

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY
109 Market Street, Room 106
DENTON, MD 21629

Minutes
April 19, 2022

Present: President Larry C. Porter; Vice President Daniel J. Franklin, Commissioner Wilbur Levensgood, Jr.

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

Invocation by Rev. Buddy Dunn.

There was no public comment.

Dan Schneckenburger, Executive Director, Upper Shore Workforce Investment Board - Introduction to New Role: Mr. Dan McDermott, past Executive Director, introduced Mr. Schneckenburger in his new role with the Upper Shore Workforce Investment Board.

Heather Guerieri, Compass Regional Hospice Project Update: Ms. Guerieri presented the update to the County Commissioners and stated that she was grateful for the support of the Commissioners and the property in Denton that is being donated for the construction of the new hospice location. Ms. Guerieri stated that construction is set to begin in late 2023/2024. Commissioner Franklin asked if the capital campaign has been started? Ms. Guerieri stated that due to COVID, they were not able to start their capital campaign (\$4,000,000.00 to be fundraised) as this is done in-person. Commissioner Porter stated that he is disappointed that nothing has been started. Ms. Guerieri stated that she believes that the land must be donated to Compass to utilize the funding from the Governor's budget. Commissioner Porter stated that we need to confirm this information.

Kaleigh Leager, Executive Assistant to the County Commissioners - 2022 Legislative Session Conclusion Discussion:

- [HB556/SB342](#) – Sunday Hunting Bill: Passed with amendments from the House. This bill allows hunting in Caroline and Queen Annes Counties; private lands only (migratory birds excluded) on Sundays within the designated seasons, from 30 minutes prior to sunrise until 10:30am.
- [HB620/SB341](#) – Caroline County Sheriff and State's Attorney's Salaries: Passed and is headed to the Governors desk. This increases the State's Attorney's Salary to 85% of the District Court Judge's salary, and the Sheriff's to 85% of the States Attorney's salary.
- [HB633/SB933](#) – AIB Membership: This bill died and did not move out of Committee.
- [SB379](#) – BOE Member Removal: This bill died and did not pass the House.

- [HB1187/SB726](#) – Highway User Revenue: This bill passed as amended. Mr. Goldman stated that even though we are supposed to receive double in the next fiscal year, the amount of people using gasoline is less now than it was in 2009 and the legislature just waived the HUR gas tax for a month, which is going to lessen the amount of money in the “pot”. If this happens again, it will be even less money.
- [HB1285/SB604](#) – Electricians Act Revisions: Passed with amendments and is on the way to the Governor’s desk.

Mr. Goldman stated that on Thursday, May 5 there is a dinner being held at Chesapeake College that requires all 5 Counties (Caroline, Talbot, Queen Annes, Kent, and Dorchester) to vote to pass a budget for funding of the College. Commissioner Franklin and Porter are unable to attend. Ms. Leager stated that Commissioner Franklin made a motion to approve College ask for FY23 and allow Commissioner Levensgood to be the voting member by proxy. Commissioner Levensgood seconded. All three members voted to approve the motion to approve Chesapeake Colleges ask, and to allow Commissioner Levensgood to carry the boards vote by proxy.

Jeremy Goldman, County Administrator & Daniel Fox, Director of Finance - LOSAP

Discussion: Mr. Goldman and Mr. Fox presented the following options to the Commissioners. Commissioner Levensgood suggested setting the initial investment to \$2 million initial to shorten the timeframe until it is fully funded. Commissioner Franklin agreed and wanted to reduce the amount of time it takes to fully fund LOSAP. Commissioner Porter is reluctant to go beyond option #2. Mr. Fox and Mr. Goldman suggested that the Commissioners go with option #2 as a baseline.

LOSAP Investing Scenarios			
	Initial Investment	Yearly Contribution	Year 100% Funded
Option #1	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 170,000	2033
Option #2	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 60,000	2038
Option #3	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 240,000	2033
Option #4	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 110,000	2038

Consent Agenda: (The following items were unanimously approved by the Commissioners):

- Minutes – Open Sessions – January 18, 2022 & April 12, 2022
- PT Paramedic Contract – A. Clayville
- Board of Zoning Appeals Appointment – K. Parks, Sr.
- North County Water & Sewer Authority (NCWSA) Reappointment – W. Levensgood, Jr.
- [Thomas Carney Marker Unveiling Event – Joint Use Agreement \(JUA\)](#)
- [North County Park Civil Engineering Services – Contract](#)

County Administrators Report – Jeremy Goldman: Mr. Goldman stated that he was approached by company on request of Del. Ghrist regarding how to incorporate some local green energy into County’s energy use, as the state will be soon mandating this. Mr. Goldman is suggesting that the company do a feasibility study on their own “time and dime” on placing solar

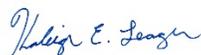
panels on the top of the closed landfill. Mr. Goldman believes transmission lines will be the issues. Mr. Goldman stated that he will be in the Leadership Maryland retreat the rest of the week and is hard to contact.

County Commissioners Open Discussion: Commissioner Levensgood attended the Denton Cannabis Festival. He said it was nice and professional. There were the bikers against child abuse in attendance. In addition, Commissioner Levensgood mentioned he is trying to get things done at home. There were about 200 people at the firehouse breakfast; cracked 65 dozen eggs. Commissioner Franklin did a lot of easter egg hunting. A few places to name are the Ridgley pharmacy and the Preston Lions Club. He also mentioned he took his Godson turkey hunting but didn't kill anything. Commissioner Franklin also went to the Goldsboro breakfast. Commissioner Porter had his grandkids come up from North Carolina. His grandchildren and son also attended the Cannabis Festival and said it was well done. Commissioner Porter also mentioned he received an email from a gentleman that Jeremy took care of. Commissioner Porter stated the gentleman was being told it will be 10 years before he gets internet. Choptank needs to do a better job of communicating with the people of this County. Commissioner Porter also received another email regarding drapers mill road and the continued speeding problem there. Our best bet would be to place a flashing sign there. Commissioner Porter mentioned the parking meter posts in front of Courthouse. Commissioner Franklin stated that he has a conversation with Mayor McNinch of Denton. She stated that she has gotten feedback from their Department Heads that think that posts are needed to block off spaces. Commissioner Franklin said cones, caution tape and signs are a more effective option to block off parking spaces. Commissioner Porter stated that there was an understanding that the meters and posts would be removed when kiosk was installed. After speaking with a councilmember, that member was told that the County denied that request, which is untrue. Commissioner Porter wants to be clear that the County would be willing to work with the Town of Denton to remove the parking meter posts. Commissioner Porter has since talked to that councilperson and confirmed that the County did not deny the Town from removed the posts. Commissioner Franklin stated Mayor McNinch mentioned the Arts Council was possibly going to paint and decorate the posts in front of the Courthouse.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Franklin made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Levensgood seconded the motion. All three Commissioners voted to adjourn the meeting.

With no more discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.



Kaleigh Leager
Executive Assistant to the County Commissioners