

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY
109 Market Street, Room 106, Denton, Maryland

Minutes
May 26, 2020

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

The meeting began at 8:30 AM via conference call.

Situation Report and EOC Response Update Regarding COVID-19:

Caroline County Health Department Update: Scott LeRoy, Health Officer, briefed the Commissioners on updates regarding COVID-19. He stated that the Regional Testing Site has tested a total of 1,058 people, with 148 of those being from Caroline County. There are approximately 241 positive test results in Caroline County, 149 of those have recovered and four are currently hospitalized. The Health Department is continuing to reach out to the business community to answer questions and ensure compliance with the State orders. The Health Department is working on gathering information regarding testing and which local healthcare providers are offering testing for non-symptomatic patients. They have also been contacting the State and Federal government to make more tests available to our area.

Caroline County Public Schools Update: Dr. Patty Saelens, Superintendent of Schools, advised that they are closing out the classrooms and buildings for the school year. They have concluded graduation ceremonies and the videos are being put together and will be live streamed. They are continuing to work on a recovery plan for the fall school year.

Sara Visintainer, Chief of Staff: On behalf of the Public Information Team; they are continuing to push out positive messaging. The PIO team is working with Economic Development on outreach to local businesses. They have also been working on a plan for outreach to specific targeted communities.

Debbie Bowden, Director, Economic Development: Ms. Bowden provided an update to the Commissioners on the status of the small business recovery program for assistance due to hardships created by COVID-19.

Consent Agenda: The following items were approved by unanimous consent:

- Open Session minutes of the May 19, 2020 County Commissioners Meeting.
- CARES Act Federal Funding Certification and Agreement.
- CDBG application for Circuit Rider Town Planner.
- Temporary Lease for Office Space, Economic Development.
- Resolution #2020-011, Continuing Declaration of State of Emergency.
- Motor Vehicle Administration Data User Agreement and Criminal History Records Information User Agreement.

FY2021 Budget Adoption: Sara Visintainer, Chief of Staff, presented each resolution that constitutes the budget for approval by the Board.

- **Resolution # 2020-008, Establishment of the Fiscal Year 2021 Tax Rates**, on a motion by Commission Franklin, seconded by Commission Levengood, the Commissioners unanimously approved Resolution # 2020-008.
- **Resolution # 2020-009, Establishment of the Fiscal Year 2021 County Government Fee Schedule**, on a motion by Commission Levengood, seconded by Commission Franklin, the Commissioners unanimously approved Resolution # 2020-009.
- **Resolution # 2020-010, Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating and Capital Budgets**, on a motion by Commission Franklin, seconded by Commission Levengood, the Commissioners unanimously approved Resolution # 2020-010.

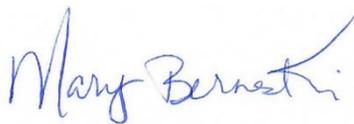
The Commissioners thanked all staff for their hard work and dedication on finalizing the FY2021 budget and allowing all departments and outside agencies to work together during the process.

County Administrators Report: Mr. Goldman advised that Sheriff's Office project continues to run on time and on budget. There will be a presentation at the June 2, 2020 meeting from the architect and the builder to show the progress of the project. There was a minor event at the Detention Center over the weekend. Mr. Goldman advised that he will provide the Commissioners with a full report once he receives it. Commissioner Porter stated that he has received some questions about the River Road Bridge. Mr. Goldman stated that replacement of the bridge is not fiscally feasible at this time. Commissioner Porter agreed.

Open Discussion Period:

Commissioner Porter expressed his disappointment in the Commissioners not being included in the Chesapeake College graduation video.

Meeting Adjourned 9:24 AM.



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