

June 25, 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 Jason M. Bennett; and County Attorney T. Lee Beeman, Jr. The following business was transacted:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Gary Simpson.

The meeting was again available to the public by livestream only.

MOTION

There were no additions or deletions to the Agenda.

MOTION

Upon Motion by Commissioner Caporale, seconded by Commissioner Brodie, and Motion carried, the Commissioners approved the Minutes of the June 11, 2020, public business meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

Item 1 – Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Hearings – The Allegany County Commissioners will obtain the views of citizens on Community Development, Economic Development, and Housing needs; Locust Grove Sewage Improvements Phase 3 Project; and the Locust Grove Sewage Improvements Project – David K. Nedved, Economic & Community Development Representative, presented background and information related to the Maryland DHCD CDBG Public Hearings, as set forth on his staff report on the subject dated June 19, 2020, with exhibits to the Staff Report, all of which are attached to and made a part of these Minutes. He specifically pointed out that notice of the Public Hearings was published in the Cumberland Times-News on June 20, 2020.

The draft application was available for the public to review and to provide comments on Monday, June 22, 2020, until Thursday, July 2, 2020, during normal business hours at the Allegany County Department of Economic and Community Development, 701 Kelly Road, Suite 400, Cumberland, Maryland, by appointment, or by e-mail, by contacting David Nedved at 240-727-2787 or at dnedved@alleganygov.org.

Commissioner Shade announced that this evening was the Public Hearing, and added that comments could be submitted by the public via e-mail for another week. Nobody present at this meeting offered any comment. Hearing closed.

ACTION AGENDA

Item 2 – Real Estate Sales Contract with The Barton Health Care Management, Inc. – Board of County Commissioners to approve and execute a real estate sales contract with the Barton Health Care Management, Inc., for the purchase of 21 acres more or less, for \$47,621.07 – T. Lee Beeman, Jr., County Attorney, called the Commissioners' attention to the Real Estate Sales Contract with The Barton Health Care Management, Inc., before them this evening for approval and execution. Attorney Beeman pointed out that the Contract was for the purchase by Barton Health Care Management of 21 acres of property in the Cumberland Chase development for \$47,621.07, with closing to take place within 30 days.

Upon Motion made by Commissioner Brodie, seconded by Commissioner Caporale, and duly carried, the Board of County Commissioners approved and agreed to execute a real estate sales contract with the Barton Health Care Management, Inc., for the purchase of 21 acres more or less, for \$47,621.07.

Item 3 – First Amendment to the Rental Agreement for Use of the Allegany County Fairgrounds with Delfest, LLC – Board of County Commissioners to approve and execute the First Amendment to the Rental Agreement for Use of the Allegany County Fairgrounds with Delfest, LLC, extending the dates of the agreement to include 2023 through 2025 – T. Lee Beeman, Jr., County Attorney, explained this item has been in the media over the past couple weeks, and that terms have now been finalized. He told the Commissioners that the First Amendment to the Rental Agreement with Delfest, LLC, extending the term of their Contract out through 2025, and setting the rental rates for their festivals for those coming years, was before them this evening for approval.

Commissioner Shade thanked both Attorney Beeman and Commissioner Brodie for their work regarding the Delfest contract amendment.

Commissioner Shade moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve and execute the First Amendment to the Rental Agreement for Use of the Allegany County Fairgrounds with Delfest, LLC, extending the dates of the agreement to include 2023 through 2025. Commissioner Caporale seconded the Motion. Motion carried to approve and execute the First Amendment to the Rental Agreement with Delfest, LLC.

Item 4 – Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2020 – Board of County Commissioners to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$6,583,116, representing CARES Act distribution, workers compensation, and vacation buyback – Jason M. Bennett, CPA, County Administrator, presented background and information regarding three proposed amendments to be made to the FY-2020 Budget, as set forth on his Staff Report on the subject dated June 18, 2020, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of these Minutes.

Upon Motion by Commissioner Brodie, and seconded by Commissioner Caporale, the Board of County Commissioners approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$6,583,116, representing CARES Act distribution, workers compensation, and vacation buyback.

