

Regular Meeting of County Commissioners
Tuesday February 9, 2022 (Legislative Day)

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Commissioners was virtually at 4:38 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.

Tri-County Commissioners' Joint Meeting

The Commissioners were joined virtually with the Board of Commissioners from St. Mary's County and Calvert County and County staff (see list below) to discuss animal adoption and resource center control; Police Accountability Board; an update on emergency medical services mutual aid; Senate Bill 413 Voting Rights Act of 2022- Counties and Municipalities, and other legislation with local implications; and suicide prevention and awareness measures.

The three (3) Boards of County Commissioners discussed having another joint meeting to continue discussions on suicide prevention measures relating to local bridges and utilizing local health departments for mental health assistance.

The three (3) Boards of County Commissioners agreed to draft a joint letter to Maryland Department of Transportation requesting additional bridge safety measures being put in place.

In Attendance for the Joint Meeting:

Charles County Staff (Additional):

Deborah Hall, Deputy County Administrator
Danielle Mitchell, Associate County Attorney
Michelle Lilly, Director of Emergency Services

Calvert County:

Commissioner Earl Hance
Commissioner Christopher Gadway
Commissioner Kelly McConkey
Julian Willis, County Administrator
John Norris, County Attorney
Rachel Distel, Clerk to the BOCC
Al Jeffery, Deputy Director of Public Safety

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St. Mary's County:

Commissioner President Guy (arrived late)
Commissioner Eric Colvin
Commissioner Mike Hewitt
Commissioner John O'Connor
Commissioner Todd Morgan
Catherine Pratson, Director Human Resources and Acting Co-County Administrator
David Weiskopf, County Attorney and Acting Co-County Administrator
Neil Murphy, Deputy County Attorney
John Houser, Assistant County Attorney
Steve Walker, Director, Dept. of Emergency Services
Gary Whipple, Acting Director, Dept. Public Works & Transportation
Jeannett Cudmore, CFO
Alisa Casas, Communications Director
Amy Carter, Video Media Producer
Sharon Ferris, Administrative Assistant

At 5:30 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Morgan and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor adjourn this joint session.

**Break 5:30 p.m.- 6:01 p.m.*

Roll Call

A roll call was taken. All the Commissioners were present.

Public Hearing: Public Hearing: Compensation Committee Report and Resolution

The Commissioners conducted a virtual public hearing on the Compensation Committee report and resolution. On January 11, 2022 the Board of County Commissioners accepted the Compensation Committee's recommendations. Ms. Elizabeth Theobalds, Deputy County Attorney, Office of the Charles County Attorney, reviewed Bill 2022-01 County Commissioners' Compensation, drafted from the Compensation Committee's recommendations.

There were no citizens who registered to speak.

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

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Coates, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to adopt Bill 2022-01 County Commissioners' Compensation.

Public Hearing: Solid Waste Management Plan

The Commissioners conducted a virtual public hearing on the 2022-2031 Solid Waste Management Plan. Ms. Frances Sherman, Chief of Environmental Services and Ms. Margaret Romero, Recycling and Litter Control Superintendent, Department of Public Works; and Ms. Amy Blessinger, Planner III, Department of Planning and Growth Management reviewed the goals and updates in the draft plan.

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

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Coates and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to adopt Resolution 2022-01 Solid Waste Management Plan for 2022-2031.

At 6:18 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Coates, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to adjourn.



Carol A. DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners



Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President