

January 14, 2020

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. (absent)
Stephen Wilson (absent)
Philip L. Dumenil
Christopher M. Corchiarino

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

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

CLOSED SESSION:

Pursuant to Section 10-503(c) of the State Government Article of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*, the County Commissioners went into closed session for the purpose of conducting an administrative function meeting; "The County Commissioners held a Closed Session on a motion of Commissioner 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 5:15 p.m. Those in attendance were Mr. Todd Mohn, County Administrator; and Ms. Margie Houck, Executive Assistant.

The Board discussed appointments to various Boards and Commissions.

CLOSED SESSION:

Pursuant to State Government Law Section 3-305(b), (3): to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; "The County Commissioners held a Closed Session on a motion of Commissioner Dumenil, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, at 5:15 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; and Patrick Thompson, Esquire, County Attorney. The Board discussed purchasing a parcel of land in Centreville.

In Open Session:

On a motion made by Commissioner Corchiarino, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to appoint Courtney Billups to the Housing Authority to fill the unexpired term of James Hynson to begin immediately and end June 30, 2022.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson (absent)		
S Wilson (absent)		
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed to confirm the appointments to the Kent Narrows Development Foundation: 1) to re-appointment Jody Schulz and Michael Foster and 2) to appoint/invite Jeffery Smith and Judy Wink to a 3-year term, ending December 31, 2022 and 3) to appoint/invite Butch Pearson to a 1-year term, ending December 31, 2020.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson (absent)		
S Wilson (absent)		
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 December 10, 2019 and January 2, 2020.

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

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

1. Jay Falstad
2. Barbara Obert

WEEKLY CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESENTATION OF DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNATURE:

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

HOUSING STUDY GRANT AWARD:

Mr. Mike Clark, Chief of the Division of Housing & Community Service, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Housing Study Grant Award.

In order for the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to release funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the Queen Anne’s County 2020 Housing Study, the following forms need to be completed and signed. This project is grant funded and requires no additional funds from the County general fund.

On a motion made by Commissioner Corchiarino, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to sign the 2020 Housing Study Grant Award.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson (absent)		
S Wilson (absent)		
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

FY20 MHAA CAPITAL GRANT AGREEMENT:

Ennis Barbery Smith, Assistant Administrator of Maryland Heritage Areas Program, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, FY2020 MHAA Capital Grant Agreement for the project entitled “Chesapeake Heritage & Visitors Center Redesign”.

On a motion made by Commissioner Dumenil, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed to sign the Chesapeake Heritage & Visitors Center Grant Agreement.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson (absent)		
S Wilson (absent)		
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

2020 NACO MEMBERSHIP:

Ms. Kimberly A. Hall, NACo Director of Membership, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, 2020 NACo Membership.

Just like your state association represents you in the state capital, NACo is your national organization, representing counties, parishes and boroughs in Washington, D.C. NACo delivers unmatched value to our member counties through:

- Federal Policy Advocacy
- Cost-Saving Solutions
- Leadership Experiences
- Idea and Innovation Exchanges

Your NACo membership connects you with an important support network of fellow county government officials and serves as a valuable resource for your county.

We value your engagement with NACo and will work with you in any way we can to support your needs.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed to pay the invoice for the County’s 2020 NACo membership Dues in the amount of \$896.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson (absent)		
S Wilson (absent)		
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

PROPERTY LIEN:

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

Map 59A, Parcel 9, Lot 164, 6303 Main Street, Queenstown (\$220.00)

An independent contractor hired by the Zoning Office to cut grass at the above referenced addresses after the property’ owner ignored repeated attempts by the Zoning Inspector to get the site to comply with Queen Anne’s County Code Chapter 19 Article II §19-2 L. (2) which states:

A person may not allow any vegetation to grow higher than 12 inches on any lot or parcel that is: (a) Less than three acres in size; and (b) located in an approved or recorded residential subdivision or any part of which is within 200 feet of a neighboring residence.

On a motion made by Commissioner Corchiarino, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Resolution 20-0 1 to place a lien on the property listed in the County Zoning Administrator’s memorandum dated January 14, 2020 for nuisance violation.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson (absent)		
S Wilson (absent)		
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

On a motion made by Commissioner Corchiarino, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Budget Amendment CC-16. As part of the motion, Commissioners Moran and J. Wilson made comments on this topic.

