

Regular Meeting of County Commissioners
Tuesday September 14, 2021 (Legislative Day)

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Commissioners was convened virtually 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
Deborah Hall, Deputy County Administrator
Wesley Adams, County Attorney
Carol A. DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners

Thomasina O. Coates, M.S., County Commissioner was absent
Amanda M. Stewart, M.Ed., County Commissioner was absent

Call to Order/Pledge

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

Roll Call

A roll call was taken. Commissioners Collins, Rucci and Bowling were present. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were absent.*

Announcement of Charles County Board of County Commissioners' Proclamations Issued for September 2021

2021-39 National Preparedness Month; 2021-40 National Hispanic Heritage Month; 2021-41 National Recovery Month; 2021-42 National Suicide Prevention Week; 2021-43 Direct Support Professionals' Week; 2021-44 Constitution Week; 2021-45 Car Free Day; 2021-46 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Day; 2021-47 Diaper Need Awareness Week

Comments

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor to make today, September 14, 2021, a Legislative Day. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

Charles County Health Department Update: Coronavirus/COVID-19

Dr. Dianna Abney, Health Officer, Charles County Department of Health; Ms. Michelle Lilly, Director, Department of Emergency Services; and Mr. William Grimes, Vice President, Ancillary Services & Incident Commander, UM Charles Regional Medical Center, provided an update on COVID-19 statistics and how they are responding to COVID-19.

Dr. Abney reviewed the continuation of indoor mask mandate to help prevent the spread of respiratory illness and as a key strategy to prevent the spread of COVID-19. She reviewed the case rates and percentages of positivity and overview of COVID-19 cases. She shared the statistics on Charles County cases and hospitalizations by age and average age of COVID cases. She also reviewed the post.

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vaccination infection data. She reiterated the information related to where the locations are to get COVID-19 testing and vaccinations.

Ms. Lilly reported on the COVID positive EMS Transports per month in 2021 and that as of this date there were seven (7) for September. There were forty-six (46) in August. She informed the Commissioners that the Department of Emergency Services (DES) will continue to monitor COVID and provide support as needed.

Mr. Grimes noted that there were nineteen (19) COVID positive patients in the hospital and that five (5) were in Intensive Care Unit (ICU). He mentioned that the pattern seems to indicate predominately unvaccinated and that the vaccinated are there for something else. He mentioned that the hospital will mandate staff vaccinations as of October 1, 2021.

Ms. Jennifer Harris, Chief of Media Services, Office of the County Administrator, reiterated media's support for the Health Department efforts and the ongoing media support related to the importance and availability of COVID-19 vaccinations. She also reviewed the reasons for vaccine resistance.

Mr. Jason Stoddard, Director of Safety, Charles County Public Schools, joined the discussion and provided an update on the schools' cases of COVID -19 positive and contact tracing efforts. He stressed the importance of not sending students to school if they are sick.

Mr. Wes Adams, County Attorney, reviewed Resolution 2021-14 Declaration of a Local State of Emergency and his recommended additional clarifying language to include State statutes in this resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor to update Resolution 2021-14 with the additional proposed language. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

Approval of the Minutes of July 27 and August 10, 2021

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor to approve the minutes of July 27 and August 10, 2021. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

Announcement: Next Commissioner Session(s) scheduled will be held September 21 and September 22, 2021

Ms. Carol DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners, announced that the next scheduled sessions will be held on September 21 and September 22, 2021.

Recognition: Employee Length of Service, May 2021 - July 2021; Top Performer, Second Quarter, April- June 2021

The Commissioners recognized employees' years of service for May through July 2021. The Top Performer for the second quarter was recognized via prerecorded video that was played during this virtual session.

