

February 10, 2022

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 Jason M. Bennett; and County Attorney T. Lee Beeman, Jr.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all those present.

MOTION

There were no additions or deletions to the Agenda.

MOTION

Upon Motion by Commissioner Brodie, and seconded by Commissioner Caporale, the Minutes of the January 27, 2022, public business meeting were approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

ACTION AGENDA

Item 1 – Allegany County Board of Education Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Amendment – Board of County Commissioners to authorize the Allegany County Board of Education to transfer \$3,500,000 from its fund balance to increase the Fiscal Year 2022 unrestricted budget to commence work on the next phases of the Greenway Avenue Stadium project which includes the replacement of the visitor bleachers, the replacement of the existing track with an eight lane track, as well as excavating work for retaining walls and additional drainage. Approval of this transfer does not affect the amount of County appropriation – Lawrence S. McKenzie, CPA, Chief Financial Officer, Jeffrey S. Blank, Superintendent of Schools, and William J. Marley, PE, Supervisor of Maintenance and School Construction. Mr. Lawrence McKenzie, CPA, Chief Financial Officer of the Allegany County Board of Education, brought the Commissioners' attention to the request before them this evening for amendments to the Board of Education's FY-22 Budget. Mr. McKenzie provided background and details regarding the Board of Education's request, as set forth on his letter dated February 9, 2022, addressed to County Administrator Jason Bennett. A copy of this letter is attached to and made a part of these Minutes.

Mr. McKenzie acknowledged the presence of Mr. Mark Mangus, Chair of the Greenway Avenue Stadium Committee, in the audience at this evening's meeting, and expressed his appreciation for the hard work of Mr. Mangus and the Committee members. Mr. McKenzie asked for the County Commissioners' approval of the requested budget amendment.

Next, Mr. Jeffrey Blank, Superintendent of Schools, came forward and said that he wanted to recognize the members of the School Board present at this meeting: President Crystal Bender, Vice President Bob Farrell, and Member Tammy Fraley. He thanked them for making the Greenway Avenue Stadium Project a priority so it could move forward to the benefit of the County's students and the community. Mr. Blank also thanked the County Commissioners for allowing some time for the Board of Education's Supervisor of Maintenance and School Construction to briefly discuss the goal and details of the project.

Mr. William J. Marley, PE, Supervisor of Maintenance and School Construction, talked about the scope of work involved with the Greenway Avenue Stadium Project, as set forth in Mr. McKenzie's letter attached to these Minutes. Mr. Marley showed some pictures as part of his presentation. At the conclusion of his remarks, Mr. Marley pointed out that Mr. Jim Filer of the County's Public Works Department/Engineering will be working on the project, and he commented that any assistance provided by Mr. Filer will be really helpful and appreciated.

Commissioner Shade remarked that this project has been a long time coming, and he thanked the Board of Education for prioritizing it.

Mr. Blank expressed thanks to County Administrator Jason Bennett and mentioned some additional projects the Board of Education hopes to accomplish, depending on funding availability.

Commissioner Shade asked Mr. Blank when, depending on the Commissioners' action to approve this evening, construction would begin on the project. Mr. Blank replied that everything is ready to go as soon as the Board gets the go-ahead and the necessary permits.

Upon Motion made by Commissioner Caporale, seconded by Commissioner Brodie, and duly carried, the Board of County Commissioners authorized the Allegany County Board of Education to transfer \$3,500,000 from its fund balance to increase the Fiscal Year 2022 unrestricted budget to commence work on the next phases of the Greenway Avenue Stadium project, which includes the

replacement of the visitor bleachers, the replacement of the existing track with an eight lane track, as well as excavating work for retaining walls and additional drainage.

Following action taken on Item 1, Commissioner Shade asked to make an addition to the Agenda, Item 1A, and he read the Item to be added:

Authorize the Board of County Commissioners to allocate \$1,500,000.00 of the County's ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) to the Allegany County Board of Education to be used toward the renovation of the visitor bleachers and track at Greenway Avenue Stadium and fieldhouse projects at both Allegany and Mountain Ridge High Schools, as discussed during the Commissioners August 2021 public work session.

