

Regular Meeting of County Commissioners
Monday September 21, 2020

The special meeting of the County Commissioners was convened virtually at 9:09 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, Clerk to the Commissioners

Call to Order/Pledge

Commissioner Collins called the meeting to order, and Commissioner Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

A roll call was taken. All Commissioners were present.

Closed Session

At 9:11 a.m., motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Stewart and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to move into Close Session where all or a portion of this session may be closed pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to seek legal advice Governor Hogan's Directives.

Summary Closed Session Items

At 9:16 a.m. the Commissioners went into virtual closed session.

3-305(b)(3)(7): Discuss Legal Options

Present: Commissioners Collins, Rucci, Bowling, Coates and Stewart, Mark Belton, Wes Adams, Carol DeSoto, and Dr. Dianna Abney.

Mr. Wes Adams, County Attorney, and Dr. Dianna Abney, Health officer, Charles County Department of Health reviewed Governor Hogan's expanded order of Maryland's Roadmap to Recovery.

At 9:31 a.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to end Closed Session.

At 9:34 a.m. the Commissioners returned to virtual open session

Roll Call

A roll call was taken. All Commissioners were present.

Discussion: Governor Hogan's Expanded Order of Maryland's Roadmap to Recovery

Dr. Dianna Abney, Health Officer, Charles County Department of Health, joined the Commissioners to discuss Governor Hogan's expanded order to change indoor dining capacity to seventy five percent (75%).

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A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to approve the updated provisions in Governor Hogan's expanded order.

At 9:43 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with all Commissioners present voting in favor to adjourn.



Carol A. DeSoto, Acting Clerk



Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President

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FORM OF STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING

Location: Virtual

Date: September 21, 2020

Time: 9:11 a.m.

Motion By: Commissioner Rucci

Seconded By: Commissioner Stewart

Vote to Close Session:

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

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)(7) Legal Advice: Governor's Expanded Phase 3 Reopening
REASON FOR CLOSING: To keep strategies and approaches confidential.



Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President