

January 12, 2023

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 David J. Caporale; Commissioner Creade V. Brodie, Jr.; Commissioner William R. Atkinson; County Administrator Jason M. Bennett; and County Attorney T. Lee Beeman, Jr.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

**MOTION**

There were no additions or deletions to the Agenda.

**MOTION**

Upon Motion made by Commissioner Brodie, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson, and duly carried, the Minutes of the December 15, 2022 public business meeting were approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

**ACTION AGENDA**

**Item 1 – Route 36 (Landfill) Water Project – Phase 2** – Board of County Commissioners to authorize the Department of Public Works to prepare, execute, and submit loan/grant documents to begin the design of the Route 36 (Landfill) Water Project – Phase 2, and authorize the President of the County Commissioners to sign required documents – Adam Patterson, Director of Public Works, presented background and information regarding this Item, as set forth on his staff report on the subject dated December 30, 2022, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of these Minutes.

Upon Motion made by Commissioner Brodie, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson, and duly carried, the Board of County Commissioners authorized the Department of Public Works to prepare, execute, and submit loan/grant documents to begin the design of the Route 36 (Landfill) Water Project – Phase 2, and authorized the President of the County Commissioners to sign required documents.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

As recommended by the County Administrator

Upon Motion by Commissioner Atkinson, 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 2 – Bedford Road Sanitary District Rehabilitation Phase VII Project Funding** – Board of County Commissioners approved the \$1,000,000 in funding from the Maryland Department of the Environment for the Bedford Road Sanitary District Rehabilitation Phase VII project, and authorized the President of the County Commissioners to sign required documents.

**Item 3 – Levitt AMP Cumberland Music Series – 2023** – Board of County Commissioners approved a contribution of \$20,000 to support the Levitt AMP 2023 Cumberland Music Series presented by the Allegany Arts Council, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting awareness of and access to the arts with a mission to cultivate the arts to enrich quality of life in Allegany County.

**Item 4 – Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention Grant Award** – Board of County Commissioners approved a grant agreement with the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to accept funding from the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Assistance Grant in the amount of \$44,228 for Fiscal Year 2023 Allegany County Elections Safety and Security Upgrades, and authorized the President of the County Commissioners to sign the grant.

**Item 5 – Resolution 23-1 – Rules & Regulations Governing Employees of Allegany County, Maryland Amendments** – Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution 23-1, the amendments to the Rules & Regulations Governing Employees of Allegany County, Maryland.

**Item 6 – Motorola Solutions VESTA Managed Detection and Response** – Board of County Commissioners approved the Motorola Solutions VESTA Managed Detection and Response Service that coordinates with the Computer Aided Dispatch system. There is no financial impact to Allegany County.

**Item 7 – 2023 Salvage Yard License Issuances** – Board of County Commissioners approved the issuance of 2023 licenses for salvage yard operations to the following: Allegany Scrap, Inc., Lockhouse Road Facility and Day Road Facility, Cumberland; Reeve's Motor Company, Inc., Westernport; Jones' Garage & Salvage, Cumberland; Porter Salvage Yard, Mount Savage; TC Race Cars, Inc., Frostburg; Twigg Used Cars & Parts, Cumberland; and Westernport Salvage, Inc., subject to the payment of a \$100 licensing fee.

**Item 8 – Travel Request – Fair Personnel** – Board of County Commissioners approved the travel request for Kevin Kamauf, Sam Wilson, and Steve Hout to attend the Pennsylvania Fair Convention from January 18 to January 21, 2023 in Hershey, Pennsylvania, at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.

**Constituents** – In order of sign-up sheet

**Mr. Glenn Stahlman**, of Cash Valley Road, LaVale, voiced his concerns with signage and excessive speeding on Cash Valley Road.

