

January 23, 2018

The County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County met this date pursuant to its last adjournment and there were present:

Stephen Wilson
James J. Moran
Jack N. Wilson, Jr.
Robert Charles Buckey (absent)
Mark A. Anderson

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 4:50 p.m.

Commissioner Buckey was absent from this meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:

Pursuant to Section 10-503(c) of the State Government Article of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*, the County Commissioners went into closed session for the purpose of conducting an administrative function meeting; "The County Commissioners held a Closed Session on a motion of Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, at 4:50 p.m. in the Office of the County Commissioners, The Liberty Building, 107 N. Liberty Street, Centreville, Maryland." The Board adjourned in Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Mr. Gregg Todd, County Administrator; Ms. Margie Houck, Executive Assistant;

The Board discussed Boards & Commissions appointments.

CLOSED SESSION:

Pursuant to State Government Law Section 3-305(b), (3): to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; "The County Commissioners held a Closed Session on a motion of Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, at 5:00 p.m. in the Office of the County Commissioners, The Liberty Building, 107 N. Liberty Street, Centreville, Maryland." The Board adjourned in Closed Session at 5:25 p.m. Those in attendance were Mr. Gregg Todd, County Administrator; Ms. Margie Houck, Executive Assistant and Chris Drummond, Esquire.

The Board discussed the lease of a county property.

In open session:

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner S. Wilson abstained from the vote, the Board agreed to appoint Valerie Hirsch to a five year term on the Ethics Commission to begin immediately and end December 31, 2022.

| Commissioners | Yes | No | Abstain |
|---------------|--------|----|---------|
| Moran | x | | |
| J Wilson | x | | |
| S Wilson | | | x |
| Buckey | absent | | |
| Anderson | x | | |

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, the Board unanimously agreed to appoint Kathy Deoudes to a three year term on the Economic Development Commission to begin immediately and end December 31, 2020.

| Commissioners | Yes | No |
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| Moran | x | |
| J Wilson | x | |
| S Wilson | x | |
| Buckey | absent | |
| Anderson | x | |

Christ Church Lease

Mr. Gregg Todd, County Administrator noted, “There is an outstanding issue of the lease with Shine Like Stars. There’s been a consensus to move forward with a one year lease with Shine Like stars but to also deed the church over to a Kent Island 501C3 that will take the proper care of the church as it is now. What that will do, that will provide the 501C3 a revenue source over the next 14 months or however much it takes to transfer the property and then the church is yours. We also talked to the Commissioners, understanding that a 501C3 might have some issues at first funding the facility. They recognized there might be some funding that goes along with it. That is the consensus coming out of that and we will work towards that end in the next few weeks.”

MINUTES:

On a motion made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the Agenda for the current meeting and Regular minutes of the August 22, 2017 meeting and ordered them stand as recorded.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following persons spoke to the Commissioners on subjects of interest to them:

1. Nancy Cook
2. Dominic Dibiovine
3. Cindy Golding
4. Jack Broderick
5. Judy Wolgast
6. Ware Woodham
7. Maureen Bannon
8. Paul Placek

WEEKLY CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESENTATION OF DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNATURE:

The Board reviewed various correspondence with Mr. Gregg Todd, County Administrator.

CDBG SEMI-ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT:

Mr. Michael R. Clark, Community Partnership for Children and Families Director submitted to the Board for their review and approval, CDBG - Semi- Annual Progress Report July 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 MD 13 CD 30 - Chester Wye Center.

The Board reviewed documents that are required under the terms of the Grant Agreement for the Community Development Block Grant Program for the Chester Wye Center project on State Street in Stevensville, Maryland. Specifically, staff is required to submit a Semi-Annual Progress Report for the reporting period of July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. The project is progressing on schedule.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the Semi-Annual Progress Report for the Community Development Block Grant identified as: #CDBG MD 13 CD 30 related to the time period of July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

| Commissioners | Yes | No |
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| Moran | x | |
| J Wilson | x | |

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| S Wilson | x | |
| Buckey | absent | |
| Anderson | x | |

PROCLAMATION 18-05 WILLIAM CLAIBORNE & NORTHAMPTON COUNTY:

Commissioner J. Wilson read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, Queen Anne's County, Maryland and Northampton County, Virginia established their sister county relationship in 2016 as a result of the march of the Queen Anne's County militia to the Northampton Court House to protect it against Lord Dunmore that was reenacted in 2016 on the anniversary of the February 3, 1776 original march; and