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Briefing and Request to Introduce and Set Public Hearing: Bill 2021-(08) Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 21-164 Business Park (BP) Zone

Mr. Kirby Blass, Planner III, Mr. Jim Campbell, Planning Director, and Ms. Kelly Palmer, Planner III, Department of Planning and Growth Management, joined the Commissioners, to review the request and the supporting documents, to introduce Bill 2021-08 Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 21-164 Business Park (BP). It was noted that the zoning official advertised a potential public hearing for September 28, 2021 since the Commissioners were on their August break. This would allow for proper notice of the public hearing if the Commissioners voted to introduce this, Bill.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor to introduce Bill 2021-08 Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 21-164 Business Park (BP). *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor to schedule the public hearing on September 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to be held virtually. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

Briefing: 2021 Bond Issue

Ms. Jenifer Ellin, Director and Mr. Jacob Dyer, Chief of Budget, Department of Fiscal and Administrative Services, provided a presentation on the 2021 Bond Issue. They reviewed important dates, the process, the proposed bond size of seventy (\$70) million dollars and the bond terms for each related project.

Closed Session

At 9:56 a.m., Commissioner Rucci made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins 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)(1)(7)(10) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to discuss legal advice on two (2) agreements and to review five (5) Boards and Commissions' vacancies; and to discuss/review the development and implementation of emergency plans for the County. The reason for going into closed is to keep legal approaches and negotiations and personnel information confidential. A portion of this session will also concern the administrative function of the County Commissioners in their executive role. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

Summary Closed Session Items

At 10:12 a.m. the Commissioners went into virtual closed session.

Administrative

Present: Commissioners Collins, Rucci, Bowling, Mark Belton, Wes Adams, Carol DeSoto, and Deborah Hall.

Mr. Mark Belton, County Administrator, requested guidance on the process related to establishing the Charles County Redistricting Board.

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The Commissioners directed Mr. Belton to expedite this process. The County Attorney will talk to the Democratic and Republican Central Committees about submitting their member selections for this board. The County Administrator and Deputy County Administrator will work with staff to set up the appropriate staff and clerical support. Mr. Belton will also work with staff to ensure proper and expedited advertising for the citizen vacancies working to appoint on October 5, 2021.

Ms. Shanna Reese, Chief of Purchasing, and Ms. Jenifer Ellin, Director, Department of Fiscal and Administrative Services, joined the discussion Mr. Adams was leading on the overview of the bid process related to a current project and steps being taken.

3-305(b)(1): Personnel Boards and Commissions Appointments

Present: Commissioners Collins, Rucci, Bowling, Mark Belton, Wes Adams, Carol DeSoto, Deborah Hall and Maquita Irvin.

Ms. Maquita Irvin, Commissioner Specialist, reviewed applications for reappointments and vacancies on the Compensation Committee, the Board of License Commissioners (Liquor Board), Area Council on Aging, Library Board of Trustees, and Commission for Veterans Affairs. At the request of Commissioner Collins, the Interfaith Commission was also discussed.

The Commissioners present provided direction and consensus related to these boards. Official action was taken later this day under Action on Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

3-305(b)(7) Legal: Agreement

Present: Commissioners Collins, Rucci, Bowling, Mark Belton, Wes Adams, Carol DeSoto, Deborah Hall, Danielle Mitchell and Jenifer Ellin.

Ms. Danielle Mitchell, Associate County Attorney II, and Ms. Jenifer Ellin, Director, Department of Fiscal and Administrative Services, reviewed language in a current memorandum of understanding and the request to change it to better clarify intended use.

The consensus of the Commissioners present was to change the language as requested.

3-305(b)(7) Legal: Pilot Agreement

Present: Commissioners Collins, Rucci, Bowling, Mark Belton, Wes Adams, Carol DeSoto, Deborah Hall, Deborah Carpenter, Dina Barclay, Jenifer Ellin, and Jason Groth.

Mr. Wes Adams, County Attorney, provided a brief review of a potential pilot agreement.

Official action was taken on this agreement later this day under Approval Items.

