

January 10, 2023

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.
Patrick McLaughlin
Philip L. Dumenil
Christopher M. Corchiarino

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 Dumenil, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, at 4:45 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. Todd Mohn, P.E., County Administrator and Ms. Margie A. Houck, Executive Assistant to the Commissioners.

The Board discussed Boards and Commission and Stipend for Animal Control Commission

BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS

In open session, on a motion by Commissioner Wilson seconded by Commissioner Dumenil the Board unanimously agreed to appoint Tim Reedy to the Board of Electrical Examiners. This term will expire 6/30/24

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

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STIPEND FOR ANIMAL CONTROL COMMISSION:

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approved a stipend for the Animal Control Commission in the amount of \$2,000 chair and \$1,500 member per year. This is effective July 1, 2023 and members must attend 50% of the meeting in person. As part of the motion, Commissioners Dumenil, Moran and McLaughlin asked questions and/or made comments on this topic.

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

Pursuant to State Government Law Section 3-305(b), (3): to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; “The County Commissioners held a Closed Session on a motion of Commissioner Dumenil seconded by Commissioner Wilson, 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 5:20 p.m. Those in attendance were Mr. Todd Mohn, P.E., County Administrator and Ms. Margie A. Houck, Executive Assistant to the Commissioners and Dave MacGlashan, DPW.

The Board discussed property for easements

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES:

On a motion made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the Agenda for the current meeting, the Regular and Closed Session Minutes of December 13, 2022.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

1. Robert Snyder – Comp Plan
2. Jay Johns – Comp Plan
3. Dennis Lahey – Comp Plan

PRESENTATIONS:

Commissioner Dumenil read the Character Counts Pillar of the Month Proclamation 23-01 “Fairness”

Whereas, Queen Anne’s County was declared a “*Character Counts!* Community; and

Whereas, all community members have been called upon to embrace the “Six Pillars of Character” and incorporate these traits of good character into their daily lives; and

Whereas, the *Character Counts!* Pillar of the Month for January is “Fairness”; and

Whereas, fairness can be interpreted as impartial and just treatment or behavior without favoritism or discrimination; and

Whereas, fairness will be demonstrated by all citizens as they go about their daily lives; and

Whereas, everybody will be treated with the same amount of respect and receive equitable justice; and

Whereas, all citizens in our community will have access to quality education, healthcare, and affordable housing. They will also have an opportunity to earn a living wage and receive fair treatment from their employers; and

Whereas, fairness is also required and demonstrated at all levels of government, community, and business organizations; and

Whereas, fairness will be the focus of civil, economic, and ecumenical decisions regardless of color, race, age, gender, religion, or national origin; and

Whereas, we will strive as a community to uphold these values and commitments with integrity and accountability; and

Now therefore, the Queen Anne’s County Commissioners do hereby designate the Character Counts! Pillar for January to be “Fairness”.

Submitted by QAC CommUNITY Mentoring Program for National Mentoring Month.

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Mr. Wayne Humphries gave a brief overview of the Character Counts programs.

ORDINANCE 23-01 – PUBLIC FACILITIES BOND AUTHORIZATION 2023

Commissioner Wilson introduced County Ordinance #23-01 Public Facilities Bond Authorization 2023.

This is a public local law to authorize and empower Queen Anne’s County to borrow not more than seven million dollars (7,000,000) for the public purpose of financing or refinancing certain public facilities. The net proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized to be issued hereunder shall be used and applied for financing or refinancing, in whole or in part, one or more of the following projects which shall include without limitation, design, engineering, planning, fiscal, and legal expenses related thereto. Capital projects approved by the Board of Education including projects including construction, improvement and/or renovation of one or more administrative buildings and other renovations and improvements at one or more schools, including a roof replacement at Queen Anne’s County High School; and other capital projects approved for bond funding in the County’s Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 or as otherwise approved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County including one or more airport runway rehabilitation projects.

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 22-13 – COMPREHENSIVE REZONING REQUESTS AND REZONING OF THE REDUCED GROWTH AREA

The County Commissioners held a public hearing to receive public comments regarding the proposed County Ordinance COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 22-13 A BILL ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING the 2022 Comprehensive Rezoning Requests and Rezoning of the Reduced Growth Area; FOR THE PURPOSE of rezoning twenty (20) parcels of land in Queen Anne’s County to conform with the 2022 Comprehensive Plan; BY AMENDING the official digitally generated and geo-referenced Queen Anne’s County Zoning Maps.

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

Ms. Stephanie Jones, Principal Planner reviewed the 2022 Queen Anne’s County Comprehensive Rezoning Summary Table.

Press and Public Comments:

1. Mike Ranelli – 14 - CCR38 – Opposed

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2. Jay Johns – 14 -CCR38 – Support
3. Mike Ranelli – 15 – CRR44 – Opposed
4. Robert Snyder – 15 – CRR44 – Opposed
5. Jay Johns – 15 – CRR44 Support

The record for additional public comment will remain open for two weeks.

