

June 12, 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  
Mark A. Anderson

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

**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 S. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, at 8:30 a.m. in the Office of the County Commissioners, The Liberty Building, 107 N. Liberty Street, Centreville, Maryland." The Board adjourned in Closed Session at 8:50 a.m. Those in attendance were Mr. Gregg Todd, County Administrator; Ms. Margie Houck, Executive Assistant; Searle E. Mitnick, Esquire; Mr. Jonathan Seeman, Budget & Finance & IT Director;

The Board discussed the Gardens of Queen Anne Phase II Contract.

**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 May 22, 2018 meeting and Closed Session minutes of the May 22, 2018 meeting and ordered them stand as recorded.

**PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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

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

Mr. Todd Mohn, Director of the Department of Public Works; Mr. Steven Cohoon, Public Facilities Planner; Mr. Alan Quimby, Chief Sanitary Engineer; Mr. Shane Moore, Chief Roads Engineer and Mr. David Remaniak, Chief of Engineering; met with the Board.

**BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL AGREEMENT:**

Mr. Cohoon presented to the Board for their review and approval, Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) Agreement Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Contract for FY 2019.

As a Member of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, each year we must execute a contract relating to our involvement and participation in the work program. In turn, the agreement provides for financial support to the County for our work with the BMC. The BMC will reimburse the County for 80% of the work done by Staff working on Joint Planning projects and studies.

The Unified Planning Work Program includes Queen Anne's Counties participation in regional transportation planning and modeling, demographic forecasting, bike and pedestrian planning, GIS coordination, transit planning and data sharing.

The total estimated maximum budget relating to joint projects and the work program with the BMC over the next year is \$105,300. The BMC will financially support the County involvement up to \$84,240 which is 80% of the total. The County would provide our 20% match of \$21,060 through staff time and participation. If the County does not participate fully in all aspects of the work program the actual amounts will be less but would still be at a rate of 80% BMC and 20% county funding.

Patrick Thompson, Esquire, County Attorney, has reviewed the agreement and did not recommend any changes or offer any concerns.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve and sign the Unified Planning Work Program Agreement with the Baltimore Metropolitan Council for FY2019. As part of the motion, a discussion was held between Commissioners Anderson, Buckey, Moran, J. Wilson and S. Wilson on this topic.

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

**KENT ISLAND BRANCH LIBRARY:**

Mr. Reminiak presented to the Board for their review and approval, the Kent Island Branch Library - Design and Contract Administration Services.

The County Commissioners authorized proceeding with the procurement of design and contract administration for architect services at their regularly scheduled meeting on March 13, 2018. Public solicitation was conducted through an RFP in accordance with the County Procurement Policy utilizing the Manns Woodward Studios Kent Island Library Expansion Feasibility Report. Six (6) proposals were submitted and have been reviewed by representatives from the Library and Public Works. Paramount evaluation criteria included experience, especially recent relevant library work, composition of the design team, and price. The proposals of work and fee structures were evaluated regarding compliance to the RFP. The table below illustrates a comparison of the firms based on Base Fee:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Base Fee</u>
Morgan Design Group & KPN (MDG)	Westminster, MD	\$394,725
Becker Morgan Group, Inc. (BMG)	Salisbury, MD	\$441,650
Noelker and Hull	Frederick MD	\$549,815
Manns Woodward Studios, Inc.	White Marsh, MD	\$565,800
Morris & Richie Assoc., Inc. & Torchio Arch.	Towson & Centreville, MD	\$578,010
Alexander Design Studio	Ellicott City, MD	\$589,535

Initial Criteria - Base Fee: The four high (cost) proposals were eliminated from evaluation because their Base Fee was greater than \$100,000 above the 2nd low proposal. The two low proposals were evaluated regarding overall experience, recent library experience and the composition of their design team. MDG qualified their proposal by reserving their right to negotiate their fee. This is not compliant with the RFP.

BMG's proposal indicated three times the number of municipal library projects in the past 3 years versus the experience of MDG, with greater than double the municipal library experience in the past 10 years. BMG has experience in over 20 Media Center projects in educational facilities vs. MDG's list experience of 8 libraries.

