

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY

WORK SESSION MINUTES

August 4, 2026

OPEN SESSION – Elk Room

4:30 P.M.

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

PRESENT: Council Members: Al Miller, Bob Meffley, Donna Culberson and Dawn Branch; Council Manager L. Michelle Henson; Council Executive Assistant Christine Palmer; members of the Administration and members of the public.

Call to Order

President Miller called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. and announced that there were four Council Members present which constitute a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Vice President Meffley, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council Work Session of July 21, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentations

Sheriff Department Equipment Enhancement Package Agreement

Cecil County Sheriff Scott Adams and Axon Enterprise, Inc. representative Robert Marangelo provided an overview of a proposed 10-year contract to provide cameras, tasers, virtual reality (VR) training, drones and associated equipment and training for the Cecil County Sheriff Office, Detention Center, State's Attorney, Circuit Court and Animal Services. A copy of the presentation was placed in the record of the minutes.

Mr. Marangelo stated the proposed contract provided updated equipment and offered improved data storage and recovery.

Sheriff Adams stated that the proposed contract provided drones that are manufactured in the United States, which meets national requirements.

Mr. Marangelo stated that the proposed contract includes software upgrades and support over the life of the agreement.

Mr. Marangelo stated that the drones are capable of automated flights, resulting in decreased response time in addition to assisting Officers prior to arrival on scene. He added that body-worn cameras are capable of live-streaming.

Mr. Marangelo stated that the proposed contract includes several platforms that enable supervisors to determine work parameters, adding that the package includes AI-assisted report creation, resulting in decreased time spent by Officers drafting reports.

Mr. Marangelo stated that the Axon system creates a central station within the Officer's vehicle. Vice President Meffley queried if Axon offered training to drone pilots. Mr. Marangelo answered in the affirmative. Sheriff Adams added that civilian drone pilots would lower costs associated with operation of Sheriff Department drones. He stated that the drones offered by Axon can operate inside of buildings, enhancing Officer safety.

Councilwoman Culberson queried if the drone activity is video recorded. Sheriff Adams responded in the affirmative.

Councilwoman Branch queried the type of data collected by License Plate Readers (LPR). Sheriff Adams responded that the State of Maryland has strict regulations regarding LPR data collection and storage. He added that the Sheriff's Department has utilized LPRs with no issues.

Mr. Marangelo stated that Axon cameras can be mounted on buildings and other structures for surveillance as well as traffic enforcement.

President Miller expressed concerns regarding public reaction to drones appearing at events. Mr. Marangelo stated that the proposed agreement includes a transparency dashboard through which the public can obtain drone activity information.

Councilwoman Culberson queried the location of the proposed VR training. Sheriff Adams stated the VR training will take place in the Sheriff Department training facility.

County Executive Streight expressed support for the proposed Axon agreement, stating that the technology would have been an asset during his years in law enforcement.

Director of Finance Raymond Hamm stated that the proposed agreement improves efficiency across the board, including reduction of staff time regarding collection and redaction of body worn camera footage. He stated that Sheriff Adams canvassed all departments that utilize this type of technology, resulting in the proposed Axon agreement.

Director Hamm stated that, pursuant to the County's Procurement Policy, vendors were reviewed, and Axon was the clear choice.

Director Hamm reviewed the annual expense associated with the proposed agreement, stating that the County's cost will average approximately \$1.4 million per year.

REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING

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 Director of Public Works Scott Flanigan provided an overview of the Sanitary Sewer Benefit Assessment for the Little Elk Creek during the July 21st Work Session.

Introduction of Resolutions

Resolution No. 40-2026

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 40-2026 Appointment – Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board – Paul Drummond

Director of Administration Schneckenburger requested Council's consideration of the reappointment of Paul Drummond to the Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board.

Resolution No. 41-2026

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 41-2026 Appointment – Susquehanna Workforce Network Board – Lisa Beeman
Director of Administration Schneckenburger requested Council's consideration of the appointment of Lisa Beeman to the Susquehanna Workforce Network Board. He stated that Federal law requires representation from the Department of Social Services on the Susquehanna Workforce Network Board.

Councilwoman Culberson queried if this was a new appointment. Director of Administration Schneckenburger answered in the affirmative.

Resolution No. 42-2026

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 42-2026 Appointment – Commission for Women – Sally Kilby Dulin

Director of Administration Schneckenburger requested Council's consideration of the appointment of Sally Kilby Dulin to the Commission for Women.

Councilwoman Culberson queried the number of vacancies on the Commission for Women. Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated there are 4 vacancies on the Commission for Women.

Councilwoman Culberson queried if vacancies on County boards and commissions are being advertised on social media. Director of Administration Schneckenburger answered in the affirmative.

Resolution No. 43-2026

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 43-2026 appointment – Building Board of Appeals – Christopher Bradley

Director of Administration Schneckenburger requested Council's consideration of the appointment of Christopher Bradley to the Building Board of Appeals.

Councilwoman Culberson queried if this was a new appointment. Director of Administration Schneckenburger answered in the affirmative.

Consideration 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

Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated that Director of Community Services David Trolio presented an overview of Resolution No. 35-2026 during the July 21st Work Session. He stated that Resolution No. 35-2026 provided for a part-time Housing Navigator to assist citizens in Cecil and Harford Counties.

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

Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated that Director of Community Services David Trolio presented an overview of Resolution No. 36-2026 during the July 21st Work Session. He stated that Resolution No. 36-2026 provides grant funding to recruit, train and support volunteers who provide assistance to seniors and disabled citizens.

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.

Director of Administration Schneckenburger requested Council's consideration of the reappointments of Devon Perry and Michael Linkous to the Board of Appeals.

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

Director of Administration Schneckenburger requested Council's support for the reappointment of Bay Area Inspection Agency and American Inspection Agency, adding that the appointments occur annually.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Henson advised Council that the Council Office received 15 applications for the vacancy on the Ethics Commission. She stated that applicant information will be provided to Council during a Closed Session on August 18th, adding that the appointment Resolution will be scheduled for introduction on September 1st and consideration on September 15th.

Council Member Items

Council deferred Council Member Items to the Legislative Session.

Adjournment

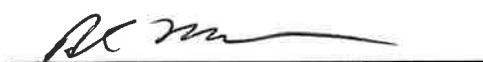
President Miller requested a motion to adjourn the Work Session.

Councilwoman Culberson made motion to adjourn the Work Session, which was seconded by Councilwoman Branch.

President Miller adjourned the work session at 5:56 pm.

President Miller announced that the next Work Session will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 4:30 pm in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building. The session will be livestreamed on the County Council's webpage at www.cecilcountymd.gov

Approved:



Al Miller, Council President



L. Michelle Henson, Council Manager