

April 9, 2019

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

James J. Moran  
Jack N. Wilson, Jr.  
Stephen Wilson  
Philip L. Dumenil  
Christopher M. Corchiarino

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

**ADMINISTRATIVE 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 Dumenil, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, 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 5:10 p.m. Those in attendance were Mr. Todd Mohn, County Administrator; Ms. Margie Houck, Executive Assistant; Ms. Lynda Thomas, Deputy Executive Assistant;

The Board discussed Boards/Commission appointments.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Pursuant to State Government Law Section 3-305(b), (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter; "The County Commissioners held a Closed Session on a motion of Commissioner Dumenil, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, at 5:10 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 5:30 p.m. Those in attendance were Mr. Todd Mohn, County Administrator; Ms. Margie Houck, Executive Assistant; Ms. Beverly A. Churchill, Department of Human Resources Director;

The Board discussed Mr. Todd Mohn's contract as County Administrator.

In Open Session:

On a motion made by Commissioner Dumenil, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to (re)appoint John Wilson to a two-year term on the Spending Affordability Committee to begin immediately and end September 30, 2020.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

On a motion made by Commissioner Dumenil, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, Commissioner S. Wilson opposed, the Board agreed to appoint Timothy Hibbard to a four-year term on the Liquor Board to begin July 1, 2019 and end June 30, 2023.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson		x
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to unanimously agreed to approve Mr. Todd Mohn's contract as County Administrator he took the following oath:

Pursuant to Article I, § 9, Maryland Constitution, Commissioner President Moran administered the follow oath:

I, Todd R. Mohn, do swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and that I will be faithful, and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland, and support the Constitution and Laws thereof; and that I will, to the best of my skill and judgement, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, execute the Office of County Administrator for Queen Anne's County, according to the Constitution and Laws of this State.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

**MINUTES:**

On a motion made by Commissioner Corchiarino, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the Agenda for the current meeting and the minutes of March 26, 2019 and Budget Work Session minutes of March 28, 2019, April 2, 2019 and April 3, 2019 and Closed Session minutes of March 26, 2019.

**PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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

- 1. Diane Ryan
- 2. Kathryn Singer
- 3. Shelly Baird

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – ADMINISTRATIVE/ENGINEERING:**

Mr. Todd Mohn, Director of the Department of Public Works; met with the Board.

**HISTORIC CHRIST CHURCH RESOLUTION:**

Mr. Dave MacGlashan, Division Chief, Property Management & Environmental Programs, presented to the Board for their review and approval, Historic Christ Church Resolution 19-06.

The Board reviewed Resolution 19-06 which will serve to formally discharge the property known as “Historic Christ Church” situated at 121 East Main Street Stevensville from the County’s Property Inventory.

After adoption of the Resolution, the County can proceed with entertaining offers to sell and dispose of the property. Once an offer is accepted, a public notice outlining the terms of the sale must be advertised in the local paper.

On a motion made by Commissioner S. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, Commissioner Dumenil abstained from the vote, the Board agreed to execute Resolution 19-06.

Commissioners	Yes	No	Abstain
Moran	x		
J Wilson	x		
S Wilson	x		
Dumenil			x
Corchiarino	x		

## **WEEKLY CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESENTATION OF DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNATURE:**

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

## **RFI TO STATE FOR BROADBAND FUNDING:**

The Broadband Advisory Committee (BAC) submitted to the Board for their review and approval, recommendation for approval to send RFI to State for Broadband funding.

The States Department of Rural Broadband has issued an RFI for the Interest in Assistance for Broadband Expansion for Unserved Rural Areas — Broadband Pilot Projects. The State is offering to provide financial assistance in the amount not to exceed \$100,000 for up to 50% of the cost of a Pilot Project. Responding to the RFI does not obligate the County to any actual work or costs associated with the potential projects included.

