The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Commissioners was convened in person, at 9:00 a.m. with the following persons in attendance:

Reuben B. Collins II, Esq., President, County Commissioner Ralph Patterson, II, M.A., Vice President, County Commissioner Gilbert O. Bowling, III, County Commissioner Thomasina O. Coates, M.S., County Commissioner Amanda M. Stewart, M.Ed., County Commissioner Deborah Hall, Acting County Administrator Jenifer Ellin, Acting Deputy County Administrator Wes Adams, County Attorney Carol A. DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners

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. All Commissioners were present in person.

Charles County Proclamations for June 2024

2024-54 Pride Month

2024-55 Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Month

2024-56 Family Investment Administration Appreciation Month

2024-57 National Homeownership Month

2024-58 Women's Veteran's Day

2024-59 Juneteenth Day

The Commissioners were joined by members of the Charles County Commission for Veterans Affairs to receive proclamations 2024-55 Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Month and 2024-58 Women's Veteran's Day; Staff from the Charles County Department of Social Services to receive proclamation 2024-56 Family Investment Administration Appreciation Month; Mr. Zach Hill, Southern Maryland Realtors Association to receive 2024-57 National Homeownership Month; and Ms. Dyotha Sweat, President, NAACP to receive proclamation 2024-59 Juneteenth Day.

Roll Call

A roll call was taken. Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Patterson, and Collins were present in person. *Commissioner Stewart was absent.

Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Patterson:

- Congratulated County High School graduates.
- Spoke on the event at the Mattawoman Creek Art Center- Women's Caucus for Art

^{*}Break 9:24 a.m.- 9:33 a.m.

Regular Meeting of County Commissioners

Tuesday June 11, 2024 (Legislative Day)

• University of Maryland Extension Sensor Project to predict and prepare for floods as sea levels rise.

Commissioner Collins:

 Acknowledged Charles County as the first county to establish a Resilience Authority statewide and should be highlighted.

Commissioner Bowling:

- Echoed comments from Commissioners Collins and Patterson related to natural resources.
- Spoke about upcoming town hall meeting on June 20, 2024 and previous town hall at Cobb Island with over one hundred and thirty (130) people in attendance.
- Acknowledge public comments on May 21, 2024 and requested a review of the process after the summer break for the Commissioners to respond at public comments; he would not respond to comments on his colleagues; he requested Acting County Administrator provide a copy of the Maryland Airport Master Plan
- Wanted to bring up July 5, 2024 as a County Holiday which will be discussed under approval items.

Commissioner Coates:

- Mentioned Summer learning at Ruth B. Swann Park
- Ribbon cutting for Camp Accomplish at Melwood and their partnership with the Children's National Hospital.
- Summer programs at the County's Recreation, Parks, and Tourism and at the Library.
- Announced Volunteers are needed for all these organizations.
- Spoke on Jabril Carroll's eighth (8th) birthday celebration, he is battling Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG)

Approval of the Minutes of May 21, 2024

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Coates and passed, with Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Patterson, and Collins present, voting in favor to approve the minutes of May 21, 2024. *Commissioner Stewart was not present for the vote.

Notice of Attendance of May 20, 2024 - NO Quorum/NO Minutes Required.

Announcement

Next Scheduled Session(s): June 25-26, 2024

Approval Items

Budget Amendments and Budget Transfers

(Mr. Jacob Dyer, Acting Director, Department of Fiscal and Administrative Services)

<u>FY2024 Budget Transfer Request #114 ARPA MIH Reallocate Funds to Purchase LifePak's and Stairchairs</u>

A motion was made by Commissioner Coates, seconded by Commissioner Patterson and passed, with Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Patterson, and Collins present, voting in favor to approve FY2024 Budget Transfer Request #114 for two hundred and ten thousand six hundred dollars (\$210,600.00). *Commissioner Stewart was not present for the vote.

<u>FY2024 Budget Transfer Request #356 To Cover Property and Liability Insurance Overrun</u> Mattawoman Wastewater Treatment Plant

A motion was made by Commissioner Coates, seconded by Commissioner Patterson and passed, with Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Patterson, and Collins present, voting in favor to approve FY2024 Budget Transfer Request #356 for fifty-one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$51,250.00). *Commissioner Stewart was not present for the vote.

FY2024 Budget Transfer Request #603 ARPA Community Health Outreach Program

A motion was made by Commissioner Coates, seconded by Commissioner Patterson and passed, with Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Patterson, and Collins present, voting in favor to approve FY2024 Budget Transfer Request #603 for three hundred and thirty thousand dollars (\$330,000.00) *Commissioner Stewart was not present for the vote.

