

August 28, 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 4:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

Pursuant to State Government Law Section 3-305(b) (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; "The County Commissioners held a Closed Session on a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, at 4:00 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 4:35 p.m. Those in attendance were Mr. Gregg Todd, County Administrator; Ms. Margie Houck, Executive Assistant; Mr. Scott A. Haas, Director and Scott Wheatley Department of Emergency Services Director; Ms. Beverly A. Churchill, Department of Human Resources Director; and Jonathan Seeman, Director of Finance and IT.

The Board discussed EMS retention options. Staff will work up a plan and report back to the Board.

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 Moran, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, at 8:35 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 4:50 p.m. Those in attendance were Mr. Gregg Todd,

County Administrator; Ms. Margie Houck, Executive Assistant; Searle Mitnick, Esquire; and Mr. Jonathan Seeman, Director of Finance and IT.

The Board discussed a land issue.

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 Moran, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, 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; Patrick Thompson, Esquire, County Attorney and Mr. Jonathan Seeman, Director of Finance and IT.

The Board discussed a request for a hearing on Ordinance 18-03.

IN OPEN SESSION:

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board unanimously agreed to deny a request to reopen a hearing on 18-03.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Buckey (absent)		
Anderson	x	

MINUTES:

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the Agenda for the current meeting and the Regular and Closed Minutes of August 14, 2018.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

WEEKLY CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESENTATION OF DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNATURE:

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

CPOA EXEMPTION REQUEST:

Mr. Robert Morelli, President, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Cloverfields Property Owners Association, Inc. Admission & Amusement and Sales Tax request.

Cloverfields Property Owners Association Inc. (CPOA) was formed in 1989 as successor to the association established by the original developer of the Cloverfields subdivision in Stevensville, Maryland. Its membership is comprised of the owners of lots within the subdivision. Public use of its facilities is not allowed.

CPOA owns and operates a pool, beach, marina, clubhouse, and other facilities for the use of its members. At times, it holds events for the members. CPOA operates on annual dues of \$180 per owner. It is able to keep dues low due to extensive involvement of volunteers from the Community. It is proud of the service it offers its members.

CPOA has entered into a Voluntary Disclosure Agreement with the Comptroller of Maryland to address certain Admission & Amusement and Sales Tax issues. It has done so to ensure that it is in compliance with all State and County laws addressing these matters.

In the course of researching its liabilities, it was discovered that the County Commissioners of Queen Anne’s County provided exemption from Admission & Amusement taxes for the Cove Creek Club mc, an organization with the same purpose as CPOA. From the language of the resolution (copy attached) it appears that the exemption was granted under similar circumstances.

Given that an exemption is already on the books for an organization formed for the same purposes as CPOA, I would request that a similar resolution be adopted providing relief for us as well.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, the Board unanimously agreed to have the County Attorney draft a resolution.

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

RT 18 SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Mr. Jody Schulz, KNDF Chair, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, RT. 18 Safety Recommendations.

At the July 2018 regular Board meeting, of the Kent Narrows Development Foundation, the Board voted to recommend to the Commissioners a reduction in the speed limit on Rt. 18 through the Kent Narrows Waterfront Village Center Zoning District. In addition, the Board also recommends that measures be taken to address pedestrian and vehicular safety, especially at the intersections of Rt. 18 and Kent Narrows Way North to Kent Narrows Way South.

Details:

- The portion of Maryland Rt. 18/Main Street that includes the Watermen's Memorial Drawbridge, between Wharf Road and the entrance to Oyster Cove is approximately one mile long.
- The Kent Narrows Waterfront is a leisure and business destination for visitors and residents. Its home to five marinas, three hotels, and nine restaurants - many restaurants include entertainment venues and docking facilities. The region is also home to several maritime-related businesses; including the Kent Narrows Marine Boatel, Kent Narrows Yacht Yard, Harrison Yacht Sales and several other related businesses. The working waterfront is home to Harris Seafood and United Shellfish. Over forty workboats make the Kent Narrows their home port.
- Rt. 18/Main Street bisect the Cross Island Trail. The crosswalks associated with the trail runs parallel to other commonly-used pedestrian walkways. Currently the posted speed limit is 40 MPH.
- A high degree of pedestrian and vehicular traffic travels through this area, and the traffic is steadily increasing.
- The trails and roadways are used by an increasing number of cyclists.

