

**Regular Meeting of County Commissioners**  
**Wednesday May 18, 2022 (Legislative Day)**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Commissioners was convened in hybrid format, virtually and in person, at 5:07 p.m. with the following persons in attendance:

Reuben B. Collins II, Esq., President, County Commissioner  
Bobby Rucci, Vice President, County Commissioner  
Thomasina O. Coates, M.S., County Commissioner was absent  
Amanda M. Stewart, M.Ed., County Commissioner  
Mark Belton, County Administrator  
Deborah Hall, Deputy County Administrator  
Wesley Adams, County Attorney  
Carol A. DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners

*\*Gilbert O. Bowling, III, County Commissioner, was absent.*

**Call to Order/Pledge**

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

**Roll Call**

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

*\* Commissioner Bowling was absent.*

**Briefing: Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Regional Framework and Equity Emphasis Areas**

Mr. Chuck Bean, Executive Director metropolitan Washington County of Governments, provided a presentation to County Commissioners on the regional framework and Equity Emphasis Areas (EEA). The Framework for 2030 includes prosperity (equity emphasis areas); accessibility (high-capacity transit station areas); livability (housing targets); and sustainability (climate goal and action plan). There are five EEAs areas, with high concentrations of underserved residents, in Charles County.

*\*Break 6:08 p.m. - 6:17 p.m.*

**Roll Call**

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

*\*Commissioner Bowling was absent.*

**Public Hearing: Bill 2022- 02 Code of Ethics**

The Commissioners conducted a hybrid (virtual/in person) public hearing on Bill 2022-02 Code of Ethics. Mr. Wes Adams, County Attorney, Office of County Attorney, Charles County, explained that this Bill will change the local Code of Ethics to remain in compliance with the public ethics law of the State of Maryland.

There were no comments provided by the community.

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

*\*Commissioner Bowling was not present for the vote.*

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

*\*Commissioner Bowling was not present for the vote.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Coates and passed, with Commissioners Coates, Stewart, Rucci and Collins present, voting in favor to adopt Bill 2022-02 Code of Ethics. *\*Commissioner Bowling was not present for the vote.*

**Public Hearing: Local Legislative Proposals**

Ms. Danielle Mitchell, Associate County Attorney, County Attorney's Office, Charles County reviewed the Legislative process for proposed local legislation. She noted that the follow up work session would be held on June 8, 2022.

There were five (5) people/groups that joined the Commissioners to discuss their submitted local legislative proposals.

Southern Maryland Association of Realtors

1. Charles Co. Development Workforce Fund for Workforce Housing
2. Charles Co. Mortgage Forbearance Fund [\(This proposal was withdrawn\)](#)
3. Charles Co. First Time Homeowner Tax Credit

Nancy Schertler

Zoning Text Amendment regarding revisions to Preliminary Subdivision Plans

Worthington HOA

1. Separately bond neighborhood amenities
2. Subdivision Regulations to define minimum standards for Community Centers
3. Model home sales rep requirement to clearly state planned amenities for neighborhoods
4. Requirement that neighborhood amenities be completed in Phase 1 of development projects

Zachary Ball

Food for Fines

Sue Greer

Alcoholic Beverage Article Amendment to include an "Agritourism License" [\(This is a State legislative proposal\)](#)

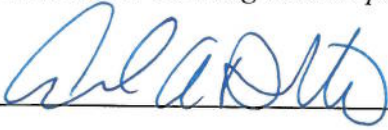
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A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Stewart and passed, with Commissioners Coates, Stewart, Rucci and Collins present, voting in favor to keep the public record open until May 28, 2021. *\*Commissioner Bowling was not present for the vote.*

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

At 7:06 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Coates and passed, with Commissioners Coates, Stewart, Rucci and Collins present, voting in favor to adjourn.

*\*Commissioner Bowling was not present for the vote*



Carol A. DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners



Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President