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Approval of Closed Session Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor approve the closed session minutes for January 28, 2020. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor approve the closed session minutes for February 4, 2020. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor approve the closed session minutes for February 11, 2020. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor approve the closed session minutes for February 25, 2020. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor approve the closed session minutes for March 3, 2020. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor approve the closed session minutes for March 10, 2020. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor approve the closed session minutes for March 17, 2020. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor approve the closed session minutes for March 31, 2020. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor approve the closed session minutes for April 7, 2020. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor approve the closed session minutes for April 21, 2020. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

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A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor approve the closed session minutes for April 28, 2020. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor approve the closed session minutes for May 5, 2020. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor approve the closed session minutes for May 12, 19, 28, 2020. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor approve the closed session minutes for June 2,4,9,12,16, 2020. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor approve the closed session minutes for July 7,21, 2020. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor approve the closed session minutes for September 1,15,21,22, 2020. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

3-305(b)(10) Development and Implementation of Emergency Plans

Present: Commissioners Collins, Rucci, Bowling, Mark Belton, Wes Adams, Carol DeSoto, Deborah Hall and Michelle Lilly.

Ms. Michelle Lilly, Director, Department of Emergency Services, led the Commissioners in tabletop exercises related to the implementation of emergency plans related to hurricane emergencies.

At 12:06 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor to end this closed session. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

The Commissioners returned to open session at 2:45 p.m.

Roll Call

A roll call was taken. Commissioners Collins, Rucci and Bowling were present. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were absent.*

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Approval Items

FY2021 Budget Transfer Request #9125 Planchek Closeout

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor to approve FY2021 Budget transfer Request #9125 Planchek for sixty-five thousand and sixty dollars (\$65,060.00). *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

FY2022 Budget Transfer Request #9049 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor to approve FY2022 Budget Transfer Request #9049 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan for forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00). *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

FY2022 Budget Transfer Request #9177 Replenish FY2022 Park repair and Maintenance Project Budget

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor to approve FY2022 Budget Transfer Request #9177 Replenish FY2022 Park Repair and maintenance Project Budget for forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00). *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

Board of Education FY2021 Intercategory Budget Transfer Request- Student Transportation Funds

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor to approve the Board of Education FY2021 Intercategory Budget Transfer Request-Student Transportation. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments (COG) Regional Funding to Support Food and Agriculture Regional Members (FARM)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor to approve funding FARM in FY2023. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

Deer Cooperator Letter-Schlagel Farms

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor to approve the Deer Cooperator Letter for Schlagel Farms. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

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Letter of Support Friends of Chapman State Park Grant Application

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor to approve the Letter of Support for the Friends of Chapman State Park Grant Application. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

Letter of Support Municipal Village of Port Tobacco Southern Maryland Heritage Area Seed Grant Application

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor to approve the Letter of Support for the Municipal Village of Port Tobacco Southern Maryland Heritage Area Seed Grant Application. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

Change Order Requests #50,#51,#52 for Mattowoman Infiltration and Inflow Design Contract

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor to change order #50. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor to change order #51. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor to change order #52. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

Pilot Agreement-Pirhl Senior Housing

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor to approve the Pilot Agreement with Pirhl for Senior Housing. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

Update: Commissioners' Goals and Objectives- Goal 2: Institutional Governance and Policy

Ms. Jenifer Ellin, Director, Ms. Evelyn Jacobson, Chief of Information Technology, Department of Fiscal and Administrative Services; Ms. Deborah Carpenter, Director, Department of Planning and Growth Management; Ms. Alexis Blackwell, Director, Department of Human Resources; Ms. Jennifer Harris, Chief of Media Services; Mr. Wes Adams, County Attorney; Mr. Mark Belton, County Administrator; Ms. Deborah Hall, Deputy County Administrator and Acting Director Department of Economic Development; Ms. Lucretia Freeman-Buster, Chief of Business Development provided an update on the Commissioners' Goals and Objective two (2) on Institutional Governance Policy. This included updates on the County's work on the smart county concept, automated technology and cyber

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security, information and data programming, equitable program funding, streamlining services and comprehensive zoning review, diversity and cultural competency, employee engagement, citizen engagement, and County branding. The presentation also provided updates on legislation, governance leadership, resource stewardship, and Buy Local/ Minority Business Enterprise.