Based on the details provided above, the Foundation recommends that the speed limit on this section of Rt. 18 between Wharf Road and the entrance to Oyster Cove be lowered. We understand that a speed study must be commissioned in order for the County to act on our request, and urge the Commissioners to formally request such a study from the Maryland State Highway Administration.

In addition, the Board recommends that bike/pedestrian ways be studied for safety. The Foundation is specifically interested in improving pedestrian and bike safety around the intersections at Rt. 18/ Main Street and Kent Narrows Way North to Kent Narrows Way South.

Several years ago, at this location, a portion of the Cross Island Trail was converted into turn lanes. This change made the intersection increasingly dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists. Therefore, the Foundation also requests that the SHA reexamine the need for the turn lanes and instead focus on designing the intersection to include features that facilitate the flow of traffic and at the same time, address pedestrian and bike safety.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, the Board unanimously agreed to forward a request to SHA for a speed study.

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

BROADBAND ADVISORY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 18-43:

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board unanimously agreed to adopt Resolution 18-43.

B. The Broadband Advisory Council **shall** be comprised of **nine members** appointed by the County Commissioners and may include up to **three** 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.

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

PROPERTY LIENS:

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

- Map 30, Grid 15, Parcel 56, Price Station Road, Price, MD (\$280.00)
- Map 1, Grid 23, Parcel 75, 121 Legion Road, Millington, MD (\$350.00)

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. Section 19-3 B Nuisance prohibited. A person may not place, deposit, constitutes a nuisance under this Part 1. Namely 19-1 Junk — old or scrap: A. Copper and brass; B. Rope; C. Rags; D. Batteries; E. Paper; F. Trash; G. Rubber debris, including tires; H. Waste; I. Iron, steel and any other old scrap material, including wrecked, scrapped, ruined, or dismantled motor vehicles or motor vehicle parts; or J. Household appliances.

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
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Buckey - absent		
Anderson	x	

FY2019 BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET BY CATEGORY:

Mr. Jonathan Seeman, Budget & Finance & IT Director, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, FY2019 Board of Education Budget by Category.

Resolution 18-09 which establishes the FY2019 budget for the General Fund, states that the Board of Education budget is adopted by category in accordance with the Maryland Annotated Code. Upon approval of the County budget by the County Commissioners, the Board of Education is to establish their approved budget by category, reflecting the funding provided in the County budget. As established in Resolution 18-09, the approved and reconciled budget of the Board is to be approved by the County Commissioners.

On a motion made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the FY2019 Board of Education budget by categories.

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

ROAD NAME REQUEST:

Mr. John E. Shelton, Management Analyst I, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Road Name Request.

Mr. Robert Boulden has requested his private lane be named Herbie's Way. The configuration of his Lot subdivision makes it very difficult to address off of Chester River Beach Road.

Mr. Jim Alfree from the Department of Emergency Services has reviewed this request and doesn't have any issues with the name. The road name has not been duplicated in the House Numbering Database.

The Department recommends the County Commissioner's favorable action on this request.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed that Mr. Robert Boulden's private lane be named Herbie's Way.

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT:

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Budget Amendment CC-38.

