

**Regular Meeting of County Commissioners**  
**Wednesday September 21, 2022 (Legislative Day)**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Commissioners was convened virtually at 3:03 p.m. with the following persons in attendance:

Reuben B. Collins II, Esq., President, County Commissioner  
Thomasina O. Coates, M.S., 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*

*\*Bobby Rucci, Vice President, County Commissioner was absent for the CTP Tour*

*\*Amanda M. Stewart, M.Ed., County Commissioner was absent for the Public Hearings*

**Call to Order/Pledge**

Commissioner Collins called the meeting to order and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

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

**Annual Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) Tour**

Mr. Sean Powell, Deputy Secretary Maryland Department Transportation and other State of Maryland transportation officials met with the Commissioners in person as part of the State's Annual Transportation Tour to brief local jurisdictions on the state of Maryland's transportation program (CTP), and capital budget. Members of the Charles County State Delegation, Delegates Patterson, Wilson, Davis, and Senators Ellis and Jackson joined the meeting as well. Participants discussed MDOT's Draft FY2023- FY2028 Consolidated Transportation Program, which details a nineteen point nine (\$19.9) billion dollars six-year capital budget investment in the state's transportation network. The meeting is part of MDOT's tour of twenty-three (23) Maryland counties and Baltimore City to update local officials and the public on the CTP. Deputy Secretary Powell and other MDOT officials outlined the state's investments and discuss Charles County's transportation priorities.

*\*Break 4:31 p.m. -6:01 p.m.*

**Roll Call**

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

**#1 Public Hearing: Water/Sewer Service Category Amendments-Spring 2022 Cycle**

The Commissioners conducted a hybrid (virtual/in person) public hearing on the Spring 2022 Cycle Water/Sewer Service Category Amendments. Mr. Fahad Hassan, Engineer, and Ms. Alicia Afroilan, Engineering Supervisor, Department of Planning and Growth Management explained that applications

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for amendments to the Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan are reviewed on a semi-annual basis, with application deadlines in February and August. The Department of Planning & Growth Management received one (1) application for amendments prior to the February 2022 deadline. The application was a request from Whitman, Requardt and Associates, LLP on behalf of St. Charles Community, LLC regarding the to be-developed Horizon neighborhood in St. Charles. The application request changes to the sewer and water categories for the subject parcel along the north side of MD 488 (La Plata Rd) and the requested changes are from water categories W-5 to W-3DEV and from sewer categories S-5 to S-3DEV. Staff recommended the proposed changes.

There were no comments provided by the community.

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

*\*Commissioners Bowling and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

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

*\*Commissioners Bowling and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Coates, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with Commissioners Coates, Rucci and Collins present, voting in favor to approve Resolution 2022-15 Adopting the Spring 2022 Water/Sewer Plan Amendments and incorporate these amendments into Charles County Water and Sewer Comprehensive Plan. *\*Commissioners Bowling and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

**#2 Public Hearing: Bill 2022-03 Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP)**

The Commissioners conducted a hybrid (virtual/in person) public hearing on Bill 2022-03 Length of Service Award Program. Ms. Elizabeth Theobalds, Deputy County Attorney, Office of Charles County Attorney; and Ms. Jenifer Ellin, Director, Department of Fiscal and Administrative Services, explained that the proposed legislation will amend Chapter 54-9(G) of the Charles County Code to clarify the benefit eligibility for surviving spouses. The purpose of the amendment is to include the minimum age requirement of the volunteer, as specified in other provisions of the LOSAP benefit chapter.

There were no comments provided by the community.

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

*\*Commissioners Bowling and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

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

*\*Commissioners Bowling and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Coates and passed, with Commissioners Coates, Rucci and Collins present, voting in favor to adopt Bill 2022-03 Length of Service Award program (LOSAP). *\*Commissioners Bowling and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

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At 6:13 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Coates and passed, with Commissioners Coates, Rucci, and Collins present, voting in favor to close this public hearing and adjourn. *\*Commissioners Bowling and Stewart were not present for the vote.*

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Carol A. DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners

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Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President