

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

Minutes
July 23, 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

At 6:00 PM following the invocation President Porter called for Public Comment and there was none.

Presentation of the FY2020 Board of Education Budget: Milton Nagel, Assistant Superintendent, Caroline County Public Schools, presented the Commissioners with the Fiscal Year 2020 Board of Education Budget. Mr. Nagel stated although the budget has been set by the Board of Education, the County Commissioners must approve it annually as well. He stated that in the budget summary it shows the major changes over the year as well as the gracious support by the Commissioners for the expansion of the School Resource Officer program for the safety of the students. Thanks to the County's support safety has been the top priority and over the summer the system is finishing up construction to accommodate offices for the School Resource Officers. Mr. Nagel stated that a number of positions have been added to the Board of Education with an additional information technology staff member, as well as teaching positions. Mr. Nagel invited the Commissioners to join the school system for upcoming events, including the new teachers breakfast and the first day of school. On motion by Commissioner Franklin, seconded by Commissioner Levensgood, the Commissioners unanimously approved the FY2020 Board of Education Budget.

Presentation of the FY2020 Senior Care Plan: Gary Gunther, Executive Director, Upper Shore Aging, presented the Board with the updated Senior Care plan for senior citizens in Caroline and the midshore counties. Mr. Gunther stated that most of the budget that goes towards the care of senior citizens in Caroline County is obtained from grant funds and the local government. He stated that moving the FY2020 plan forward will allow for Upper Shore Aging to apply for additional funds. Upper Shore Aging continues to provide transportation to medical facilities, hot meals, educational seminars on fall prevention, chronic disease and depression screening. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Gunther for presenting the Annual Senior Care Plan and stated that the health and well-being of Caroline County's aging population will continue to be a priority for them as elected officials. On motion by Commissioner Levensgood, seconded by Commissioner Franklin, the Commissioners unanimously approve the FY2020 Senior Care Plan.

Public Hearing: Proposed Amendment of the Caroline County Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan & Tables, Preston Inflow and Infiltration Study: Ms. Visintainer stated that this is the public hearing for the Proposed Amendment of the Caroline County Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan & Tables, Preston Inflow and Infiltration Study. She stated that the Caroline County Planning Commission recommends that the Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan (CWSP) Sewer Chapter and Sewer Priorities table to be amended to include the Town of Preston's wastewater treatment plant stormwater and inflow and infiltration (I&I) project. Including the project in the plan will enable the Town to be eligible for grant funding to help address the issues to their system being created by the inflow and infiltration.

Commissioner Porter stated that no one signed up to testify and called for any comments, but there were none. The Commissioners directed staff to prepare the necessary resolution to approve the amendment for consideration at an upcoming meeting.

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

- Minutes: June 4, 2019 Work Session; June 11, 2019 Meeting, June 25, 2019 Meeting; and the Work Session of July 2, 2019
- Spiering Estates Subdivision Completion Agreement
- P.O #2020-00012 and Accompanying Contract, Correct Rx Pharmacy Services, Prescription Drug Services to the Caroline County Detention Center, \$80,000.00
- P.O #2020-0010 to Maryland Environmental Services for Home Owner Drop off Site, \$63,039.00
- P.O #2020-00047 and Accompanying Contract, Atlantic Emergency Solutions Inc., 2019 Ram 5500 Chassis with Road Rescue Ultra-Medic Ambulance Body, \$212,104.00
- Maryland Department of Health and Caroline County Core Public Health Services Funding Agreement FY2020
- Resolution #2019-018, MWQFA Loan for Detention Center Pump Station Improvements
- Memorandum of Understanding Between the Caroline County Detention Center and the Maryland State Department of Health for FY2020 Drug and Alcohol Counselor Services
- 4th Quarter Contingency Expenses in the Total Amount of \$18,902.79
- Professional Services Contract with Davenport & Company LLC for Financial Advising Services
- First Amended Agricultural Land Lease Agreement for Caroline County Property Located at Double Hills Road

County Administrator's Report

- Mr. Goldman stated that the employees thanked the Commissioners for allowing them to have the extra holiday off on July 5th.
- He stated that the Judge has discussed needing extra space in the Courthouse to allow for the security updates needed. This space would eliminate the Commissioners Hearing room, if the Board decided to begin such a project. Commissioner Porter stated that he was not interested in moving all County offices out of the Courthouse, however they could look into freeing up space and eliminating the use of the hearing room. Staff was asked to explore options for relocating the Commissioners' meetings to the Health and Public Services building, including what renovations would be necessary to the current meeting room to accommodate hearings.
- Mr. Goldman stated that he is still aggressively working on the workman's compensation issue, however he has not been able to find a final cost-effective solution to the problem.
- He informed the Board that the Sheriff's Office project is moving forward on time, with outside walls going up this week.
- Mr. Goldman met with the County's architect to discuss options for updating the Department of Corrections if the Board decided to add the project to the bond bill. He stated that building would have a full central booking and new sally port.
- Mr. Goldman reminded the Commissioners that the State Highway Administration would be coming to their upcoming work session to discuss upcoming projects as well as on going issues with roads and intersections located in the Town and County.

County Commissioners Open Discussion

- Commissioner Franklin congratulated local student Saleta Nichols for her Soap Box Derby national championship and asked staff to work on scheduling a time the Commissioners could formally recognize her achievement.
- Commissioner Levensgood stated that he attended the Maryland Association of Counties Executive Board retreat early in the month and had productive discussions with members regarding upcoming legislative issues for the Shore.

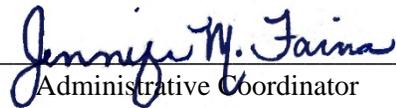
- Commissioner Porter stated that he would like the County Attorney Ms. Price look into the new Opens Meeting Act standard that was recently established by an advisory opinion to make sure the Board is in compliance when discussing items with one another.

At 7:23 p.m. on motion by Commissioner Franklin, seconded by Commissioner Levensgood, the Commissioners unanimously adjourned into Closed Session for the Discussion of the Performance of a Specific At-Will Employee.

At 8:00 p.m. on motion by Commissioner Levensgood, Seconded by Commissioner Franklin, the Commissioners adjourned closed session and reconvened in open session.

President's Report: Commissioner Porter stated that the Commissioners met with the County Administrator to provide routine supervision and feedback on performance and provide direction on projects and priorities.

There being no further discussion the Commissioners adjourned their meeting at 8:05 p.m.



Jennifer M. Faina
Administrative Coordinator