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 5 – Real Estate Sales Contract with Five 5 Ninety, LLC – Board of County Commissioners approved and agreed to execute a real estate sales contract with Five 5 Ninety, LLC, for the purchase of property in the Frostburg Industrial Park for \$10,000.

Item 6 – Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners – Board of County Commissioners approved the appointment of Linda A. Simpson as Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners of Allegany County, Maryland.

Item 7 – Allegany County Library Board of Trustees – Board of County Commissioners approved the appointment of Ms. Sue Rudd to the Allegany County Library Board of Trustees. Her term will expire on June 30, 2025.

Item 8 – CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield Dental Plan Renewal – Board of County Commissioners adopted the renewal of the CareFirst BlueCross Blue Shield group dental plan for Allegany County employees for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, and authorized the President to sign.

Item 9 – Hartford Workers' Compensation Insurance Fiscal Year 2021 Contract Renewal – Board of County Commissioners adopted the Hartford Workers' Compensation Insurance Contract Renewal for Fiscal Year 2021, and authorized the President to sign.

Item 10 – American Fidelity Assurance Company Disability Subscription Agreement – Board of County Commissioners adopted the Disability Subscription Agreement with American Fidelity Assurance Company for Allegany County employees effective July 1, 2020, and authorized the President to sign.

Item 11 – Bid Award for Unleaded Gasoline, Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel, No.2 Heating Oil and Kerosene – Board of County Commissioners awarded the purchase of Unleaded Gasoline, Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel, No.2 Heating Oil and Kerosene to Bedford Valley Petroleum Corporation, Cumberland, Maryland, in the amount of \$503,778.20.

Item 12 – Resolution 20-9 – Fiscal Year 2019-2022 Cumberland Area Transportation Improvement Program – Board of County Commissioners, acting as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, authorized and adopted Resolution 20-9, the Cumberland Area Fiscal Year 2019-2022 Amended Transportation Improvement Program.

Commissioner Shade offered congratulations to the new County Clerk, Linda Simpson, and remarked that no one was more deserving of the appointment. There was a round of applause.

Commissioner Brodie and Commissioner also congratulated Mrs. Simpson, as did County Attorney Lee Beeman and County Administrator Jason Bennett, who commented on Mrs. Simpson's appointment as well-earned.

County Administrator Jason M. Bennett had no further comments to offer at this evening's meeting.

County Attorney T. Lee Beeman, Jr., had no further comments to offer at this evening's meeting.

Commissioners' statements, comments, recognition –

Commissioner David J. Caporale asked that County Administrator Bennett schedule a meeting with Western Maryland Railroad representatives, possibly to include the State (Western Maryland) Delegation, to look at an ongoing issue and come up with a speedy resolution. The other Commissioners voiced their agreement, and Mr. Bennett confirmed that he would set up the meeting.

Commissioner Creade V. Brodie, Jr. again congratulated Linda Simpson. He also talked about the extension of the Delfest Contract and acknowledged Stan Strickland and the McCoury family for their efforts and offers of assistance to our community.

Commissioner Jacob C. Shade announced that the County Office Building would re-open on Monday, July 6, 2020, with some precautions in place. He added that the next Commissioners Business Meeting would be open to the public.

Reminders/Upcoming Meetings –

Next Public Business Meeting – Thursday, July 9, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

At the end of the meeting, Linda Simpson's husband, Gary Simpson, came forward to speak about her dedication and worth as a County employee. He thanked the Commissioners and County Administrator for their recognition of Linda. There followed a round of applause.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come to the attention of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:15 p.m.

Jacob C. Shade, President

True Copy
Attest:

Cynthia A. Young
Recording Secretary



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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC
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STAFF REPORT

TO: Jason M. Bennett, Interim County Administrator
FROM: David K. Nedved, Economic & Community Development Representative
DATE: June 19, 2020
RE: Required Application Hearing:
Locust Grove Sewage Improvements Phase 3 Project
Required Progress Hearings:
Locust Grove Sewage Improvements Project

For the Agenda of: June 25, 2020

Background: By July 15, 2020, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will accept an application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Allegany County intends to submit an application for \$500,000 for the Locust Grove Sewage Improvements Phase 3 Project, which is the Force Main component. The project cost for this phase of the Locust Grove Sewage Improvements Project is estimated to be \$8,904,000 overall with \$7,420,000 for construction cost and \$1,484,000 for Engineering, Administrative and Inspection Costs. The \$500,000 in CDBG funding being pursued would help cover the construction costs.