#	CC-38						Date	8/10/2018
Entered by _____		QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY						
REQUEST FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT								
FY 2018								
								Increase (Decrease) Amount
Description of expenditure/revenue accounts to increase/(decrease):			Fund	Account Code				
TRANSFER COUNTY MATCH FOR THE 50% / 50% COMMERCIAL AND 75% / 25% COMMERCIAL IMPACT FEES.								
decrease	KIVFD 50%	transfer in	432	432500	39910			\$ (90,000)
increase	KIVFD 50%	transfer in	432	432500	39910			\$ 51,538
increase	GRSNVFD 50%	transfer in	433	433500	39910			\$ 4,897
increase	QTVFD 50%	transfer in	434	434500	39910			\$ 6,379
increase	GWVFD 50%	transfer in	435	435500	39910			\$ 53,930
							TOTAL TRANSFERS IN	\$ 26,744
increase	general fund - other sources & uses	transfer out	100	180000	8992			\$ 26,744
increase	general fund - general revenue	property tax	100	199000	30101			\$ 26,744

Justification:									
Section 18 of the County Code states that the County reimburses the 50% and 25% discounts for commercial property within and outside									
the growth areas. This amendment provides budget authority for the FY18 transfer out of the General Fund and into the Fire Impact									
Fee funds for these discounts. The amendment is balanced with an increase in property tax revenue, which the County has received									
in addition to what was already budgeted for FY18.									
The first line of this amendment removes the existing budget authority of \$90,000 that was included in the existing budget and the remaining lines for									
the transfer in are based on the actual commercial impact fees received.									
Allocations to the Fire Departments for FY18 were already distributed, so this amendment only provides authority for the additional revenue in for the									
fire impact fees. There is no need for additional expenditure authority for FY18.									

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

PERSONNEL BOARD APPOINTMENT:

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, the Board unanimously agreed to appoint Chris Jackson to a four year term on the Personnel Board to begin immediately and end December 31, 2021.

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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

Commissioner J. Wilson introduced:

**AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO
COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 18-10**

**AN AMENDMENT TO
A BILL ENTITLED**

AN ACT CONCERNING Property Tax Credits for Certain Veterans and their Spouses;

FOR THE PURPOSE of amending pending County Ordinance No. 18-10 regarding the property tax credit authorized by Section 9-258 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland for the dwellings of certain veterans and the surviving spouses of such individuals;

BY AMENDING pending County Ordinance No. 18-10.

CHARACTER COUNTS:

The Commissioners presented Ms. Chris Perkins the following Character Counts Proclamation, provided by the Queen Anne’s County Department of Health:

WHEREAS, Queen Anne’s County was declared a Character Counts! Community; and

WHEREAS, the Character Counts! Pillar of the Month for September is “Responsibility”; and

WHEREAS, the Queen Anne’s County Department of Health’s responsibility is to protect and promote the health of all citizens, displaying compassion and acceptance; and

WHEREAS, taking responsibility for our actions through quality services, embracing opportunities to enhance lives; and

WHEREAS, being responsible, honest and truthful with the collaboration of community and community partners; and

WHEREAS, sometimes in providing services, it requires the responsibility of making changes to better serve our community, and meet numerous obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Queen Anne’s County Department of Health takes the responsibility of valuing all people and stands on equality and quality service that reflects courtesy, professionalism and politeness; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY, do hereby designate the Character Counts! Pillar of the Month for September is “Responsibility.”

COMMISSIONER’S ROUNDTABLE:

Commissioner J. Wilson discussed the following:
Congratulated Bailey Riggs on Miss Maryland Agriculture
MACo Conference

Rural Broadband
Articles on Kerwin Commission – Operational expenditure for the BOE systems
Attended SHA Meeting at MACo

Commissioner Anderson discussed the following:
Discussed traffic on Kent Island

Commissioner Moran discussed the following:
Reviewed SHA meeting at MACo
Working on a plan for the traffic, not just for now but for the next 15 years

Commissioner S. Wilson discussed the following:
Reviewed SHA meeting at MACo

SHORE HEALTH UPDATE:

Mr. Kenneth Kozel, University of Maryland Shore Regional Health CEO and Ms. Patti Willis, University of Maryland Shore Regional Health Sr. Vice President, presented to the Board for their review, Shore Health Update.

