court.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Members agreed to save their comments because of the time constraint.

Council President Meffley polled Council Members on the draft of the proposed charter amendment regarding Council review of contracts for their consensus, which was agreed. He also polled Council Members on the draft of the proposed residential noise legislation, which was agreed.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2022-03 Agricultural Land Preservation District – Jeffrey and Stacey Coale

A Bill to approve the petition of Jeffrey and Stacey Coale for property located at 145 Christie Hill Road, Conowingo, MD 21918, (Acres 42.5, Election District 8, Tax Map 9, Grid 1, Parcel 521), requesting the establishment of an agricultural preservation district.

Steve O'Connor, Director of Land Use and Development Services, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on April 5, 2022, and scheduled for public hearing on May 3, 2022.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2022-04 Capital Improvement Program – FY2023-2027

A Bill to approve the Capital Improvement Program for Cecil County for Fiscal Years 2023 through 2027.

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

Introduced, read first time, order posted on April 5, 2022, and scheduled for public hearing on May 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Elkton High School, 110 James Street, Elkton.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2022-05 Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance – FY 2023

A Bill to adopt the County Budget including the Current Expense Budget, Capital Budget, Special Purpose Budgets and Grants Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and to appropriate funds for all expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022.

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

Introduced, read first time, order posted on April 5, 2022, and scheduled for public hearing on May 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Elkton High School, 110 James Street, Elkton.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 22-2022 Appointment—Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board- Norman Anderson

A Resolution to recommend to the Governor of Maryland the appointment of Norman Anderson as an alternate to the Cecil County Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board to a five-year term, which will expire on June 1, 2027.

Steve Overbay, Acting Director of Administration, provided comments. Council President Meffley asked about the qualifications for the board member.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on April 5, 2022, and scheduled for consideration on April 19, 2022.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 23-2022 Appointment—Commission for Women – Holly Ayers and Tyra Kenly

A Resolution to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Holly Ayers, and Tyra Kenly to the Commission for Woman for a two (2) year term to expire April 19, 2024.

Steve Overbay, Acting Director of Administration, provided comments. Councilman Coutz commented that one of the appointees is an employee of the county.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on April 5, 2022, and scheduled for consideration on April 19, 2022.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 24-2022 Appointment—Weed Control Advisory Board

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of Michael Scheeler and William Ewing; and the appointment of Scott Heaps and Jessica Lynn Edge to the Cecil County Weed Control Advisory Board for a one (1) year term, to expire April 19, 2023.

Steve Overbay, Acting Director of Administration, provided comments.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on April 5, 2022, and scheduled for consideration on April 19, 2022.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 25-2022 Appointment—Department of Social Services Board – Berkeley Orr, Glenn Jensen, Abigail Hooper.

A Resolution to confirm the appointments by the County Executive of Berkeley Orr, Glenn Jensen, and Abigail Hooper to the Department of Social Services Board, to a three (3) year term, to expire April 19, 2025.

Steve Overbay, Acting Director of Administration, provided comments. Council President Meffley commented that he was glad to fill the vacancies.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on April 5, 2022, and scheduled for consideration on April 19, 2022.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 26-2022 Appointment—Economic Development Commission – Charles E. Jones, Jr.

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Charles E. Jones, Jr. to the Economic Development Commission, to complete the vacated term of Michael Lara, which will expire on January 7, 2023.

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

Introduced, read first time, order posted on April 5, 2022, and scheduled for consideration on April 19, 2022.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 27-2020 Adoption - Real Property and Personal Property Tax Rates – Fiscal Year 2023

A Resolution to levy and impose a property and income tax for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023; setting the tax rates for property and providing for the collection of the property tax.

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

Introduced, read first time, order posted on April 5, 2022, and scheduled for public hearing on May 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Elkton High School, 110 James Street, Elkton.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

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.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on February 15, 2022; public hearing held and concluded on March 15, 2022; and scheduled for consideration on April 5, 2022.

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

Vice President Gregory made a motion to approve Resolution No. 07-2022, which was seconded by Councilwoman Culberson.

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. 12-2022 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Parks and Recreation – Elkton High School Stadium and Field.

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 \$1,100,000 to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund- Parks and Recreation, to record a grant awarded from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to be used to renovate the stadium and field at Elkton High School.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on March 15, 2022 and scheduled for consideration on April 5, 2022.

