

September 24, 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 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

There were no additions or deletions to the Agenda.

MOTION

Upon Motion by Commissioner Caporale, seconded by Commissioner Shade, and Motion carried, the Commissioners approved the Minutes of the September 10, 2020, public business meeting.

PRESENTATION

Item 1 – 2020-2021 Allegany County Teacher of the Year – Stacey Lynn Bradley, Title 1 Reading Teacher, South Penn Elementary School, Cumberland, Maryland. Commissioner Shade introduced the Allegany County Teacher of the Year for 2020-2021, Ms. Stacey Lynn Bradley, and invited her to come forward. Commissioner Shade read and presented Ms. Bradley with an official Proclamation. The Commissioners also presented Ms. Bradley with a gift.

ACTION AGENDA

Item 2 – Salary Study Commission Board Appointments – Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to Local Government Article, § 28-101, et. seq., of the Annotated Code of Maryland, approve the appointments of Stuart C. Czapski, Allegany County Chamber of Commerce, Jonathan Dayton, Allegany-Garrett Counties Fire & Rescue Association, Brian Grim, Democratic Central Committee of Allegany County, Ian Reikie, Farm Bureau of Allegany County, Todd Logsdon, Republican Central Committee of Allegany County, Laurence Kasekamp, Western Maryland Central Labor Council, and Tiffany Mock, At-Large Member, to the Salary Study Commission – T. Lee Beeman, Jr., County Attorney, explained that as required every four years by Maryland Code, the Commissioners were being asked to appoint members to a Salary Study Commission, which will provide recommendations for salaries of certain elected officials serving in Allegany County. He further explained that the County Commissioners will have the opportunity, after the Salary Study Commission has made its recommendations, to approve those salaries, but will not have the ability to set salaries higher than the recommended amounts.

Attorney Beeman went on to discuss how appointees to the Salary Study Commission are chosen. He explained that Maryland Code provides that certain organizations provide a nomination to the County, with one nomination made by the Board of County Commissioners. He presented the names of the proposed appointees:

- **Stu Czapski**, on behalf of the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce
- **Jonathan Dayton**, on behalf of the Allegany-Garrett Counties Fire & Rescue Association
- **Brian Grim**, on behalf of the Allegany County Democratic Central Committee
- **Ian Reikie**, on behalf of the Farm Bureau of Allegany County
- **Todd Logsdon**, on behalf of the Allegany County Republican Central Committee
- **Laurence Kasekamp**, on behalf of the Western Maryland Central Labor Council
- **Tiffany Mock**, at-large member as appointed by the Allegany County Commissioners

Attorney Beeman asked the Commissioners to take action on these appointments.

Upon Motion made by Commissioner Caporale, seconded by Commissioner Shade, and duly carried, the Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to Local Government Article, § 28-101, et. seq., of the Annotated Code of Maryland, approved the appointments of Stuart C. Czapski, Allegany County Chamber of Commerce, Jonathan Dayton, Allegany-Garrett Counties Fire & Rescue Association, Brian Grim, Democratic Central Committee of Allegany County, Ian Reikie, Farm Bureau of Allegany County, Todd Logsdon, Republican Central Committee of Allegany County, Laurence Kasekamp, Western Maryland Central Labor Council, and Tiffany Mock, At-Large Member, to the Salary Study Commission.

Item 3 – Frostburg Tech Building Contract Number FHP-21-01 Bid Award – Board of County Commissioners to authorize the Department of Public Works to award Contract FHP-21-01, Construction of the Frostburg Tech Building, Frostburg Industrial Park, to Lashley Construction,

Frostburg, in the amount of \$3,492,786.20, and authorize the President of the County Commissioners to sign any necessary documents and agreements to proceed to construction – Gregory B. Hildreth, Economic Development Specialist, reminded the Commissioners that the County has been working on the design of the Frostburg Tech Building for several months, and pointed out that this is the building associated with the Berkeley Springs Instruments (BSI) Expansion Project. Mr. Hildreth reported that the design was completed in August and put out for bid on August 5, 2020, with six companies bidding on the Project. He told the Commissioners that bids were opened on September 1, 2020, and that the low bid came in from Lashley Construction, at \$3,492,786.20. Mr. Hildreth asked the Commissioners to award the contract to Lashley Construction, and told them that he would be happy to answer any questions they may have.