1. On October 11, 2018, the Queen Anne's Emergency Department celebrates eight years in operation for the people of Queen Anne's County, from surrounding counties and travelers through the region. The adjacent Shore Medical Pavilion celebrates seven years since its opening in September, 2011. Together, these facilities and this medical campus continue their steady growth and success in providing necessary services to our citizens.
2. The Queen Anne's Emergency Department ended Fiscal Year 2018 on June 30 with the highest volume month of the year, averaging 46 patients per day in June. The year closed with 15,138 patients. Approximately 93 percent of those patients were treated and released.
3. The Annual Claws for A Cause crab feast fundraiser was held July 12 at Fisherman's Crab Deck and we thank those of you who were able to attend. I am happy to report that the event raised more than \$36,460 to support the equipment and technology needs of the Queen Anne's Emergency Center. This year's event helps us purchase two ceiling mounted patient safety lifts to aid in moving patients at the Center.
4. Shore Regional Health is pleased to have signed the fifth Memorandum of Understanding with Queen Anne's County Department of Emergency Services and Department of Health for continuation of the Mobile Integrated Community Health (MICH) program. A key aspect in the success of the MICH program is UM SRH's telepharmacy program, which works with patients, their providers and pharmacies to

- coordinate and manage patients' prescriptions. While the program is free to patients and to the County, UM SRH absorbs the expense of more than \$55,000 a year, in recognition of the benefits to patients and in potentially avoidable hospital and emergency department use. Our clinical pharmacist, Melanie Chapple, will continue to support this effort and Shore Regional Health will continue its \$50,000 grant to MICH for the fifth year in Fiscal Year 2019, bringing the total funds granted to \$275,000, in addition to two years of telepharmacy support totaling \$110,000.
5. Access to primary care continues to be a priority for us and in Queen Anne's County, we are happy to report that Dr. Michael Roberts and providers Brittany Cutler and Michell Jordan, at our very busy practice in Centreville, were joined by Dr. Gurpreet Saini on July 1. She is welcoming new patients.
 6. The expansion of Compass Regional Hospice in Kent County with the opening of a four bed hospice care unit in UM Shore Medical Center at Chestertown has been very successful. Since March, more than 23 patients have been cared for and their families comforted with the homelike in-facility services available there. The renovations were made with the support of Chester River Health Foundation.
 7. The sale of the former UM Shore Nursing and Rehabilitation Center was completed in May and complete facility ownership and operations, and its staff, have transitioned well to a respected skilled nursing organization, Outcome Health Group. Funds from the sale will be retained for the benefit of UM Shore Medical Center at Chestertown, for the equipment, technology and facilities need of the hospital.
 8. An update on the Rural Health Collaborative, which has organized with an Executive Board, of which I am a member, and is assembling a full regional board and recruiting an executive director. UM SRH looks forward to being an active member of this collaborative pilot.
 9. UM SRH and UMMS will be working together with other State partners to consider drafting legislation that supports the concept of a rural community access hospital—a designation which does not exist in Maryland's unique all payer system but which could, if enacted, provide necessary structure and resources to support a hospital in a county such as Kent, where rural vulnerabilities combined with distances of more than 35 miles to the nearest inpatient facility create circumstances not unlike those in other rural communities of the nation. This is likely to be a challenging political and legislative session in the 2019 General Assembly and we hope that we can count on your support and advice as the process moves ahead. We are committed to maintaining inpatient beds at the Chestertown hospital until at least 2022. Rural hospital legislation could support a continuation of a level of inpatient care that meets community needs for health care that is quality, accessible and affordable.

10. Speaking of support: as you know, UM Shore Regional Health has submitted a Letter of Intent for a new Certificate of Need (CON) application, to replace the aged hospital in Easton on property we own for this purpose near the Talbot Community Center and Route 50 at Easton. You have supported our previous CON application with a letter of support and we hope that you will be able to similarly support the new CON.

11. As another fiscal year has come to a close, we take this opportunity once again to publicly extend our thanks to Dr. Joe Ciotola and Kathy Deoudes for their continuing work as members of the UM SRH Board of Directors. We also thank Centreville resident PJ Dill for her dedicated service on the Board Quality and Patient Safety Committee and Mark Freestate of Centreville is a very important member of our hospital Foundation Board in Easton; we thank them all for their service.