The BAC had responded to another RFI in the fall of 2018, with Commissioner approval, regarding the same two projects proposed here. The projects include two areas of the County that Atlantic Broadband (ABB) has engineered and suggested as more dense unserved areas of the County, which also extend their network to some of the furthest distances which make capturing other nearby areas more appealing. The County did not move forward with those projects at that time due to the restrictions of the USDA funding (The County had to retain ownership of the asset for the duration of construction) tied to that grant. The money made available through this grant does not have those same ownership restrictions.

If the State approves these projects, the County will need to work fairly aggressively to determine if there may be funding available to not only match State funds but to pay costs that exceed the grant and matched amounts. For these projects, funding agreements are required to be in place by June 14, 2019.

The projects in question were estimated by ABB to cost:

- Project Area 1 - \$812,000
- Project Area 2 - \$240,000

Total \$1 .052M - potential State contribution \$200K - Total cost estimated at \$852K.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the recommendation of the Broadband Advisory Committee and allow the issuance of the RFI response to enable the County to work with the State Office of Rural Broadband to fund future broadband opportunities in unserved/underserved

areas. As part of the motion, a discussion was held between Commissioners Dumenil, Moran, J. Wilson and S. Wilson on this topic.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

**SEMIANNUAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT SERVICE FEE:**

Mr. Jonathan Seeman, Budget & Finance & IT Director, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Semiannual Property Tax Payment Service Fee.

Annually, the County Tax Collector receives a memorandum from the State Department of Assessments and Taxation indicating that the County is authorized to bill a service fee for the lost interest and administrative costs associated with the semiannual property tax billing if the amount of the service charge is approved by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

The annual calculation of the service fee is related to the interest we receive from our cash investments, as the semiannual payment results in lost interest to the County. It is estimated that if a service fee based on actual lost interest revenue was implemented, the charge for a typical household would be less than \$7.00 per household. Queen Anne’s County did not charge a service fee for the 2018-2019 tax year. We recommend that a service fee not be charged in the 2019-2020 tax year as well.

On a motion made by Commissioner Corchiarino, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to submit to the Department of Assessments and Taxation an Approval Form for The Establishment of County and Municipal Service Fees for Semiannual Property Tax Payments a service charge in the amount of 0%.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR DISABLED OR FALLEN EMERGENCY WORKERS:**

Mr. Jonathan Seeman, Budget & Finance & IT Director, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Property Tax Credit for Disabled or Fallen Emergency Workers.

The following application for the Property Tax Credit for Dwelling owned by a Disabled Emergency Worker, which has been reviewed by the County attorney Patrick Thompson, is recommended for approval.

John J. Armbruster

The amount of the credit is 100% of the County tax and for the prior tax year was \$2525.57. This credit will go in effect for the 2020 tax year if approved

On a motion made by Commissioner Corchiarino, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the property tax credit for John J. Armbruster, a disabled emergency worker, the amount of the 100% of the County tax and for the prior tax year in the amount of \$2525.57.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

**NG9-1-1 DATA PREPARATION APPLICATION & SERVICES PURCHASE:**

Ms. Megan DelGaudio, IT Manager; Mr. Scott Haas, DES Director; Mr. Sam Stanton, GIS Coordinator; and Mr. James Alfree, DES Assistant Chief, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, NG9-1-1 Data preparation application and services purchase using grant funds.

The Department of Emergency Services in conjunction with the Department of Finance, Budget and IT are collectively requesting the County to authorize grant funds made available through the Emergency Numbers System Board (ENSB) to purchase the Datamark VEP application from Michael Baker, Inc., as well as consulting services to facilitate boundary workshops in preparation for NG9-1-1.

The Datamark VEP application validates, edits, and provisions GIS addressing data to ensure it can be properly consumed in a national 9-1-1 GIS system. Boundary workshops with neighboring Counties will focus on ensuring that all jurisdictions have agreed to a topologically correct Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Boundary for the purpose of call routing.

Following the Queen Anne’s County Procurement Policy 400-010 we would like to contract Michael Baker Inc. under pre-established contracts awarded by Caroline and Garrett Counties. Both counties have purchased these services through an ENSB grant utilizing Michael Baker, Inc. The total cost for the application and services is \$30,430 all of which has been approved by the ENSB.