The sub-consultant team proposed by BMG utilized GIPE Engineers for their Mechanical-Electrical-Plumbing design on three previous municipal libraries on the eastern shore. GIPE has also worked with MDG on two libraries. BMG performs all architectural & interior design and structural engineering in-house versus utilizing sub-consultants and an associate firm as proposed by MDG. BMG's Salisbury office has a staff of 46 employees versus MDG combined staff of 15 employees. BMG therefore has a significantly enhanced in-house depth of library design and construction administration experience and capacity.

Staff previously visited facilities designed by BMG and found them to be quiet, very function and efficient regarding the operational layout of the adjacencies, and had reasonable cost per square foot. BMG has experience with the State Capital Grant Program and design/construction of libraries in rural communities on the eastern shore.

Becker Morgan Group, Inc. has met or exceeded all of the requirements of the RFP and is a responsible, responsive proposing firm. Adequate funding is available in the FY-18 approved Capital Budget for The Kent Island Library Renovation & Expansion Design. Also, the fees for this contract are funded through the 50 percent reimbursable cost share grant from the State of Maryland, thereby cutting in half the cost difference between BMG and MOO. The RFP was reviewed and approved by the County Attorney. The Contract documents will be reviewed and approved by the County Attorney.

Based on the above, staff recommends award of the contract to Becker Morgan Group, Inc. of Salisbury, MD.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, the Board unanimously agreed to award the Design and Contract Administration Architectural Services Contract for the Kent Island Library Renovations and Expansion Project to Becker Morgan Group, Inc. of Salisbury, MD in the amount of \$ 441,650, plus reimbursable, and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute the contract on behalf of the County Commissioners. As part of the motion, a discussion was held between Commissioners Anderson, J. Wilson and S. Wilson on this topic.

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

Commissioner Buckey made a motion to put Commissioner J. Wilson and S. Wilson on the Kent Island Library Renovations and Expansion Project panel. Commissioner Anderson amended the motion to place himself on the panel, seconded by Commissioner Buckey.

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

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

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

## **ANNUAL MACO DUES:**

Ms. Leslie Velasco, MACo's Administration and Finance Director, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Annual MACo Dues.

The Commissioners reviewed an invoice for the dues and assessments for Fiscal Year 2018 as approved at the Winter Conference Business Meeting held on December 7, 2017. The budget was approved with a continuation of a dues freeze from FY 2010, so the dues amount for your jurisdiction remains the same as the last nine years. The Association's By-Laws provide that unpaid dues and assessments become delinquent after July 31, 2018.

Your participation and support have built a strong and vibrant organization that achieves many legislative victories for county governments. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you, on behalf of MACo's Officers and Directors, for the support you and your colleagues have provided the Association and I'd like to share some of MACo's successes over the past year.

Roads and infrastructure were a big focus for this legislative session. As you know, local infrastructure maintenance is very much dependent upon state revenues, as we do not have our own revenue source. A substantial increase in the coming year's state funding, plus a five-year statutory commitment to nearly double the county funds from their prior levels, is the biggest breakthrough in nearly a decade. This hard-won increase is a move in the right direction and will offer a much more reliable foundation in the years ahead, as we continue to advocate for a full restoration of the traditional local share.

Elsewhere in this year's state budget, MACo protected against a major cost-shift to counties. The proposal would have made counties responsible for 90% of the operating costs for the assessment and directorial functions of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) – 70 percent in fiscal 2018, a hit of about \$20 million per year. MACo also defeated several pieces of legislation that would have unreasonably eroded county income and property tax bases. With dramatic uncertainty about eventual effects of federal income tax reform, both the State and counties will remain in wait-and-see mode before any major tax realignment taxes place.

MACo's work across all areas includes fending off a variety of unfunded mandates, on subjects ranging from vehicle laws to employment policies. In addition, MACo successfully helped stop or reshape intrusive bills on land use planning, local licensing, and security systems.

Our staff continues to strive for improved member communications and to provide professional development opportunities to allow you to grow in your role as an elected official. In addition to our Summer and Winter Conferences, County Administrators and Attorneys Conferences, and our Annapolis Immersion training day, we plan to hold an in-depth symposium this June focusing on deployment of "small cell" wireless, with its many land use and public service implications.