Also, DHCD has previously awarded two CDBG's for the Locust Grove Sewage Improvements Project; \$800,000 towards design and \$800,000 towards construction of the pumping station.

Issues: As part of the CDBG application process for the Locust Grove Sewage Improvements Phase 3 Project, a public hearing must be held for public input. In the case of the two previously awarded CDBG's for the Locust Grove Sewage Improvements Project, a requirement of accepting CDBG funding is that a public hearing has to be held on the progress of the project while it is in the active phase. These public hearings are required to be held during a Commissioners' Public Meeting and a formal Notice of Public Hearings has to be given at least five (5) days before the hearings. The notice will be advertised in the Cumberland Times-News on Saturday

June 20, 2020. The public hearings will be at the June 25, 2020, Commissioners' public meeting.

Financial Impact: If awarded, a CDBG will provide \$500,000 for the Locust Grove Sewage Improvements Phase 3 Project. For the two previously awarded CDBG's for the Locust Grove Sewage Improvements project, \$1,600,000 in total is at risk if hearings are not held.

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. For the all the prior awarded CDBG's, the County Commissioners authorized Resolutions to apply for and accept the awarded funds.

Recommendation: Please schedule the CDBG hearings for the June 25, 2020, public meeting.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development
Community Development Block Grant
Board of County Commissioners of Allegany County, Maryland

The Allegany County Commissioners will conduct Public Hearings on the following subjects:

1. To obtain the views of citizens on:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING NEEDS

2. To offer citizens the opportunity to review application for funds for:

LOCUST GROVE SEWAGE IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 3 PROJECT

The draft application will be available for the public to review and to provide comments on Monday, June 22, 2020, until Friday, July 3, 2020, during normal business hours at the Allegany County Department of Economic and Community Development, 701 Kelly Road, Suite 400, Cumberland, MD by appointment, or by e-mail, contacting David Nedved at 240-727-2787 or at dnedved@alleganygov.org.

3. To offer citizens the opportunity to review the progress of:

LOCUST GROVE SEWAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The hearings will be held in the Allegany County Commissioners' Public Meeting Room 100, 701 Kelly Road, Cumberland, MD, at 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2020. A live feed of the proceedings will be available on the County's website, <https://alleganygov.org/>, at 5 pm. Citizens wishing to address the Board may do so by e-mailing comments to dnedved@alleganygov.org by 2 pm on Thursday, May 28, 2020.

On the Allegany County Government web site, <https://alleganygov.org/>, citizens will be furnished with information including but not limited to:

- the amount of Community Development Block Grant funds available for the State Fiscal Year 2020;
- the range of activities that may be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant funds; and
- the proposed projects under consideration by the Allegany County Commissioners

For the **LOCUST GROVE SEWAGE IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 3 PROJECT**, the Allegany County Commissioners propose to submit an application to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development on or before the July 15, 2020, for a Community Development Block Grant. This activity meets the National Block Grant objective of providing assistance to low- and moderate-income households.

The **LOCUST GROVE SEWAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT** is being funded partially by Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Block Grants.

Information and records for this project are available for review at the Allegany County Department of Economic and Community Development, 701 Kelly Road, Suite 400, Cumberland, MD.

The Maryland Community Development Block Grant Program is a federally funded program designed to assist governments with activities directed toward neighborhood and housing revitalization, economic development and improved community facilities and services. It is administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

The Maryland Community Development Block Grant Program reflects the State's economic and community development priorities and provides public funds for activities which meet one of the following national objectives, in accordance with the Housing Community Development Act of 1974, as amended:

1. Benefit low- and moderate-income persons and households;
2. Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight;
3. Meet other community development needs of an urgent nature, or that are an immediate threat to community health and welfare.