WHEREAS, William Claiborne understood the unique value of Kent Island the first time he saw its shoreline and determined to establish what was to become the first major cross Atlantic trading post between the new America and Great Britain trading with Indian tribes for furs and agricultural goods; and

WHEREAS, William Claiborne, before the first Kent Island settlers that came from Great Britain on the Africa, made his first major establishing trip to Kent Island from his home in Jamestown; and

WHEREAS, Claiborne stopped off on his way up the Chesapeake Bay at his land grant property on the Eastern Shore that had been-given to him as a result of his leadership in the Jamestown wars against the local Indians, this land being in what is Northampton County, Virginia, but then called Accawmak, and that property located somewhere between King's Creek and Eastville; and

WHEREAS, when Claiborne stopped on the Eastern Shore he found a group of squatters on his land, which act was a serious offense under the Virginia laws, and as he was loath to stop to deal with the squatters, he gave them space on his boat going to Kent Island; and

WHEREAS, it thus appears that much earlier than our Revolutionary militia marching to assist the people of Northampton, settlers who had been living on Northampton Claiborne land from nearly the beginning gave help in the first effort by Claiborne to establish what was to become the most successful trading site on the American continent;

THEREFORE BE IT NOW KNOWN THAT WE THE COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, wish once again to reaffirm our ties of friendship with a new relationship to Northampton County heretofore unknown and again reaffirm our sister county relationship with thanks and all best wishes.

2018 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY AWD:

Warden LaMonte Cooke submitted to the Board for their review and approval, 2018 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD (State Contract).

The Board reviewed the specifications for a 2018 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle, State contract # 00187400143. The vehicle is being sold from Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc., who is handling the state wide contract this year for this type of vehicle.

The base price of the vehicle with the already included options is \$27,133. Additional options, including the Prisoner Compartment, are \$2,755. This brings the total vehicle price to \$29,888.

This vehicle will replace a 2005 Dodge Caravan transport vehicle. These funds are in the approved capital budget for FY18.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the 2018 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle, State contract # 00187400143 in the amount of \$29,888.

| Commissioners | Yes | No |
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| Moran | x | |
| J Wilson | x | |
| S Wilson | x | |
| Buckey | absent | |
| Anderson | x | |

PROPERTY LIENS:

Mr. James Barton, III, Zoning Administrator, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Property Liens.

Map 518, Grid 22, Parcel 791,114 Robinson Lane, Grasonville, MD 21638 (\$275.00)

Map 36, Grid 1, Parcel 31, 1740 Church Hill Road, Centreville, MD 21617 (\$340.00)

An independent contractor hired by the Zoning Office to cut grass at the above referenced addresses after the property owner ignored repeated attempts by the Zoning Inspector to get the site to comply with Queen Anne's County Code Chapter 19 Article II §19-2 L. (2) which states: A person may not allow any vegetation to grow higher than 12 inches on any lot or parcel that is: (a) Less than three acres in size; and (b) located in an approved or recorded residential subdivision or any part of which is within 200 feet of a neighboring residence.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the Resolutions to place a lien on each of these properties.

| Commissioners | Yes | No |
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| Moran | x | |
| J Wilson | x | |
| S Wilson | x | |
| Buckey | absent | |
| Anderson | x | |

SOCIAL SERVICES APPOINTMENT:

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, the Board unanimously agreed to appoint Michele Morrissette to the Social Services Board to begin February 8, 2018 and expire June 30, 2021.

| Commissioners | Yes | No |
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| Moran | x | |
| J Wilson | x | |
| S Wilson | x | |
| Buckey | absent | |
| Anderson | x | |

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 18-01:

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Resolution 18-02.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY, MARYLAND ESTABLISHING THE BROADBAND ADVISORY COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR THE DUTIES, MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Queen Anne’s County deem it advisable to facilitate and expedite the provision of broadband internet service to the citizens of Queen Anne’s County;

AND WHEREAS, an advisory council with respect to the provision of broadband service and provide assistance in achieving such broadband service;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY, MARYLAND this 23rd day of January, 2017, as follows:

- A. There shall be a Broadband Advisory Council in Queen Anne’s County.

