

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY**  
Health and Public Services (HAPS) Building  
403 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 111  
Denton, MD 21629

**Minutes**  
**February 21, 2023**

Present: President J. Travis Breeding; Vice President Larry C. Porter, Commissioner N. Franklin Bartz, III.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

Commissioners Meeting Convenes, Invocation by Rev. Doug Morley – Greater Impact Church Greensboro

**Commissioner Breeding read two reporting out statements:**

1: “On February 14<sup>th</sup>, the County Commissioners held a closed session to interview applicants for positions on the Administrative Charging Committee. Commissioners Breeding, Porter and Bartz were in attendance in addition to County Administrator, Jeremy Goldman, County Paralegal, Mary Berneski, Executive Assistant, Kaleigh Leager, Mr. Vadim Stakeeff, Mr. Jeffrey Martin, Mr. Greg Turnell, Christopher Usilton, Ms. Tina Hohenstein. The Commissioners requested that their appointment choices be added to the next meetings consent agenda for official approval.”

2: On February 17, 2023, the Commissioners met in closed session to deal with matters regarding ongoing litigation. Present were Commissioners, Stewart Barroll, County Attorney, Mary Berneski, County Paralegal, Jeremy Goldman, County Administrator, Ryan White, Director of Public Works, Katheleen Freeman, Director of Planning and Codes, Andy Meehan, Outside Counsel and Dan Saunders, Outside Counsel. No actions were taken.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Alyssa Hastings, Eastern Shore Representative for US Senator Chris Van Hollen – US**

**Senate Update:** Ms. Hastings introduced herself and wanted to provide her contact information. Commissioner Porter wanted to stress the impact of these green energy systems and the impact it has on rural areas. Commissioner Breeding stated the English learning population with students is a concern with title 1 and title 3 funding from the federal government... students have increased. We are not seeing an increase in funding to match inflation. Commissioner Bartz asked about the status of nuclear energy if that is going to be utilized more as it is safer. Commissioner Breeding mentioned infostructure, roads and the detention center possibility.

**Daniel Schneckenburger, Executive Director of Upper Shore Workforce Investment Board**

**(USWIB) Appointment Discussion:** Mr. Schneckenburger introduced himself to the Commissioners and let them know about their activity with title one. Mr. Schneckenburger asked

the Commissioners if they would be okay with appointing Terenda Thomas to the board for title 3 representation. Commissioner Porter made a motion to appoint Ms. Thomas. Commissioner Bartz seconded. All three Commissioners unanimously voted to appoint Ms. Thomas to the Board. The Commissioners discussed the services provided by USWIB with Mr. Schneckenburger.

**Debbie Bowden, Mid Shore Regional Technology and Business Park “Ridgley Tech Park”:**

Ms. Bowden presented an update on the Ridgley Tech Park regarding what is known about the various elements of the Tech Park. This discussion arose from the influx of potential projects that are receiving funding through the Rural Maryland Economic Development Fund. Commissioner Porter suggested that Ms. Bowden and Mr. Barroll begin looking into starting from scratch to find out what we are unaware of and how to fix the issues with this property.

**Daniel Fox, Director of Finance – FY2024 Budget Workshop Discussion:** Mr. Fox presented the Commissioners with the first look at the FY2024 budget requests from each internal County Department.

**Consent Agenda: All three Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Bartz stated that for the record he does not agree with signing the “Wollard Deed” but will vote to approve in order to prevent the County from entering into another lawsuit.**

- Minutes – January 10, 2023 – Open
- Caroline County Administrative Charging Committee Appointment Letter – G. Turnell
- Caroline County Administrative Charging Committee Appointment Letter – V. Stakeeff
- Caroline County Planning Commission Appointment Letter – K. Bilbrough
- Caroline County Board of Zoning Appeals Reappointment Letter – M. Mann
- Caroline County Construction Trades Boards Reappointment Letters – S. Holden, P. Greene, C. Dean, W. Smith, G. Orme, M. Mann. Sr., L. Hayman, E. Kitchen
- Forest Conservation Deed of Easement – R. Spiering
- Forest Conservation Deed of Easement – T. Trebes
- Hayman Farm Agricultural Land Lease – D. Murray
- [Piggyback Contract - Emergency Response, Debris Management and Marine Clean-Up Services – DRC Emergency Services, LLC.](#)
- [FY2022 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities Memorandum of Agreement – Denton Police Department](#)
- [FY2022 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities Memorandum of Agreement – Federalsburg Police Department](#)
- [FY2022 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities Memorandum of Agreement – Greensboro Police Department](#)
- [FY2022 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities](#)

[Memorandum of Agreement – Ridgely Police Department](#)

- [Rural Legacy Area Prioritization Letter](#)
- [Parcel 91, Zion Road, Maryland - “Wollard Deed”](#)

**Action Items:**

- [Caroline County Rural Maryland Economic Development Fund Subrecipient Agreement – Chesapeake Community College Future Works Workforce Training Program](#)

**County Administrators Report – Jeremy Goldman:** Mr. Goldman stated there was an accident involving one of the County’s ambulances. It was not our employees’ fault and the damage is minor. Mr. Goldman stated he is meeting with the Maryland Environmental Service (MES) tomorrow morning to discuss their financial perspective if Caroline would be willing to extend the life of our landfill. Mr. Goldman stated that Ms. Leager spent most of yesterday working on bills from the state legislative session.

**County Commissioners Open Discussion:** Commissioner Bartz and Breeding stated they had nothing to discuss. Commissioner Porter stated he met with Greenwill Consulting yesterday to discuss the possibility of having a lobbyist represent the County in certain areas during the state’s legislative sessions. Commissioner Porter stated that one of the lobbyists under that firm is from Caroline County originally.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

Commissioner Bartz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Porter seconded. All three Commissioners unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

**Closed Session: Section (1) General Provisions Art . 3-305(b): “To discuss appointment to a County Board.”**

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.



Kaleigh Leager  
Executive Assistant to the County Commissioners