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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 #1

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

MOTION #2

Upon Motion by Commissioner Brodie, seconded by Commissioner Valentine, and Motion carried, the Commissioners approved the minutes of the March 10, 2016, public business meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Item 1 – Leo Mazzone Day – Opening Day of the 2016 Professional Baseball Season. Commissioner Shade welcomed Mr. Leo Mazzone and thanked him for coming to the meeting. He also welcomed all those attending the special recognition event for Mr. Mazzone this evening. Commissioner Shade spoke about Mr. Mazzone's strong ties to Allegany County and his exemplary career in professional baseball, pointing out as a highlight his pitching coach position with the Atlanta Braves from 1990 to 2005. He then introduced Mr. Leo Mazzone and called him forward to share some personal memories.

Mr. Leo Mazzone came forward. He thanked the Commissioners and told them it was an honor for him to be there. Mr. Mazzone remarked that he enjoyed growing up in Allegany County, and had a "wonderful life" growing up and playing ball. He commented on the "culture shock" he experienced when leaving home for the first time as a young baseball player to play ball in the minor leagues, in Northern San Francisco and Southern Oregon. Mr. Mazzone added that he spent 24 years in the minor leagues before moving up to the big leagues, and remarked that he loved every day of all of it. He also acknowledged the more than 40 years his father spent as a youth coach in the community.

Mr. Mazzone concluded his remarks by talking about some of the highlights of his career in professional baseball. He thanked the Commissioners again.

Commissioner Shade then read and presented Mr. Leo Mazzone with an official Citation in his honor. There was a round of applause.

The Commissioners also presented Mr. Mazzone with a photo and plaque in his honor, to be displayed in the Commissioners meeting room. At their request, Mr. Mazzone hung up the plaque in its designated spot.

Item 2 – Maryland Youth Leadership Council – Jonathan Dayton explained that he was present at this meeting to talk about the Maryland Youth Advisory Council, of which he is a member. He provided some background information about this Council, which was established in 2008 by the Maryland General Assembly. Mr. Dayton said that the Council addresses relevant issues by influencing legislation, spreading public awareness, and serving as a liaison between youth and policy makers in Annapolis.

Mr. Dayton reported that the previous day, he attended Advocacy Day in Annapolis, including an Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Governor's Office for Children. He then introduced a staff member of the Governor's Office for Children, Christina Drushel Williams, who is a policy analyst. Mr. Dayton further remarked on his activities as a member of the Maryland Youth Advisory Council. He asked the Commissioners to spread the word about the Council and its functions and thanked them for allowing him time to speak.

The Commissioners in turn thanked Mr. Dayton for his service as a member of the Maryland Youth Advisory Council.

Item 3 – 2016 Telephone Book Recycling Campaign – Siera N. Wigfield, Recycling Coordinator. (See News Release) Siera Wigfield, Recycling Coordinator for Allegany County, explained that she was present at this meeting to kick off this year's telephone book recycling campaign and to raise awareness for recycling in Allegany County. She reported that last year, 880 Allegany County students participated in the telephone book recycling campaign, and collected over 5,000 telephone books, diverting them from the landfill. Mrs. Wigfield pointed out that this campaign helps Allegany County reach its mandated twenty percent recycling rate. She announced that this year's collection will start on April 1st and run through April 29th, and that the schools that collect the most telephone books per student will win awards. Mrs. Wigfield also announced the three sponsors so far for this year's campaign: Queen City Business Systems, Advanced Disposal, and the Mountainview Landfill. These three sponsors have all contributed to the prizes.

Mrs. Wigfield then informed the Commissioners that she is available during the month of April to make recycling presentations, in consideration of Earth Day on April 22, 2016.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Item 4 – Constant Yield Hearing – Jason M. Bennett, CPA, Director of Finance, announced that this evening is the Constant Yield Hearing. He explained that each year, the State of Maryland gives the County the “constant yield tax rate”, which tax rate results in the County collecting the same dollar amount as the previous year. Mr. Bennett added that according to state law, if the County ever wants to exceed that rate, it has to run an ad in the newspaper, and that ad was run last Thursday (March 17, 2016).

