

March 12, 2020

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 Acting County Attorney T. Lee Beeman, Jr. The following business was transacted:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present at this meeting.

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 February 27, 2020, public business meeting.

Before proceeding with the Action Agenda for this meeting, Commissioner Shade read a press release regarding the Corona Virus. A copy of the press release as read by Commissioner Shade is attached to and made a part of these Minutes.

ACTION AGENDA

Item 1 – Allegany County 2020 Priority Letter to Maryland Department of Transportation – Board of County Commissioners to approve and sign the Allegany County 2020 Priority Letter to the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation – Siera N. Wigfield, Planner, provided background and information regarding the annual Priority Letter to the Maryland Department of Transportation as set forth on the Staff Report on this subject dated March 5, 2020, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Mrs. Wigfield told the County Commissioners that she would be happy to answer any questions they had, then asked them to approve and sign the Priority Letter.

Commissioner Shade thanked Mrs. Wigfield for all her work on this issue.

Upon Motion made by Commissioner Caporale, seconded by Commissioner Brodie, and duly carried, the Board of County Commissioners approved and agreed to sign the Allegany County 2020 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 Caporale, and Motion carried, the Board of County Commissioners adopted the Consent Agenda as recommended by the County Administrator.

Item 2 – Amendment No. 1 to the Master Program Agreement with Extend Health, LLC – Board of County Commissioners approved Amendment No. 1 to the Master Program Agreement with Extend Health, Inc. regarding funding administration for the County's retirees Health Reimbursements Accounts (HRA).

Item 3 – Emergency Services Board Appointment – Board of County Commissioners approved the appointment of Jason Cline as Emergency Management Services Citizen-at-Large. His term will expire on December 31, 2020.

Item 4 – Special Operations Box Truck for Department of Emergency Services – Board of County Commissioners authorized the purchase of a 2021 Navistar HV513 Special Operations Box Truck at the cost of \$191,035.64, as approved by the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2020-2024.

Item 5 – Special Operations Pickup Truck for Department of Emergency Services – Board of County Commissioners authorized the purchase of a 2020 Ford F-350 4x4 SD Crew Cab at the cost of \$45,748.62, as approved by the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2020-2024.

Item 6 – Oldtown Summer Fest – Board of County Commissioners authorized the County Finance Department to remit \$1,000 budgeted from the Community Promotions Account for the 2020 Oldtown Summer Fest Community event to be held on June 27 and 28, 2020.

Acting County Attorney T. Lee Beeman, Jr. had no further comments to make at this meeting.

County Administrator Brandon S. Butler had no further comments to make at this meeting.

Commissioners' statements, comments, recognition –

Commissioner David J. Caporale had no further comments to make at this meeting.

Commissioner Creade V. Brodie, Jr. had no further comments to make at this meeting.

Commissioner Jacob C. Shade discussed the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. He commented that the County is using caution during the budget process.

Commissioner Shade also offered some remarks regarding the Corona virus.

Constituents – In order of sign-up sheet –

Mr. Mark Deckers introduced himself as a resident of the Harwood Subdivision. Mr. Deckers voiced his opposition to the Dan's Mountain Wind Force Project. Mr. Deckers talked about the probable impact to the well water supply, and he also said he had some questions about the permitting process that he would like to be addressed. Mr. Deckers also read a prepared statement he had written, and he asked a few questions. Acting County Attorney Lee Beeman and County Administrator Brandon Butler addressed a few of Mr. Decker's questions.

Mr. Kenneth Wilmont, of 513 Fort Avenue, Cumberland, voiced his opposition again to the proposed water park to be built at Rocky Gap State Park.

Ms. Darlene Park spoke again in opposition to the Dan's Mountain Wind Force Project. She also criticized the actions of the Board of County Commissioners regarding the Project.

Commissioners Jacob Shade and Creade Brodie clarified a number of allegations made by Mrs. Park. Specifically, the Commissioners noted that their actions regarding the Dan's Mountain Wind Force Project were lawful and within their purview as Commissioners.

Reminders/Upcoming Meetings –

Next Public Business Meeting – Thursday, March 26, 2020 5:00 p.m.

Announcement – Annual Baseball Recognition Event: Aaron Laffey (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.

Jacob C. Shade, President

True Copy
Attest:

Cynthia A. Young
Recording Secretary



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Item 1

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Deputy Director

STAFF REPORT

TO: Brandon S. Butler, County Administrator
FROM: Paul Kahl, P.E., Director of Public Works,
Siera Wigfield, Planner *SW*
DATE: March 5, 2020
RE: Allegany County 2019 Priority Letter to MDOT

For the Agenda of March 11, 2020

1. BACKGROUND

The purpose of the county priority letter is for the local jurisdictions to publicly express to MDOT our local priorities for major capital projects so those needs can be included in the decision-making process of MDOT's budget.

Each year, the Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) or six-year capital budget for State transportation projects, is revised based on these letters, State needs, State goals, and funding availability.

To be in compliance with State regulations Allegany County coordinated with the local jurisdictions to compile one prioritized list of transportation projects and then demonstrate how the projects relate to the Maryland Transportation Plan's goals. On February 24, 2020, a meeting was held and the group comprised of representatives for the County and its municipalities prioritized the 2020 projects.

2. ISSUES

N/A

3. FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

4. ALTERNATIVES

N/A

5. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

6. CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICY

N/A

7. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend the Allegany County Commissioners sign 2020 Priority Letter to the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation.



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MEDIA RELEASE: STATEMENT FROM ALLEGANY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE CORONAVIRUS

The dedicated professionals at our county's health department are leading the community's response and will continue to do so. The staff is meeting with their counterparts in various state and local level agencies to ensure that our message is accurate and up to date. We are making efforts to ensure that both our young people and aging populations know the facts about this virus and how to best combat it. Allegany County Government is taking the following steps in light of the spread of this virus:

- (1) We are revoking all authorizations of any county financed travel to out-of-state locations, as the health of our staff remains a priority.
- (2) We strongly encourage the payment of tax and utility bills online. A link to online bill payment is placed on our county's website. There are no additional fees for this service and bills can also be paid by check or money order.
- (3) We are working with vendors and event organizers who have events scheduled at the county fairgrounds, and will work with them should they desire to cancel upcoming events at the fair.
- (4) We will continue to monitor the spread of the virus and will make adjustments to staffing as needed.

It is in moments like these that our community can and must come together to work to slow the spread of the Corona virus.