WEEKLY CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESENTATION OF DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNATURE:

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

FY23 CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASE – ZERO TURN MOWERS:

On a motion by Commissioner **Wilson**, seconded by Commissioner **McLaughlin**, the Board unanimously agreed to authorize the Department of Parks and Recreation to purchase two new Zero Turn Mowers from Atlantic Tractor in Queen Anne, MD for \$33,400. Commissioner Dumenil asked questions and/or made comments on this topic. Funding to come from the Department of Parks and Recreation’s Capital Equipment Budget.

The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting permission to purchase two Zero Turn Mowers from Atlantic Tractor in Queen Anne, Maryland for \$33,400, utilizing the USA Government Discount. This purchase will replace two 2005 Kubota Mowers.

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

FY23 CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASE – KUBOTA RTV:

On a motion made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed to authorize the Department of Parks and Recreation to purchase one Kubota RTV from Burke Equipment in Felton, Delaware for \$30,754.85. Commissioners Dumenil and McLaughlin asked questions and/or made comments on this topic. Funding to come from the Department of Parks and Recreation’s Capital Equipment Budget.

The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting permission to purchase one Kubota RTV from Burke Equipment in Felton, Delaware for \$28,712.98, utilizing the Sourcewell Discount 031121. This purchase will replace one 2005 Kubota RTV900.

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

BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW COMPLIANCE CONFIRMATION FOR LOCALLY OPERATED TRANSIT SYSTEMS (LOTS):

On a motion by Commissioner Wilson, seconded Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to accept the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan as stated by the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of the Federal Government as Queen Anne’s County is considered a Large Urbanized Area.

This is the required document from Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) setting the new requirement for Queen Anne’s County being a Large Urbanized Area (UZA) under the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, as Grasonville South is included in the Baltimore Metropolitan Region. The law states that we start a Transit Safety Committee and to develop a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) which has been completed. The MTA requests that our (PTASP) be approved by the Queen Anne’s County Commissioners by signing the included safety plan.

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

PROPERTY LIEN FOR NUISANCE VIOLATION – RESOLUTION #23-01:

On a motion by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Resolution #23-01 to place a lien on the property located at 3809 Main St., Grasonville, MD in the amount of \$260.00 for Nuisance Violation. Commissioner McLaughlin asked questions and/or made comments on this topic.

An independent contractor hired by the Zoning Office cut the grass at the above referenced address 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. Staff recommends approval of Resolution #23-01 to place a lien on the property located at 3809 Main St., Grasonville, MD in the amount of \$260.00 for Nuisance Violation.

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT #CC-31 – AGING – ASSISTED LIVING

On a motion by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Budget Amendment #CC-31 – Aging – Assisted Living.

This amendment is to increase the assisted Living budget to reflect the amount received through our grant award (attached). The total grant award for FY23 was \$54,338, of which \$38,436 is currently budgeted in 60300000-33210. This amendment also decreases the transfer into Aging. Assisted Living by \$1,790 as it is not required due to the increased grant revenue. No additional County Funds needed.

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT #CC-32 – SHERIFF’S OFFICE PRAR GRANT

On a motion by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Budget Amendment #CC-32 – Sheriff’s Office – PRAR Grant.

This amendment increases grant revenue along with the corresponding expenditures in relation to the Police Recruitment and Retention (PRAR) grant awarded to the Sheriff’s Office. The FY23 budgeted grant revenue in Munis is currently \$55,000 but should be \$69,500 per the grant award.

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

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

1. Josh Melton – Bay Bridge Marina
2. Linda Henley – Bay Bridge Marina
3. Debra Grollman – Bay Bridge Marina
4. Michael Newman – Bay Bridge Marina
5. Chuck Melson – Bay Bridge Marina
6. Henry Clark – Bay Bridge Marina
7. Sheila Willis – Bay Bridge Marina
8. Jacquelyn Desonier – Bay Bridge Marina
9. Julie Slacum – Bay Bridge Marina
10. Barry Waterman – Armored Storage
11. Edgar Gibbs – Armored Storage
12. Debbie Moore – Armored Storage
13. Mike Irons – Armored Storage
14. Fred Koch – Comp Plan

COMMISSIONER’S ROUNDTABLE:

Commissioner Wilson discussed the following:

Attended the Winter MACo Conference some of the topics were Kirwan 4.0, a push for electric cars, utility grade solar battery back up

Commissioner Dumenil discussed the following:

Explained what you learn at the MACo conferences
He attended the Goodwill Installation of Officers

Commissioner McLaughin discussed the following:

Attended the Winter MACo Conference for the first time and found it very informative

Commissioner Corchiarino discussed the following:

MACo hold their conferences twice a year.
Need to explain to citizens how the process works regarding what individuals can and can’t do with their property.

Commissioner Moran discussed the following:

The newspaper plays a big part in false information on project.
The Bay Bridge deck replacement will start in November. It will be done from under the bridge and should be completed in 3 to 4 years.

There being no further business, they adjourned at 7:07 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, January 24, 2023.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

PRESIDENT