Mr. Bennett then reported that as a whole, Allegany County will actually collect less in tax dollars than last year. He explained that because of the way state law is written, there are a couple of municipalities that are going to slightly exceed constant yield. That's why the ad had to be run, even though overall the County will be collecting \$24,281 less than last year. He then turned the hearing over to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Shade asked if there was any public comment regarding the Constant Yield. There were no comments made.

Item 5 – Public Hearing for 2016 Water and Sewer Plan – Siera N. Wigfield, Planner, announced that this evening was the public hearing for the County's 2016 Water and Sewer Plan. She pointed out that a copy of the Plan is available online or in print upon request. Mrs. Wigfield added that written comments on the Plan are due by April 15, 2016 and could be made via e-mail, by letter, or over the telephone. She asked the Commissioners if they had any comments.

Commissioner Brodie asked if anyone had any comment regarding the Water and Sewer Plan. No one commented.

ACTION AGENDA

Item 6 – Resolution 16-5 – Cumberland Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Long Range Transportation Plan 2016 – Board of County Commissioners, acting as the Cumberland Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, to authorize the adoption of the 2016 Long Range Transportation Plan – Siera N. Wigfield, Planner, told the Commissioners that she was asking them, acting as the Cumberland Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, to sign Resolution 16-5 to adopt the Long Range Transportation Plan. She reported that public hearing for the Plan was held at the last Commissioners meeting, and that the comments have been incorporated. She asked the Commissioners to adopt the Long Range Transportation Plan so it can then be sent to the Federal Department of Transportation for their concurrence.

Upon Motion by Commissioner Brodie, seconded by Commissioner Valentine, and Motion unanimously carried, the Commissioners passed Resolution 16-5 authorizing the adoption of the 2016 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Item 7 – Utz Quality Foods, Inc., Riverside Industrial Park – Board of County Commissioners to authorize the President to execute the Lease Agreement with Utz Quality Foods, Inc. - Matthew W. Diaz, CEcD, Director of Economic and Community Development, explained that Utz Quality Foods, Inc. has been located in Building 19 in Riverside Industrial Park for many years. He reported that the company has just re-upped for a 76-month lease, with their current lease due to expire at the end of July 2016. The new lease is to begin in April 2016, for a period of six years and four months. Mr. Diaz remarked that the County has been able to accommodate Utz with some needed tenant improvements as well as a little additional space, and that both the company and the County are happy. He asked the Commissioners for their approval of the Lease Agreement.

Upon Motion made by Commissioner Valentine, and seconded by Commissioner Brodie, the Commissioners unanimously authorized the President to execute the Lease Agreement with Utz Quality Foods, Inc.

Item 8 – Chesapeake & Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund – Board of County Commissioners to authorize the President to sign and submit a cover letter and other necessary documents within the proposal application for funding under the Chesapeake & Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund Cost-Effective Non-Point Source Pollution Reduction Grants Request for Proposals and authorize the Department of Public Works to submit the proposal application package – Daniel S. DeWitt, PE, reminded the Commissioners that he was at a public meeting about two months ago to discuss the Chesapeake & Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund and the grant opportunity it presented. At that time, he asked for permission to send a letter of intent to apply for funding. Mr. DeWitt explained that at this time, he was asking for the Commissioners' permission to actually apply for the funding, so the Department can finish developing the projects. He provided some details about the projects to be funded: Allegany College of Maryland – Evitts Stream Restoration, and Sand Springs Run Restoration. Mr. DeWitt reported that the total amount of funding County staff is seeking from the State of Maryland is \$775,000, to be combined with just over \$150,000 in leverage funding through local in-kind time and work to be done by the County's Utilities Division. The total projects' cost will be just over \$930,000. Mr. DeWitt asked for the Commissioners' permission for President Shade to sign the cover letter and for County staff to turn in the funding application next week to DNR.

Commissioner Valentine made a Motion that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the President to sign and submit a cover letter and other necessary documents within the proposal application for funding under the Chesapeake & Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund Cost-Effective Non-Point Source Pollution Reduction Grants Request for Proposals, and authorize the Department of Public Works to

submit the proposal application package. Commissioner Brodie seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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 9 – Allegany County Emergency Services Board Appointments – Board of County Commissioners approved and appointed the following as members of the Allegany County Emergency Services Board: Timothy Dayton as Chairman of the Fire Services Subcommittee, Michael McGowan as Fire Services Subcommittee Member at Large, Robert Pattison as Chairman of the EMS Subcommittee, and Allen Ruby as EMS Subcommittee Member at Large. Their terms expire on January 31, 2017. Also approve the appointments of Donald Dunn, Career Fire Services Representative, and Brian Miller, Citizen at Large. Their terms expire on January 31, 2018.