On a motion made by Commissioner S. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the Director of the Department of Emergency Services to execute a contract with Michael Baker Inc. to supply Datamark VEP and consulting services totaling \$30,430 paid for by an ENSB grant and approve the Director of Finance, Budget and IT to execute a four year contract with Michael Baker Inc. for the Datamark Validator license utilizing County funds available from the GIS Initiatives totaling \$11,400. As part of the motion, Commissioner Corchiarino made comments on this topic.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

**NATIONAL OBJECTIVE ISSUES CDBG PROGRAM:**

Ms. Cindy Stone, Director of Community Development Programs, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, National Objective Issues, Maryland Community Development Block Grant Program, Grant Number: MD-11-ED-70 Industrial Park Improvements.

On December 5, 2011, the State authorized a Community Development Block Grant of \$500,000 to Queen Anne’s County for Phase I site improvements at the Matapeake Industrial Park, a County owned industrial property that was being converted into user-ready parcels for multiple business tenants. The County later requested and received additional funding of \$75,000 for this project.

The program objective for this grant required that 60 jobs be created by the businesses locating on the improved sites. At least 31 jobs were to be created or made available to low-and moderate-income persons. The County agreed to execute written jobs agreements with businesses locating on the site. As of March 11,2013, all site work was complete and all grant funds were drawn. On March 9, 2018, program staff met with members of your staff and agreed to extend the time period for additional job creation until February 28, 2019. To date, only 6 jobs had been created.

The State is willing to broaden the scope of job creation at the industrial park to include businesses in Phase 2 of the development, on the condition that the County increases the number of jobs to be created to 130, of which 66 are to be taken by or made available to low-and moderate-income persons. The State will extend the deadline for meeting this requirement to February 20, 2021. Alternatively, the County may choose to reimburse the State those funds that were used for this project that did not meet the national objective of job creation. Based on the six jobs that were created, proportional to the total amount of funds, the total payback amount would be \$517,502. We look forward to your response within the next 30 days.

On a motion made by Commissioner Dumenil, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board unanimously agreed to accept the DHCD’s proposal to broaden the scope of job creation at the Matapeake Industrial Park to include Phase 2 of the Development, increasing the number of jobs to be created to 130 and extending the deadline for this requirement to February 20, 2021. As part of the motion, a discussion was held between Commissioners Corchiarino, Moran and S. Wilson on this topic.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

**TOWN OF QUEENSTOWN REQUEST:**

Ms. Amy Moore, Queenstown Town Manager, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Town of Queenstown Request for funding.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak during your hearing on March 26, 2019 regarding the tax set-off. The Town of Queenstown appreciates the support we have received over the years and feel that there is now a fair and equitable process in place that seems to work for all of us.

As Ms. Pat Bowell stated at the hearing, the Town sponsors fireworks in September each year. As there are fireworks in Centreville and at The Narrows each summer for the July 4 holiday, the Town didn’t want to compete with them. We decided to have ours at the end of the season and what better way to do that than to coincide with the Queenstown Volunteer Fire Department’s annual fair. The fair is the major fundraising activity for the fire department and the fireworks are a major draw to the event.

The Town spends approximately \$5,800 per year for the fireworks and permitting. We respectfully request your consideration to provide funding for the September 2019 fireworks here in Queenstown, as you do in the other areas of the County.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed to sponsor the 2019 Town of Centreville, Sudlersville, and Queenstown Fireworks display in the amount of \$5000 for each town.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS:**

On a motion made by Commissioner Dumenil, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Budget Amendment CC-23.