<u>FY2024 Budget Transfer Request # 701 Correct Overruns and Cover Expenses RPT Programs</u> <u>Through June 2024</u>

A motion was made by Commissioner Coates, seconded by Commissioner Patterson and passed, with Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Patterson, and Collins present, voting in favor to approve FY2024 Budget Transfer Request #701 for eighty-four thousand eight hundred and seventy dollars (\$84,870.00). *Commissioner Stewart was not present for the vote.

*At about 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Stewart joined the session in person.

FY2024 BUDGET Transfer Request #886 Cover Overrun Cost Acting Deputy County Administrator Salary

A motion was made by Commissioner Coates, seconded by Commissioner Patterson and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to approve FY2024 Budget Transfer Request #886 for two hundred and twenty-four thousand dollars (\$224,000.00).

FY2024 Budget Amendment Increase #984 Recreation Sports Enterprise Fund

A motion was made by Commissioner Coates, seconded by Commissioner Patterson and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to approve FY2024 Budget Amendment Increase #984 for seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000.00).

*At about 9:56 a.m. Commissioner Stewart left session.

Request for Approval: Board of Education Intercategory Budget Transfers

(Ms. Karen Acton, Chief Financial Officer, and Ms. Sherri Fischer-Davis, Budget Manager, Charles County Public Schools)

A motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Patterson, and Collins present, voting in favor to approve the Board of Education's Intercategory Budget Transfers for eleven point six (\$11.6) million dollars.

*Commissioner Stewart was not present for the vote.

*At about 10:03 Commissioner Coates left session.

<u>Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Sheriff of Charles County and Fraternal Order of</u> Police Lodge 24

(Ms. Jenifer Ellin, Acting Deputy County Administrator, Office of the County Administrator)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Patterson and passed, with Commissioners Bowling, Patterson, and Collins present, voting in favor to approve this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.

Charles County Pension Plan- Amendment-Job Classification Animal Control Services

(Ms. Alexis Blackwell, Director, Department of Human Resources; and Mr. Jacob Dyer, Acting Director, Department of Fiscal and Administrative Services)

A motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Bowling, Patterson, and Collins present, voting in favor to approve Amendment #2024-1 to the Charles County Pension Plan as presented, effective July 1, 2024. *Commissioners Coates and Stewart were not present for the vote.

*At about 10:10 a.m. Commissioner Coates rejoined session in person.

*At about 10:11 a.m. Commissioner Stewart rejoined session in person.

<u>Request: Fly the Juneteenth Flag at County Buildings and Color Lights</u> (Commissioner Collins)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Patterson and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to approve flying the Juneteenth flag and use color lights during the week of Juneteenth.

Approval of the Board of County Commissioners Calendar Year 2025 Session Calendar

(Ms. Carol DeSoto, Clerk to the Charles County Board of County Commissioners)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Stewart and failed, with Commissioners Bowling and Stewart present, voting in favor to make Friday July 5, 2024 a County holiday. Commissioners Coates, Patterson, and Collins were opposed. A roll call of the vote was taken: Commissioner Bowling-yes; Commissioner Coates-no; Commissioner Stewart-yes; Commissioner Patterson-no; Commissioner Collins-no. The motion failed two (2) to three (3).

A motion was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and failed, with Commissioners Bowling and Stewart present, voting in favor to make Monday February 10, 2025 a County holiday. Commissioners Coates, Patterson, and Collins were opposed. A roll call of the vote was taken: Commissioner Bowling-yes; Commissioner Coates-no; Commissioner Stewart-yes; Commissioner Patterson-no; Commissioner Collins-no. The motion failed two (2) to three (3).

A motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Coates and passed, with Commissioners Coates, Patterson, and Collins present, voting in favor to approve the Commissioners 2025 Board Session Calendar. Commissioners Bowling and Stewart were opposed. A roll call of the vote was taken: Commissioner Bowling-no; Commissioner Coates-yes; Commissioner Stewart-no; Commissioner Patterson-yes; Commissioner Collins-yes. The motion passed three (3) to two (2).

*At about 10:27 a.m. Commissioner Stewart left session.

Briefing and Request to Introduce and Schedule a Public Hearing: Proposed Bill 2024-(12) Establishment of a Community Reinvestment and Repair Funds (CRRF)

Mr. Jacob Dyer, Acting Director, Department of Fiscal and Administrative Services, and Ms. Danielle Mitchell, Assistant Deputy County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney for Charles County reviewed the proposed Bill for the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund related to the Cannabis Reform Act of 2023. This bill would specify the use of funds from the CRRF, as required by Maryland law. Ms. Mitchell explained an amendment to the proposed Bill related to the reporting requirement that was recently updated by the State.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Patterson and passed, with Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Patterson, and Collins present, voting in favor to introduce Bill 2024-12 Establishment of a Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund (CRRF). *Commissioner Stewart was not present for the vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Patterson and passed, with Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Patterson, and Collins present, voting in favor to schedule the public hearing on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 6pm in the Government Building at 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, MD to be held hybrid, in-person and virtually.**Commissioner Stewart was not present for the vote.