Commissioner Caporale moved that Item 1A as read by Commissioner Brodie be added to the Agenda for this evening's meeting. Commissioner Brodie seconded the Motion. Motion carried to add Item 1-A to the Agenda.

Item 1A – Allocation of ARPA Funds to Allegany County Board of Education – Authorize the Board of County Commissioners to allocate \$1,500,000.00 of the County's ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) to the Allegany County Board of Education to be used toward the renovation of the visitor bleachers and track at Greenway Avenue Stadium and fieldhouse projects at both Allegany and Mountain Ridge High Schools, as discussed during the Commissioners August 2021 public work session – Commissioner Jacob C. Shade reminded the Commissioners that they have discussed allocating ARPA funds for one-time uses that will be used for a long time, and he remarked that using the funds toward the Greenway Avenue Stadium Project would definitely fit that plan.

Commissioner Shade moved that the Board of County Commissioners allocate \$1,500,000.00 of the County's ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) to the Allegany County Board of Education to be used toward the renovation of the visitor bleachers and track at Greenway Avenue Stadium and fieldhouse projects at both Allegany and Mountain Ridge High Schools, as discussed during the Commissioners August 2021 public work session. Commissioner Caporale seconded the Motion. Motion carried to approve and authorize allocation of the funds.

Item 2 – Old Allegany High School Demolition Bid Award – Board of County Commissioners to approve the request to award the Old Allegany High School Demolition Project to Demolition Services, Inc., Culpeper, Virginia, in the amount of \$677,611, and have the President of the County Commissioners sign any necessary award documents and agreements associated with the project – Adam Patterson, PE, Director of Public Works.

Before beginning his presentation for this item, Adam Patterson, PE, Director of Public Works, remarked on what a pleasure it is to work with Mr. Marley and added that he is always timely, professional, and willing to help. Mr. Marley commented on the good experience he has had working with the County.

Mr. Patterson then presented background and details regarding the Old Allegany High School Demolition Project, as set forth on the Staff Report on the subject dated February 8, 2022, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. He concluded by recommending that the Commissioners approve awarding of the Project to Demolition Services, Inc. for the amount of \$677,611.00 and asked for the Commissioners' approval.

Upon Motion made by Commissioner Shade, and seconded by Commissioner Brodie, the Board of County Commissioners approved the request to award the Old Allegany High School Demolition Project to Demolition Services, Inc., Culpeper, Virginia, in the amount of \$677,611, and authorized the President of the County Commissioners to sign any necessary award documents and agreements associated with the project.

Item 3 – Purchase of Used Emergency Apparatus – Board of County Commissioners to approve the purchase of the Corriganville Fire Department Basic Life Support 2007 Chevrolet Suburban VIN #1GNSKHKC7HR230903 chase vehicle, and an Advanced Life Support 2009 Chevrolet 4500 Ambulance VIN #1GBE4V1949F412599 for a total price of \$110,000 as stipulated by the Memorandum of Understanding – James R. Pyles, Director of Emergency Services, told the County Commissioners that he was present at this evening's meeting to ask for their approval to purchase a chase car and ambulance from the Corriganville Fire Department. Mr. Pyles provided background and details regarding this request, as set forth on the Staff Report on this subject dated February 7, 2022, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Mr. Pyles described the proposed purchase as a "win-win" for all parties involved, in particular for the citizens of Allegany County served by the Department of Emergency Services – Emergency Medical Services, and commented that it will enhance EMS operations in the County.

Upon Motion made by Commissioner Brodie, seconded by Commissioner Caporale, and duly carried, the Board of County Commissioners approved the purchase of the Corriganville Fire Department Basic Life Support 2007 Chevrolet Suburban VIN #1GNSKHKC7HR230903 chase vehicle, and an Advanced Life Support 2009 Chevrolet 4500 Ambulance VIN #1GBE4V1949F412599 for a total price of \$110,000 as stipulated by the Memorandum of Understanding.

CONSENT AGENDA

As recommended by the County Administrator

Upon Motion by Commissioner Caporale, seconded by Commissioner Brodie, and Motion carried, the Board of County Commissioners approved and adopted the Consent Agenda as recommended by the County Administrator.