#	CC-23						Date	4/17/2019
<b>QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY</b>								
<b>REQUEST FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT</b>								
<b>FY2019</b>								
							<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	
<b>Description of expenditure/revenue accounts to increase/(decrease):</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Project</b>			<b>Amount</b>	
Increase 4 Seasons Exactions	Contr Cap-Developer Exactions	410	410000	34505	400211		\$ 975,000.00	
Increase 4 Seasons Exactions	Transfer Out	410	410000	8990	400211		\$ 975,000.00	
Increase Critical Interconnections	Transfer In	200	200900	39910	200121		\$ 975,000.00	
Increase Critical Interconnections	Improve other than buildings	200	200900	9042	200121		\$ 975,000.00	
<p>Four Seasons Developer Exactions totaling \$975,000 were received in FY18. Those funds were posted into the General Capital Projects Fund into the Four Seasons project. The funds need to be transferred to the Sanitary Critical Interconnects project, which is in the Sanitary Capital Projects Fund. The first part of this amendment recognizes the developer extractions in the Four Seasons project and also a transfer out.</p> <p>The second part of the amendment recognizes the transfer in to Critical Interconnections and establishes budget authority to spend the funds in the Sanitary Project.</p> <p><b>No New County Funds Are Requested.</b></p>								

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	

Corchiarino	x	
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On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Budget Amendment CC-25. As part of the motion Commissioner Dumenil made comments on this topic.

#	<b>CC-25</b>							Date	03/21/19
Entered by	QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY REQUEST FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT FY 2019								
								Increase (Decrease) Amount	
Description of expenditure/revenue accounts to increase/(decrease):				Fund	Account Code				
					<b>PROJECT ONLY</b>				
Increase	4-H Park	FY19 Prior Year Fund Bal		410	415000	39939	400293	46,000	
Increase	4-H Park	Improvements other than bldgs		410	415000	9042	400293	46,000	
							Net Increase in Project	46,000	
<b>COMMENTS:</b>									
This amendment provides additional budget authority for the 4-H Park Improvements project. The original budget of \$130,000 for FY19 is not sufficient to cover the estimated improvements that need to be completed, which total \$176,000. This amendment of \$46,000 will provide authority for the additional spending. The improvements include an overhaul and remodel of a bathroom, replacement of a failed backup well, replacement of deteriorated electrical wiring in the goat barn, and installation of LED lighting throughout various areas.									

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

**SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION:**

The Board presented Ms. Beth Anne Langrell, For All Season, Inc. Executive Director the following Proclamation:

Sexual Assault Awareness Month - April 2019

WHEREAS, sexual assault is an intolerable violent crime and a serious public health issue that affects millions of individuals each year; and

WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our community, and can lead to long-term physical and psychological health problems including chronic pain, headaches, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, and sexually transmitted diseases; and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts families, homes, schools, and workplaces in our community on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that 1 in 6 boys and 1 in 4 girls will experience a sexual assault before age 18 and that youth ages 12-17 are 2.5 times more likely to be victims of rape or sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, on campus, 1 in 5 women and 1 in 16 men are sexually assaulted during their time in college; and 1 in 5 women and 1 in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, we must work together to educate our community about sexual violence and its prevention, support survivors, speak out against harmful attitudes and actions, and take action to create a safer environment for all; and

WHEREAS, working to prevent sexual assault in our communities is the best gift we can give to survivors and prevention is possible when everyone gets involved; and

WHEREAS, Queen Anne's County supports the experts who work to identify, decrease, and prevent sexual violence and is dedicated to providing services and alternative avenues for survivors to seek proper care and treatment; and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is an opportunity to stand with sexual assault survivors, to celebrate progress in combating these crimes and to recommit to reducing sexual violence in Queen Anne's County;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, do hereby recognize, April 2019, as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Queen Anne's County and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

#### **ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY IMPACT OF THE QAC LIBRARY:**

Ms. Janet Salazar Director, Ms. Kim Baklarz, Assistant Director, and Ms. Sarah Guy Beacon, Business Economic and Community Outreach Network, presented to the Board for their review the Economic and Community Impact of the QAC Library. The following was highlighted.

