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The regular meeting of the County Commissioners of Allegany County was held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Room 100, 701 Kelly Road, Cumberland, at 5:00 p.m. on the above date. The following were present: Commissioner Jacob C. Shade; Commissioner Creade V. Brodie, Jr.; Commissioner William R. Valentine; County Attorney William M. Rudd; and County Administrator David A. Eberly. The following business was transacted:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dan Williams.

MOTION

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

MOTION

Upon Motion by Commissioner Brodie, seconded by Commissioner Valentine, and Motion carried, the Commissioners approved the minutes of the February 25, 2016, public business meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS

Item 1 – National Social Work Month – Jennifer Glotfelty, LBSW, CIRS-A, Allegany-Garrett Social Work Caucus, Social Work Month Planning Committee Chair, speaking on behalf of AHEC West, formerly Western Maryland AHEC, and for the Allegany and Garrett Social Work Caucus, thanked the Commissioners for recognizing and honoring all professional social workers, specifically in Allegany and Garrett Counties. Ms. Glotfelty explained that March is always National Social Work Month, during which professional social workers in all walks of life are recognized. She remarked that social workers can be found nearly everywhere, such as hospitals, schools, psychiatric facilities, community businesses, agencies, and mental health and addictions facilities.

Ms. Glotfelty introduced Joy Taylor, of AHEC West, Allegany and Garrett Social Work Caucus Liaison, and Carolyn Clauson-Andrews, the Director of Social Work at the Thomas B. Finan Center and also NSAW National Association of Social Workers Representative for Allegany and Garrett Counties. All three of them came forward, and Commissioner Shade read and presented the Proclamation of March 2016 as Social Work Month in Allegany County.

Item 2 – Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month – Paula M. McKenzie, RN, Director of Cancer Programs, Allegany County Health Department. Commissioner Shade read the Proclamation of March 2016 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in Allegany County, and presented it to Paula M. McKenzie, RN, Director of Cancer Programs for the Allegany County Health Department. Ms. McKenzie thanked the Commissioners for giving the Allegany County Health Department the opportunity to take a couple of minutes of their meeting time. She explained that the Health Department's goal during Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month is to reach people in the community and let them know how important it is to be screened for colorectal cancer. Ms. McKenzie pointed out that this cancer can be prevented with regular screenings. She provided information about the

Allegany County Health Department's program to assist with the cost of screenings. Ms. McKenzie left some information for anyone who would like it, and thanked the Commissioners for their time.

The Commissioners in turn thanked Ms. McKenzie for her presentation and the information.

PUBLIC HEARING

Item 3 – Cumberland Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Long Range Transportation Plan 2016 – Siera N. Wigfield, Planner, reported that the Cumberland Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (also known as "CAMPO") has updated their long-range transportation plan. She explained that CAMPO is required, as an MPO, to do a long-range transportation plan in order to receive federal transportation spending. This in turn requires the County to do some coordination on future transportation planning. Mrs. Wigfield pointed out that the plan is actually called "Plan 2040" and is a long-range transportation plan that looks out 25 years. She presented a map of the Cumberland area and provided some background information about the Planning Area and the Plan. A copy of the Plan is available on the CAMPO website at gov.allconet.org/mpo/ and is made a part of these minutes by reference.

Mrs. Wigfield announced that today was the public hearing on the Cumberland Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Long-Range Transportation Plan. She invited any questions, and added that any questions or public comments could also be e-mailed to her.

Commissioner Shade confirmed that this was the Public Hearing on the Plan and asked if anyone had any public input at this time. There was none, and the Hearing was closed.

ACTION AGENDA

Item 4 – Allegany County 2016 Priority Letter to Maryland Department of Transportation – Board of County Commissioners to approve and sign the Allegany County 2016 Priority Letter to the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation – Siera N. Wigfield, Planner, presented the Allegany County Priority Letter for 2016 to be submitted to the Maryland Department of Transportation. She referred to this letter as one of the first steps in getting transportation projects actually funded. Mrs. Wigfield explained that the County works together with the seven municipalities to prepare the list of projects, and pointed out that this year there are 20 projects.

Mrs. Wigfield asked the Commissioners to approve and sign the letter, then be forwarded to MDOT to let them know what projects Allegany County wants them to focus on for state road improvement and repair.