Efforts will be made to accommodate the disabled and non-English speaking residents with at least three days' advance notice to David Nedved at 301-876-9513.

Jacob C. Shade, President
Board of County Commissioners
of Allegany County, Maryland

Adv: June 20, 2020

Public Hearings Background Information

for

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING NEEDS

and

LOCUST GROVE SEWAGE IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 3 PROJECT, FORCE MAIN

LOCUST GROVE SEWAGE IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 1 PROJECT, DESIGN

LOCUST GROVE SEWAGE IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 2 PROJECT, PUMPING STATION

Notice was given in the *Cumberland Times-News* on Saturday, June 20, 2020, that the Allegany County Commissioners would sponsor public hearings on the following subjects:

1. To obtain the views of citizens on:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING NEEDS

2. To offer citizens the opportunity to review an application for funds for:

LOCUST GROVE SEWAGE IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 3 PROJECT, FORCE MAIN

The draft application will be available for the public to review and to provide comments on Monday, June 22, 2020, until Friday, July 3, 2020, during normal business hours at the Allegany County Department of Economic and Community Development, 701 Kelly Road, Suite 400, Cumberland, MD by appointment, or by e-mail, contacting David Nedved at 240-727-2787 or at dnedved@alleganygov.org.

3. To offer citizens the opportunity to review the progress of:

a. LOCUST GROVE SEWAGE IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 1 PROJECT, DESIGN

**b. LOCUST GROVE SEWAGE IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 2 PROJECT,
PUMPING STATION**

The hearings will be held in the Allegany County Commissioners' Public Meeting Room 100, 701 Kelly Road, Cumberland, MD, at 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2020. A live feed of the proceedings will be available on the County's website, <https://alleganygov.org/>, at 5 pm. Citizens wishing to address the Board may do so by e-mailing comments to dnedved@alleganygov.org by 2 pm on Thursday, May 28, 2020.

The Maryland Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is a federally sponsored program designed to assist local governments with activities directed toward neighborhood and housing revitalization, economic development and improved community facilities and services. CDBG funds are provided to the State of Maryland from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Maryland's CDBG program is administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The State of Maryland's allocation of CDBG funds for FY-2020 is estimated to be \$7,114,498. Funds are made available on a competitive basis to small political subdivisions not entitled to direct Federal funding. The maximum CDBG funds available per political subdivision is \$800,000.

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2. Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight;
3. Meet other community development needs of an urgent nature, or that are an immediate threat to community health and welfare.

The projects meet the National Block Grant objective of providing assistance to low- and moderate-income households; i.e., those below 80 percent of the median income for Allegany County and/or housing related projects. The projects are activities that will not result in displacement. The Allegany County Commissioners, however, have anti-displacement and relocation plans, as required.

The projects are also eligible activities for CDBG funds; specifically, they are all for public facilities. The activities that may be undertaken with CDBG funds are:

Acquisition of Real Property
Public Facilities and Improvements and Privately-Owned Utilities
Code Enforcement
Clearance, Rehabilitation, Reconstruction and Construction of Buildings Including Housing
Architectural Barrier Removal
Loss of Rental Income
Disposition of Real Property
Public Services
Payment of the Non-Federal Share
Relocation
Planning and Capacity Building
Program Administration Costs
Activities Carried Out Through Nonprofit Development Organizations
Economic Development Assistance to For-Profit Business
Additional Applicable Requirements—Activities Funded Under Section 105(a) (14), (15) & (17)
Technical Assistance

Housing Services
Assistance to Institutions of Higher Education
Microenterprise Assistance
In-Rem Housing
Homeownership Assistance
Interim Assistance

For the **LOCUST GROVE SEWAGE IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 3 PROJECT, FORCE MAIN**, the Allegany County Commissioners propose to submit an application to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development on or before the July 15, 2020. The draft application and engineering reports will be available for the public to review and to provide comments on Monday, June 22, 2020, until Friday, July 3, 2020, during normal business hours at the Allegany County Department of Economic and Community Development, 701 Kelly Road, Suite 400, Cumberland, MD by appointment, or by e-mail, contacting David Nedved at 240-727-2787 or at dnedved@alleganygov.org.