We recently underwent a re-design of our website, [www.mdcounties.org](http://www.mdcounties.org), to make it even easier to find the information you need. We continue to expand the use of the MACo news blog, *Conduit Street* and our use of social media. Our recently launched *Conduit Street* podcast provides insight and updates on bills and issues of county interest in the General Assembly directly from our policy team. All these outlets serve to keep you better informed on policy issues, professional development opportunities, and happenings in county government. We also gain important ground in advocacy and relationship-building through these efforts.

We have continued to expand our legislative advocacy efforts. We hope you have found our legislative tracking database helpful when accessing legislative information, testimony, and committee reports. We will continue to invest in legislative outreach during the year to reach Senators and Delegates at critical points during the session.

Our Corporate Partner Program now includes over 30 companies and we have pursued additional sponsorships of other events held throughout the year. These actions have enabled us to keep dues flat for the past nine years, in recognition of the difficulties facing each county's budget. We will continue to seek cost-saving measures, to ensure MACo members always receive excellent value for their supporting contributions.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Buckey, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the MACo dues in the amount of \$15,113.00.

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

**RESOLUTION – SOLAR PAYMENT AGREEMENT:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR SOLAR PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) AGREEMENTS;

WHEREAS, Queen Anne’s County has recently passed County Ordinance 17-04 and Amendment No. 1 to 17-04 which establishes a Business Personal Property Tax on personal property used to generate electricity;

AND WHEREAS, the rate for the Business Personal Property Tax on personal property used to generate electricity is 2.5 times the County’s Real Property Tax Rate;

AND WHEREAS, the assessment of the this Business Personal Property Tax as per §7-237, Tax – Property, Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, will be assessed at fifty percent (50%) of the assessment for the taxable year;

AND WHEREAS, the County Commissioners deem it advisable to establish standards for a Payment of Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for equipment used in Solar Arrays that are subject to the Business Personal Property Tax;

AND WHEREAS, this resolution repeals and replaces County Resolution 17-42;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018, as follows:

- A. A standard PILOT agreement for Commercial Grade (5MW or larger) Solar Arrays or a Community Solar Project classified by SDAT as “personal property”, will be established to ensure a sustainable revenue stream from the Solar Array during the life of the project (typically 30-35 years).
- B. The PILOT agreement will not generate less than 60% of the estimated Business Personal Property Tax.
- C. The PILOT agreement may provide flexibility to provide relief for the startup years of the project to ensure project feasibility, as long as the revenue for the life of the project does not fall below 60% of the estimated Business Personal Property Tax.
- D. PILOT agreements will be made available to Commercial Grade Solar Arrays for up to 2,000 acres of property in Queen Anne’s County. Any Commercial Grade Solar Arrays installed after 2,000 acres have been utilized will not be eligible for PILOT agreements.
- E. The County Administrator is delegated with authority to execute PILOT agreement on behalf of Queen Anne’s County.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the adopt Resolution 18-10, Establishing Guidelines for Solar Payment in Lieu of Taxes (Pilot) Agreement. As part of the motion, Commissioner J. Wilson made comments on this topic.

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

**REQUEST FOR DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS:**

Jean E. Fabi, Economic Development Manager, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Request for Disbursement of Funds - Glass Valve Brewing d/b/a Cult Classic Brewing.

The Queen Anne's County Economic Development Incentive Fund (EDIF) Commission has recommended conditional approval of a conditional loan of \$45,348 to Brooks McNew and Jesse McNew, Glass Valve Brewing, LLC, d/b/a Cult Classic Brewing. The purpose of the conditional loan is to purchase and install two (2) 30 bbl Fermentation Vessels (Tanks) and one (1) 30 bbl Brite Tank. The equipment will be used to expand manufacturing and distribution capabilities at the company's location at 1118 Main Street, Chester, Maryland. The company will produce beer for retail sale at the facility and for wholesale and retail distribution. The company plans to hire five (5) full-time employees and four (4) full-time equivalents over three (3) years in its retail and manufacturing operation. The EDIF Commission recommended approval of the request as it is in line with the EDIF's mission to support niche manufacturing and to support the formation of a locally associated brand by start-up entrepreneurs. This \$1.3 million project is also improving a vacant, blighted property and creating a destination venue for tourists and local residents.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Buckey, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the disbursement of \$45,348 from the EDIF fund to Cult Class Brewing for the purpose of purchasing equipment needed to expand the manufacturing and distribution capabilities at the company's facility at 1118 Main Street, Chester, Maryland. The disbursement of funds is contingent upon a signed agreement between the EDIF Commission and Cult Classic Brewing outlining the conditions of the agreement and performance of the project in accordance with the application submitted to the EDIF Commission.