Update: Goals and Objectives-Emergency Preparedness, Response and Safety

Ms. Michelle Lilly, Director, Mr. Jeffrey Clements, Chief of Communications, Mr. Jeffrey Thomas, Chief of Animal Control, and Ms. Lori Cherry, Chief of EMS and Special Operations, Department of Emergency Services provided an update on the Goals and Objectives of Emergency Preparedness, Response and Safety. This presentation included updates on the coordination and collaboration with response partners; reorganization to focus on equity to recruit, train and support personnel; construction of the Pinefield EMS Station; introduction of hot and cold dispatch response, and data measuring call volume and performance for EMS, 911 Communications and Animal Control through the development of OpenGov Pages.

*At about 11:27 a.m. Commissioner Stewart rejoined session in person.

Closed Session

At 11:45 a.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Patterson and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to move into Close Session where all or a portion of this session may be closed pursuant to Section 3-305 (b)(1)(7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to review vacancies on Commissioner appointed Boards and Commissions; and to receive legal advice on two (2) County matters. The reason for moving into closed session is to keep legal advice, negotiations, strategies, and personnel information confidential.

Summary Closed Session Items

At about 12:02 p.m., the Commissioners went into closed session.

3-305(b)(1)Personnel- BCC Vacancies and Updates

Present: Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Stewart, Patterson, and Collins, Wes Adams, Deborah Hall, Carol DeSoto, Jenifer Ellin, and Christina Elkins.

Ms. Christina Elkins, Assistant Clerk to the Commissioners, reviewed the Board of Fire and Rescue, the Sheriff's Office Disability Review Board, the Board of Social Services, the Homeowners Association Dispute Review Board, the Board of Appeals, the Charles County Police Accountability Board, and the Planning Commission.

The Commissioners reached a consensus on appointments. Official action will take place on June 25, 2024 under Actions and Boards and Commissions under Approval Items. The Commissioners provided additional directions to Ms. Elkins related to the boards.

3-305(b)(7) Legal: County Matter

Present: Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Stewart, Patterson, and Collins, Wes Adams, Deborah Hall, Carol DeSoto, and Jenifer Ellin.

Mr. Wes Adams, County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney for Charles County, provided an update on a County Matter and the conversations he has related to a proposed agreement.

3-305(b)(7) Legal Advice and Strategy: County Matter

Present: Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Stewart, Patterson, and Collins, Wes Adams, Deborah Hall, Carol DeSoto, and Jenifer Ellin.

Mr. Wes Adams, County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney for Charles County, provided an overview of the issue and legal process being followed. Mr. Adams indicated that future proposed legislation will be brought to the Commissioners.

At 12:31 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to end this close session.

At about 3:00 p.m. the Commissioners returned to open session.

Roll Call

A roll call was taken. All Commissioners were present in person.

Work Session: 2024 Local Legislative Proposals

Ms. Danielle Mitchell, Assistant Deputy County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney for Charles County Ms. Danielle Mitchell, Assistant Deputy County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney for Charles County reviewed the proposals submitted for 2024

CHARLES COUNTY LOCAL LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS 2024

• TOPIC: Squatters/Trespassers Submitted by Robin Woods

State Level legislation; Ms. Mitchell will reach out to the Charles County Sheriff's Office and La Plata Police.

• TOPIC: *Erosion Control Tax Credit* Submitted by Mark Mudd

Consensus to bring back options.

• TOPIC: *Marijuana Odor* Submitted by Harry Shasho

State Level legislation.

- TOPIC: Removal of Elected Official Submitted by Harry Shasho and
- TOPIC: Removal of Board of Commissioners' Member Submitted by Ann Waters and
- TOPIC: Removal of Elected Official Submitted by Deborah Johnson and
- TOPIC: Removal of Elected Official Submitted by Debra Jones and
- TOPIC: Removal of Board of Commissioners' Member Submitted by Douglas Paul and
- TOPIC: Petition for Removal of Elected Official Submitted by Faith Davis and
- TOPIC: *Removal of Council Member* Submitted by Carlos Childs

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Stewart and failed with Commissioners Bowling and Stewart present, voting in favor to move forward with legislation for the removal of a Commissioner. Commissioners Coates, Patterson, and Collins were opposed. A roll call of the vote was taken: Commissioner Bowling-yes; Commissioner Coates-no; Commissioner Stewart-yes; Commissioner Patterson-no; Commissioner Collins-no. The motion failed two (2) to three (3).

