

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2026-03
February 3, 2026

The County Council of Cecil County met in Legislative Session at the County Administration Building, Elk Room, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, MD. The following members of the Council were present:

Al Miller, Council President
Robert Meffley, Council Vice President
Rebecca Hamilton, Council Member
Donna Culberson, Council Member
Dawn Branch, Council Member

NOTE: The recording with transcription of this meeting is available on the County website at www.cecilcountymd.gov

CALL TO ORDER

The February 3, 2026 Legislative Session of the Cecil County Council was called to order by Council President Miller at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE

President Miller led all those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

OPENING PRAYER/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mr. Brian Hamson, Area Director, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Perryville Maryland offered the Opening Prayer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Councilwoman Branch, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, the Council moved to approve the agenda of February 3, 2026. 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 January 20, 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Sean Brimm requested posting of updated Ethics Commission meetings and minutes to the County website. Mr. Brimm spoke of national issues including US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and elections.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Branch, referring to the recent winter storm event, stated the Town of North East acknowledged that clearing of snow was delayed due to equipment failure.

Councilwoman Branch announced that the Town of North East Municipal Election is scheduled for February 9th.

Councilwoman Branch announced that a Texas Road House restaurant is coming to the North East area, on Route 40 near the Pat's restaurant.

Councilwoman Culberson stated she had not yet received an Emergency Services Intel report.

Councilwoman Culberson announced the Fire and Ice event in Port Deposit is scheduled for February 28th, adding that she will attend with the Veterans Affairs Commission.

Councilwoman Hamilton commended the Department of Public Works Roads Division for plowing during the recent winter storm event.

Councilwoman Hamilton commended the Department of Parks and Recreation for clearing of parking lots and trails during the winter storm event, adding that she saw a person using the walking trail at the Brantwood facility earlier in the day.

Vice President Meffley stated he attended County Executive Streight's Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) Public Budget Hearing on January 22nd, during which residents talked about the budget and issues including US Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Cecil County and tax relief at the County level.

Vice President Meffley stated he recently attended a meeting of the Landlord Association of Cecil County, adding that the group had been dormant for several years. He stated that discussion included State regulations regarding landlord tenant issues and requirements that Landlords face prior to selling a rental property.

President Miller, noted that this was his first experience as Council President during a winter storm event, adding that County Administration, the Department of Public Works Roads Division and Emergency Services met daily prior to and during the storm. He commended all County departments for working together during the storm event.

President Miller stated he attended the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) Rural Counties Coalition meeting on February 2nd. He stated his commitment to have Cecil County's voice heard in Annapolis.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 04-2026

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 04-2026 Appointment – Public Safety Pension Plan Board of Trustees – Stephen Brownhill and Colin Shaw

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of Stephen Brownhill and the appointment of Colin Shaw, to terms which expire December 31, 2028, to the Public Safety Pension Plan Board of Trustees.

Introduced by Council President at the request of the County Executive

Introduced and ordered posted on February 3, 2026; and scheduled for consideration on February 17, 2026

Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated Resolution No. 04-2026 provides for the reappointment of Capt. Brownhill and appointment of Mr. Shaw, who replaces Tyler Adams on the Public Safety Pension Plan Board of Trustees.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 02-2026

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 02-2026 Appointment-Economic Development Commission-Carl Roberts, Robert Palsgrove, Michael Travers, Charles (Ed) Jones, JoAnn Dawson, Mary Bolt, Bernard DeMarinis, Amy DiPietro, Vincent Fiorelli, Michael Ratchford, Woody Jackson, Jeffrey Lawson, Christopher Brown, Alice Crothers, Joan Pirrung, Rachel Wright and Deirdre Smith

A Resolution to confirm the reappointments of Carl Roberts, Robert Palsgrove, Michael Travers, Charles (Ed) Jones, JoAnn Dawson, Mary Bolt, Bernard DeMarinis, Amy DiPietro, Vincent Fiorelli, Michael Ratchford, Woody Jackson, Jeffrey Lawson, and the appointments of Christopher Brown, Alice Crothers, Joan Pirrung, Rachel Wright and Deirdre Smith to the Economic Development Commission, all with terms to expire January 7, 2029.

Introduced by Council President at the request of the County Executive

Introduced and ordered posted on January 20, 2026; and scheduled for consideration on February 3, 2026.

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Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated that Administration offered no further comments.

President Miller requested a motion to approve Resolution No. 02-2026.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 02-2026, which was seconded by Vice President Meffley.

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

The motion was approved 5-0.

Resolution No. 03-2026

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 03-2026 Supplemental Appropriation – General Fund Balance – Department of Public Works – Roads Division – Asphalt Overlay

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, to move expenditure authority from the General Fund Balance to the Department of Public Works – Roads Division in the amount of \$2,800,000 for the benefit of additional asphalt overlay of County roads.

Introduced by Council President at the request of the County Executive

Introduced and ordered posted on January 20, 2026; and scheduled for consideration on February 3, 2026.

Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated that Administration offered no further comments.

President Miller requested a motion to approve Resolution No. 03-2026.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 03-2026, which was seconded by Councilwoman Branch.

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

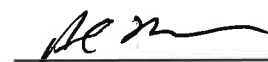
The motion was approved 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilwoman Culberson, seconded by Councilwoman Branch and approved by all present, President Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Council President Miller announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building. The Legislative Session will be livestreamed on the County's webpage at www.cecilcountymd.gov. 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