



**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY**  
HEALTH AND PUBLIC SERVICES (HAPS) BUILDING  
403 S. 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET, ROOM 111  
DENTON, MD 21629

**AUGUST 1, 2023**  
9:00 AM

Commissioner Meetings/Work Sessions - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/300062187>

833-548-0282 (Toll Free) or 877-853-5257 (Toll Free) Meeting  
ID – 300 062 187

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE THE MEETING IS BEING HELD AT AN ALTERNATE LOCATION\*\*\***

- 9:00 AM Commissioners Meeting Convenes, Invocation by Pastor Doug Morley – Greater Impact Church – Greensboro
- Public Comment
- 9:05 AM [District 6 Little League Softball Championship Proclamation](#)  
Sponsored by Commissioner Breeding
- 9:15 AM Caroline County Public Schools [FY2024 Budget/Approval](#) Discussion  
Dr. Derek Simmons, Superintendent & Erin Thornton, CFO
- 9:35 AM Battery Energy Storage Systems (B.E.S.S.) Safety Systems/Fire Code Discussion  
Kenneth Bush, Chief Fire Protection Engineer, Maryland Department of State Police
- 10:25 AM Consent Agenda:
- Minutes – July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Open & Closed
  - [Purchasing Professional Services Agreement – Bruce C. Bereano & Steven J. Wise – Lobbying Services](#)
  - Caroline County Elections - [Early Voting Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\) – HAPS Building – Voting 2024 Elections](#)
  - Caroline County Department of Emergency Services - [Cooperative Purchasing Professional Services Agreement – Thompson Consulting Services, LLC. – Debris Clean-Up](#)
  - Upper Shore Aging – [FY2024 Caroline Senior Care Grant Application](#)
  - Caroline County Department of Public Works – [Amendatory Agreement - Maryland Environmental Service \(MES\) – 20-SW Support for Caroline County Homeowner Convenience Drop Off Centers](#)
  - Caroline County Department of Recreation & Parks – [Department of Natural Resources – Waterway Improvement Fund Grant Agreement - \\$500,000 – Choptank Marina](#)
  - Caroline County Department of Economic Development - Rural Maryland Economic

Please note: Documents to be discussed during the Commissioners meeting are hyperlinked on the agenda where possible. Click the blue underlined text to access documents or more information on the agenda item listed

Development Fund Change Orders – [Data Center Shell Building](#), [Chesapeake Farm to Freezer Project](#), [Business Attraction Capacity Building](#), [Tech Park Development Plan](#), & [West Denton Feasibility Study](#)

- Caroline County Economic Development & Tourism – [Rural Business Development Grant Award Obligation of Funds & Letter of Intent - \\$35,000](#)
- Caroline County Department of Planning & Codes – The Benedictine School - Deed of Forest Conservation Easement & Deed of Easement - Stormwater Management Facilities Right of Entry - Inspection and Maintenance Agreement
- Deed of Forest Conservation Easement – C. Lawson
- Caroline County Human Services Council – [Community Partnership Agreement with the State of Maryland](#)

10:35 AM County Administrator’s Report

10:45 AM County Commissioners Open Discussion Period

Public Comment

11:00 AM Closed Session: To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; Authority: Section (1) General Provisions Art. § [3-305\(b\)](#)

12:30 PM Meeting Adjourns

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Until further notice:

- The Commissioners will meet every other Tuesday at 9am, except for the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.
- The full 2023 County Commissioners Meeting schedule can be found on the County website, [www.carolinemd.org](http://www.carolinemd.org)
- Meetings are open to the public
- All meetings will continue to be broadcasted via Zoom and conference call.

To participate in the Meeting:

- Please click this URL to join: <https://zo20om.us/j/300062187>
- Or join by phone: 888-475-4499 (Toll Free) or 877-853-5257 (Toll Free)
- Webinar ID:300 062 187
- Public comment will be held during the beginning and end of each meeting. The County will also receive written comment through the County’s [email system](#), [website](#), and by USPS at 109 Market Street, Room 123, Denton, MD 21629. Written comments received prior to a meeting will be entered into the record and made available to the Commissioners prior to the meeting or hearing.
- The Commissioners will take roll call by name and announce which staff are participating directly in the meeting.
- All speakers, including the Commissioners must announce their name each time before they speak. This means before asking a question or making a statement, the person must state their last name.
- Any document being voted on by the Commissioners will be linked on the agenda in advance wherever possible in order to facilitate public understanding of items that will be voted or discussed.

*Meetings are conducted in Open Session unless otherwise indicated. All or part of County Commissioners’ meetings can be held in closed session under the authority of the state open meetings law by vote of the Commissioners. Breaks are at the call of the President. Please note that times listed on the agenda are only estimates, and that the order of agenda items may change as time dictates or allows.*