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

**DEVELOPMENT REVIEW FEE REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST:**



Jean E. Fabi, Economic Development Manager, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Development Review Fee Reimbursement Request - Kent Narrows Boatel Site Plan.

Under Resolution 14-03 adopted February 11, 2014, it is the sole and absolute discretion of the Queen Anne's County Commissioners to reimburse the fees associated with development review for certain projects where it has been demonstrated that such projects would provide significant economic benefit to Queen Anne's County. In consider of any such request, the Commissioners shall consider the following:

1. The number, type and quality of the jobs to be created;
2. Any increase to the assessable tax base in the County;
3. Diversity in the workplace; and
4. Other factors as may be relevant to such determination.

Any project seeking reimbursement of development review fees shall submit a request in writing to the Commissioners describing the project, demonstrating the significant economic benefit to be provided and addressing the above referenced considerations. All such requests shall be forwarded to the Economic Development Commission (EDC) for its review and recommendation. The EDC may request additional information from the applicant and shall provide its findings to the County Commissioners in a timely manner. The Commissioners shall make a decision with respect to the reimbursement of development review fees within thirty (30) days of receipt of such recommendations.

Any project which is determined to be suitable for the reimbursement shall pay the development review fee and, if the applicant begins substantial construction with respect to the project within six (6) months of receiving final site plan approval, the development review fees shall be refunded in full. In the event the applicant fails to receive final site plan approval within one (1) year of the Commissioners' agreement to waive the development review fees or fail to commence significant construction within six (6) months the reimbursement of development review fees shall be null, void and no further force and effect and the County shall retain the development review fees in full. The Commissioners may, in their discretion, grant up to two (2) extensions of six (6) months each for the deadlines set forth herein upon a showing of exceptional circumstances justifying the same.

The project was reviewed as a Concept Plan in May 2016 and the review fee of \$6,726.10 were submitted on April 26, 2016 with the Concept Plan application. The project was reviewed and approved as Major Site Plan (MASP) #04-16-07-0001-C, Bay East Development a/k/a Kent Narrows Marine. The fee for major site plan review was \$17,353.40; paid at the time the project was received by the Department of Planning and Zoning in July 5, 2016. The project entails the construction of a 69,540 high and dry boat storage facility with accessory uses and a restaurant in two (2) phases. The Planning Commission conditionally approved it at its October

13, 2016 regular meeting. The approval included a Buffer Reduction and Bonus Height Allowance. The project received final site plan approval on May 17, 2017.

A building permit was issued for a new 40,500 square foot commercial building on June 21, 2017. The building has received a temporary occupancy permit and use permits are pending issuance for the store and boat storage. This constitutes Phase I of II. Phase II (29,040 square feet) is pending construction and includes additional boat storage and a pad site for a proposed restaurant.

Jody Schultz, on behalf of Kent Narrows Marine, is requesting reimbursement of the development review fee based on the justification provided in the attached letter dated April 25, 2018. He is requesting reimbursement of tile Concept Plan review fee and the Major Site Plan review fee for a total of \$24,079.50.

On May 8, 2018, the County Commissioners voted to remand the request to the Economic Development Commission for its recommendation on the reimbursement request.

Mr. Schultz represented the request at the May 23, 2018 Economic Development Commission Meeting. On a motion made by Steven Donovan and seconded by Jesse Parks, the Economic Development Commission, by 11 majority vote of ten (10) members with one (1) member voting against (Bennett), recommends approval of the development review fee reimbursement to Kent Narrows Marine based on the letter provided.

On a motion made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Buckey, Commissioner Moran abstained; the Board agreed that the fee be reimbursed for the Kent Narrows Boatel Site Plan. As part of the motion, Commissioner Anderson, and J. Wilson made comments on this topic.