# CC-16							12/9/2019
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY							
REQUEST FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT							
FY 2020							
Description of expenditure/revenue accounts to increase/(decrease):							Increase (Decrease) Amount
Fund	Account Code	Project					
To establish budget authority to spend Ag Transfer fund for FY20 easements							
increase	Ag Transfer	FY20 Pr Year Fund Balance	800	800000	39920		\$ 48,553
increase	Ag Transfer	Transfer in from MALPF project	800	800000	39910		\$ 62,193
increase	Ag Transfer	Transfer in from Gen Fund	800	800000	39910		\$ 639,254
						Total Revenue	\$ 750,000
increase	Ag Transfer	Other Charges	800	800000	8995		\$ 750,000

To move budget authority between accounts in MALPF project							
decrease	Gen Cap Proj - MALPF	Other Charges	410	415000	8995	400775	\$ (62,193)
increase	Gen Cap Proj - MALPF	Transfer Out	410	415000	8990	400775	\$ 62,193
To establish budget authority for the transfer out of the Gen Fund							
increase	Gen Fund	Income Taxes	100	199000	30201		373,254
increase	Gen Fund	FY20 Pr Year Fund Balance	100	199000	39920		266,000
						Total Revenue	639,254
increase	Gen Fund	Transfer Out	100	180000	8990		639,254
Justification:							
On January 22, 2019, the County Commissioners approved a commitment of \$750,000 towards the Agricultural Land Preservation Matching Funds Program. The funds will be derived from the Agricultural Transfer Tax Fund (\$48,553), the MALPF program project fund (\$62,193), and also from the General Fund (\$639,254).							
The County portion of the easements purchased with the \$750,000 funding are:							
(1) Eaton, 151.603 acres, \$240,115							
(2) Knight Farms LLC, 130.81 acres, \$206,263							
(3) Bostic, Coleman, and Liskow 105.0 acres, \$166,400							
(4) Hayman and Coleman, 141.318 acres, \$137,222							
The second section of the amendment provides budget authority in the MALPF project to move the budget from the other charges account to the transfer out account, since the funds will be transferred to the Ag Transfer Tax Fund.							
The third section of the amendment provides budget authority in the General Fund to transfer \$639,254 to the Ag Transfer Tax fund. This is being balanced by increasing the income tax revenue budget and also using prior year fund balance of \$266,000 which represents the property tax collected in FY19 for the solar generators.							

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson (absent)		
S Wilson (absent)		
Dumenil	x	

Corchiarino	x	
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On a motion made by Commissioner Dumenil, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Budget Amendment CC-17. As part of the motion, Commissioners Moran and J. Wilson made comments on this topic.

#	CC-17						Date	1/3/2020
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY								
REQUEST FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT								
FY 2020								
							Increase (Decrease)	
							Amount	
Description of expenditure/revenue accounts to increase/(decrease):			Fund	Account Code				
increase	Rural Legacy	State POS Appropriated Cap Grant	830	830000	33727	2,029,259		
increase	Rural Legacy	Other Expenses	830	830000	8995	2,029,259		
Justification:								
This amendment will recognize a Rural Legacy program capital grant as per an agreement between the County and the Maryland								
State Board of Public Works. These grant funds are to purchase the following three (3) easements:								
(1) Charles and Martha Patterson III - \$136,007 including attorney fees - 34.09 acres - approved by County Commissioners on 9/11/18								
(2) HCB Jr. partners Ltd. - \$698,895 including attorney fees - 163.37 acres - approved by County Commissioners on 11/14/17								
(3) Charles and Martha Patterson III - \$1,194,357 including attorney fees - 273.567 acres - approved by County Commissioners on 9/11/18								
The approved funding will enable the County to preserve 470 acres of agricultural land, woodland, environmentally sensitive areas, natural habitats								
and protect environmentally significant tributaries of the Chester and Corsica Rivers.								
No County funds are requested.								