B. The Broadband Advisory Council shall be comprised of members appointed by the County Commissioners and shall include up to two citizens residing in each County Commissioner District, one representative from the broadband industry who shall not necessarily be a resident of Queen Anne’s County, the Queen Anne’s County Director of Budget, Finance and Information Technology, the Queen Anne’s County Manager of Information Technology, a liaison from the County Commissioners and an alternate who shall serve in the absence of any other member.

C. The members so appointed, with the exception of County staff, shall be given staggered terms of 1, 2 or 3 years upon their appointment. Therefore all members shall serve terms of three (3) years. Members may, in the discretion of the County Commissioners, be reappointed for subsequent terms.

D. The Broadband Advisory Council shall advise and provide recommendations to the County Commissioners on the provision of broadband services and infrastructure in Queen Anne’s County.

E. The Broadband Advisory Council shall adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and shall annually select a Chairman, Secretary and any other officers deemed advisable or necessary.

| Commissioners | Yes | No |
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| Moran | x | |
| J Wilson | x | |
| S Wilson | x | |
| Buckey | absent | |
| Anderson | x | |

NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH:

The Board presented Mr. Jonathan Spencer, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore, Inc. the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS, in our youth, we must learn the behaviors and habits of successful adults – how to treat others, how to overcome failure, and how to give back to our communities, for example. Many learn these things from their parents, grandparents, or other family members. Too many, however, lack ready access to strong, compassionate adult role models. During National Mentoring Month, we thank the millions of Americans who set aside time to invest in the lives of our Nation’s youth as volunteer mentors. Because of them, children who would otherwise have to learn the ways of the adult world on their own are guided to become successful and responsible adults. The work of those who mentor the next generation makes profound impressions on the lives of their mentees, improves our communities, and strengthens our Nation; and

WHEREAS, every day, mentors fill critical needs in our communities. They serve as role models to children, and their faithful presence often makes a tremendous difference in the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual development of their mentees. Mentors tutor in academics, coach athletics, and provide wisdom and guidance for all of life's decisions. They help build self-esteem, develop character, and encourage learning and leadership skills in America's youth. Their dedication and commitment convey to both their mentees and the world that every human has God-given value and worthwhile hopes and dreams; and

WHEREAS, as we celebrate National Mentoring Month, we encourage every American to consider how they might use their time and talents to help transform the life of a child, whether as teachers, friends, educators, clergy, or community leaders. Our Nation's mentors are as diverse as our citizenry, but they all share a common commitment: building a better life for our youth and a brighter future for our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY do hereby proclaim January 2018 as National Mentoring Month and call upon public officials, business and community leaders, educators, and citizens across Queen Anne's County to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

CHARACTER COUNTS:

The Board presented Ms. Elaine Butler, Character Counts! the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS, Queen Anne's County was declared a "*Character Counts!* Community, and we as citizens will come together and build a strong community based on the "Six Pillars of Character"; and

WHEREAS, Sudlersville Elementary School and Sudlersville Middle School have been declared a Character Counts! Community where we model good character traits; and

WHEREAS, all school citizens should show respect in school by listening to directions, not talking when others are talking, not talking back, by following the rules, and not cheating; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of character should show respect at home by telling the truth, listening to our parents, following directions, taking care of our things, doing chores, helping our elders, and being kind; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should show respect in the community by following the laws, recycling, not littering, helping others, and being courteous and polite, as well as being tolerant and accepting of differences; and

WHEREAS, all citizens will respect themselves, others, and property; and

WHEREAS, the students and staff of Sudlersville Elementary School and Sudlersville Middle School declare to be respectful citizens and help others to be respectful as well; and

WHEREAS, the students and staff at Sudlersville Elementary School and Sudlersville Middle School will continue their mission of embracing the Pillars of Character and incorporate these traits of good character into their daily lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, do hereby designate the *Character Counts!* Pillar of the Month for February to be "Respect".

PUBLIC HEARING:

The County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County, Maryland held a public hearing at 6:15 p.m. in the County Commissioner's Meeting Room in the Liberty Building, 107 N Liberty Street, Centreville, Maryland 21617 to receive public comments on County Ordinance 17-17.

Patrick Thompson, Esquire, County Attorney conducted the hearing on behalf of the County and noted all legal requirements had been met.

