

Regular Meeting of County Commissioners
Tuesday, November 26, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Commissioners was convened at 2:00 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
Wes Adams, County Attorney
Susan C. Claggett, Clerk to the Commissioners
Carol A. DeSoto, Acting Clerk to the Commissioners (Training)

Open Session

Commissioner Collins called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Closed Session

At 2:01 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Coates, seconded by Commissioner Bowling, and passed, with Commissioners Coates, Bowling, Stewart and Collins present, voting in favor to go into closed session pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(4)(7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to discuss one (1) matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State.,. The reason for closing session is to keep negotiations, discussions and approaches confidential.

**2:09 p.m. Commissioner Rucci joined session.*

Summary Closed Session Items

At 2:16 p.m. the Commissioners went into closed session

3-305(b)(4)(7) Consider Business to Locate, Expand, Remain in State:

Present: Commissioners Collins, Rucci, Bowling, Coates, and Stewart, Mark Belton, Wes Adams, Susan Claggett, Carol DeSoto, Darrell Brown, Daniella, Jason Groth, John Stevens, Brian Gibbons, Eric DeVito Kim Potember and Robert DiPietro.

Mr. Jason Groth, Planning Director, Department of Planning and Growth Management, and Mr. Darrell Brown, Director , Department of Economic Development, reviewed components of a potential agreement for a business to locate in the County. Mr. Gibbons provided additional information related to this negotiation

The Commissioners provided comments on how to proceed with this agreement.

**3:14 p.m. Commissioner Rucci leaves.*

At 3:21 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Coates and seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Collins, Bowling, Coates, and Stewart present, voting in favor to adjourn. **Commissioners Rucci was not present for the vote.*

Susan C. Claggett, Clerk



Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President

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FORM OF STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING

Location: Blue Room

Date: November 26, 2019

Time: 3:21 p.m.

Motion By: Commissioner Coates

Seconded By: Commissioner Bowling

Vote to Close Session:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gilbert O. Bowling, III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thomasina O. Coates, M.S.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amanda Stewart, M.Ed.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bobby Rucci	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION

General Provisions Article §3--305(b):

(1) To discuss:

(i) The appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or

(ii) Any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

(2) To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals with respect to a matter that is not related to public business.

(3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.

(4) To consider a preliminary matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State.

(5) To consider the investment of public funds.

(6) To consider the marketing of public securities.

(7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

(8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

(9) To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations.

(10) To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussions would constitute a risk to the public or public security, including:

(i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and

(ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans.

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- (11) To prepare, administer or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination.
- (12) To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct.
- (13) To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a proceeding or matter.
- (14) Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, discuss a matter directly related to a negotiation strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

3-305 (b)(4)(7) Legal Advice: Related to business to locate, expand or remain in the State

REASON FOR CLOSING: To keep legal approaches confidential



Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President