Action on Boards, Commissions and Committees

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor to reappoint Linda Stansbury and Rachell Andrews-Mobley and appoint Miriam Jordan, Nancy Tucker, Lenny Proctor, Cheryl Robinson, Margaret Mason, Kimberly Berger to the Area Council on Aging. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor to reappoint Vesselina Stoytcheva to the Library Board of Trustees. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor to reappoint Laurie Cangelosi, George Hawley, Marilyn Ragin, Olga Roberts and appoint Jeanette Rodriguez Boulware, and Jonathan Lee for the Commission for Veterans Affairs. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor to appoint Katherine Heichler and Michael Wilson as Clergy Members and Rebecca Michela, Mohamed Mughal, Donald Zimmer to the Interfaith Commission. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor to appoint Willie Stinson as District 4 member; David Amisva as the District 3 member; Dane Patterson as the District 2 member; and William Johnson as the At Large member to the Compensation Commission. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

Commissioners' New Business

Commissioner Bowling reminded everyone of the Charles County Fair happening this weekend September 17-19, 2021

Closed Session

At 3:59 p.m., Commissioner Rucci made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins 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)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to conduct one (1) personnel evaluation. The reason for going into closed is to keep personnel information confidential. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

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Summary Closed Session Items

At 4:02 p.m. the Commissioners went into virtual closed session.

3-305(b)(1): Personnel: Employee Evaluation

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

Request for Executive Summary documents were discussed.

The consensus of the Commissioners present was to provide a summary document as the County Attorney discussed.

At 4:09 p.m. Mr. Wes Adams, County Attorney, and Ms. Carol DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners left closed session. Commissioner Rucci would note time and motions.

At 4:33 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor to end this close session. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

The Commissioners returned to open session at 5:05 p.m.

Roll Call

A roll call was taken. Commissioners Collins, Rucci and Bowling were present. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were absent.*

Public Hearing: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Angels Watch Final Report

Ms. Barbara Farmer, Community Development Supervisor, Department of Community Services and Dr. Kathleen Ruben, Sr. Program Manager, Catholic Charities, joined the Commissioners to provide the final report on the CDBG grant which provided critical support for a one hundred and twenty (120) bed shelter, Angel's Watch Shelter.

There were no citizens who spoke at the public hearing to provide comments to the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor to close the record. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor to close the public hearing. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

Public Hearing: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) United Way Final Report

Ms. Barbara Farmer, Community Development Supervisor, Department of Community Services and Ms. Elizabeth Farar, United Way of Charles County, joined the Commissioners to provide the final

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report on the CDBG grant which provided rental assistance to Charles County households facing eviction during the COVID-19 pandemic.

There were no citizens who spoke at the public hearing to provide comments to the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor to close the record. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor to close the public hearing. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

**Break 5:23 p.m. – 6:10 p.m.*

Public Hearing: 2022 State Legislative Proposals

The Commissioners were joined by the Charles County Delegation to hear legislative proposals for the 2022 State Legislative Session. Commissioner Collins explained that no action would be taken tonight. The public record has been advertised to remain open until September 24, 2021 and the follow up work session will be scheduled on September 28, 2021. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present.*