A BILL ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING Amendments to Chapter 18:1 of the Code of Public Local Laws (the Queen Anne's County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations) Regarding Conditional Use Standards for Solar Arrays, Standards for Accessory Solar Arrays, and Elimination of Solar Arrays in Open Space;

FOR THE PURPOSE OF establishing guidelines for the siting of small and utility scale solar arrays and accessory facilities, submission requirements for conditional use applications, landscaping and screening requirements for solar arrays and prohibiting solar arrays in open space;

BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING Sections 18:1-12 and 18:1-95.S of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County, Maryland and by ADOPTING §18:1-49.1 as an addition to the Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County, Maryland.

The Queen Anne's County Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed amendment and issued a favorable recommendation with amendments.

The following persons gave public testimony:

1. Richard Smith
2. Jay Falstad
3. Erin Walkowiak
4. Heather Maw

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to adopt Amendment 1 to County Ordinance 17-17.

AMENDMENT TO A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING Amendments to Chapter 18:1 of the Code of Public Local Laws (the Queen Anne’s County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations) Regarding Conditional Use Standards for Solar Arrays, Standards for Accessory Solar Arrays and Elimination of Solar Arrays in Open Space;

FOR THE PURPOSE OF amending pending County Ordinance No. 17-17;

BY AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 17-17 REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING Sections 18:1-12, 18:1-95.S and 18:1-139.A of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne’s County, Maryland and by **ADOPTING** §18:1-49.1 as an addition to the Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County, Maryland.

| Commissioners | Yes | No |
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| Moran | x | |
| J Wilson | x | |
| S Wilson | x | |
| Buckey | absent | |
| Anderson | x | |

On a motion made by Commissioner , seconded by Commissioner , the Board unanimously agreed to adopt Amendment to Amendment 2 to County Ordinance 17-17.

AN AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT NO. 2 OF A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING Amendments to Chapter 18:1 of the Code of Public Local Laws (the Queen Anne’s County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations) Regarding Conditional Use Standards for Solar Arrays, Standards for Accessory Solar Arrays and Elimination of Solar Arrays in Open Space;

FOR THE PURPOSE OF amending pending Amendment No. 2 to County Ordinance No. 17-17 to clarify the setback requirements contained therein;

BY AMENDING Section 18:1-95.S.(3)(d) in Amendment No. 2 of County Ordinance No. 17-17 as amended.

| Commissioners | Yes | No |
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| Moran | x | |
| J Wilson | x | |
| S Wilson | x | |
| Buckey | absent | |
| Anderson | x | |

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to adopt Amendment 2 to County Ordinance 17-17.

AN AMENDMENT TO A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING Amendments to Chapter 18:1 of the Code of Public Local Laws (the Queen Anne’s County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations) Regarding Conditional Use Standards for Solar Arrays, Standards for Accessory Solar Arrays and Elimination of Solar Arrays in Open Space;

FOR THE PURPOSE OF amending pending County Ordinance No. 17-17 to revise the setback requirements contained therein;

BY AMENDING Section 18:1-95.S.(3)(d) in County Ordinance No. 17-17 as amended.

| Commissioners | Yes | No |
|---------------|--------|----|
| Moran | x | |
| J Wilson | x | |
| S Wilson | x | |
| Buckey | absent | |
| Anderson | x | |

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to adopt County Ordinance 17-17. As part of the motion, a discussion was held between Commissioners Anderson, Moran and J. Wilson on this topic

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| Commissioners | Yes | No |
|---------------|--------|----|
| Moran | x | |
| J Wilson | x | |
| S Wilson | x | |
| Buckey | absent | |
| Anderson | x | |

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No persons spoke to the Commissioners on subjects of interest to them.

COMMISSIONER’S ROUNDTABLE:

Commissioner J. Wilson discussed the following:

- Flu Season
- Wished good will to our Bond Committee
- Workforce Development Tour

Commissioner Moran discussed the following:

- Delmarva Power study
- Take MDOT Survey online, type in the QAC priorities in comments
- Baltimore Metropolitan Council – East bound Rt 50 reported as #1 traffic back up

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to fund \$6000 for the Phase 2 of the TIF for the Kent Narrows Development Foundation. As part of the motion, a discussion was held between Commissioners Anderson and J. Wilson on this topic.

| Commissioners | Yes | No |
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| Moran | x | |
| J Wilson | x | |
| S Wilson | x | |
| Buckey | absent | |
| Anderson | x | |

Commissioner Anderson discussed the following:

Accidents on Rt 8 where it crosses Rt 50 – push to get better signal control

There being no further business, they adjourned at 6:40 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

PRESIDENT