Item 4 – Third Amendment to Lease with Alliant Techsystems Operations, LLC at Riverside Industrial Park – Board of County Commissioners approved the Third Amendment between the Board of County Commissioners and Alliant Techsystems Operations, LLC to extend their current lease at Riverside Industrial Park through June 30, 2022, and authorized the President of the County Commissioners to sign the Lease.

Item 5 – Maryland Department of Human Services Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program – Board of County Commissioners approved the Memorandum of Agreement between Maryland Department of Human Services and Allegany County for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program, and authorized the President of the County Commissioners to sign the necessary documents for the Program.

Item 6 – Piney Plains Ballfield Operations and Maintenance Agreement – Board of County Commissioners approved the three-year Operations and Maintenance Agreement for the Piney Plains Ballfield with the Piney Plains Civic Association, and authorized the President of the County Commissioners to sign the Agreement.

Item 7 – Old Allegany High School Sports Field Use Agreement – Board of County Commissioners approved the Field Use Agreement between Braddock Warriors Baseball Organization and Allegany County for the use of the old Allegany High School baseball field and parking lot, and authorized the President of the County Commissioners to sign the Agreement.

Item 8 – Allegany County Detention Center Security Window Replacement Request for Permission to Advertise – Board of County Commissioners authorized the Department of Public Works to advertise the Allegany County Detention Center Security Windows Replacement Project.

Item 9 – Route 36 Water Pressure Reducing Valve Replacement Request Permission to Advertise – Board of County Commissioners authorized the Department of Public Works to advertise the Route 36 Water Pressure Reducing Valve Replacement Project.

Item 10 – Bowling Green Meter Replacement and Booster Pump Request Permission to Advertise – Board of County Commissioners authorized the Department of Public Works to advertise the Bowling Green Meter Replacement and Booster Pump Project.

Item 11 – Tri-State and Uhl Highway/Oldtown Road Pump Station Rehabilitation Request Permission to Advertise – Board of County Commissioners authorized the Department of Public Works to advertise the Tri-State and Uhl Highway/Oldtown Road Pump Station Rehab Project.

Item 12 – Request for Tax Abatement – Board of County Commissioners authorized the abatement of taxes in the total amount of \$1,519.68 for one property located at 846 Gephart Drive, Cumberland, Maryland. This property has been acquired by the City of Cumberland and will be demolished for future development.

Item 13 – Community Promotions – Board of County Commissioners authorized the County Finance Department to remit \$1,000 from the Community Promotions Account to support the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce “Like a Woman” Day Event. The event will be held on Friday, March 18, 2022, from 11 am to 4 pm, at Rocky Gap Casino Resort.

Item 14 – Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) Policy Change – Board of County Commissioners approved the recommended policy changes to LOSAP. This program is used to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters and emergency medical service providers.

Item 15 – Emergency Services Board Appointments – Board of County Commissioners approved the following appointments to the Emergency Services Board to serve during the year 2022: Fire Services Committee Chairperson, Shannon Adams; Fire Services Committee Member-

at-large, Bobby Ritchie; Emergency Management Services Committee Chairperson, Vince Pyle; Emergency Management Services Committee Member-at-large, Scott Whetsell; and Career Fire and Emergency Management Services Representative, Steve Grogg.

Item 16 – Resolution 22-1 – Rules & Regulations Governing Employees of Allegany County, Maryland Amendments – Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution 22-1, Amendments to the Rules & Regulations Governing Employees of Allegany County, Maryland.

County Administrator Jason Bennett thanked Adam Patterson and his staff for all their work on the Old Allegany High School demolition project. Mr. Bennett also talked about an upcoming Budget Work Session to be scheduled.

County Attorney Lee Beeman had no further comments to make at this evening's meeting.

Commissioners' statements, comments, recognition –

Commissioner David Caporale expressed his thanks to everyone involved with the Greenway Avenue Stadium Project.

Commissioner Creade Brodie commented that the County Commissioners have a busy Spring ahead of them.

Commissioner Jacob Shade thanked the Board of Education members in attendance at this meeting and remarked that it has been nice working with the Board of Education.