Economic Impact of Library Operations

- Impact from Annual Operations
  - Impact of spending to vendors and employee salaries + trickle down effects
  - Total Annual Economic Impact: \$2.5 Million
  - Total Annual Jobs Supported: 31
- Impact from Capital Expenditures
  - Typically occurs unevenly year-to-year
  - 7-year annual average examined
  - Impact occurs only for the duration of the project
  - Average Annual Economic Impact: \$49.8K

Market Value of Library Materials and Services

- The value library patrons received (\$ saved) from the free offerings of the library

Community Impacts

- Literacy
  - Libraries increase literacy of all patrons from children to adults and for English Language Learners
- Workforce Development
  - Libraries provide a variety of assistance to job seekers and help individuals further develop their skills and knowledge.
- Business Development
  - Libraries provide many resources for people to start or grow their business and provide space to collaborate
- Community Culture
  - Libraries serve as a center for the arts and hub for the community. They preserve local history and act as a catalyst for addressing social issues.

**MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD:**

Ms. Mary Beth Johnson, presented to the Board met with the Board regarding Month of a Young Child.

The Day Care, Inc. students preformed a Happy Musical Interlude for the Board.

Ms. Johnson gave an overview of the contest and presentation of Winners and presented Celynda Frank, Shore United Bank a gift card.

The Board presented Ms. Mary Beth Johnson the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, the month of April has been designated the Month of the Young Child by the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, children are vitally important to the State and to the future of this country; and

WHEREAS, a safe and stable environment for our children is of importance to Queen Anne's County; and

WHEREAS, we know that as a community we must ensure that our children are healthy emotionally, physically, intellectually, and mentally in order to promote successful growth into adulthood; and

WHEREAS, we as a community know the importance of working with agencies and schools in helping our young children to be ready for school and continue to be successful in their school career; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the importance of being intentional in building positive assets and opportunities for our children; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the importance of seeing our children as a positive resource for the present and future of our community; and

WHEREAS, we realize that it takes all community members to help our children grow in positive ways and in character; and

WHEREAS, we call upon all Queen Anne's County citizens to join together to ensure love, laughter and encouragement is a daily part of our children's lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, do hereby designate the month of April as "The Month of the Young Child in Queen Anne's County."

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

The County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County, Maryland held a public hearing at 6:50 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 19-04.

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

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 19-04

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING the Definition of "Truck Stop and Travel Plaza" under Chapter 18 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County, Maryland;

FOR THE PURPOSE or revising and clarifying the definition of Truck Stop and Travel

Plaza in Chapter 18 of the Code of Public Local Laws;

BY AMENDING the definition of Truck Stop and Travel Plaza in Chapter 18 App: Appendix a: Glossary of the Code of Public Local Laws.

#### SECTION I

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND that the definition of Truck Stop and Travel Plaza in Chapter 18 App: Appendix a: Glossary be and is hereby AMENDED to read as follows:

##### TRUCK STOP AND TRAVEL PLAZA

*A facility primarily intended for commercial trucks, tractor trailers and recreational vehicles and truck service facility that consists of fuel sales and a restaurant, facilities a fast-food restaurant and/or convenience store on one lot or adjacent lots, and may also include vehicle service and repairs, ancillary retail overnight lodging activities and shower and locker room facilities, all managed as a unit with off-street parking provided on the property.*

#### SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that, upon introduction, this Ordinance shall be referred to the Queen Anne's County Planning Commission for investigation and recommendation.

No person gave public testimony.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

A public hearing was held by the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County on the Petition of K. Hovnanian's Four Seasons at Kent Island, LLC requesting that the County Commissioners, acting as public principal under a Developer Rights and Responsibilities Agreement dated September 17, 2002 (the "DRRA") confirm that the DRRA has been tolled by operation of law and that the expiration date of same is therefore extended for a period of 96 months until September 17, 2030.

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

Joseph Stevens, Esquire reviewed the DRRA project.

Mr. Mike Irons reviewed a PowerPoint presentation of the Kent Island Public Benefit of DRRA.

