

May 16, 2019

The regular meeting of the County Commissioners of Allegany County was held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Allegany 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 David J. Caporale; County Administrator Brandon S. Butler; and County Attorney William M. Rudd. The following business was transacted:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bretta Reinhard, Allegany County Public Information Officer.

MOTION

There were no additions or deletions to the Agenda.

MOTION

Upon Motion by Commissioner Brodie, seconded by Commissioner Caporale, and Motion carried, the Commissioners approved the Minutes of the May 9, 2019, public business meeting.

PRESENTATION

Item 1 – Recycling and Earth Day Update – Siera N. Wigfield, Recycling Coordinator, presented information and exhibits concerning recycling and Earth Day in Allegany County. She provided some dates and locations for prior presentations she has made to bring awareness about recycling and Earth Day to the County's citizens: April 11, 2019, Day of Civility; April 12, 2019, Western Maryland Council Food Conference; April 16, 2019, Interview with Amanda Mangan of Allegany Radio; April 22, 2019, Frostburg State University and Flintstone School; April 25, 2019, HRDC; April 26, 2019, Tour of Western Maryland Food Bank; April 27, Compost Sale; May 8, 2019, Leadership Allegany. Mrs. Wigfield discussed some details of those presentations.

PUBLIC HEARING

Item 2 – Fiscal Year 2020 Second Preliminary Budget Public Hearing – Jason M. Bennett, CPA, Director of Finance, explained that this Item was simply a follow-up to his presentation of the Fiscal Year 2020 Preliminary Budget at last week's public business meeting. Mr. Bennett announced that this evening was the second public hearing regarding the Preliminary Budget for FY-2020.

Commissioner Shade opened the Hearing and asked if there was any public comment. There was none. Hearing closed.

Commissioner Shade announced that the 2020 Budget is heading for passage on May 30, 2019. He remarked on the importance of understanding that the County is living within its means and that overall spending is at about 1.6 percent. Commissioner Shade pointed out that is pretty flat from last year's spending. He thanked Mr. Bennett and his staff for their work on the Budget, and he also thanked the County's Departments for finding cuts to be made.

ACTION AGENDA

Item 3 – Department of Economic & Community Development Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Priorities – Authorize the County Commissioners to approve the transmittal of a recommended priority list of six Area Development projects and one Access Road project to Tri-County Council of Western Maryland for consideration for ARC funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2020 – David K. Nedved, Economic & Community Development Representative, thanked the Commissioners and then reminded them that every year, the County sends out requests for possible projects for ARC funding. He reported that requests went out, by February 8, 2019 as required, to all of the County's municipalities as well as to various organizations, including Frostburg State University and Allegany College of Maryland. Mr. Nedved further explained that the municipalities and organizations sent in their preliminary project descriptions, which were used to evaluate the projects, and that the projects were then forwarded to Tri-County Council. This all had to be done by April 5, 2019.

Mr. Nedved went on to explain that because Tri-County Council combines three Counties' worth of projects and ranks them, and needs to have that done by June 19, 2019, Allegany County needs to submit projects to them by May 17, 2019. He then reviewed Allegany County's Proposed Priority List, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. A copy of the Project Package FY 2020 Submittal Timeline is also attached to and made a part of these Minutes.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Nedved asked the County Commissioners for their approval of the Priority List so he could send it on to Tri-County Council the next day (Friday, May 17, 2019). He asked the Commissioners if they had any questions or comments.

Commissioner Shade said that he did, and brought up the Access Road Project listed (City of Frostburg – Gateway Enhancement at Braddock Road – Phase 3). Commissioner Shade asked Mr. Nedved if that Project came out of a different funding source than the other (Area Development) Projects. Mr. Nedved confirmed this.

Commissioner Shade then told the other Commissioners that he would like to flip the ranking of Projects numbered 3 - Allegany Museum – Collection Preservation/Air Conditioning and 4 – Allegany County Board of Education – Active Learning Labs – Beall, Cash Valley and Mount Savage. Commissioners Brodie and Caporale agreed.

Upon Motion made by Commissioner Shade, seconded by Commissioner Brodie, and duly carried, the Board of County Commissioners approved the transmittal of the amended recommended priority list of six Area Development projects (with Allegany County Board of Education Project changed to the number 3 priority and the Allegany Museum Project changed to the number 4 priority) and one Access Road project to Tri-County Council of Western Maryland for consideration for ARC funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2020.

Item 4 – Resolution 19-8 - Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application Submission for the Locust Grove Sewage Pumping Phase 1 Project – Board of County Commissioners to approve Resolutions 19-8 authorizing the signing and submission of an application for \$800,000 for the Locust Grove Sewage Pumping Station and the signing of the CDBG Grant Agreement – David K. Nedved, Economic Development Representative, reminded the Commissioners that each year, the County also goes after Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. He explained that as usual, the County is going to apply for the maximum amount of \$800,000, which this year will go toward the Locust Grove Sewage Improvements Phase 1 Project. A copy of Mr. Nedved’s Staff Report dated May 2, 2019, providing background and details regarding this Project and the funding process for it, is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Mr. Nedved pointed out to the Commissioners that one of the conditions of applying for the funding is that a Resolution must be passed at Commissioners public business meeting. He asked the Commissioners to approve and pass Resolution 19-8.

Upon Motion made by Commissioner Brodie, and seconded by Commissioner Caporale, the Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution 19-8 authorizing the signing and submission of an application for \$800,000 for the Locust Grove Sewage Pumping Station and the signing of the CDBG Grant Agreement.