Commissioners	Yes	No	Abstain
Moran			x
J Wilson	x		
S Wilson	x		
Buckey	x		
Anderson	x		

**PROPERTY LIENS:**

Ms. Vivian Swinson, Zoning Administrator, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Property Liens.

Map 580, Grid 24, Parcel 120, 3809 Main Street, Grasonville, MD 21638 (\$205.00)  
Map 49, Grid 00, Parcel 53, 712 Kimberly Way, Stevensville, MD 21666 (\$250.00)

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 11 §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 J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the Resolutions to place a lien on each of these properties. As part of the motion, Commissioner J. Wilson made comments on this topic.

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

**BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS APPOINTMENT:**

On a motion made by Commissioner Buckey, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to appoint Cheryl-Ann Wargotz, to a three year term, on the Board of Building Appeals to begin immediately and end June 30, 2021.

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

**BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT:**

On a motion made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Buckey, the Board unanimously agreed to appoint Robert Berney to a three year term on the Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee to begin immediately and end February 28, 2021.

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

**UPPER SHORE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD APPOINTMENT:**

On a motion made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to re-appoint William Bailey and Beverly Churchill to a three year term on the Upper Shore Workforce Investment Board to begin July 1, 2018 and end June 30, 2021.

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

**HOUSING BOND ALLOCATION TRANSFER 2018:**

Mr. Mike Clark, Chief of the Division of Housing & Community Services, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Housing Bond Allocation Transfer 2018.

In order for the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to utilize Queen Anne's County's Housing Bond Allocation, the participating local government must transfer its allocation to DHCD in writing. This is a yearly practice in which Queen Anne's County has always complied.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Buckey, the Board unanimously agreed to sign the Transfer of Allocation to the Department of Housing & Community Development as described and recommended by the Department of Community Services - Housing Division. As part of the motion, Commissioner Anderson made comments on this topic. (Commissioner Buckey left the meeting before the motion was carried)

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

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS:**

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Budget Amendment CC-1.

Commissioners	Yes	No
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 approve Budget Amendment CC-2.

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

**GROCO 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION:**

The Board read the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS, GROCO, a small family-owned and operated business, founded by Angus Roy Gross, will celebrate 100 years of business on June 15, 2018; and

WHEREAS, GROCO, a 3rd generation Maryland manufacturer, got its start in 1918 in the basement of a Fulton Street row house in Baltimore City; and

WHEREAS, GROCO move its location several times over the years before settling here, in 2012, in its present location in Stevensville, MD; and

WHEREAS, GROCO has manufactured thousands of products for marine, automotive and industrial customers around the world and has been awarded more than 30 US Patents that were manufactured by founder Angus Roy Gross, son Angus Roy, Jr. and grandson Donald over the past 100 years; and

WHEREAS, GROCO’s better-known patented designs are: a Carbonating Fawcett (1913); a Blow Torch (1918); Automobile Tail Lights (1921); Engine Oil Coolers (1930) and Dual Water Strainers (1942), both key contributors to the success of the World War II effort; Ice Shaver (1951); Reversible Valve Handle (2006); and wirelessly controlled valves (2018-patent pending); and

WHEREAS, GROCO currently employs more than 50 employee and fondly remembers those that contributed to this success story, some of whom have been with the company for as long as 56 years; and

WHEREAS, GROCO will celebrate its first 100 years in business on June 15, 2018 and will commemorate with a ceremony to remember the past and look toward another 100 years of service;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, here by recognize GROCO for their giant milestone of 100 years of business and the success.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

The County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County, Maryland held a public hearing at 10:00 a.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 18-07.

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

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 18-07

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING the Standards of Care under the Queen Anne's County Animal Control Ordinance, Chapter 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County, Maryland;

FOR THE PURPOSE of requiring the sheltering of dogs in certain extreme weather conditions;

BY AMENDING Section 9-15 of the Code of Public Local Laws and ADDING Subsection 9-15C.(4).

No person gave public testimony.

On a motion made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to make Ordinance 18-07 and emergency bill, making it effective immediately. As part of the motion, Commissioner Anderson made comments on this topic.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	

S Wilson	x	
Buckey – absent		
Anderson	x	

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to adopt County Ordinance 18-07, as amended.