MACO UPDATE:

Mr. Michael Sanderson, MACo Executive Director and Councilmember Mr. Jerry Walker, MACo President, presented to the Board for their review, MACo Update.

MAJOR MULTI-YEAR INFUSION OF LOCAL ROAD FUNDING

- Under new 5-year plan, State funding for local roads will nearly double for FY 2020-2024
- Legislators and local governments collaborated on the biggest step forward since the deep cuts of 2009

MAJOR COUNTY INITIATIVES MOVING FORWARD

- Gained important advances in school construction - smarter process and stronger state funding
- Achieved Next-Generation 9-1-1 Commission passage, will bring all jurisdictions into next-level service
- Won helpful correction to Public Information Act laws, protecting citizen contact information from unfair distribution to outside companies, etc.

PROTECTED LOCAL BUDGETS AND REVENUES

- The state budget passed this year: no new county cutbacks, cost shifts, or unfair new burdens
- Major proposed cost shift of assessment office was rejected after aggressive county urging

DEFENDED LOCAL DECISION-MAKING

- Fended off broad statewide pre-emption - "Small Cell Wireless" remains a local matter
- Defeated broad and costly employer mandates on all local government employers, and comparable bill on community colleges
- Resisted overstepping into local pensions
- Resolved intrusive bills on land use planning, local licensing, security system

QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY GOES PURPLE:

Sheriff Gary Hofmann and Mr. Warren Wright presented to the Board for their review, Queen Anne’s County Goes Purple.

Did you know that 175 people die each day from a heroin or prescription painkiller overdose? Our communities are in the midst of a crisis of epidemic proportions, with overdose rates now the leading cause of death for people younger than 50.

Here in our county, we are taking a collective stand against substance abuse with a new initiative called QAC Goes Purple. This project is a substance abuse awareness and prevention program that empowers our youth and our community to Go Purple as a sign of taking a stand against substance abuse.

Launched on the heels of a spate of overdoses across the county last month, QAC Goes Purple promotes awareness of the opioid epidemic. The project focuses on preventing the use of opioids through education and community support.

The project is based upon THP Project Purple, an initiative of the Herren Project that helps people struggling with drug dependencies. Former NBA player Chris Herren founded both projects after speaking to a high school about his struggles with drug dependency. Herren designated the color purple for his initiative.

Herren is scheduled to speak at 7 p.m. on Nov. 13 at Kent Island High School in Stevensville. This event is free and open to the public - no registration required. In addition to the evening event, Herren is set to speak at two in-school assemblies that week. Those assemblies are closed to the public.

Leading up to Herren’s visit, we hope you’ll join us in ‘going purple’ this September. Here’s how you can get involved:

- Like us on Facebook (@QACGoesPurple) and take our survey, then share our educational messages starting in late August.
- Visit our website (www.QACGoesPurple.org) and subscribe for updates.
- Get purple lights either on our website or at Price and Gannon Ace Hardware Store in Centreville or Kent Island True Value Hardware Store in Chester.
- Display a window cling or car sticker, which are available at the Queen Anne’s County Chamber of Commerce at 1561 Postal Road in Chester and at Bay Area Association of Realtors at 126 Coursevall Drive in Centreville.
- Show your support with a shirt, hat or other gear, which are available on our website.
- Come to our ceremonial kick off on Sept. 6 — more details to follow.
- Join us on Nov. 13 for the Chris Herren event.

QAC Goes Purple is an initiative from the Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff and Queen Anne's County Drug-Free Coalition, in partnership with the Opioid Intervention Team/QAC Department of Health, Queen Anne's County Public Schools, Queen Anne's County Commissioners and the Mid-Shore Community Foundation.

More information is available at www.QACGoesPurple.org. Find us on Facebook @QACGoesPurple or contact us at QACGoesPurple@gmail.com.