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson (absent)		
S Wilson (absent)		
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

CHARACTER COUNTS:

The Board presented Ms. Kelly Huber, Character Count!, the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS, almost 20 years ago, the people of Queen Anne’s County were called upon to incorporate and model the “Six Pillars of Character” in their daily lives and Queen Anne’s County was declared a “Character Counts” Community; and

WHEREAS, this month, may we all practice and remind ourselves about the importance of “Fairness”; and

WHEREAS, Fairness means being free from favoritism, self–interest, preference, discrimination or bias and is the manner in which all citizens would wish to be treated and exactly how we should treat others; and

WHEREAS, all people are created equal and have the right to equal opportunities; and

WHEREAS, all people have the right to express themselves and realize that others have that same right; and

WHEREAS, all people will remain open-minded and reasonable and will judge with integrity when listening and responding to others; and

WHEREAS, all people will admit when wrong and attempt to rectify any mistakes and never blame others carelessly; and

WHEREAS, all people will strive to be fair and play by the rules, abide by the laws and never take advantage of others;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY, do hereby proclaim, the Character Counts! Pillar of the Month for January to be “Fairness”.

Provided by Queen Anne’s County CommUnity Mentoring Program
Patricia Hackleman/ Coordinator

QAC COMMUNITY MENTORING PROCLAMATION:

The Board presented Ms. Patricia Hackelman, Character Counts! and Community Mentoring Coordinator, the following QAC CommUnity Mentoring Proclamation:

WHEREAS, the future course of Queen Anne’s County, Maryland and our nation rests on the shoulders of our youth; and

WHEREAS, educated, confident and nurtured children will give rise to a stronger community; and

WHEREAS, mentoring is a proven, effective strategy to increase the life opportunities of all young people, matching a caring, responsible adult with a child to provide guidance and support that builds confidence, stability and direction for that child; and

WHEREAS, thousands of young people in Maryland are in mentoring relationships, while thousands more sit on waiting lists for mentors; and

WHEREAS, with support of the county, state, business and community leaders the Maryland MENTOR has helped establish mentorships with youth across the county and state, providing young people with the opportunities to succeed; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of National Mentoring Month emphasizes the importance of mentoring, raises awareness and recognizes with praise and gratitude the many citizens already involved in mentoring, while encouraging others to volunteer as mentors;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, do hereby proclaim January 2020, as "NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH" in Queen Anne's County and recognize and acknowledge the importance of mentorship programs.

MENTORING MONTH PROCLAMATION:

The Board presented Ms. Veronica Standcliff, Support Specialist for Big Brother Big Sister, the following Mentoring Month Proclamation:

WHEREAS, during National Mentoring Month, we celebrate the dedicated men and women who volunteer their time, talents, and resources to mentor, teach, and empower young people and those in need of guidance; and

WHEREAS, mentors form a cross section of Queen Anne's County; and

WHEREAS, they are spiritual leaders, coaches, volunteers in civic organizations, business owners, teachers, counselors, school administrators, and many others; and

WHEREAS, they come from diverse backgrounds and, in many inspiring ways, mentors improve the lives of Queen Anne's County youth, helping them to grow into responsible adults; and

WHEREAS, in communities across our county, mentors serve not only as role models for young people but also as an inspiration to dream big and pursue any goal—regardless of circumstance; and

WHEREAS, their acts of generosity and compassion are a reminder that each of us has a deeper purpose, and that we can make a positive difference by investing in others through our talents; and

WHEREAS, together, we will continue to pour into the lives of those in need, better equipping them to achieve their full potential;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, do hereby proclaim January 2020, as "NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH" and recognize and acknowledge the dedication of each mentoring volunteer and the impact they make in the lives of Queen Anne's County's youth.

MARY EDWARDINE BOURKE FOUNDATION/MARYLAND MUSEUM OF WOMEN'S HISTORY AND THE 19TH AMENDMENT PROCLAMATION:

Ms. Mary Margaret Revell Goodwin, County Historian, presented to the Board for their review, Mary Edwardine Bourke Foundation/Maryland Museum of Women's History and the 19th Amendment First Annual Report - June 2018-December 2019.

The Dual Purpose of the Foundation has presented a number of challenges and an even greater number of opportunities for public investment in the protection, expanded outreach and research into American, Maryland and Queen Anne's County Women's History. Due to the many museum platforms as listed in our papers of incorporation we have had opportunities and challenges in both preservation-restoration and expanding our history knowledge across all platforms.

