

**Regular Meeting of County Commissioners**  
**Wednesday September 28, 2022**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Commissioners was convened virtually at 6:01 p.m. with the following persons in attendance:

Reuben B. Collins II, Esq., 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  
Deborah Hall, Deputy County Administrator  
Wesley Adams, County Attorney  
Carol A. DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners

*\*Bobby Rucci, Vice President, County Commissioner was absent*

**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, Bowling, Coates and Stewart were present.

*\*Commissioner Rucci was absent.*

**Public Hearing: Hughesville Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. Request for Approval for Authorization to Issue Bonds to Purchase Engine Tanker II**

The Commissioners conducted a hybrid (virtual/in person) public hearing on the Hughesville Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc request to issue bonds to purchase an Engine Tanker II. Mr. Rudy Carrico, Jr., Attorney, Law Office of Rudolf a. Carrico, Jr.; and Mr. James Harris, President, Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association, explained that the aggregate principal amount is not to exceed six hundred and eighty-five thousand three hundred and twenty-four dollars (\$685,324.00) for the 2024 Pierce Enforcer Pumper Tanker.

There were no comments provided by the community.

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

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Stewart and passed, with Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Stewart and Collins present, voting in favor to adopt Resolution 2022-16 Issuance of Bonds by the Hughesville Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc.

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

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*\*Break 6:13 p.m. - 6:27 p.m.*

**Roll Call**

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

*\*Commissioner Rucci was absent.*

**Charles County Board of County Commissioners' Quarterly Town Hall Meeting**

The Commissioners conducted their Third Quarter Town Hall Meeting in a hybrid format, virtually and in person. Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Stewart, and Collins were present to address community questions, as well as Ms. Mark Belton, County Administrator, and the following Directors and designees:

Ms. Jenifer Ellin, Director, Department of Fiscal and Administrative Services

Ms. Deborah Carpenter, Director, Department of Planning and Growth Management

Mr. Bernard Cochran, Acting Director, Department of Public Works

Ms. Michelle Lilly, Director, Department of Emergency Services

Ms. Kelli Beavers, Director, Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism

Ms. Dina Barclay, Director, Department of Community Services

Ms. Alexis Blackwell, Director, Department of Human Resources

Ms. Michelle DeSoto, Acting Deputy Director, Department of Economic Development

Mr. Wes Adams, County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney

Mr. Jason Groth, Deputy Director, Department of Planning and Growth Management

Ms. Jennifer Harris, Chief of Media Services, Office of the County Administrator

Ms. Renesha Miles, Chief Equity Officer, Department of Human Resources

Ms. Michelle Lilly, Director, Department of Emergency Services, provided an update on preparations for flooding related to the possible impacts of Hurricane Ian as it moves up the coast.

There were no questions and comments submitted online.

There were no comments or questions by the public.

At 6:34 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Coates and passed, with Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Stewart, and Collins present, voting in favor to adjourn.

*\*Commissioner Rucci was 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

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