

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

Minutes
June 11, 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 Kevin Osterman, Sennett Road, came to the podium. Mr. Osterman stated that he and a number of neighbors are having issues with the aroma produced by chicken houses that are next to their properties. He stated that the operation has resulted in a proliferation of flies and they cannot open the windows due to the strong smell. Mr. Osterman stated that he understood this would be an issue however he hopes the County could work with him and the locals who live near the chicken houses. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Osterman for voicing his concerns and they stated that they would be following up with him regarding his complaint.

Presentation of 2019 Caroline County Hazard Mitigation Plan: Jeff Ludwig, Emergency Planner, stated that the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) was last updated in 2011. This plan enables actions to reduce the loss of life, property, and lessens the impact of future disasters for the community of Caroline. The HMP provides the County with a method to identify risks and vulnerabilities associated with natural disasters. In the plan the Department of Emergency Services identifies issues and short-term and long-term hazards with either a high or low risk. Mr. Ludwig presented the full HMP to the Commissioners with a short PowerPoint summary highlighting the main details. The Plan was developed with input from County departments, municipal governments, and a variety of partner agencies and nonprofits. Mr. Ludwig explained that once the Board approved the plan it would be sent to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to officially “approve” the plan.

On motion by Commissioner Franklin, seconded by Commissioner Levensgood, the Commissioners unanimously approved the 2019 Caroline County Hazard Mitigation Plan. They thanked Mr. Ludwig and his colleagues for their work to update the Plan.

Consent Agenda: the following items were approved by unanimous consent

- Minutes: Open Sessions of April 2, 2019; April 9, 2019; May 14, 2019; May 21, 2019; and May 28, 2019
- Contract with Delta Dental for Caroline County Employee Benefits FY 2019-2021
- Resolution #2019-015, Disposal of Surplus Property—Steamboat Wharf and West Denton Properties
- Memorandum of Understanding Between Maryland Association of Counties and County Commissioners for Annual Salary Survey
- Memorandum of Understanding Between Caroline County Health Department and the Caroline County Department of Corrections for Drug and Alcohol Counselor Services
- Employment Agreement, Department of Emergency Services –Paramedic (Lucas)
- Caroline County Department of Emergency Services Cooperative Purchase Contract with Carousel Industries for 9-1-1 Center Phone System Refresh
- Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration Confirmation and Estimated Disbursement for Jail Sewer Project Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Form

Action Agenda: On motion by Commissioner Franklin, seconded by Commissioner Levensgood, the Commissioners unanimously approved Resolution #2019-016, Amendment to Caroline County Personnel Rules and Regulations—Class Specifications for Departments of Emergency Services and Corrections, with the amendment to the Class Specification for Emergency Services changing the title to EMS Division Chief.

County Administrator's Report

- Mr. Goldman stated that the construction at the new Sheriff's Office site was making more progress, after having experienced an early delay due to some site issues.
- He stated that the Tuckahoe Road project had been finalized with the project finishing under budget.

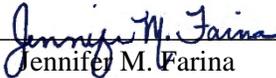
Commissioners Open Discussion Period:

- Commissioner Levensgood stated that he followed up with the clam belly issues in Goldsboro and that staff reached out as well.
- Commissioner Franklin stated that he attended graduation ceremonies at Colonel Richardson High School, North Caroline High School, and the Benedictine School. He stated they were all wonderful events that he was glad to be a part of.

President Porter called for **public comment** and Blair Carmean, Denton Resident came to the podium. Mr. Carmen stated that he would like to ask for some assistance from the County on solving drainage issues with the Chicken Bridge Tax Ditch near Ridgely. He stated that he is one of the Public Drainage Association managers and that the taxes are not enough to fund the project, and he would like to see if there is the possibility to collaborate with the County. The Commissioners stated that they would ask staff to discuss the issue with Mr. Carmen and help find him a solution.

Exquisite Basketball, a local non-profit that provides youth with gaming skills and team building, thanked the County Commissioners for their donation to provide uniforms for the kids who are able to compete in championships. They stated that they still struggle each year with finding a local gymnasium that will host practices for them. The Commissioners stated that they would follow up with the team and work on finding them a well-suited location.

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 6:49pm.



Jennifer M. Farina
Administrative Coordinator