This activity meets the National Block Grant objective of providing assistance to low- and moderate-income households.

The **LOCUST GROVE SEWAGE IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 1 PROJECT, DESIGN** and the **LOCUST GROVE SEWAGE IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 2 PROJECT, PUMPING STATION** are both being funded partially by Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Block Grants.

Information and records for these projects will be available for the public to review on Monday, June 22, 2020, until Friday, July 3, 2020, during normal business hours at the Allegany County Department of Economic and Community Development, 701 Kelly Road, Suite 400, Cumberland, MD by appointment, or by e-mail, contacting David Nedved at 240-727-2787 or at dnedved@alleganygov.org.

LOCUST GROVE SEWAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Allegany County owns and operates the Locust Grove Pumping Station. The Locust Grove Pumping Station conveys all flow from the Jennings Run-Wills Creek Sanitary District to the LaVale Pumping Station force main and ultimately to the City of Cumberland's system. It serves an estimated 3,311 people. It serves the Census Designated Places going from west to east of Zihlman (360), Mount Savage (980), Barrelville (46), Corriganville (500), and Ellerslie (350) and households and businesses in between these places and after Corriganville.

The facility was constructed in 1975 and consists of a dry pit and wet well arrangement. The station has a firm pumping capacity of 1,970 gallons per millions (gpm) with one of the two pumps operating. The station has space for a third pump. Wet weather overflows occur from a constructed overflow pipe that extends from an influent manhole to Jennings Run.

A Jennings Run-Wills Creek and Bedford Road Sanitary Districts Pumping Stations Evaluation was conducted in 2009, which included a capacity and condition assessment of this pumping station. The evaluation recommended the replacement of the major mechanical, HVAC, and electrical systems because they had reached the end of their expected lives. The evaluation also recommended improvements to the station to better protect it from flooding events. Lastly, it recommended upgrades to architectural elements including brickwork and roofing. Dry pit pumps were recommended for the station with a firm pumping capacity of 2,300 gpm to match the allowable capacity identified in the County's Bedford Road and Jennings Run Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Studies (SSES).

Allegany County also worked with the LaVale Sanitary Commission to evaluate alternatives for upgrading the sewage conveyance and treatment options for a multi-jurisdictional Project Planning Area which included the service areas for the LaVale Sanitary Commission, Allegany County's Braddock Run and Jennings Run-Wills Creek Sanitary Districts, and the City of Frostburg. The people served by LaVale Sanitary Commission is estimated to be 5,206. This includes the Census Designated Place of LaVale (3,745). Allegany County's Braddock Run and Jennings Run-Wills Creek Sanitary Districts serves an estimated 2,588 people. This includes the Census Designated Places of Grahamtown (235), Eckhart (1,315), and Clarysville (170). The City of Frostburg serves an estimated 6,800 people.

A Preliminary Design Engineer's Report was completed by the EADS Group for the LaVale Sanitary Commission in 2017. This report recommended the Locust Grove Pumping Station be replaced with a larger capacity station able to accommodate flow from the entire Project Planning Area. Going along with this overall recommendation was that a new gravity sewer would be constructed to convey flow previously handled by the LaVale Pumping Station to the new Locust Grove Pumping Station. This flow is from the service areas of the LaVale Sanitary Commission, Allegany County's Braddock Run Sanitary District, and the City of Frostburg. The LaVale Pumping Station would then be decommissioned.

The Preliminary Design Engineer's Report proposed that the project be completed in phases. The first phase would be the replacement of the Locust Grove Pumping Station. The second phase would be the construction of approximately 1,780 linear feet of excavated and micro-tunneled gravity sewer line to the new Locust Grove Pump Station. Then the LaVale Pumping Station would be abandoned.

For the initial two phases of work, flow from the pumping stations would continue to be pumped to the City of Cumberland for treatment. Ultimately, the report recommended the replacement of the Mechanic Street Relief Sewer and force main. This third phase of the project would replace 9,100 linear feet of an existing 24" force main. This phase would be broken into two segments. The first being 2,000 linear feet of replacement of the existing force main located in Wills Creek. The second segment would be the replacement of 7,100 linear feet of underground line. The above ground section of this main was replaced in 2015-2016.