Successes under the Preservation-Restoration Challenges

1. Bloomfield has been prevented from collapsing and is now stabilized. Major damage that would have resulted in the loss of the building is now fully repaired. Danger to the public or to individuals either around the exterior or inside the building has been minimized. This work was undertaken with the aid of an MHAA grant. The work began immediately after the grant was announced with the permission of the MHT grant supervisors in July of 2019. The work was completed by the promised time of October 2019, four months.
2. The restoration work involved repairing two walls and one chimney from the exterior roof portion to the flue all the way to the basement. The Maryland Heritage Trust grant supervisors spent nearly an entire day with us, examining all the work and photographing the entire house inside and out, area by area. They examined the work to assure that all historic restoration materials and repairs were to national historic preservation standards. They photographed all parts of the house in detail due to the easement requirements that now exist for the property as a result of accepting the State grant. Upon all details being approved, the easements will be recorded in the County Court House and bear upon the property in perpetuity.
3. The first set of drawings by the architect Michael Dowling for the changes needed to prepare the historic property to move from its former life as a residence to a public building that meets not only public building codes but would also meet all necessary ADA compliancy was completed. Aspects of these initial drawings were not accepted by MHT and are being reworked. The primary problem involves how to move disabled

visitors into and within the building. Resolving this matter is underway and consultations with MHT are planned soon.

4. There is a potential problem with getting perc, but we are proceeding with the perc tests with pipes in the ground by the time of this report. This is a vital requirement as you know.

Successes & Efforts Under the Women's History Museum

1. Women's history research has been underway since the founding date in June of 2018. Of course, the initial work began with the story of the woman whose house this originally was, Mary Edwardine Bourke Emory. An amazing amount of information has been found. Her story was told in her own book giving a detailed picture of so many in County history, but it is important to realize that she was the mother of the Frederick Emory who wrote the book of the history of Queen Anne's County. He was born in and grew up in Bloomfield. Much new information on the entire family has been revealed as result of this project.
2. The first exhibit of the Women's Museum went up online on the 1-year anniversary of the Foundation in June of 2019, being the real story of Anna Ella Carroll who made claims to have been the primary savior for the United States in the Civil War. Some have called her "Lincoln's General" but her major contribution was her influence on Maryland's Governor Thomas Hicks at the time of the Civil War.
3. We have been sought out by and assisted with women's history projects elsewhere in the State, including sitting on a committee for Annapolis. They have begun commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment. We are proud that as a result one of our advisory contributions has been the awareness of Frederick Douglass as one of the strongest proponents of women's right to vote and his role as one of two male speakers at the Seneca Falls Convention.
4. Also, as a result of this advisory status we were tasked to undertake the research, writing and design of a series of 6 large exhibits that will travel the Eastern Shore and places on the Western Shore with the full story of the Suffragette movement. We are doing this for a group that involves the League of Women Voters and representatives of various civic groups in Maryland/
5. We are in the process of researching, designing and preparing our own exhibits for our first opening in August.
6. We are holding a major painting competition. While we have entries from elsewhere in the State, we have none yet from Queen Anne's County.
7. We will hold our 2nd Annual Maryland Women in Agriculture in April. The first one was held last July and was not as successful as we wished due to being held in July.
8. We are preparing for our presentations and an end of August conference in Annapolis. We have already hosted the Eastern Shore Small Museum meeting and will do so again this month.
9. We have had a web site for more than a year, and a very active Face Book site that keeps the public up to date on our actions. The FB site has resulted in finding descendants of the Emory family and some of them coming to visit and tour the house.

10. We have begun selling the 2020 Commemorative Museum Membership Card!

WHEREAS, in our beginning years, only white men over the age of 21, who owned property, could vote in America; and

WHEREAS, the fight for the right of women to vote grew out of the abolitionist movement; and

WHEREAS, the first formal movement for the right of women to vote was undertaken for 2 days at the Seneca Falls Conference in New York in July of 1848, attended by 300 persons; and

WHEREAS, at the Seneca Falls Conference, 68 women and 32 men signed the Declaration of Sentiments, with Frederick Douglass being one of the signing men; and

WHEREAS, in 1870, the 15th Amendment was ratified, which prohibited denial of voting rights due to race or previous servitude, but this applied only to African American men; and

