

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

WORK SESSION
June 4, 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

Meeting began at 9:00 AM

Topic 1: Interim Land Use Management Options for the Park Property during Development Phase: Sue Simmons referenced a map for the North County Regional Park during her presentation. She stated that the 129-acre parcel would need to be released to a third-party partner for hay production for a 3 to 5-year period to provide an “in kind” service benefit to the County. She also explained that this agreement would follow the nutrient management plan, and the third-party does not render payment for the land use. This arrangement would meet the County’s obligation to manage the land, while not incurring costs.

She then gave them an update of the property as it sits now. Parcels WF1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 (north of trail access road) were planted in winter wheat and could be harvested in July. This is reserve land for future active park development (10-15 years). The Department has proposed this for grant support and management as a native grassland for a 10-year period.

Parcels 1, 2 and WF 2 (south of the trail access road) were recently planted in a pasture mix as ground cover and potential harvest by a third party. She explained that this area is the proposed development site for outdoor recreation assets in the shorter term, but will require time to secure funding.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Simmons for the update. The Board asked her to research the acquisition history of the 4-H Park so they could better understand any use and development restrictions on the property.

Topic Two: State Firearm Laws:

Ms. Price stated that the Board has expressed concern with the proliferation of the gun control bills proposed by the General Assembly. The Commissioners expressed that they felt the existing laws, if properly enforced, were sufficient and that additional laws were not needed. The Commissioners recognized the need for certain restrictions on gun ownership due to mental health issues, but do not agree with many of the new proposals that would have imposed a variety of stricter limitations. Ms. Price was directed to draft a resolution for consideration by the Commissioners outlining their general position on the topic for review and discussion at a future meeting.

Topic Three: Commissioners Open discussion

The Commissioners stated that they attended several events around the County. The Board also expressed concern regarding odor complaints received due to a farmer spreading clam bellies on a field in the Greensboro area. They asked for Planning and Codes to ensure the farmer was complying with the County’s Code.

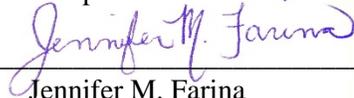
Commissioner Porter stated that he would be meeting with the Town of Federalsburg to discuss potential options to secure an urgent care center to serve the town.

Closed Session:

- Legal Advice Regarding a Developers Right and Responsibilities Agreement

- Authority: Maryland Code, General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(7)
- Convened in closed session at 11:53 a.m., motion by Commissioner Franklin, seconded by Commissioner Levensgood, unanimous.
- Adjourned closed session at 12:26 p.m.; motion by Commissioner Franklin, seconded by Commissioner Levensgood; unanimous.
- President's Report: The Commissioners received legal advice from the County attorney on a Developers Rights and Responsibilities agreement with Oldtown Materials and provided feedback.

There being no further discussion the work session ended at 12:30 p.m.



Jennifer M. Farina
Administrative Coordinator