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

Councilman Coutz made a motion to approve Resolution No. 12-2022, 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.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 13-2022 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Parks and Recreation – Pickle Ball Court and Sensory Playground

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 \$400,000 to the Special

Revenue Other Grants Fund- Parks and Recreation to record the grant awarded from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, to be used to improve the quality of parks and recreation in Cecil County by constructing a pickle ball court at Cecil Arena (\$160,000) and a sensory playground at Calvert Regional Park (\$240,000).

The Resolution was introduced and posted on March 15, 2022 and scheduled for consideration on April 5, 2022.

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

Councilman Coutz made a motion to approve Resolution No. 13-2022, which was seconded by Councilman Miller.

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. 14-2022 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Community Services – Older Americans Act Activities.

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 \$323,991 to the Community Services Grants Fund – Department of Community Services, to record a 3-year grant awarded through the Maryland Department of Aging to carry out activities under the Older Americans Act of 1965.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on March 15, 2022 and scheduled for consideration on April 5, 2022.

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

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve Resolution No. 14-2022, 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.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 15-2022 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Community Services – Emergency Rental and utility Assistance

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 \$4,783,126 to the Emergency Shelter Grants Fund – Department of Community Services; to record a grant awarded by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, for the purpose of providing emergency rental and utility assistance, other housing-related services and administrative support.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on March 15, 2022 and scheduled for consideration on April 5, 2022.

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

Councilman Coutz made a motion to approve Resolution No. 15-2022, which was seconded by Councilman Miller.

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. 16-2022 Supplemental Appropriation and Budget Transfer –Community Services Foundation –Animal Services

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 \$40,000 to the Foundation Funds – Department of Community Services; to record a transfer of funds between the Community Services Foundation of Cecil County Inc., and Cecil County, Maryland – Dept of Community Services – Cecil County Animal Services.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on March 15, 2022 and scheduled for consideration on April 5, 2022.

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

Vice President Gregory made a motion to approve Resolution No. 16-2022, which was seconded by Councilwoman Culberson.

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. 17-2022 Appointment—Adult Public Guardianship Review Board

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Lisa Beeman, Mary Falkenstein, Shelly Gullledge Sawyer, Stacy Kortas, Michael-Anne Mundy and Nancy Reasin to the Cecil County Adult Public Guardianship Review Board, for a three-year term to expire on April 1, 2025.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on March 15, 2022 and scheduled for consideration on April 5, 2022.

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

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 17-2022, which was seconded by Councilman Miller.

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. 18-2022 Appointment—Board of Parks and Recreation

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of Matthew Morris and Bernard Brown III, to the Board of Parks and Recreation for a three (3) year-term to expire April 1, 2025.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on March 15, 2022 and scheduled for consideration on April 5, 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. 18-2022, 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.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 19-2022 Appointment—Human Services Agency

A Resolution to confirm the reappointments by the County Executive of Matthew Barrett, Suanne Blumberg, Shelly Gullede Sawyer, Betty Johnson, Morgan Miller, and George Stanko and to appoint Sharon Kurfuerst, John Roush, John Shitama and Stephen Yates, to the Human Services Agency, also known as Local Management Board, to a four-year term, to expire on April 1, 2026.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on March 15, 2022 and scheduled for consideration on April 5, 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. 19-2022, which was seconded by Councilwoman Culberson.

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. 20-2022 Appointment—Economic Development Commission – Jeffrey Emmons

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Jeffrey Emmons

to the Economic Development Commission, for a three (3) year term, to expire April 1, 2025.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on March 15, 2022 and scheduled for consideration on April 5, 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. 20-2022, 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.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 21-2022 Appointment—Commission for Women

A Resolution to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Sheila Murphy, Kathleen Kennedy, Casie Goins, and Annette Brown to the Commission for Woman for a three (3) year term to expire April 5, 2025; and appointment of Tammy Perkins for a two (2) year term to expire on April 5, 2024.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on March 15, 2022 and scheduled for consideration on April 5, 2022.

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

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 21-2022, 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.

CALL FOR FINAL READING OF BILLS

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.

The Bill was introduced and posted on February 15, 2022, public hearing held and concluded on March 15, 2022, and scheduled for consideration on April 5, 2022.

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

Councilman Coutz made a motion to approve Bill No. 2022-01, 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.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, Council President Meffley adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Council President Meffley announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, April 19, 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