

**Regular Meeting of County Commissioners**  
**Wednesday November 17, 2021 (Legislative Day)**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Commissioners was virtually at 6:03 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, Clerk to the Commissioners

**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. All the Commissioners were present.

**Public Hearing: Bill 2021-09 Multiple-Line Telephone Systems(Kari's Law)**

The Commissioners conducted a virtual public hearing on Bill 2021-09 Multiple-line Telephone Systems. Mr. Tony Rose, Deputy Director, Department of Emergency Services, Mr. Jason Groth, Deputy Director, Mr. Ray Shumaker, Chief of Codes, Permits and Inspections, Department of Planning and Growth Management, and Ms. Danielle Mitchell, Associate County Attorney II, Charles County Attorney's Office, joined the Commissioners to review this proposed legislation. This Bill would amend the Code of Charles County to achieve consistency with the Annotated Code of Maryland, Public Safety Article 1-314, known as "Kari's Law."

There were no public comments given.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to close the record.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Coates and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to close the public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to adopt Bill 2021-09 Multiple Line Telephone Systems.

**Public Hearing: Bill 2021-10 Zoning Text Amendment 21-162 Veterinarians and Veterinary Hospitals in the Central Business Zone**

The Commissioners conducted a virtual public hearing on Bill 2021-10 Zoning Text Amendment 21-162 Veterinarians and Veterinary Hospitals in the Central Business Zone. Ms. Kelly Palmer, Planner, Department of Planning and Growth Management, reviewed the proposed legislation. This Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) application would amend certain provisions of the Zoning Ordinance of

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Charles County to permit use code 5.02.400, Veterinarians and Veterinary Hospitals with conditions in the Central Business Zone. The application would amend Figure IV-1, Table of Permissible Uses and Article XIII Minimum Standards for Special Exceptions and Uses Permitted with Conditions of the Charles County Zoning Ordinance.

Ms. Sue Greer, Attorney, who filed the application thanked the Commissioners for their consideration.

There were no public comments given.

A motion was made by Commissioner Coates, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to close the record.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Coates and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to close the public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Coates, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to adopt Bill 2021-10 Zoning Text Amendment 21-162 Veterinarians and Veterinary Hospitals in the Central Business Zone.

At 6:20 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Coates and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to adjourn.



Carol A. DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners



Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President