• TOPIC: *Term Limits for Board of Commissioners' Members* Submitted by Carlos Childs

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Stewart and failed with Commissioners Bowling and Stewart present, voting in favor to move forward with legislation. Commissioners Coates, Patterson, and Collins were opposed. A roll call of the vote was taken: Commissioner Bowling-yes; Commissioner Coates-no; Commissioner Stewart-yes; Commissioner Patterson-no; Commissioner Collins-no. The motion failed two (2) to three (3).

• TOPIC: *Mandatory Town Hall Meetings by Commissioners* Submitted by Carlos Childs

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Stewart and failed with Commissioners Bowling and Stewart present, voting in favor to move forward with legislation. Commissioners Coates and Collins were opposed. Commissioner Patterson abstained. A roll call of the

vote was taken: Commissioner Bowling-yes; Commissioner Coates-no; Commissioner Stewart-yes; Commissioner Patterson-abstained; Commissioner Collins-no. The motion failed two (2) to two (2) and one (1) abstained.

• TOPIC: *Lead Fuel Ban* Submitted by Carlos Childs

State Level legislation.

• TOPIC: Require Air Conditioning in Residential Units Submitted by Carlos Childs

Consensus to move forward with options.

• TOPIC: Special Election to fill Commissioner Vacancy Submitted by Carlos Childs

Commissioner Bowling made a motion then removed his motion. Request to bring this back.

• TOPIC: *Prohibition on Campaign Contributions* Submitted by Carlos Childs

State Level legislation.

• TOPIC: *Ballot Referendum* Submitted by Carlos Childs

State Level legislation.

• TOPIC: Waldorf Municipality Referendum Submitted by Carlos Childs

There is a process for municipalities; bring back information.

• TOPIC: Bond Computation Process for Subdivision Recreational Amenities Submitted by HOA and Civic Association Alliance

Not appropriate for establishing local legislation; Department of Planning and Growth Management staff is scheduled to bring back options.

• TOPIC: Transfer of Homeowners' Association Facilities to Residents Submitted by HOA and Civic Association Alliance

Department of Planning and Growth Management staff work will work with developers update language in code

TOPIC: Developer's Responsibilities
 Submitted by HOA and Civic Association Alliance

Bring Back to clarify process.

• TOPIC: *Transfer of Homeowners' Associations*Submitted by HOA and Civic Association Alliance

Bring Back to clarify process so consistent with state level.

*At about 4:40 p.m. Commissioner Collins left session.

• TOPIC: Amendment to New Home Construction Disclosures Submitted by HOA and Civic Association Alliance

This would be handled by the Attorney General's Office.

• TOPIC: Stormwater Responsibility Transfer to County Submitted by HOA and Civic Association Alliance

Staff to find out what are other counties doing; what is fiscal impact.

• TOPIC: *HOA Fiduciary Improvements*Submitted by HOA and Civic Association Alliance

No to local legislation.

• TOPIC: *HOA Board Selection Process*Submitted by HOA and Civic Association Alliance

State Level legislation.

• TOPIC: *Public Roads Regulatory Updates*Submitted by HOA and Civic Association Alliance

Can be handled internally no need for legislation.

• TOPIC: *How to Guide for Transition of HOA*Submitted by HOA and Civic Association Alliance

Can be handled internally no need for legislation.

• TOPIC: Common Ownership Community Program Submitted by HOA and Civic Association Alliance

State Level legislation.

• TOPIC: HOA & Civic Association Board Member Education Submitted by HOA and Civic Association Alliance

State Level legislation.

• TOPIC: Amendment to Docket 90 – Planning and Design Review Board Submitted by HOA and Civic Association Alliance

Cannot legislate since this is a contract.

• TOPIC: Golf Carts on Cobb Island Submitted by Barbara Stonestreet

Consensus to move forward with local legislation.

• TOPIC: *Tent Community Task Force* Submitted by Carlos Childs

Staff to review and provide more information.

• TOPIC: Landscaping and Tree Planting Standards Submitted by Strong Towns Charles County

Staff to review and provide more information.

• TOPIC: *Lighting Standards*Submitted by Strong Towns Charles County

Staff to review and provide more information.

• TOPIC: *Parking Mandates*Submitted by Strong Towns Charles County

Come back with options.

• TOPIC: Youth Apprenticeship and Grow Your Own Talent Tax Credit Submitted by Commissioner Bowling

Bring back proposed legislation.