- A proposal to amend §3.501 of the Education Article, Ann. Code MD, the composition of the Charles County Board of Education to "... protect and promote the public interest" by requiring that certain members be elected by Commissioner District. **Proposed by: Ms. Latina L. Wilson**
- A proposal to amend the qualifications required to run for Charles County Board of Education in Maryland Education [Article] Sec 3.501 from 21 years old and a registered voter for 3 years to 18 years old and a registered voter for 1 year. **Proposed by: Mr. Desmond Rosier**
- A proposal to adopt legislation which ensures that the public has the opportunity to work as active partners with County Governments when an Amendment to the County's Comprehensive Plan is proposed. **Proposed by: Ms. Nancy Schertler**
- A proposal to modify the Charles County multiple licensing plan law to permit certain Charles County Class B License Types to increase the number of alcoholic beverage licenses held by a single individual within the Charles County limits from one license to two licenses. **Proposed by: David J. Martinez, Esq.**
- A proposal to amend Ann. Cod MD, Alcoholic Beverages Article, to allow removal of an individual/corporate licensee and hold an alcoholic beverage license inactive or in abeyance for a certain amount of time, until a substitute licensee can qualify to hold the license. (Reintroduced from 2021 Legislative Package). **Proposed by: Guy Black, Chairman Board of License Commissioners**
- A proposal for release/forgiveness of financial student loan education debt for persons over 60 years old. **Proposed by: Catherine Taggart**

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- A proposal to allow a person receiving Federal/State financial benefits the ability to work and receive additional financial compensation. **Proposed by: Catherine Taggart**
- A proposal for enhanced penalties and requirements for all dirt bike, all-terrain and ATV owners to register their bikes with the Department of Motor Vehicles. **Proposed by: Dr. Karla Kornegay**
- A proposal to create a Healthy Resources Bill requiring all law enforcement/mental health personnel to have info booklets on public/nonprofit resources for drugs, domestic violence, suicide prevention, AA, etc. **Proposed by: Carlos Childs**
- A proposal for a City Incorporation Bill changing the current process of becoming a municipality. **Proposed by: Carlos Childs**
- A proposal to implement a Healthy Food Act which will impose a tax on corporate owned grocery stores that are not located in low-income areas, to be used to build, maintain, and help offset prices at the public owned grocery stores and/or provide tax incentives to build co-op grocery stores in food deserts. **Proposed by: Carlos Childs**
- A proposal to implement a Building Refurbishment Fund ...from monthly fines and fees put on the owners of certain vacant commercial property. **Proposed by: Carlos Childs**
- A proposal for a Tenant & Code Violation Bill which would require every commercial and/or residential landlord to provide each tenant a paper and virtual copy of Maryland's tenant's rights laws upon signing the contract and lease renewal. **Proposed by: Carlos Childs**
- A proposal to authorize the establishment of a Kennedy Krieger satellite office for the Center for Autism and Related Disorders. **Proposed by: Jamila A Smith**
- A proposal for the Creation of a local Human Relations and Civil Rights Commission in Charles County. **Proposed by: Dyotha R. Sweat, President Charles County NAACP**
- A proposal for a Bond Authorization bill in the amount of \$250,000 for construction of an entrance and lobby from the Memorial Garden and Freedom Stage to the Maryland Veterans Museum at Patriot Park (MVM). **Proposed by: Lawrence Abell, President Maryland Veterans Museum**
- A proposal for a Development Fund for Workforce Housing. **Proposed by: Theresa Kuhns, Vice President, Government Affairs Southern Maryland Association of REALTORS®**
- A proposal for a Mortgage Forbearance Fund to be created by a portion of the proposed rental registration fees. **Proposed by: Theresa Kuhns, Vice President, Government Affairs Southern Maryland Association of REALTORS**
- A proposal for a first-time homeowners' tax credit. **Proposed by: Theresa Kuhns, Vice President, Government Affairs Southern Maryland Association of REALTOR**

