

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

Minutes
May 28, 2019

Present: President, Larry C. Porter; Vice President, Daniel J. Franklin, Commissioner, Wilbur Levensgood, Jr.; Jeremy Goldman, County Administrator; Heather Price, County Attorney; Sara Visintainer, Chief of Staff; and Jennifer Farina, Administrative Coordinator

President Porter called for **Public Comment** and there was none.

FY2020 Budget Adoption: Sara Visintainer, Chief of Staff, presented each resolution that constitutes the budget for approval by the Board.

- **Resolution #2019-009, Establishment of the Fiscal Year 2020 Tax Rates**, on motion by Commissioner Franklin, seconded by Commissioner Levensgood, the Commissioners unanimously approved Resolution #2019-009.
- **Resolution #2019-010, Establishment of the Fiscal Year 2020 Caroline County Government Fee Schedule**, on motion by Commissioner Levensgood, seconded by Commissioner Franklin, the Commissioners unanimously approved Resolution #2019-010.
- **Resolution #2019-011, Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2020 Operating and Capital Budgets**, on motion by Commissioner Franklin, seconded by Commissioners Levensgood, the Commissioners unanimously approved Resolution #2019-011.

The Commissioners thanked all staff for their hard work and dedication on finalizing the FY2020 budget and allowing all departments and outside agencies to work together during the process.

Proclamation of Older American's Month: Gary Gunther, Executive Director, Upper Shore Aging, presented the Commissioners with a proclamation stating May 2019 as Older Americans Month in Caroline County. Mr. Gunther stated that Caroline County does an excellent job working with their elderly population and providing them with support and proper medical care. Mr. Gunther also stressed the need to reach out to parents, grandparents, or elderly friends that may feel isolated or secluded in this digital age.

Proclamation of June 15th, 2019 as Elderly Abuse Awareness Day in Caroline County: Sandra Owen, Adult Services Caseworker, Department of Social Services, presented the Commissioners with the proclamation and invited them to a special event hosted on Monday June 17th from 10:00 am- 2:00 pm at St. Luke's Church in Denton. Ms. Owen explained that elder abuse is unfortunate and very common among the older generations. She stated that abuse is not always physical, and that many times the elderly are taken advantage of financially and emotionally. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Owens and her team for the work they do to prevent and address elder abuse.

Presentation of the 15th CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) Award: Commissioner Porter stated that for the 15th consecutive year, Caroline County, specifically the Office of Finance and Tax Office, have been awarded the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Award. He stated that this award is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The Commissioners stated that they don't know what they would do without the amazing staff in the Tax and

Finance Office, Cathie Moore, Margaret Roe, and Danny Fox are dedicated to transparency to ensure tax payers where their funds go in Caroline County.

Mid Shore Behavioral Health Yearly Update on Services: Kathryn Dilley, Executive Director and Sherone Thompson, Behavioral Health Coordinator, presented the Commissioners with yearly statistics and data for services provided in Caroline County. Mid Shore Behavioral Health's mission is to continually improve the provision of behavioral health services for residents of Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties through effective coordination of care in collaboration with consumers, their natural support systems, providers and the community at large. Ms. Dilley stated that FY19 they were able to expend funding to allow for the Eastern Shore Crisis Response Mobile Crisis Teams to move to a 24/7 model for the eight counties of the Eastern Shore. This also included Peer Support Specialists that operate locally 24/7. They were also able to increase the number of crisis beds available for the mid shore.

Ms. Dilley explained that Mid Shore continues to work together with county agencies to bring events for the community to learn about behavioral health topics, as well work on community workforce development. She stated that this year they provided \$10,000 in funding for scholarships for Peer Support Specialist training to Chesapeake Voyagers Inc, in a partnership with The University of Maryland School of Psychiatry.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Dilley and Ms. Thompson for their support and hard work to help provide a number of services to the citizen of Caroline County.

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

- Resolution #2019-012, Amendment to Caroline County Personnel Rules and Regulations, Family and Medical Leave –Americans with Disabilities Act Analysis
- Resolution #2019-013, Amendment to Caroline County Personnel Rules and Regulations, Position Vacancy Announcement
- 2019 Engagement Letter from TGM Group LLC for Annual County Audit
- P.O. #2019-531, Connections, Inc. for Detention Center Medical Services, \$609,243.00
- P.O. #2019-540, Heyward Incorporated of Virginia, Inc., Chopper Pump for Jail Sewer Project, \$49,500.00
- P.O. #2019-542 and Accompanying Contract, Mid Atlantic Asphalt, Inc. for Goldsboro Park Renovations, \$105,544.75
- P.O. #2019-535, Schummer, Inc., for Jail Sewer Construction Contract, \$507,602.00
- Contract with Karpel Solutions for State's Attorney's Office Computer System
- P.O. #2019-0549, SHI International Corp. for Annual Office 356, \$42,242.49
- 2016 State Homeland Security Program Grant Agreement
- Sex Offender Compliance & Enforcement in Maryland (SOCM) Grant Acceptance Form
- FY2020 Core Service Letter of Agreement, Mid Shore Behavioral Health
- Employment Contract, Department of Emergency Services—EMT-B (Eckrich, Greenhawk, Jarmon, Lobley, Neese, Whetsell)
- Designation of Commissioner Representative on North County Water and Sewer Authority (Levengood)

County Administrators Report:

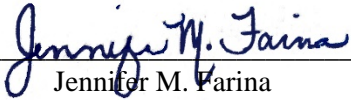
- Mr. Goldman stated that the County was able to fix a pipe issue on River Road which will allow for water to flow better when it rains in the area.
- He stated that the Sheriff's Office site has passed its dirt test and construction will commence.

County Commissioners Open Discussion Period:

Commissioner Levensgood stated he had a busy week attending several meetings and events around the County. He stated that he attended the nurse pinning ceremony for Chesapeake College as well as the First Years Teachers' reception.

Commissioner Franklin stated that he would like to congratulate the Colonel Richardson High School Baseball Team for winning the division championship. The Commissioners stated that they would like to reach out to the team to congratulate them for such a great achievement.

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Jennifer M. Farina
Administrative Coordinator