

Special Meeting of County Commissioners
Tuesday March 7, 2021

The special scheduled meeting of the County Commissioners was convened virtually at 9:03 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
Amanda M. Stewart, M.Ed., County Commissioner
Mark Belton, County Administrator
Wesley Adams, County Attorney
Carol A. DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners

**Thomasina O. Coates, M.S., 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 Bowling, Stewart, Rucci and Collins were present.
Commissioner Coates was not present.

Briefing: Update on Federal Priorities for Maryland and Local Governments

Senator Benjamin Cardin, United States Senator, Maryland and his staff members, Mr. Roderick Lewis and Mr. Mike Thomas, met with the Commissioners to provide them an update on the federal priorities for Maryland and local governments. Highlights included the federal appropriations; American Rescue Plan Act, which awarded more than thirty one million dollars (\$31,000,000.00) to Charles County in 2021; Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which includes supporting the health and restoration of the Chesapeake Bay; Senate Bill 825 Maryland National Heritage Area Act; and Build Back Better, which touches on strengthening existing tools such as low-income tax credit program.

At 9:41 a.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, Stewart, and Collins present, voting in favor to adjourn.

**Commissioner Coates was absent for the vote.*



Carol A. DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners



Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President