CONSENT AGENDA

As recommended by the County Administrator

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

Item 5 – Request for Tax Abatement – Board of County Commissioners approved to abate taxes in the amount of \$259,445.13. This request is for tax years 2005-2010 to 2018 to 2019. This abatement represents that properties went to tax sale and received no bids, therefore being acquired by the county or the town in which they are located.

Commissioners’ statements, comments, recognition –

Commissioner Caporale had no further comments to add this evening.

Commissioner Brodie wished his oldest granddaughter a Happy Sixth Birthday.

Commissioner Shade reported that a new report has just been released by DHMH or the Opioid Taskforce for the State of Maryland that indicates Allegany County, for the second year in a row, saw a decrease in the number of opioid deaths. Commissioner Shade commented that there is a lot of credit to go around to everyone involved with this, including the Sheriff, the Health Department, and the Western Maryland Health System, as well the County’s police and first responders. He reported that there were 55 opioid deaths in 2016; 36 in 2017; and 33 in 2018. Commissioner Shade pointed out that over the same time period, the State of Maryland has continued to see increases in opioid deaths, while Allegany County decreased by thirty-six percent (36%) and then by another nine percent (9%).

Commissioner Brodie added thanks to the media for getting the numbers out there. He remarked that the more people who are involved, the more progress will be made. Commissioner Shade agreed.

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

Reminders/Upcoming Meetings –

Next Public Business Meeting – Thursday, May 30, 2019

Announcement – Allegany County Government Schedule (See News Release)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come to the attention of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Jacob C. Shade, President

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Attest:

Cynthia A. Young
Recording Secretary

Allegany County Proposed Priorities For ARC Projects for FY2020

Area Development

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1	Allegany County	Locust Grove Sewage Improvements – Phase 1 - Construction	\$400,000
2	City of Frostburg	Hillside Lift Connector - Depot to Main Street	\$235,000
3	Allegany Museum	Collection Preservation/Air Conditioning	\$300,000
4	Allegany County Board of Education	Active Learning Labs - Beall, Cash Valley and Mount Savage	\$75,000
5	Allegany College of Maryland	Allied Health Program Training Equipment	\$95,000
6	Bishop Walsh School	Advanced Placement Online Textbooks	\$400,000
		Total	\$1,130,000

Access Road

	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1	City of Frostburg	Gateway Enhancement at Braddock Road - Phase 3	\$1,000,000
		Total	\$1,000,000

Project Package FY 2020 Submittal Timeline

Project Solicitation

1. Requests to receive PPD's should go out from the Point of Contacts by February 8, 2019 (please remember county point of contacts need to send them to the educational institutions, non profits and municipalities)
2. PPD's should be in to the Counties not later than April 5, 2019
3. Projects should be ranked, approved and submitted to TCC by May 17, 2019
4. Completed Project Package by June 14, 2018 (to be approved at the June 19, 2019 council meeting)

Project Submittal

1. Letters will be sent to those projects in a fundable position detailing the amount of funds and timing for application. The letter will go out during August 2019 but may be later based upon the timeline funds are appropriated.
2. Projects in a fundable position can submit applications as early as September 1, 2019 – In most cases funds will not be available until October 1, 2019.
3. Projects funded under the FY 20 project package should be submitted no later than November 22, 2019. In the case a project is not submitted by November 22, 2019, funding will be transferred to another project to ensure our region does not lose those funds.



ALLEGANY COUNTY
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Item 4

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STAFF REPORT

TO: Brandon S. Butler, County Administrator
FROM: David K. Nedved, Economic Development Representative
DATE: May 2, 2019
RE: Submission by Resolution of Maryland DHCD CDBG Application for
Locust Grove Sewage Improvements Phase 1 Project

For the Agenda of: May 16, 2019

Background: By June 5, 2019, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will accept applications for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from eligible jurisdictions throughout the state. Allegany County intends to submit an application for \$800,000 for the Locust Grove Sewage Improvements Phase 1 project. The project is the upgrade of the Locust Grove Sewage Pumping Station where the cost is estimated to be \$11,131,000 overall with \$9,272,000 for construction cost and \$1,854,000 for Engineering, Administration and Inspection Costs. The \$800,000 in CDBG funding being pursued this year would help cover the construction costs.

Issues: As part of the CDBG application process for the project, a Resolution must be authorized allowing the submission of the application.

Financial Impact: If awarded, a Community Development Block Grant will provide \$800,000 towards the construction cost for the upgrade of Locust Grove Sewage Pumping Station.

Alternatives: None

Other Considerations: N/A

Conformity to County Policy: The County has already expressed support for the Locust Grove Sewage Improvements project by putting it on Allegany County's Capital Improvement Plan for the years 2019-2023. Also, the Commissioners previously signed Resolution 18-15 on June 7, 2018, for a prior Community Development Block Grant for the design of the first phase of the project.

Recommendation: For the May 16, 2019, public meeting, please place the attached Resolution authorizing the signing and submission of the CDBG application on the Action Agenda for signature by the Commissioners. The Resolution also authorizes, if the funds are awarded, the signing by the President of the Board of County Commissioners of the Grant Agreement for the Community Development Block Grant.

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cc: Jeffrey S. Barclay, Director – Economic Development
Jason M. Bennett, Director – Finance
Paul F. Kahl, Director – Public Works
W. Adam Patterson, Public Works
Mark W. Yoder, Utilities