

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2026-14
July 21, 2026

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:

Al Miller, Council President
Bob Meffley, Council Vice President
Donna Culberson, Council Member
Dawn Branch, Council Member

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County of July 21, 2026, was called to order by Council President Miller at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

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

OPENING PRAYER/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pastor Shaun Taylor, Porters Grove Baptist Church of Rising Sun, offered the opening prayer. President Miller requested a moment of silence to recognize the passing of former County Executive Tari Moore.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Miller requested Council's approval to amend the agenda to provide for consideration of Resolution No. 39-2026 Charter Amendment – Budget and Finance – Preparation of the County Budget. On a motion made by Councilwoman Culberson, seconded by Councilwoman Branch, the Council moved to amend the agenda of July 21, 2026. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION

PROCLAMATION

Donald "Doc" Poist, Jr. 2026 Josiah A. Hunt EMS Person of the Year

County Executive Streight and County Council presented Donald "Doc" Poist, Jr. with the 2026 Josiah A. Hunt EMS Person of the Year. Councilwoman Culberson read the Proclamation into the record of the minutes.

On behalf of US Congressman Andy Harris, Ms. Jackie Gregory, Community Liaison, presented a Citation and a United States flag that was flown over the US Capital in Mr. Poist's honor.

On behalf of State Delegate Kevin Hornberger, Vice President Meffley presented a Citation to Mr. Poist Citation and a Maryland State flag that was flown over the State Capital.

On behalf of the Maryland General Assembly, Vice President Meffley presented a Citation honoring Mr. Poist.

Parks and Recreation Month

President Miller stated that on July 7th, County Council proclaimed July 2026 as Parks and Recreation Month in Cecil County. Presentation of the Proclamation was rescheduled to July 21st due to a scheduling conflict. Director of Parks and Recreation Director Clyde Van Dyke and Chief, Recreation and Sports Tourism Kelly Schaible accepted the Proclamation on behalf of Parks and Recreation.

MD 250th Moment – Reading of “Communication – Leaps, Bounds and Laws” by Councilwoman Donna Culberson

Councilwoman Culberson read “Communication – Leaps, Bounds and Laws”, highlighting Cecil County’s history during and after the American Revolution.

MD 250th Moment – Reading of “A Letter to the Past” by Mr. Ray Jefferson

Mr. Ray Jefferson read “A Letter to the Past”, highlighting events that marked Cecil County’s history from the American Revolution to recent times.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Vice President Meffley, seconded by Councilwoman Branch, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2026 Legislative Session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Sean Brimm spoke about an application regarding a proposed Charter School.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Branch thanked the audience for attending the meeting.

Councilwoman Branch stated that she attended the Chesapeake City Volunteer Fire Co. Awards Banquet on July 11th. She thanked all first responders for their service.

Vice President Meffley stated he attended the Firemen’s Association meeting on July 20th during which issues such as maneuverability of roads and cul-de-sacs and costs of equipment were discussed. He stated the Firemen’s Association utilizes an application which provides live emergency call information for responders.

Vice President Meffley stated he spoke with Director of Land Use and Development Stephen O’Connor regarding initiation of requirements for installation of elevators during construction of 3-story buildings.

Vice President Meffley stated that the Fair Hill Nature Center Board is pursuing playground equipment for the facility. He commended Executive Director Laura Hannan for her efforts to expand programs, including historical refurbishment of the caretaker’s house and remodeling of the barn to create classrooms.

Vice President Meffley stated he attended the Chesapeake City Volunteer Fire Co. Awards Banquet on July 11th with Councilwoman Branch and Executive Streight.

Councilwoman Culberson, referring to previous comments regarding the proposed Charter School, stated that the application did not ask for a waiver of State oversight; adding that the proposed Charter School requested autonomy over its planned curriculum. She added that the former North East Middle School is the preferred site for the proposed Charter School however other sites are being considered.

Councilwoman Culberson provided Emergency Response Services Intel for the period ending July 13th, reporting 283 calls, 19 of which were mental health related; 60 domestic violence calls, 35 of which were physical; and 14 overdoses, and no fatalities. Councilwoman Culberson commended the efforts of the Health Department and Voices of Hope in reducing overdose deaths.

President Miller thanked the audience for attending the Legislative Session.