SKI, AUGUST 21, 2018, PUBLIC HEARING DECISION:

Mr. Todd Mohn, Department of Public Works Director and Mr. Alan Quimby, Chief Sanitary Engineer; presented to the Board for their review and approval, Southern Kent Island August 21, 2018, Public Hearing Decision.

A public hearing was held on August 21, 2018 at the Kent Island High School. The public hearing covered three topics: 1) Amendments to Resolution #14-07, 2) Creation of the Southern Kent Island Rate Schedule, and 3) Levy of the special benefit assessment on vacant unimproved properties (within phase 1 of the project area).

1) Amendments to Resolution #14-07

These amendments included: 1) a clarification that Bay Restoration Funds will be used to offset the cost assessed to homeowners, 2) fixing the maximum monthly assessment levied to improved properties at \$70 per month for 20-years, 3) setting the default repayment option of the special benefit assessment to unimproved properties as a deferral which provides for the lowest beginning repayment plan, and 4) extension of the deadline to voluntarily combine lots until October 1, 2018, and 5) the final service area maps.

Recommended Action:

Motion to adopt amended Resolution #14-07

2) Southern Kent Island Rate Schedule — Resolution #18-44

This is the new Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Rate schedule for the Southern Kent Island Wastewater Subdistrict. This rate schedule will be applicable to both unimproved and improved properties. Quarterly billings are proposed to begin on October 1, 2018 for all phase 1 unimproved properties. Improved properties will receive their first O&M billing on the first quarter after they are connected to the sewer system. This will begin prior to the levy of the improved properties special benefit assessment (which will occur in early 2021). O&M rate charges are consistent with previous notices and projections at \$30 per month or \$90 per quarter for both improved and unimproved properties.

The rate schedule also includes an additional fee of \$100 per quarter if the connection of a water softener unit which backwashes into the new STEP tank creates system problems. The backwash from a typical water softener is saltwater brine which over several years may de-stratify the solid-liquid layer in the tank creating a slurry consistency in the tank. It was the intent

to apply this fee only if our maintenance staff determines that the backwash is in fact creating a problem based on the need for more frequent service calls etc. We had also put in the provision that if a problem is confirmed, we would work with the homeowner and take corrective actions over a period of one-year before initiating this fee.

The science on whether this backwash matter will ultimately become a problem is divided. The addition of the fee was a “safety net” to help with potential enforcement with use of the new public sewer system should problems arise. Chapter 24 of the County Code also regulates discharges into public sewers. If we experience future problems with water softener backwash the matter can be addressed under these regulations. We, therefore, recommend deleting the water conditioner connection charge from the South Kent Island Rate schedule.

Recommended Action:

Motion to adopt Resolution #18-44 as amended with the exclusion of the water conditioner connection charge

3) Levy of the special benefit assessment on vacant unimproved properties - Resolution #18-45

There are two property classes; Class B unimproved without a valid soil percolation test and Class C unimproved a valid percolation test. Class B properties will be assessed the base cost plus the economic benefit premium (since they become buildable) and Class C properties will be assessed only the base cost (since they are buildable now). The values of the base cost and economic benefit premium (noted below) remain consistent with previous notices, hearings and our project cash flow model. The levy of this special benefit assessment must be done via the attached resolution.

Class B Assessment

Sewer Base Cost	\$ 2,320.00
Economic Benefit Premium (EBP)	<u>\$ 25,600.00</u>
Total Assessment	\$ 27,920.00

Class C Assessment

Sewer Base Cost	<u>\$ 2,320.00</u>
Total Assessment	\$ 2,320.00

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, the Board unanimously agreed to adopt Amendment to Resolution 14-07. As part of the motion, a discussion was held between Commissioners Anderson, Moran and J. Wilson on this topic.

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 Anderson, the Board unanimously agreed to adopt Resolution 18-44. As part of the motion, a discussion was held between Commissioners Anderson, Moran, J. Wilson and S. Wilson on this topic.

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 Anderson, the Board unanimously agreed to adopt Resolution 18-45.

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.

There being no further business, they adjourned at 7:15 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, September 11, 2018.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

PRESIDENT