

July 9, 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 recited by all present.

MOTION

Commissioner Shade brought up two items to be added to this evening's Consent Agenda: Item 8 – Allegany County AG Expo Livestock Auction Agreement, and Item 9 – Second Agreement with Aramark Correctional Services regarding purchasing.

Upon Motion by Commissioner Caporale, and seconded by Commissioner Brodie, the Board of County Commissioners agreed to the addition of Item 8 and Item 9 to the Consent Agenda for this evening's meeting.

There were no further 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 June 25, 2020, public business meeting.

ACTION AGENDA

Item 1 – Ratification of Labor Management Agreement with Fraternal Order of Police Lodge # 144 Allegany County Sheriff's Office – Correctional Division – Board of County Commissioners to approve the final Labor Management Agreement between Allegany County and the Sheriff's Correctional Division, FOP Lodge # 144 – T. Lee Beeman, Jr., County Attorney, informed the Commissioners that he was sorry to report that, although the FOP was supposed to vote on the Labor Management Agreement for the Sheriff's Office – Corrections Division at their meeting yesterday, he understood they have voted on the vast majority of the Agreement, but not on one portion of it. Attorney Beeman recommended that the Commissioners table Item 1 until the following Commissioners public business meeting. He explained that the FOP will be meeting to resolve the last issue, and that it should be finalized by the Commissioners' next meeting.

Upon Motion made by Commissioner Caporale, and seconded by Commissioner Brodie, the Board of County Commissioners agreed to table Item 1 - Ratification of Labor Management Agreement with Fraternal Order of Police Lodge # 144 Allegany County Sheriff's Office – Correctional Division until the following Commissioners public business meeting.

Item 2 – Ratification of Labor Management Agreement with International Association of Fire Fighters Local #1715 Allegany County Emergency Medical Services Division – Board of County Commissioners to approve the final Labor Management Agreement between Allegany County and the Emergency Medical Services Division, IAFF Lodge # 1715 – T. Lee Beeman, Jr., County Attorney, explained that this Labor Management Agreement is for the County's EMS employees. He asked the Commissioners to approve the Agreement.

Upon Motion by Commissioner Brodie, seconded by Commissioner Caporale, and duly carried, the Board of County Commissioners approved the final Labor Management Agreement between Allegany County and the Emergency Medical Services Division, IAFF Lodge # 1715.

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 3 – Resolution 20-10 Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application for Locust Grove Sewage Improvements Phase 3 Project – Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution 20-10 to submit a CDBG application for \$500,000 for the Locust Grove Sewage Improvements Phase 3 Project, and authorized the President to sign all related documents.

Item 4 – Agreement for the former Allegany High School Athletic Fields Use – Board of County Commissioners approved the agreement for the use of the former Allegany High School athletic fields with the Westside Hunters and the Braddock Warriors.

Item 5 – Leaf Vac for Public Works Roads Division – Board of County Commissioners approved the bid award for the purchase of a new leaf vac to Old Dominion Brush Company, Inc., Richmond, Virginia, in the amount of \$48,592.

Item 6 – Sickle Bar Mower for Public Works Roads Division – Board of County Commissioners approved the bid award for the purchase of a new sickle bar mower to James River Equipment, Ashland, Virginia, in the amount of \$51,184.85.

Item 7 – Declaration of Surplus Vehicle – Board of County Commissioners authorized the Gaming Office to declare a 2001 Jeep Cherokee, VIN# 1J4FF48S41L538393, as surplus for disposal in accordance with county policy.

Item 8 – Allegany County Farm Bureau Livestock Auction Agreement – Board of County Commissioners approved and agreed to execute an agreement with the Allegany County Farm Bureau for rental of Allegany County Fairgrounds exhibition pavilion for livestock auction.

Item 9 – Amendment No. 2 to Operating Agreement with Aramark Correctional Services, LLC – Board of County Commissioners approved and agreed to execute Amendment No. 2 to Operating Agreement with Aramark Correctional Services, LLC to allow for cooperative purchasing by other governmental entities.