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

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR:**

The Board presented Corrections Officer Cpl. Gregory Mears the following Proclamation:

**Sgt. Wallace J. Mowbray Law Enforcement Officer of the Year**

WHEREAS, the Centreville Rotary Club, each year, recognizes outstanding law enforcement officers from Queen Anne’s County and selects one as the Sgt. Wallace J. Mowbray Law Enforcement Officer of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Corrections Officer Cpl. Gregory Mears was presented the honor of “top cop” on May 17, 2018 and will have the honor of having his name engraved and added to a plaque that hangs in the courthouse in Centreville; and

WHEREAS, Corrections Officer Cpl. Gregory Mears was one of six officers nominated this year, by their department heads, in various fields of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the award is named for MSP Sgt. Wallace J. Mowbray, who was murdered in 1975 while investigating suspicious criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, Corrections Officer Cpl. Gregory Mears was nominated by his department head, Warden LaMonte Cooke, who noted in his nomination letter that “Mears has been a valued member serving the Department of Corrections and the County since June 15, 2015, and has demonstrated that he is evolving as a supervisor and a true leader to the officers on his shift and within the department”; and

WHEREAS, Corrections Officer Cpl. Gregory Mears was recognized for his outstanding service when he and other officers became aware of a possible escape attempt from the Queen Anne's County Detention Center, on the evening of July 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Corrections Officer Cpl. Gregory Mears was also recognized as the supervisor present during an incident, that occurred in October 2017, in which another officer observed an inmate, who had been recently brought in, had become unconscious in the holding cell, due to suspected drug ingestion; and

WHEREAS, Corrections Officer Cpl. Gregory Mears directed and assisted the other officers who administered Narcan and other life saving measures that allowed the inmate to regain consciousness by the time EMS arrived to be transported to the hospital; and

WHEREAS, Corrections Officer Cpl. Gregory Mears, under his direction, the other officers involved received Citations of Merit from the Queen Anne's County Department of Emergency Services, for saving the life of an inmate; and

WHEREAS, Corrections Officer Cpl. Gregory Mears has proven through his continued actions and leadership, to be an outstanding Queen Anne's County law enforcement officers;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, here by recognize Corrections Officer Cpl. Gregory Mears for his outstanding leadership as a Corrections Officer with the Queen Anne's County Detention Center.

**YMCA UPDATE:**

Mr. Robbie Gill, YMCA Executive Director, presented to the Board for their review, YMCA Update.

Mr. Gill gave a review of where the fundraising currently stands, grants, partnering with surrounding businesses, architect and building designing.

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRENDS AND ANNUAL PLANNING:**

Ms. Katie Dilley, Mid Shore Behavioral Health, Inc. Executive Director and Ms. Megan Pinder, Behavioral Health Coordinator for Queen Anne's County presented to the Board for their review and approval, Behavioral Health Trends and Annual Planning.

The Board reviewed the Fiscal Year 2019 Letter of Agreement with Mid Shore Behavioral Health, Inc. (MSBH) that would allow Ms. Dilley to act as your agent in oversight, planning and development of the Public Behavioral Health System in Queen Anne's County.



In the era of Health Care Reform and Behavioral Health Integration, Maryland's Public Behavioral Health System will face many changes. Collaboration with consumers, family members, providers and partners will be essential in ensuring successful implementation of integrated services.

In conclusion, we remain grateful for our partnership with Queen Anne's County and its commissioners. We are available at any time to hear comment or field questions at one of your sessions. It is our mission and passion to create meaningful improvement in our area's public behavioral health system in FY19 and beyond.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, the Board unanimously agreed to sign the Fiscal Year 2019 Letter of Agreement with Mid Shore Behavioral Health, Inc. (MSBH). As part of the motion, a discussion was held between Commissioners Anderson, Buckey, Moran and Wilson on this topic.

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:  
 Attended the Kent Island and Queen Anne’s County High School Graduations  
 Attended the Work Force Development Tour

Commissioner Anderson discussed the following:  
 Attended the Veteran’s Touring Wall in Easton

Commissioner S. Wilson discussed the following:  
 Attended the Queen Anne’s County High School Graduation

There being no further business, they adjourned at 10:50 a.m. to meet again on Tuesday, June 26, 2018.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

PRESIDENT

June 12, 2018

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