Item 10 – Appointment to the Potomac Highlands Airport Authority – Board of County Commissioners approved the appointment of David Caporale, City of Cumberland, to the Potomac Highlands Airport Authority. His term will expire on June 30, 2019.

Item 11 – Declaration of Surplus Property – Board of County Commissioners declared five vehicles as surplus and five vehicles as abandoned, to be sold at public auction: 2000 Subaru 4S VIN #4S3BE6456Y6213420, 2001Mercury 4S VIN #MEFM50U51A643663, 2002 Audi 4S VIN #WAULC68E52A122824, 2004 Toyota 2S VIN #4T1CA30P344007656, 2007 Ford 4S VIN #2FAFP71W57X104924, 1994Toyota Celica VIN #JT2AT00F6R0018363, 1997 Chevy Lumina VIN #2G1WL52M8V9188528, 1997 Chevy Blazer VIN #1GNDDT13WXV2196921, 1999 Plymouth Van VIN #1P4GP44G5XB823641, and a 2002 Chevy Van VIN #1GNDDM19X52B127014.

Item 12 – Declaration of Surplus Property – Board of County Commissioners declared a 1988 Chevrolet truck VIN #1GBGC34N9JE142434, as surplus to be sold at public action.

Item 13 – Declaration of Surplus Property – Board of County Commissioners declared a 2003 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN #2FAFP71W13X205453 and a 2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer, VIN #1GNDDT13S342370419, as surplus to be sold at public auction.

County Administrator Eberly announced that in three weeks, on April 14, 2016, at 3 p.m., at a location yet to be determined (either

Room 100 or Room 212 of the County Office Complex) Allegany County will hold its first public budget workshop. He reminded the Commissioners that, as he told them earlier in the day, the County received a total of \$87,930,000 worth of requests. Mr. Eberly reported that the County's projection for revenue next year is about \$86,318,000.

Commissioners' statements, comments, recognition

Commissioner Valentine said that he wanted to again thank the Sheriff, who has been going around the County, on his own time, accompanied by a few members of the Health Department, giving presentations on the heroin and opioid problem here in Allegany County. Commissioner Valentine pointed out that there are three such presentations left to be made, and he encouraged anyone not having yet taken advantage of the opportunity to attend one of these presentations to do so.

Next, Commissioner Valentine reported that the County's Tourism Office has brought in a nationally known car rally, which is actually a television series, and that they will be in the City of Cumberland and the City of Frostburg for probably three or four days. He further reported that Rocky Gap is going to be a major sponsor of the car rally. Commissioner Valentine remarked that this will bring national attention to Allegany County, and he acknowledged Barb Buehl for her efforts in arranging for the car rally to come to the County.

Commissioner Valentine also reported that on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, he spoke with a group called the "Young Patriots" at Keyser Middle School. He explained that these are middle-school-aged children who are unbelievably interested in what goes on with both local and national government. Commissioner Valentine remarked that the members of the Young Patriots knew everything about the elections, and he said that it was a real honor to speak to them. He commented that he wished the County had more young people that interested in something.

Commissioner Brodie thanked everyone for showing up for budget hearings earlier in the day, and also thanked those present at this evening's meeting. He remarked that it was good to have so many people show up, and that the Georges Creek region of the County was very well represented. He acknowledged Chief Rounds and volunteer fire service representatives also present among the meeting attendees.

Commissioner Shade remarked that the Commissioners had been in Room 100 since 1 p.m., with about a half-hour break. He recognized Dick DeVore and thanked him for all his work on the volunteer fire department funding.

Constituents – In order of sign-up sheet – No one signed up to speak

at this meeting.

Reminders/Upcoming Meetings

Next Public Business Meeting – Thursday, April 7, 2016, 5:00 p.m.,
Announcement – Allegany County Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Process
(See News Release)

Announcement – Allegany County Government Schedule (See News
Release)

Announcement – Compost Site Spring and Summer Hours (See
News Release)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come to the attention
of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.