Upon Motion made by Commissioner Shade, and seconded by Commissioner Caporale, the Board of County Commissioners authorized the Department of Public Works to award Contract FHP-21-01, Construction of the Frostburg Tech Building, Frostburg Industrial Park, to Lashley Construction, Frostburg, in the amount of \$3,492,786.20, and authorized the President of the County Commissioners to sign any necessary documents and agreements to proceed to construction.

Commissioners Shade and Caporale thanked Hildreth for his work regarding this project, and he in turn acknowledged and thanked Whitney Daugherty and Adam Patterson of Public Works for their efforts, which he remarked were critical in moving the project forward.

CONSENT AGENDA

As recommended by the County Administrator

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

Item 4 – Thomas P. Miller & Associates, LLC – Economic Development Services Agreement – Board of County Commissioners executed a three-month Economic Development Professional Services Agreement with Thomas P. Miller & Associates, LLC, an Indiana Limited Liability Company, with the opportunity to extend the contract on a month to month basis thereafter.

Item 5 – Resolution 20-14 – Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application for COVID Funding Round 2 – Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution 20-14 authorizing the signing and submission of the CDBG application for COVID Funding Round 2.

Item 6 – Allegany County Community Enhancement Program – Board of County Commissioners approved paying an estimated \$6,500 in demolition costs and an estimated \$1,000 in landfill costs from the Allegany County Community Enhancement Program for a house located at 15915 Saint Mary's Church Terrace, near the Town of Lonaconing that is owned by the Allegany County Commissioners; and authorized the Department of Economic and Community Development to award a contract for the demolition of the house and any outlying buildings and removal of debris to Miller Trucking & Excavating, LLC, Cumberland.

Item 7 – Local Management Board of Allegany County, Inc. – Board of County Commissioners agreed to sign the Community Partnership Agreement for Fiscal Year 2021 between the State of Maryland, acting by and through the Children's Cabinet, and Allegany County, acting by and through the Local Management Board of Allegany County, Inc., designated as the Local Management Board for Allegany County, Maryland.

Item 8 – Fiscal Year 2020 Utilities Division Budget Amendment – Board of County Commissioners authorized the Allegany County Utilities Division to transfer \$200,000 of capital funds and \$58,000 of Maryland Department of the Environment grant funds from FY 2020 budget to the FY 2021 budget.

Item 9 – Variable Volume & Temperature (VVT) System Replacement at Allegany County Health Department Brook Building Bid Award – Board of County Commissioners authorized the approval of the VVT System Replacement at the Allegany County Health Department Brook Building to Walter N. Yoder & Sons, Cumberland, in the amount of \$231,973, and authorized the President of the County Commissioners to sign all necessary documents.

Item 10 – USDA – Rural Development Funding Documents Signature and Submittal Authorization – Board of County Commissioners approved the authorization of Adam Patterson, PE, Deputy Director, Daniel S. DeWitt, County Engineer, and James L. Webber, PE, Project Engineer to sign and submit USDA – Rural Development documents electronically.

Item 11 – CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield Medical Plan Renewal – Board of County Commissioners approved the renewal of the CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield medical insurance plan for Allegany County Government employees and retirees for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, and authorized the President of the County Commissioners to sign.

County Attorney had no further remarks to make at this evening's meeting.

County Administrator had no further remarks to make at this evening's meeting.

Commissioners' statements, comments, recognition –

Commissioner Caporale let everyone know about the upcoming Alhambra Sausage Sandwich Sale to be held this Friday and Saturday at the LaVale Fire Hall.

Constituents – In order of sign-up sheet –

Mr. Kenneth Wilmont, 513 Fort Avenue, Cumberland, discussed his concerns regarding the solar farm in Flintstone.

Reminders/Upcoming Meetings –

Next Public Business Meeting – Thursday, October 8, 2020, 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.

Jacob C. Shade, President

True Copy
Attest:

Cynthia A. Young
Recording Secretary