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- A proposal to authorize Charles County government to grant a property tax credit against the county or municipal property tax imposed on a dwelling house of certain disabled veterans. **Proposed by: Chairman Kabir Tompkins, Sr., Chairman Charles County Commission for Veterans Affairs**
- A proposal to allow Sunday hunting in Charles County during the Maryland legal hunting season and authorize the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt on each Sunday of the game bird and game mammal season in Charles County. **Proposed by: Robert A. Boarman**
- A proposal to implement a County Compost Program. **Proposed by: Matthew W. Perez, Jr.**
- A proposal to re-introduce HB 335/SB432 - Charles County - Public Safety - Buildings Used for Agritourism (from 2020 Legislative Session), which proposes to add Charles County to the list of counties where an existing agricultural building used for Agritourism is not considered a change of occupancy that requires a building permit under certain circumstances. **Proposed by: Commissioner Gilbert "B.J." Bowling, District 1**
- A proposal to amend Section 9-310 of the Tax Property Article, Ann. Code MD, to allow for implementation of a real property tax credit for volunteer fire & EMS, (current, retired, and surviving spouses of deceased volunteers receiving a benefit). **Proposed by: Commissioner Gilbert "B.J." Bowling, District 1**
- A proposal to amend the definition of "agricultural land management practices" found in COMAR 26.17.02.02, to expressly include the acts of clearing and grading land in preparation for agricultural land management practices, in order to ensure the activity is exempt from the Stormwater Water Management Plan requirements, described in COMAR 26.17.02.09. **Proposed by: Commissioner Vice President Bobby Rucci, District 2**
- A proposal to provide housing relief for seniors in the form of mandated rent stabilization. **Proposed by: Commissioner President Reuben B. Collins, II. Esq.**
- A proposal to implement a higher property tax rate on properties deemed blighted. **Proposed by: Commissioner President Reuben B. Collins, II. Esq.**
- A proposal to enable the use of Public Private Partnership (PPP) process for school construction projects - Interagency Commission on School Construction (IAC). **Proposed by: Commissioner President Reuben B. Collins, II. Esq.**
- A proposal to ensure posting notifications of newly introduced legislation and enacted legislation is sufficient when the bill is posted to an internet website ordinarily used by the public body to provide information to the public. **Proposed by: Associate County Attorney Danielle Mitchell**
- A proposal to implement a dress code policy in Charles County stores and restaurants. **Proposed by: Dr. Karla Kornegay**
- A proposal to implement a noise ordinance, especially as it relates to music emanating from vehicles. **Proposed by: Dr. Karla Kornegay**

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- A proposal to amend the 2016 Charles County Comprehensive Plan to redefine the “continued operations” of the Maryland Airport for educational purposes rather than commercial. **Proposed by: Jamila A Smith**

At 9:48 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, and Collins present, voting in favor to close the public hearing and adjourn. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.*



Carol A. DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners



Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President

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#1 FORM OF STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING

Location: Virtual- MS Teams Date: September 14, 2021

Time: 9:56 a.m.

Motion By: Commissioner Rucci

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Amanda Stewart, M.Ed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bobby Rucci	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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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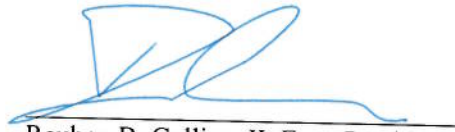
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- (12) [] To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct.
- (13) [] To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.
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TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

3-305(b)(1)(7) Personnel: Discuss Appointments to five (5) County Boards and Commissions
REASON FOR CLOSING: Keep personnel information confidential.

3-305(b)(7)Legal: Two (2) Agreements
REASON FOR CLOSING: To keep legal approaches, negotiations and strategies confidential.

3-305(b)(7)(10)Legal: To discuss/review the development and implementation of emergency plans for the County.
REASON FOR CLOSING: To keep strategies confidential.


Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President

#2 FORM OF STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING

Location: Virtual- MS Teams

Date: September 14, 2021

Time: 3:59 p.m.

Motion By: Commissioner Rucci

Seconded By: Commissioner Bowling

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]	[]	[]	[]

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TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

3-305(b)(1)(7) Personnel: Evaluation

REASON FOR CLOSING: Keep personnel information confidential.



Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President