

Regular Meeting of County Commissioners
Wednesday, October 23, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Commissioners was convened at 4:55 p.m. with the following persons in attendance:

Reuben B. Collins II, Esq., President, County Commissioner
Bobby Rucci, Vice President, County Commissioner
Gilbert O. Bowling, III, County Commissioner
Thomasina O. Coates, M.S., County Commissioner
Amanda M. Stewart, M.Ed., County Commissioner
Mark Belton, County Administrator
Wesley Adams, County Attorney
Carol A. DeSoto, Acting Clerk to the Commissioners

Open Session

Commissioner Collins called the meeting to order which took place at Szechuan Garden Restaurant in Waldorf, Maryland.

Joint Meeting: Charles County Board of County Commissioners and the Prince George's County Council

Commissioner Collins welcomed members of the Prince Georges County Council and Delegate C.T. Wilson and explained that the purpose of this meeting was to share thoughts and ideas about how to best collaborate and partner together on topics that impact residents in Charles County and Prince George's County. The discussion focus was on how both counties could advocate together legislation, state and federal resources, and stake holder support for initiatives including transportation, economic and workforce development, health care and education.

Overview of Topics Discussed:

- Need for Maryland Department of Transportation to add back funding to move the Highway 301 project to planning stage
- Overpass updates for Highway 210 and possible use in on Hwy. 301 in Brandywine
- Rapid Transit options; Overpass options
- Ways to close achievement gaps
- Housing strategies for workforce housing
- Education – Kirwan, busing

The Commissioners and the Prince Georges' County Council agreed that a general manifesto was to be drafted before the Legislative Session began in Annapolis. The County Administrator would provide a draft of this document to the Council for further collaboration. It would recognize common interests and support especially related to transportation and education issues.

It was suggested that the next joint meeting take place in Brandywine Crossing area.

The meeting concluded at 6:01 p.m.



Carol A. DeSoto, Acting Clerk



Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President