

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2021-01
January 4, 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 January 4, 2022 was called to order by Council President Meffley at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Coutz introduced Ken Granger who led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING PRAYER

Council President Meffley conducted a moment of silence in memory of William McCarthy, who served as the night security in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

Council Member Miller introduced Rev. David Burke of Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in Colora, 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 January 4, 2022. Motion was approved unanimously.

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 December 21, 2021. Motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, commented that the Council should continue the trend of reducing government spending.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Coutz expressed his hope that everyone had a Happy New Year, and thanked the audience for attending. He reported statistics from the Sheriff's Office Intel meeting that showed an increase in service calls, a decrease in mental health calls, and a substantial increase in domestic

violence calls. He also reported that there were 430 overdose calls in 2021 and 52 fatalities. He also thanked Beth Creek for her work with YES.

Vice President Gregory expressed her hope that everyone had a Happy New Year. She stated that she will be attending MACo's legislative committee next week to begin looking at legislation being proposed in Annapolis.

Councilwoman Culberson expressed her hope that everyone had a Happy New Year and thanked the audience for attending.

Councilman Miller expressed his hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and thanked the audience for attending. He thanked Beth Creek, Lauren Levy, James Appel and Steve Overbay for their presentations. He said that he enjoyed some home time with his family.

Council President Meffley expressed his hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He said that he was working on legislation this week. He thanked the young people in the audience for attending.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 60-2021 Appointment – Electrical Examiners Board – Richard LeBrun and Donald Hicks

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Richard LeBrun and Donald Hicks to the Electrical Examiners Board for a three year term to expire on January 4, 2025.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on December 21, 2021 and scheduled for consideration on January 4, 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. 60-2021, which was seconded by Vice President Gregory.

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

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 61-2021 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Economic Development – Upper Shore Regional Council – Agriculture Microgrant Program

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 \$27,000 to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund- Office of Economic Development, in order to record the grant awarded from the Upper Shore Regional Council, for the purpose of an Agriculture Microgrant Program in Cecil County.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on December 21, 2021 and scheduled for consideration on January 4, 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. 61-2021, which was seconded by Councilman Coutz.

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

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 62-2021 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Economic Development – MARBIDCO – Agriculture Microgrant Program

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 \$24,000 to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund- Office of Economic Development, to record the cost share grant awarded from the Maryland Agricultural & Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO) for the purpose of matching funds towards the Agriculture Microgrant Program in Cecil County.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on December 21, 2021 and scheduled for consideration on January 4, 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. 62-2021, which was seconded by Councilman Coutz.

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

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilman Coutz and seconded by Vice President Gregory. Council President Meffley adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Council President Meffley announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, January 18, 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