Constituents – In order of sign-up sheet –

Michelle Stahlman Twigg, Chair of the Allegany County Commission for Women, told the Commissioners that the Commission for Women wants to set up a time with them and the County Administrator to talk about transportation, including buses and funding for driver's education costs for women who need it. She explained that if the Commission for Women could get funding through the County Commissioners and the County, they could assist women in getting driver's education, so they could go out and get a job, and then get a car and insurance.

County Administrator Bennett told Ms. Stahlman Twigg to reach out to either Linda Simpson or him to set up an appointment. He explained that he would probably meet with her first, to get the specifics, and then take it from there to the Commissioners.

Mrs. Nancy Brant voiced her complaints about the sirens at the Bedford Road Fire Hall. She explained that they were quiet for 54 years, but now are going off again during the past year.

Commissioner Caporale asked Mrs. Brant how many times a day the sirens are going off, and she replied that they are going off several times a day. Commissioner Shade asked her if she has talked to the Fire Department, and she told him that she has. Mrs. Brant said that she also sent letters, but has not heard anything back from anyone.

Mr. Jim Brant also talked about his concerns with the sirens.

Commissioner Brodie told the Brants that he did not know what, if any, authority the County has over the Fire Departments, as they are their own organizations. He added that the Fire Departments' chiefs and members have full control of the Departments.

Administrator Bennett said that he and Director Pyles would look into this issue and that one of them would get back to Mr. and Mrs. Brant with a response. Mr. Brant said they would appreciate that.

Commissioner Shade reported that the Governor came out earlier in the day with a statement on mask mandates, that he is pushing the State Board of Education to send the issue back to the local Boards of Education. Commissioner Shade remarked that he thinks that is the absolute right call.

Reminders/Upcoming Meetings –

Next Public Business Meeting – Thursday, February 24, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come to the attention of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Jacob C. Shade, President

True Copy
Attest:

Cynthia A. Young
Recording Secretary



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February 9, 2022

Mr. Jason Bennett
County Administrator
Allegheny County Office Complex
701 Kelly Road, Suite 405
Cumberland, Maryland 21502

Dear Jason:

Members of the Board of Education approved the following budget transfer unanimously at their most recent meeting on February 8, 2022. We are respectfully requesting consideration be given by the Board of Commissioners to also approve this transfer.

The transfer is for the completion of the next two phases of the Greenway Avenue Stadium which includes the replacement of the visitor bleachers, the replacement of the existing track with an eight lane track, as well as excavating work for retaining walls and additional drainage. These phases, when complete, will once again make Greenway Avenue Stadium one of the top venues in the state. The total cost of the project is \$4,881,000 of which \$1,500,000 has been procured by The Greenway Avenue Stadium Committee with the help of Senator Edwards and our legislative delegation.

Your favorable approval is required by state law as this request increases our unrestricted budget by \$3,500,000 from \$118,440,696 to \$121,940,696. The funds to appropriate for this project will come from the district's fund balance. The budget amendment does not change the level of the county appropriation. It also does not impact any future appropriation to the school system or the district's maintenance of effort calculation. However, this change will have a lasting impact on Allegheny County. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Lawrence S. McKenzie, CPA

cc: Jeffrey Blank
Linda Simpson



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Item 2

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Daniel S. DeWitt, P.E.
County Engineer

STAFF REPORT

TO: Jason Bennett, CPA, County Administrator
FROM: Brynn Laird, P.E., Engineer *BL*
CC: Adam Patterson, P.E., Director of Public Works; Dan DeWitt, P.E., County Engineer
DATE: February 8, 2022
RE: Old Allegany High School Demolition Project
Request to Award Contract No. AC-ALHSDEMO-2021

For the Agenda of: February 10, 2022 Public Meeting

1. BACKGROUND

Old Allegany High School is owned by Allegany County Government. The contract to complete hazardous abatement work was awarded in October 2020 and has been completed. A contract to demolish the school was advertised on December 22, 2021. Nine (9) bids were received and opened on February 1, 2022. The bid results are attached for reference. Adam's Demolition was the low bidder at \$450,000 but is unable to obtain the required bonding for the project. The second lowest bidder was Demolition Services, Inc. at \$677,611.

2. ISSUES

N/A

3. FINANCIAL IMPACT

The County received State funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the demolition of old Allegany High School.