The following persons gave public testimony:

1. George O'Donnell
2. Jay Falstad
3. Linda Friday
4. Jesse Parks
5. Helen Bennett
6. Ann Williams
7. Steve Donovan
8. John McQueeney
9. Earl Chambers
10. Chad Martin
11. Payton Emerson
12. Doug Lutz
13. William Comegys
14. Carol Fordonski
15. Jean Waagbo
16. Debra Moye
17. Gil Dissen
18. Mary Jo DeMatteis
19. Jay Johns
20. Jack Broderick
21. Tim Trumbauer
22. Chris Toler
23. Barry Griffith
24. David Matrino
25. Tracy Haas
26. Wyatt Wiggins
27. Stan Ruddle
28. Doug Shipe
29. Omar Soueid
30. Tammy Holden
31. Jim Coulter
32. Robert Shomler
33. Rebecca Mazzino
34. Josh Willis
35. Brian Smith
36. Barbara Obert
37. Kevin Plocek
38. Lynn Somenuk
39. Mark Nitkoski
40. Jennifer Bucklee

41. Jody Schulz
42. Steve Layton
43. Rob Marsh
44. Ellie Basset

## **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FY2020 PROPOSED BUDGET:**

Mr. Jonathan Seeman, Budget & Finance & IT Director, presented to the Board for their review and approval, County Commissioners FY2020 Proposed Budget.

### FY2020 Budget Highlights

- Budgeted Growth - \$6.0 million or 4.4%, increase from \$138.2 million in FY2019 to \$144.2 million in FY2020
- Revenue - Income tax & property tax make up 88% of total County revenue sources
- Income Tax Revenue - Projected to grow by 8.0%
- Property Tax Revenue - Projected to grow by 1.5%
- Tax Rates - Remain the same, property tax rate is \$0.8471/\$100 of assessed value; income tax rate is 3.2%
- Employee Compensation Increase - 3% for county employees
- Board of Education - Funded at \$1.4 Million above Maintenance of Effort, a total increase of \$2.5 million
- Additional funding in the Board of Elections for same day voter registration
- Budget reflects cost increases in health benefits for employees and retirees
- Additional funding for recreation program staffing and programs
- Budget includes funding for employee recruitment and retention actions in the Department of Emergency Services, The Sheriff's Office, the Sanitary District, and the Detention Center
- Continued funding for community-wide efforts in the Health Department, Sheriff's Office and Emergency Services to address substance abuse issue
- AAA Bond Rating
  - “The county's GO bonds are eligible to be rated above the sovereign because we believe Queen Anne's County can maintain better credit characteristics than the U.S. in a stress scenario.”
  - “We view the county's management as very strong, with 'strong' financial policies and practices under our methodology, indicating financial practices are strong, well embedded, and likely sustainable.”
  - “Very strong economy, with access to a broad and diverse metropolitan statistical area (MSA); strong budgetary performance, with an operating surplus in the general fund; very strong budgetary flexibility.” The County maintains an available fund balance in fiscal 2018 of more than 20% of operating expenditures.

**LEGISLATIVE SESSION:**

The Board agreed to not introduce Citizen Proposed Text Amendment 19-07 at this time.

**PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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

1. Linda Friday

**COMMISSIONER’S ROUNDTABLE:**

Commissioner J. Wilson discussed the following:

- Upper Shore/Mid Shore Regional Tech School House Bill 513 passed in the House and never made it to the Senate
- Traffic congestion

Commissioner Dumenil discussed the following:

- Waiving a park fee or another solution at White Marsh for concessions/food trucks during sporting events

Commissioner Corchiarino discussed the following:

- Commissioner Dumenil and himself performed at a lip-sync contest and came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- Thanked Commissioner J. Wilson for all his effort on Regional Tech School House Bill 513
- 4 Seasons Public Hearing and those that spoke, remember, we are all neighbors, be respectful

Commissioner Moran discussed the following:

- 4 Seasons Public Hearing public comments: 27 in favor/17 against
- Thursday, April 18 – ESLC’s 19th Annual Planning Conference – Congestion Ahead: Rerouting

There being no further business, they adjourned at 9:15 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

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EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

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PRESIDENT