Commissioner Shade asked about the Greene Street plan. He told Mrs. Wigfield that he had reviewed the plan and it showed a roundabout on Baltimore Street and Greene Street; will that make it to the final version of the plan? Mrs. Wigfield replied that was up to the City of Cumberland to approve it, and she believed it was still pending.

Upon Motion made by Commissioner Valentine, seconded by Commissioner Brodie and duly carried, the Commissioners unanimously approved and agreed to sign the [Allegany County 2016 Priority Letter to the Secretary of](#)

[the Maryland Department of Transportation.](#)

CONSENT AGENDA

As recommended by the County Administrator

Upon Motion by Commissioner Brodie, seconded by Commissioner Valentine, and Motion carried, the Consent Agenda as recommended by the County Administrator is adopted.

Item 5 – Planning and Zoning Commission Board Appointments – Board of County Commissioners approved the appointments of Brian K. Miller, Cumberland, Maryland, and Jon N. Loff, LaVale, Maryland, as members of the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill the vacancies created by the term expirations of E. William DuVall, II and Donna E. Thomas. Their terms will expire on February 16, 2021.

Item 6 – Maryland State Retirement Agency for the Allegany County Sheriff's Office – Board of County Commissioners approved and authorized the President to sign the Participating Governmental Unit Entry Application to be submitted to the Maryland State Retirement Agency for the Allegany County Sheriff's Office. The date of entrance will be July 1, 2016.

Item 7 – Request to Advertise Public Hearing for 2016 Allegany County Water and Sewer Plan – Board of County Commissioners approved the advertisement of a public hearing for the 2016 Allegany County Water and Sewer Plan.

County Administrator Eberly pointed out to the Commissioners that the next scheduled Public Business Meeting is Thursday, March 24, 2016, the same day as the second round of Budget Hearings. Mr. Eberly explained that at the conclusion of the budget hearings that day, estimated to be around 2:15 to 2:30 p.m., a Public Work Session will also be held in Room 100, with a few items for public presentation on the agenda.

Commissioners' statements, comments, recognition –

Commissioner Valentine apologized for missing the last public business meeting. He explained that he was down in Annapolis that evening attending a Legislative meeting with the owners of Rocky Gap. The owners are petitioning the State for some changes out there, and now finally have the right to increase parking again. Commissioner Valentine added that two years ago, Rocky Gap asked for a 500-space parking lot, and the State allowed them only 235, so now they have to go through the process again.

Commissioner Valentine then talked about last week's Hooley Plunge, in which he participated. He reported that participants in the Plunge raised approximately \$150,000. Commissioner Valentine remarked that this is a very good cause, and added that his fellow Commissioners have promised that they will go in the Lake next year.

Commissioner Valentine concluded his comments by saying that most of his meetings in Annapolis are done for this year.

Commissioner Brodie shared some good news: the company that has been doing the manhole replacement project for LaVale Sanitary

Commission under a consent order has decided to permanently locate to LaVale. He explained that the company likes the area very much and are going to use their new location in LaVale as a central hub for the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Commissioner Shade remarked that the County's law enforcement officers do a thankless job often and go into harm's way for the County's citizens. He said that he had a lot of respect for them. Commissioner Shade explained that the retirement system these law enforcement officers are currently in is not the same as what Garrett County, Washington County, and the City of Cumberland have. He added that the Commissioners were able to make the switch and give the officers the retirement they deserve. He commented that the Commissioners are happy to help law enforcement personnel any time that they can.

Commissioner Shade then reported that things have come a long way concerning the new Allegany High School project. The hole in funding, at \$25,000,000 in September 2015, has decreased. Some cuts have been made to the building, and the County has worked with some athletic facilities and some of that work will be done in house. Commissioner Shade pointed out that now, instead of a \$60,000,000 school, the cost is down in the low fifties. He added that the County has increased its funding by \$4,000,000, and will be putting in an additional approximate \$960,000 for furniture, in addition to the athletic field costs. The Delegation is also working on getting more money for the project.

Constituents – In order of sign-up sheet – No one signed up to speak at this meeting.

Reminders/Upcoming Meetings –

Next Public Business Meeting – Thursday, March 24, 2016, 5:00 p.m.

Announcement – Allegany County Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Process (See News Release)

Announcement – Allegany County Government Schedule (See News Release)

Before the meeting was adjourned, Commissioner Valentine spoke up to acknowledge that “two of our finest just came into the room.” Commissioner Valentine told these officers that the Commissioners had just taken care of the LEOPS. The officers expressed their thanks.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come to the attention of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.