

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2023-19
October 17, 2023

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:

Jackie Gregory, Council President
Robert Meffley, Vice President
Rebecca Hamilton, 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 October 17, 2023, was called to order by Council President Gregory at 7:00 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pastor Steven Nissley from Mercy Baptist Church in North East gave the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Councilwoman Culberson, seconded by Vice President Meffley, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of October 17, 2023. The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Vice President Meffley, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the legislative session of October 3, 2023. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sean Brimm of Elkton spoke on education funding issues.
Phyllis Kilby of Colora spoke on education funding issues.
Ginny Jackson of North East spoke on CecilCAN issues and development.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Miller noted that he attended the Teacher of the Year State Banquet on October 14 and noted Brianne Souder from Rising Sun was one of the top finalists for the award in the State. He also attended the Fair Hill Nature Center 5K and Kids Octoberfest on October 14. He noted that several apple butter making events are upcoming this weekend as well as the Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill and encouraged people to participate.

Councilwoman Culberson noted the intel number for the past week and the increase in calls. She also noted she attended, along with President Gregory, the 75th Anniversary of the Charlestown Fire Department celebration, congratulated all the members on a successful event and thanked them for the dedicated service to Cecil Conty.

Vice President Meffley noted that he attended the Upper Shore Regional Council 20th Anniversary celebration on October 11. He also attended the Cecil County Farm Dinner with Councilman Miller and President Gregory. He noted the Trade Foundation Meeting and the wonderful work they do with the students and Habitat for Humanity. He also attended the Cecil County Realtors meeting and swearing in of the new offices on October 17. He also noted the Elkton Halloween Parade is upcoming. He also noted he will be attending the MRDC Meeting on October 19 and funding will be discussed.

Councilwoman Hamilton noted she also attended the Upper Shore Regional Council Anniversary celebration with Vice President Meffley and President Gregory. On October 16 she noted she attended the Bainbridge Annual Meeting and that they highlighted the completion of Phase 1 of the Bainbridge redevelopment and how they are planning to preserve the remaining elements of the Tome School. She also noted that the Fellowship of Christian Athletes is holding its annual Field of Faith rally on October 18 at Elkton High School and encouraged everybody to attend.

President Gregory noted the Maryland 5 Star is October 19 to 22 at Fair Hill and encouraged everybody to attend. On October 18 she noted she will be attending the MACo Legislative Meeting to discuss the legislative initiatives of the Counties for this upcoming session. She also congratulated the Cecil Soil Conservation District who won 5 of the 14 awards at the State annual meeting on August 28.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 55-2023 – Grant Funds – Circuit Court for Cecil County – Maryland Problem-Solving Court Universal Risk / Need Screening Pilot Program – BJA Sub-Grant

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, in order to provide a total of \$170,161 to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund – Cecil County Circuit Court, to record a grant awarded from the US Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to be used to implement and enhance drug court services, including service coordination, management of drug court participants and recovery support services.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on October 17, 2023 and scheduled for consideration on November 7, 2023.

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted that this grant is a multiyear grant to fund a full-time screener for new criminal cases. The individual hired would review the cases for drug use and recommend programs and drug court. Councilman Miller inquired on how long the grant would last

and Director Overbay noted it will fund the position for the remainder of FY23 and will continue until FY25.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 56-2023 - Appointment—Economic Development Commission – Amy Marston and Kristina Brown

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Amy Marston to finish the term of Sharon Kurfuerst to expire on January 17, 2026, and Kristina Brown to finish the term of Jeffrey Emmons to expire on April 1, 2025.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on October 17, 2023 and scheduled for consideration on November 7, 2023.

Director of Administration Steven Overbay thanked the two individuals who are being appointed and noted that these two appointments are to fill unexpired terms that are traditionally held by representatives from Delmarva Power and Christiana Care. The appointees that were currently on the Economic Development Commission have taken on new roles at Delmarva Power and Christiana Care and can no longer serve.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 53-2023 - Approval – Master Water and Sewer Plan 2018 - Amendment

A Resolution to amend Table 6 and Table 16 of the Master Water and Sewer Plan 2018.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on September 19, 2023, public hearing scheduled on October 3, 2023 and scheduled for consideration on October 17, 2023.

Director of Administration Steven Overbay had no additional comments and thanked Council for the consideration of this amendment to Table 6 and 16 of the approved plan to reflect changes in the Port Deposit service area.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 53-2023, which was seconded by Councilwoman Culberson.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -Y, Culberson – Y, Meffley – Y, Gregory- Y
The motion was approved 5 to 0.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 54-2023 - Budget Amendment – General Fund - Parks and Recreation – Donation from the Friends of Cecil County Parks and Recreation

A resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, to provide a total of \$8,000 to the General Fund – \$5,000 to Parks and Recreation Buildings and Improvements and \$3,000 to Parks and Recreation Scholarships to record a donation by The Friends of Cecil County Parks and Recreation.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on October 3, 2023, and scheduled for consideration on October 17, 2023.

Director of Administration Steven Overbay thanked the Friends of Cecil County Parks and Recreation for this donation to help fund financially challenged children participate in the various programs and for the funds to construct a pavilion at Brantwood Park.

Councilwoman Hamilton made a motion to approve Resolution 54-2023, which was seconded by Councilwoman Culberson.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -Y, Culberson – Y, Meffley – Y, Gregory- Y
The motion was approved 5 to 0.

CALL FOR FINAL READING OF BILLS

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

BILL 2023-09– Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds to Capital Projects – Construct Elkton West Sanitary Sewer Subdistrict

A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, to record \$3,550,101 in grant funding from the Maryland Department of the Environment for the Construct Elkton West Sanitary Sewer Subdistrict capital project.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on September 19, 2023, public hearing scheduled on October 3, 2023 and scheduled for consideration on October 17, 2023.

Director of Administration Steven Overbay thanked the Maryland Department of the Environment for the grant.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Bill 2023-09, which was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -Y, Culberson – Y, Meffley – Y, Gregory- Y
The motion was approved 5 to 0.

NEW BUSINESS

Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #116

President Gregory noted the Board of Education Budget Amendment for June is \$448,477 and was discussed at the BOE Meeting.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #116 in the amount of \$448,477. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Culberson. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

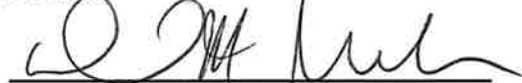
On motion made by Vice President Meffley, seconded by Councilwoman Hamilton, President Gregory adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm.

Council President Gregory announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 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:


Jackie Gregory
Council President

Attest:


David M. Culver
Council Manager