County Administrator Jason M. Bennett told the Commissioners that notice has been received from the Public Service Commission regarding a hearing to be held on the solar energy partners project (Point Reyes Energy Partners, LLC). He read the Commissioners a proposed letter of support for the project, for the Commissioners to sign and send to the Public Service Commission if they choose to do so. A copy of the letter read by Mr. Bennett is attached to and made a part of these Minutes.

The Commissioners signed the letter to be sent to the Public Service Commission.

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

Commissioners' statements, comments, recognition –

Commissioner David J. Caporale welcomed the public back to the Commissioners public business meeting.

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

Commissioner Jacob C. Shade had no further comments to make at this evening's meeting.

Constituents – In order of sign-up sheet –

Mr. Kenneth Wilmont voiced his objections to the timbering at Lake Coon.

Attorney Mike Getty first offered his congratulations to County Attorney Lee Beeman and County Administrator Jason Bennett on their recent appointments. He also offered to assist Attorney Beeman in any way he can, as he himself was a former Assistant County Attorney.

Attorney Getty then explained that he was present at this meeting to introduce someone to the County Commissioners: Ms. Carmen Jackson, President of the local chapter of the NAACP. Attorney Getty explained that he and Ms. Jackson were present at this evening's meeting to ask the Commissioners to acknowledge and assist Ms. Jackson with a request regarding the Brownsville Project. He explained the background and purpose of the Brownsville Project. Ms. Jackson then came forward to offer additional information about the Brownsville Project and about Mr. William Burns. She asked the County Commissioners for a donation of soil from the site where Mr. William Burns was lynched on October 6, 1907, and also for a monument to be erected in his honor. Ms. Jackson also thanked Attorney Getty for his assistance and guidance.

County Administrator Jason Bennett told Ms. Jackson that he and County Attorney Lee Beeman would review the information and documentation and get back to her. County Attorney Lee Beeman asked Ms. Jackson if the Brownsville Project was related to the Allegany County Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Committee under House Bill 307, and Commissioner David Caporale asked Ms. Jackson how far along the Project has gone.

Commissioner Jacob Shade added to the evening's Agenda, without objection, the request for soil collection to be made at the site where Mr. William Burns was lynched in 1907.

Upon Motion made by Commissioner Brodie, and seconded by Commissioner Caporale, the Board of County Commissioners approved the collection of soil to be given to the Brownsville Project.

Reminders/Upcoming Meetings –

Next Public Business Meeting – Thursday, July 23, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come to the attention of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Jacob C. Shade, President

True Copy
Attest:

Cynthia A. Young
Recording Secretary



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Andrew Johnson, Executive Secretary
Maryland Public Service Commission
William Donald Shaefer Tower
6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor
Baltimore, MD 21202

RE: PSC Case Number: 9643

Dear Mr. Johnson:

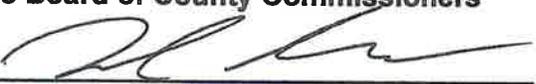
This letter is to express to you the Allegany County Board of County Commissioner's support for the Point Reyes Energy Partners, LLC application to the Maryland Public Service Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for authority to construct a 19.84 megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic generating facility in Allegany County, Maryland as referenced in case number 9643.

The project will be constructed on a 113-acre portion of land that was previously used as a surface coal mine. We believe that this project is of great importance to Allegany County and will contribute to both our workforce and tax base in the future if successful. We also feel this is an excellent use of a previously mined tract of land that will benefit the citizens of Allegany County for many years to come.

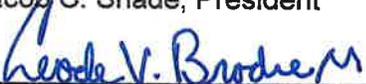
Should you have any questions or comments about this request, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

The Board of County Commissioners



Jacob C. Shade, President



Creade V. Brodie, Jr. Commissioner



David J. Caporale, Commissioner