

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

Minutes
June 25, 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.

Special Recognition 2019 North Carolina High School Track Team: The Commissioners welcomed the 2019 Track Champions for North Carolina High School. The Commissioners presented the athletes with signed certificates congratulating them on their wonderful achievement.

Proclamation of July as Parks and Recreation Month in Caroline County: Sue Simmons, Director, Recreation and Parks, read the proclamation declaring July as Recreation and Parks Month in Caroline County. Ms. Simmons stated that her Department is responsible for generating funds for youth summer camps in the county that allow for hundreds of children to participate in fun, educational, and healthy summer activities. She also stated that over 16,516 meals are served to children in Caroline County over the summer. Recreation and Parks continues to be a key factor for a happy and health environment to grow up in. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Simmons and her staff for their continued dedication to improving the services available to children and their families.

Presentation of the of the FY2019 and FY2020 Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) Easement Applications: Beth Beales, Long Range & Agricultural Planner for the Department of Planning and Codes, stated that the FY2020 MALPF Easement Applications have been reviewed by the Agricultural Preservation Board. With over 30 applicants, the Department is asking to submit 12 applications to the State with 2,721 acres being preserved. On motion by Commissioner Franklin, seconded by Commissioner Levensgood, the Commissioner unanimously approved the FY2020 MALPF Easement Applications for Caroline County.

Discussion of Water & Sewer Plan Amendment for Preston's Proposed Inflow & Infiltration Study: Katheleen Freeman, Director, Planning and Codes, presented a proposed amendment of the Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan (CWSP) to update the Sewer Chapter and table of Sewer System Priorities to include the Town of Preston's planned study of inflow and infiltration (I&I) in the Town's sewer system. Ms. Freeman explained that the Planning Commission recommends the CWSP to be updated. The Town of Preston's current system is undergoing an upgrade to Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) technology, which will be complete in early 2020. The proposed project supports the goals of the 1992 Caroline County Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan to "protect the general health, safety and welfare of the people of Caroline County through the provision of adequate water and sewerage facilities and to ensure that all municipal, industrial and individual water supply and wastewater systems are designed and constructed to acceptable standards."

Ms. Freeman ended by stating that this project is the first step to resolving the problem of the stormwater infiltration the Town's sewer collection/conveyance system. The Town will also be applying for all funds through the Maryland Department of the Environment. The next step in this process would be holding a public hearing on the proposed amendment, which the Commissioners directed staff to schedule for July 23, 2019.

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

- Priority Dispatch End User License Agreement and Extended Service Plan for Department of Emergency Services
- Memorandum of Agreement between Recreation and Parks and Caroline County Public Schools to Serve as Fiscal Agent for 21st Century Summer Learning Centers Grant Award for 2019
- Memorandum of Understanding Between Caroline County and the Town of Goldsboro for the Sports Court Renovations and Installation Project
- P.O. #2019-0567 and Accompanying Contract to Ron Ruff Roofing, Inc. for Roof Construction at the Health Department Building, \$166,910.00
- P.O. #2019-0578, Fred Frederick for a 2019 Dodge Ram 4x4 Chassis, Amount \$48,930.00
- P.O #2019-0579, Fred Frederick for Dodge Ram Crew Cab, Amount \$58,867.00
- P.O #2019-0580, Fred Fredrick for Dodge Ram Crew Cab, Amount \$31,630.00
- P.O #2020-0009 to Hertrich Fleet Services Inc. for 4 2020 Ford Police Vehicles (SRO's), Amount \$137,720.00
- Short Term Contract Amendment to Mid Atlantic Asphalt for Goldsboro Basketball Court Renovations
- Semi Annual Reports
- Contingency Expense for Humane Society Crematory Maintenance, \$1,598.50
- FY2020 Critical Area Grant Agreement
- Resolution #2019-017, Amendment to the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP)
- Letter of Support for Zion United Methodist Restoration Project through the African American Heritage Preservation Program Grant (AAHPP)
- Employment Contracts, Emergency Services, Paramedic (Andrews, Cawley, Moore)
- Employment Agreement, Recreation and Parks, Program Specialist II—Afterschool Programs (Davis)
- Employment Agreement, Panning and Codes, Planner I (Shull)
- Updated Sublease between the Chamber of Commerce, Soil Conservation, and Caroline County Economic Development for Office Space Located on Legion Road
- Reappointment to the Caroline County Library Board of Trustees (Johnson)

Action Agenda:

- Maryland Community Criminal Justice Treatment Program for Caroline County, Fixed Price Contract with Mid-Shore Behavioral Health, was unanimously approved on motion by Commissioner Franklin, seconded by Commissioner Levensgood.

County Administrator's Report:

- Mr. Goldman stated that the State Highway Administration is working on a water issue located by Dover Bridge. They will also be adding rumble stripes to Route 404 at Deep Shore Road at the end of the month due to accidents that have happened at the intersection.
- He explained that staff have met with the County's bond advisors and have decided that the best time to issue bonds is now. He went on to stated that market is in excellent condition and it will save the County money overall.
- Mr. Goldman told the Board the new Sheriffs Office building is on schedule and moving along well in the construction phase.
- He informed the Commissioners that the Governor of Maryland declared Friday July 5th a State Holiday. He stated that he recommends the County move forward and close all County office that day as well. The Commissioners agreed.

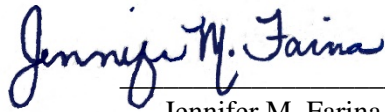
County Commissioners Open Discussion:

Commissioner Levensgood stated that he attended the Maryland Association of Counties Board of Directors retreat in Hartford County over the week. He stated that they discussed many issues and concerns for the State of Maryland and the local counties.

Commissioner Porter stated that he would like to have a deeper discussion regarding the issues the County is currently undergoing with workman's compensation. He stated that there needs to be alternative options and the State should not allow for Chesapeake Worker's Insurance to essentially have a monopoly on coverage for local governments.

Commissioner Franklin stated that he has been busy working and attending events such as the Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast held in Federalsburg. He also stated that he attended the monthly Planning Commission meeting.

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.



Jennifer M. Farina
Administrative Coordinator