Charles County Boards and Commissions Annual Update

*TO BE RESCHEDULED** Briefing: Annual Update from Commission on Individuals with Disabilities

*TO BE RESCHEDULED*Briefing: Annual Update from Charles County Commission for Women

Commissioners' New Business

There was no new business discussed.

*Break 5:39 p.m. - 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call

A roll call was taken. Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Stewart, and Patterson were present in person. *Commissioner Collins was absent.

Public Hearing: Proposed Bill 2024-(11) Revisions to Hotel Rental Tax

The Commissioners held a hybrid, virtual/in-person, public hearing on the proposed Bill 2024-11 Revisions to the Hotel Rental Tax. Ms. Ashley Chenault, Chief of Tourism, Department of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism; Ms. Danielle Mitchell, Assistant Deputy County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney, reviewed the proposed Bill.

*At about 6:07 p.m. Commissioner Collins rejoined session in person.

There were no comments provided in person or virtually.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to end this public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Coates and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to adopt Bill 2024-11 Revisions to the Hotel Rental Tax.

<u>Public Hearing: Proposed Bill 2024-(06) Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 22-174 Mixed Use (MX)</u> <u>Zone Revision of Sections 297-106 and 297-49</u>

The Commissioners held a hybrid, virtual/in-person, public hearing on the proposed Bill 2024-06 Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 22-174 Mixed Use. Ms. Techiana Anderson, Planner III, and Mr. Charles Rice, Planning Director, Department of Planning and Growth Management, provided the background, definitions, and objectives of Mixed Use (MX) Zone. The requested amendment from the applicant seeks to create and incorporate "Housing for Specific Populations" into large residential developments in the Mixed Use (MX) Zoning District of Charles County, and to allow that housing to be substituted for commercial office and/or retail uses at the maximum permitted level. Staff's position supports efforts to provide more affordable housing and to increase housing diversity, but has concerns about this ZTA and cannot support the extent of the proposed changes to the MX Zone and the potential loss of commercial development within the Mixed-Use Zone and that there are no conditions or guarantees proposed within this ZTA that would require a future development to provide any amount affordable housing for the citizens of Charles County.

After testimony from the applicant and his attorney the Commissioners heard from the public.

There were three (3) in person comments and one (1) virtual comment provided.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Coates and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to keep the public record open for sixty (60) days.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to end this public hearing.

Commissioners' Public Comment Session

Commissioners held an open session to receive public comments on any issue. This agenda item was added for the Commissioners to listen to feedback only, twice each month during their regular meetings.

There were eight (8) people who provided comments in person and one (1) person who provided virtual comments. Any written comments received were added to the website for the public to view.

Summary of Public Comments

In Person:

- Speaker recounts recent town hall meeting where residents shared concerns about proposed amendments to Docket 250 Villages of Swan Point. Felt it was important that the Planning Commission openly deliberate public's testimony. Should be quality of testimony not numbers. Planning Commission fails to deliberate on public testimony or articulate basis of their decisions.
- Speaker spoke on Docket 250 Villages of Swan Point and concerns about roads ability to withstand flooding and questions removal of shoulder and one entrance. Recommends Army Corps of Engineers evaluate the road.
- Speaker addressed concerns about Commissioner Patterson's teaching position in Prince
 Georges County and should not be ignored; concerns with Commissioner Coates joint interview
 with Mr. Bruce Branch with comments of her being threatened by the Ku Klux Klan and
 reaching out to relevant authorities; and concerns of Planning Commission zoning text
 amendment to proposed removal of mixed-use requirements.
- Concerns with Commissioner Coates making decisions that impact their community and concerns with impact of further development in district two (2).
- Appreciates the recognition for PTSD Awareness Month; concerned about fiscal responsibility
 and decision making by some Commissioners for land use, taxes and Charter Resolution; and
 that Commissioners Stewart and Bowling have not hosted Charter Board Chair at their town
 halls.
- Speaker reported the harassment by Co-Chair Of Charter Board, Dottery Butler Washington and her husband and son for addressing the board. He feels she should be removed from the Charter Board.
- Speaker provided an update on the proposed Charter and recent budget hearings and differences in the Charter approach to public involvement, budget process, misconceptions of executive role and council and police chief, and that renovations to auditorium is not in Charter.
- Speaker spoke on economic development for job creation, tax revenue and need for new business in the County. Appreciated Public Comments being held in the evening.

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Speaker discussed concerns related to Magnolia Gardens development and lack of consideration for infrastructure in La Plata and impact on Charles County community.
 At 8:04.p.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Coates and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to adjourn.

Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President