The Locust Grove Pumping Station is also part of a Compliant and Consent Order issued by the State of Maryland Department of the Environment to the Allegany County Sanitary District. The upgrade of this pumping station was identified as part of Allegany County's approach for addressing the Order.

The scope of the improvements includes the following major components: new wet well, three new dry-pit submersible pumps installed in a new below grade pump room, two new grinders upstream of the wet well, new activated carbon odor control system, new ductile iron piping, new valves and appurtenances, new flow meter, new emergency generator, new Motor Control Center, Variable Frequency Drives, controls and instrumentation and a new above grade building structure to protect the station from flooding. The station will be elevated two feet above the 100-year flood plan.

The project cost for the first phase of the project, the construction of the pumping station, is estimated to be \$13,168,140 overall, with \$10,973,450 for construction cost and \$2,194,000 for Engineering, Administration and Inspection Costs. The \$800,000 in CDBG funding awarded two years ago helped cover the engineering costs. The \$800,000 in CDBG funding awarded last year will help cover construction costs. Allegany County will be providing \$5,000 in in-kind services. Other funding sources are \$10,763,140 from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and \$800,000 from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC),

DHCD approved awarding the design contracts to GHD Inc. by letter dated October 16, 2018. Design work began in December 2018 for the pump station. Design contracts were awarded to GHD Inc. for the other phases of the project on January 3, 2019.

Design was completed by the end of April. Bidding and selection of the construction contractor will happen in August and September of 2020. Construction is scheduled to start in January 2021 and end in October 2022.

The project cost for the third phase of the project, replacement of the force main, is estimated to be \$8,904,000 overall, with \$7,420,000 for construction cost and \$1,484,000 for Engineering, Administration and Inspection Costs. The \$500,000 in CDBG funding being pursued for this phase will help cover construction costs. The other funding source is \$8,404,000 from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

The design for the third phase was completed by the end of April. Bidding and selection of the construction contractor will happen in August and September of 2020. Construction is scheduled to start in January 2021 and end in October 2022.

PUBLIC NOTICE**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development

Community Development Block Grant

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jacob C. Shade, *President*
Creade V. Brodie, Jr.
David J. Caporale

Jason M. Bennett, CPA, *Director of Finance*

STAFF REPORT

TO: Jason M. Bennett, County Administrator
FROM: Jason M. Bennett, CPA – Director of Finance
DATE: June 18, 2020
RE: Budget Amendments

For the Agenda of: June 25, 2020

1. BACKGROUND

Throughout the year, various activities require the approval of budget amendments to adjust our expectations for our budget.

2. ISSUES

At this point, we need to make three budget amendments for FY 2020 in the total amount of \$6,583,116. We need to recognize our annual vacation buyback, which utilizes fund balance by decreasing our compensated absences in the amount of \$154,591. Additionally, we need to allocate \$285,000 of workers comp that was in our employee benefits department to the departments that saw large costs from claims, including the Sheriff's department, Roads, the Detention Center and EMS. Finally, the largest amendment represents \$6,143,525 in federal funds that was received from the State of Maryland from the CARES Act to be utilized for our COVID-19 response. These dollars are largely being put back into the community in the form of small business grants, but has also been used to expand broadband capabilities, prepare to remote work, provide hazard pay to front line workers and also to relaunch our economy as the crisis begins to lift.

3. FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total amount of these budget amendments is \$6,583,116 and of this \$285,000 is simply a transfer between departments, so our total general fund budget for FY 2020 will increase by \$154,591. We will utilize \$154,591 of fund balance for these budget amendments. The \$6,143,525 in CARES act dollars are being accounted for in our special revenue funds, so they sit outside of our general fund.

4. ALTERNATIVES

There is not alternative to this budget amendment

5. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

None.

6. CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICY

Conforms with County policy.

7. RECOMMENDATION

The Finance Department recommends approving this amendment to the FY 2020 budget.