President Miller announced that the Cecil County Fair runs from July 24th to August 1st. He expressed appreciation to the volunteers and members of the business community who make the fair a success each year, adding that the fair highlights 4H, Future Farmers of America and Cecil County Agriculture.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill No. 2026-06

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Bill No. 2026-06 Establishment of the Sanitary Sewer Benefit Assessment for the Little Elk Creek Sanitary Subdistrict

Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated that Bill No. 2026-06 provides for completion of funding for the construction of the Little Elk Creek Sanitary Sewer line for commercial users within the Triumph Industrial Park.

Vice President Meffley queried the status of the lagoon utilized by the former wastewater treatment process. Director of Public Works Scott Flanigan stated that the lagoon had been decommissioned and backfilled.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 35-2026

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 35-2026 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Community Services – Human Services Division – Housing Navigator Funding

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, in order to provide a total of \$71,017.00 to the Community Services Grants Fund – Department of Community Services, Human Services Division, Fund 109, Department 533, to record a grant awarded from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, through the Maryland State Department of Housing and Community Development. Grant funds will be used to support a part-time Housing Navigator covering both Cecil and Harford counties.

Introduced by Council President at the request of the County Executive

Introduced and ordered posted on July 21, 2026; and scheduled for consideration on August 4, 2026

Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated that Resolution No. 35-2026 provides for receipt of grant funding for a part-time housing navigator who will provide housing assistance to citizens who are currently in shelters.

Resolution No. 36-2026

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 36-2026 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Community Services – National Community Care Corps Funding

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, in order to provide a total of \$37,745.00 to the Community Services Grants Fund – Department of Community Services, Fund 109, Department 523, to record a grant awarded from the Department of Health and Human Services National Community Care Corps Program, administered through the Oasis Institute. Grant funds will be used to recruit, train and support volunteers providing assistance to older adults, caregivers and individuals living with disabilities served through the Department's Aging and Disabilities Division.

Introduced by Council President at the request of the County Executive

Introduced and ordered posted on July 21, 2026; and scheduled for consideration on August 4, 2026

Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated that Resolution No. 36-2026 provides for the receipt of grant funds for recruitment of volunteers to work with senior citizens through the Department of Community Services.

Resolution No. 37-2026

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 37-2026 Appointment – Board of Appeals – Devon Perry and Michael Linkous

A Resolution to confirm the reappointments of Devon Perry and Michael Linkous to the Board of Appeals, to terms which expire on August 15, 2029.

Introduced by Council President at the request of the County Executive

Introduced and ordered posted on July 21, 2026; and scheduled for consideration on August 4, 2026

Director of Administration Schneckenburger requested Council's approval of Resolution No. 37-2026, which provides for the reappointments of Devon Perry and Michael Linkous.

Resolution No. 38-2026

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 38-2026 Appointment – Electrical Inspection Agencies – Bay Area Inspection Agency and American Inspection Agency

A Resolution to confirm the reappointments by the County Executive of Bay Area Inspection Agency and American Inspection Agency, Inc. to serve as the electrical inspection agencies in Cecil County, to terms which expire on July 31, 2027.

Introduced by Council President at the request of the County Executive

Introduced and ordered posted on July 21, 2026; and scheduled for consideration on August 04, 2026

Director of Administration Schneckenburger requested Council's support of Resolution No. 38-2026 which provides for the reappointment of Bay Area Inspection Agency and American Inspection Agency to serve as the County's electrical inspection agencies. He added that the appointment is an annual term.

Councilwoman Culberson queried if there were 2 electrical inspection agencies. Director of Administration Schneckenburger answered in the affirmative.

Resolution No. 39-2026

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 39-2026 Charter Amendment – Budget and Finance – Preparation of the County Budget

A Resolution amending Article 5, Budget and Finance, Section 504, Preparation of the County Budget, to provide that on or before the second Monday of April each year, the Executive shall prepare and submit a proposed budget to the Council for the ensuing fiscal year. The proposed budget shall present a complete financial plan for the government reflecting anticipated revenues from all sources, expenditures, and any surplus or deficit in the general or special funds of the government. The proposed budget shall be reproduced and made available to the public.

Introduced by Council President at the request of the County Executive

Introduced, considered and unanimously approved on July 21, 2026 pursuant to Section A387-49 D of the Cecil County Code.

Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated that Resolution No. 39-2026 provides for presentation of the County Budget after the General Assembly convenes its session. He stated this will provide County Government with specific data regarding State-related revenue and expenses, resulting in a clear budget for Council to review.

President Miller advised Council that the Code of Cecil County, Policies and Procedures, Section A387-49, Process for Resolutions, Paragraph D was included in Council's meeting packets for reference.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 31-2026

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 31-2026 Appointment – Planning Commission – Rob Carey and Gary Rasnake

A Resolution to confirm the reappointments of Rob Carey and Gary Rasnake, to the Planning Commission, to terms which expire August 17, 2029.

Introduced by Council President at the request of the County Executive.

Introduced and ordered posted on July 7, 2026; and scheduled for consideration on July 21, 2026.

Director of Administration Schneckenburger requested Council's approval of Resolution No. 31-2026, stating that Rob Carey and Gary Rasnake were excellent members of the Planning Commission.

President Miller requested a motion to approve Resolution No. 31-2026.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 31-2026, which was seconded by Vice President Meffley.

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

Resolution No. 32-2026

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 32-2026 Appointment – Plumbing Board – Ronald Dixon, Jesse Foster, and Mark Freese

A Resolution to confirm the reappointments of Ronald Dixon, Jesse Foster, and Mark Freese, to the Plumbing Board, to terms which expire on July 1, 2027.

Introduced by Council President at the request of the County Executive.

Introduced and ordered posted on July 7, 2026; and scheduled for consideration on July 21, 2026.

Director of Administration Schneckenburger requested Council's support for Resolution No. 32-2026, adding that the Plumbing Board member appointments occur annually.

President Miller requested a motion to approve Resolution No. 32-2026.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 32-2026, which was seconded by Vice President Meffley.

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

Resolution No. 33-2026

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 33-2026 Appointment – Economic Development Commission – John “Jack” Schammel

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of John “Jack” Schammel to the Economic Development Commission, with a term to expire January 7, 2029.

Introduced by Council President at the request of the County Executive.

Introduced and ordered posted on July 7, 2026; and scheduled for consideration on July 21, 2026.

Director of Administration Schneckenburger requested Council's consideration to appoint Cecil County Chamber of Commerce Jack Schammel to replace Commission member Danny DeMarinis, who is retiring.

President Miller requested a motion to approve Resolution No. 33-2026.

Vice President Meffley made a motion to approve Resolution No. 33-2026, which was seconded by Councilwoman Branch.

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

Resolution No. 34-2026

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 34-2026 Appointment - Susquehanna Workforce Network Board – Sandra Edwards, Andrew Meyer, and Jeff Sellers

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of Sandra Edwards and Andrew Meyer, and to confirm the appointment of Jeff Sellers, to the Susquehanna Workforce Network Board, to terms which will expire June 30, 2029.

Introduced by Council President at the request of the County Executive.

Introduced and ordered posted on July 7, 2026; and scheduled for consideration on July 21, 2026.

Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated that Resolution No. 34-2026 provides for the reappointments of Sandra Edwards and Andrew Meyer, and the appointment of Jeff Sellers, who is replacing Board member Danny DeMarinis, who is retiring.

President Miller requested a motion to approve Resolution No. 34-2026.

Councilwoman Branch made a motion to approve Resolution No. 34-2026, which was seconded by Vice President Meffley.

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

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revenues from all sources, expenditures, and any surplus or deficit in the general or special funds of the government. The proposed budget shall be reproduced and made available to the public. Introduced by Council President at the request of the County Executive
Introduced, considered and unanimously approved on July 21, 2026 pursuant to Section A387-49 D of the Cecil County Code.

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

President Miller requested a motion to approve Resolution No. 39-2026.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 39-2026, which was seconded by Councilwoman Branch.

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #150

President Miller requested a motion to approve Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #150.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Culberson, seconded by Vice President Meffley, the Council moved to approve CCPS Budget Amendment #150.

ADJOURNMENT

President Miller requested a motion to adjourn the Legislative Session.

On motion made by Councilwoman Culberson, seconded by Councilwoman Branch, President Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm.

Council President Miller announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Elkton. The Legislative Session will be livestreamed at the county's webpage at cecilcountymd.gov. The recording will be uploaded to the county's website as soon as possible.

Approved:



Al Miller
Council President

Attest.



L. Michelle Henson
Council Manager