County Administrator Bennett told Mr. Stahlman that he could refer Mr. Stahlman's concerns to Public Works Director Adam Patterson to take to the Traffic Advisory Board, which meets monthly. He explained that the Traffic Advisory Board includes as members engineers, State Police, and the Sheriff. Mr. Bennett added that there could also be a discussion with the Sheriff about the issues brought up by Mr. Stahlman.

**County Attorney Lee Beeman** reported that the County Commissioners met in a closed session at 3 p.m., to consider a proposal for a business or industrial organization locating or expanding in the County. He added that he was happy to report that the Commissioners took action on that. Attorney Beeman explained that another issue discussed during closed session was the possible investment of public funds, which matter was tabled until a future executive session. He reported that those present during the closed executive session included, besides himself and County Administrator Bennett, the County Commissioners; Jeff Barclay, Director of Economic & Community Development; Adam Patterson, Director of Public Works; and Cindy Young, recording secretary.

**County Administrator Jason Bennett** thanked the Commissioners for their time at 4 p.m. to hear the salary study recommendations and for their guidance concerning them. Mr. Bennett told the Commissioners that the study would come formally before the Commissioners in two weeks for adoption, and that work would begin regarding the upcoming retirement incentives.

**Commissioners' statements, comments, recognition -**

**Commissioner Creade Brodie** congratulated Commissioner Caporale on conducting his first meeting as President and remarked that he did very well.

**Commissioner Brodie** also brought up the County tax bills about to go out, explaining that a lot of property owners will notice that assessments have gone up. Commissioner Brodie pointed out that assessments are done by the State of Maryland, and not by the County. He said that he would highly recommend appealing an increase in assessment and also applying for the homestead tax credit.

**Commissioner William Atkinson** thanked his fellow Commissioners, Administrator Bennett, and County Clerk Linda Simpson for all of their help in getting him up to speed on his new duties as County Commissioner.

**Commissioner David Caporale** told Commissioner Atkinson that it is great to have him on board. He remarked that the Commissioners are looking forward to rolling out the salary study in a few weeks, as well as looking at the retirement incentives.

**Reminders/Upcoming Meetings –**

**Next Public Business Meeting** – Thursday, January 26, 2023 5:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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David J. Caporale, President

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Attest:

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Cynthia A. Young  
Recording Secretary



Adam Patterson, PE, Director

## STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Jason M. Bennett, CPA, County Administrator  
**FROM:** Adam Patterson, P.E., Director of Public Works *AP*  
James L. Webber, P.E., Project Engineer *JLW*  
**DATE:** December 30, 2022  
**RE:** Route 36 (Landfill) Water Project – Phase 2

For the Agenda of: January 12, 2023 Public Meeting

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### 1. BACKGROUND

In the late 1990's, the Route 36 water project was installed to provide water service to approximately 110 customers along Route 36 from Cabin Run Road to Midland, and to the residents of the Vale Summit area. In recent years, the District has been experiencing significant amounts of water loss and the County Utilities Division has had to make numerous repairs.

In 2021, the Allegany County Department of Public Works applied for Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) funding for this project to replace the failing line and were not approved. The County did apply for and receive emergency funding from the United States Department of the Agriculture – Rural Development (USDA) later in 2021, to replace a portion of the line. The project was completed in March 2022.

There is approximately 2300' of existing failing 10" waterline that still needs replaced.

MDE recently contacted the County with an offer for additional funding to replace the line.

### 2. ISSUES

N/A

### 3. FINANCIAL IMPACT

A funding package has yet to be formally determined, but the approximate costs are as follows:

MDE Water Supply Grant:	\$200,000
MDE Loan Forgiveness:	\$100,000
MDE Loan (30 years @ 1.5%± interest):	<u>\$100,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>

**4. ALTERNATIVES**

Do not replace failing line

**5. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

Do not accept funding

**6. CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICY**

Conforms with County policy

**7. RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Allegany County Department of Public Works to prepare, execute, and submit loan/grant documents and to begin the design of the Route 36 (Landfill) Water Project – Phase 2, and authorize the President of the Allegany County Commissioners to sign required documents.

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