

Regular Meeting of County Commissioners

Tuesday March 10, 2020

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Commissioners was convened at 9:02 a.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 and led the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioners' Comments

There were no comments.

Approval of the Minutes of March 3, 2020

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to approve the minutes of March 3, 2020.

Notice of Tentative Agenda of March 17, 2020

Ms. Carol DeSoto, Acting Clerk, announced the tentative agenda for March 10, 2020.

Approval Items

Draft Letter of Support- Maryland Veterans Museum, Grant

Mr. Larry Abell, Maryland Veterans Museum, explained the grant request would be used for a gallery on religious freedom. He also mentioned that the National Park Service designated the Maryland Veterans Museum as an information center for the National Historic Trail, for the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Stewart and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to approve the letter of support for the FY2021 Maryland Heritage Area Non-Capital Grant Application by Maryland Veterans Museum for the Religious Freedom Trail.

Revised Budget Calendar

Ms. Jenifer Ellin, Director, and Mr. Jacob Dyer, Chief of Budget, Department of Fiscal and Administrative Service, explained the proposed amended changes to the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Calendar, which would move the final budget work session to Wednesday, May 13, and final adoption of the budget to Wednesday, May 20, 2020.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Coates and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to approve the revised Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Calendar.

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Update: 2020 Maryland General Assembly Legislative Session

Ms. Danielle Mitchell, Associate County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney, provided an update on the following Bills:

1. HB387 *Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland – Funding* - was favorable.
2. HB482 *Southern Maryland- Homeowners Association Commission- Alternative Dispute Resolution Authority*- was favorable.
3. SB4 *Gaming - Sports Betting – Implementation*-Amendment for Exception for Riverboat was supported.

Ms. Mitchell informed the Commissioners on the House Bond Bills and explained that this was for their information only and that no position letters are needed at this time. These were:

- *American Legion Post 170- Repairs, Safer Facility –for three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00).*
- *CSM, Velocity Center- for two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00).*
- *St. Ignatius Chapel Point- Restoration and Preservation- for five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00).*
- *Lifestyles of Maryland – Family Shelter – for two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00).* This was also cross-filed.

Action on Boards, Commissions and Committees

A motion was made by Commissioner Coates, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to reappoint Mr. William Murray to the Planning Commission and to reappoint Mr. Wayne Magoon as Chairman to the Planning Commission.

Closed Session

At 9:17 a.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Coates, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to move into closed session where all or a portion of this session may be closed pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to interview applicants for a County Leadership position. The reason for closing is to protect applicants' confidential applications in order to preserve the ability to attract qualified applicants.

Summary Closed Session Items

At 9:38 a.m. the Commissioners went into closed session.

3-305(b)(1)Personnel: Interviews

Present: Commissioners Collins, Rucci, Bowling, Coates and Stewart, Mark Belton, Wes Adams, Carol DeSoto, and Alexis Blackwell.

Ms. Alexis Blackwell, Director, Department of Human Resources, reviewed the interview process, the application packets, which were given to each Commissioner, along with the prepared interview questions to ask each candidate.

**Break 11:11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.*

After all the interviews were completed, the Commissioners discussed each applicant with the Ms. Blackwell and Mr. Belton.

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At 1:41 p.m. – 1:47 p.m. Mr. Belton was asked to step out of close session. The Commissioners provided Ms. Blackwell with direction on the hiring selection process. No official action was taken at this time.

At 1:55 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to end close session.

Board of Education Recognition of Charles County Public High Schools' State Championships

A member of the Commissioners staff presented certificates of recognition on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners.

The Commissioners returned to open session at 2:20 p.m. **Commissioner Collins was not present.*

Briefing: Waldorf Redevelopment Area Zoning Requirements

Mr. Jason Groth, Planning Director, Department of Planning and Growth Management and Mr. Taylor Yewell, Redevelopment Manager, Department of Economic Development, provided an overview on plans for the Waldorf Urban Redevelopment Corridor. Staff presented challenges that have been experienced by the current property owners in the urban zoning districts, for implementation of the plans, including re-use of developed properties; attraction of new development; inability to lease existing buildings; and the necessity of investment in public amenities. They discussed options for temporary zoning changes to support the transition to a mixed-use, transit-oriented development over time.

Commissioners' New Business

No new business was discussed.

**Break 2:59 p.m.- 3:08 p.m.*

Bus Tour: Waldorf Redevelopment Area

Commissioners took a bus tour of the area to learn more about the specific issues and understand the challenges for redevelopment.

At 3:28 p.m. Commissioners Stewart and Commissioner Coates met the bus at the first stop.

At 3:41 p.m. Commissioner Collins joined the tour.

At 3:56 p.m. Commissioner Stewart left the tour.

At 4:50 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Coates and passed, with Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Rucci, and Collins present, voting in favor to adjourn.

**Commissioner Stewart was not present for the vote.*



Carol A. DeSoto, Acting Clerk



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FORM OF STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING

Location: Commissioners' Meeting Room

Date: March 10, 2020

Time: 9:17 a.m.

Motion By: Commissioner Coates

Seconded By: Commissioner Rucci

Vote to Close Session:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq.	[]	[]	[]	[]
Gilbert O. Bowling, III.	[]	[]	[]	[]
Thomasina O. Coates, M.S.	[]	[]	[]	[]
Amanda Stewart, M.Ed.	[]	[]	[]	[]
Bobby Rucci	[]	[]	[]	[]

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 particular 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)(1) Personnel: To interview applicants for County Leadership position

REASON FOR CLOSING: To protect applicants' confidential applications in order to preserve the ability to attract qualified applicants.



Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President

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