4. ALTERNATIVES

Do not award the demolition contract.

5. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

6. CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICY

Conforms to County policy.

7. RECOMMENDATION

Approve the request to award the Old Allegany High School Demolition Project, Contract No. AC-ALHSDEMO-2021 to Demolition Services, Inc. in the amount of \$677,611.00 and have the President of the County Commissioners sign any necessary award documents and agreements associated with the project.

Allegany County Department of Public Works Contract No. AC-ALH5DEM0-2021		Old Allegany High School Demolition Project									
Bid Opening: February 1, 2022											
Item No.	Item Description	Adam's Demolition Lump Sum Price	Demolition Services, Inc. Lump Sum Price	Reclaim Company LLC Lump Sum Price	Green River Group, LLC Lump Sum Price	Dore & Associates, Inc. Lump Sum Price	FR Beinke Wrecking, Inc. Lump Sum Price	Terra Technical Services, LLC Lump Sum Price	Ritter & Paratore Contracting Inc. Lump Sum Price	Anderson Excavating, LLC Lump Sum Price	
1	Erosion and Sediment Control	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 23,611.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 37,300.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 21,508.00	\$ 14,525.00	
2	Building Demolition	\$ 390,000.00	\$ 559,000.00	\$ 631,888.00	\$ 632,000.00	\$ 959,500.00	\$ 1,050,000.00	\$ 980,000.00	\$ 1,188,000.00	\$ 1,263,780.29	
3	Site Restoration	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 89,200.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 114,607.00	\$ 107,074.44	
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 450,000.00	\$ 677,611.00	\$ 731,888.00	\$ 822,000.00	\$ 1,086,000.00	\$ 1,094,000.00	\$ 1,130,000.00	\$ 1,324,115.00	\$ 1,385,379.73	
Adam's Demolition			Demolition Services, Inc.	Reclaim Company LLC	Green River Group, LLC	Dore & Associates, Inc.	FR Beinke Wrecking, Inc.	Terra Technical Services, LLC	Ritter & Paratore Contracting Inc.	Anderson Excavating, LLC	

Certified True & Correct

Brynn Laird

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Item 3

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Carrie Hughes, Chief, Emergency Management
Bryan Miller, Chief, Joint 911 Communications
Michael Salvadge, Acting Chief, Emergency Medical Services

Staff Report

To: Jason Bennett, County Administrator
From: Carrie Hughes, Chief, Emergency Management
Copy: James Pyles, Director, DES
Date: February 7th, 2022
Subj: Purchase of Used Emergency Apparatus
Re: Consent Agenda for February 10th, 2022 Public Meeting

Background:

The Allegany County Department of Emergency Services has been staffing the Corriganville Fire Department with an Advanced Life Support Clinician for Emergency Medical responses. The Corriganville Fire Department has maintained a Basic Life Support 2007 Chevrolet Suburban (VIN: 1GNSKHKC7HR230903) chase vehicle and an Advanced Life Support 2009 Chevrolet 4500 Ambulance (VIN: 1GBE4V1949F412599) for the DES clinicians to use. Nearing the end of 2021, Corriganville Fire Department elected to sell both the chase vehicle and ambulance to DES.

Issues: The DES Division is a constantly growing division. As such, several volunteer companies are requesting additional resources from the county with emergency medical services. In this case, Corriganville Fire Department elected to end their ambulance service and have offered their EMS apparatus and equipment to Allegany County DES. This will allow DES to have an additional ambulance while several are in disrepair and others are backordered.

Financial Impact: The total purchase cost of both the Basic Life Support 2007 Chevrolet Suburban (VIN: 1GNSKHKC7HR230903) chase vehicle and an Advanced Life Support 2009 Chevrolet 4500 Ambulance (VIN: 1GBE4V1949F412599) is \$110,000.00. Stipulations are included and are outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding.

Recommendations:

Recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the purchase of the Corriganville Fire Department Basic Life Support 2007 Chevrolet Suburban (VIN: 1GNSKHKC7HR230903) chase vehicle and an Advanced Life Support 2009 Chevrolet 4500 Ambulance (VIN: 1GBE4V1949F412599) for a total purchase price of \$110,000.00 as stipulated by the MOU.