WHEREAS, year after year, women across America fought for the right to vote, using every publicity tactic, such as massive parades, lobbying and picketing, even to the point of being imprisoned and force fed while in prison, to gain small victories, as some States allowed women to vote in State elections; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 1919, Congress passed the 19th Amendment after it had been rejected previously by 21 successive Congresses, thus sending it out to the nation to be voted on by the 36 States for ratification; and

WHEREAS, it took many well-organized women across the nation only 14 months to get to Tennessee, the last of the 36 states needed to finalize the new amendment, because the last four States had refused to call a session for a vote, leaving only Tennessee to call a special session for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, it looked doubtful that the Tennessee Legislature would pass the amendment but one 21-year-old State legislator, Henry T. Burn, intending to vote against the amendment, which would mean its death, and years before it could be brought again for ratification, when Mr. Burn's mother wrote him a letter that he carried with him in his pocket on the final day of voting; and

WHEREAS, this letter influenced him to change his vote in favor of ratifying the 19th Amendment, thus allowing many women, not all, the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, it was not until the Voting Rights Act of 1965, that formally allowed African American women the right to vote;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, do hereby proclaim, that 2020 is the Year of Commemoration, the 100th Anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County, Maryland held a public hearing at 6:15 p.m. in the County Commissioner's Meeting Room in the Liberty Building, 107 N Liberty Street, Centreville, Maryland 21617 to receive public comment on County Ordinance 19-17.

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

COUNTY ORDINANCE 19-17

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING the expansion of a use and/or tenant space in a structure which occupies more than 65,000 square feet of gross floor area in the Urban Commercial Zoning District Density and Intensity Requirements in Queen Anne's County.

FOR THE PURPOSE of establishing specific standards of applicability and supplemental regulations for the expansion of a use and/or tenant space in a structure which occupies more than 65,000 square feet of gross floor area in Chapter 18:1-22.D (3) [Urban Commercial Density/intensity requirements] and Chapter 18:1-58 [Supplemental Uses/Additional uses and regulations] in Queen Anne's County.

BY ADDING an additional exception to Chapter 18:1-22.D (3) and additional standards to Chapter 18:1-58 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County, Maryland.

SECTION I

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND that the following provisions be ADDED to Chapter 18:1-22.D (3) and additional standards to Chapter 18:1-58 of the Code of Public Local Laws:

"Chapter 18:1-22.D (3) Urban Commercial Density/intensity

requirements

. . .

Q. Expansion of a use and/or tenant space that occupies more than 65,000 square feet of gross floor area in a structure that existed on or before January 6, 2004; such expansion is limited to 50% of the gross floor area of the use and is subject to supplemental use standards outlined in Chapter 18:1-58.0.

"Chapter 18:1-58 Supplemental Uses/Additional uses and regulations

. . .

O. Expansion of a use and/or tenant space that occupies more than 65,000 square feet of gross floor area in a structure (within the Urban Commercial District).

(1) Expansion of use and/or tenant space which occupies more than 65,000 square feet of gross floor area in a structure shall be permitted only for uses that were operating on or before January 6, 2004.

(2) The expansion shall not exceed 50% of the gross floor area of the space that existing on January 6, 2004 and is subject to the *Town Center and Urban Commercial Design Standards: Commercial and Mixed-Use Development Standards* which must be implemented insofar as possible.

The following persons gave public testimony:

1. Barbara Obert - opposed
2. Frank DiGialleonardo – opposed
3. Chery Huyds - opposed

The record will remain open for two weeks.

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION:

The Board presented Ms. Katherine Petzold, Licensed Clinician/Anti-Human Trafficking Coordinator and Ms. Leslie Sea, Board Member the following proclamation for Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, every year, nearly 25 million men, women, and children are trafficked and deprived of their freedom, human rights, and dignity. According to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, Maryland has one of the highest rates of domestic human trafficking in the nation, with 165 cases reported to the hotline in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Human trafficking includes sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not reached 18 years of age; and the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery; and

WHEREAS, Human trafficking is among the fastest growing criminal industry in the world, second only to drug trafficking; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland has enacted comprehensive anti-human trafficking laws, with a focus on criminal prosecution and victim support; and

WHEREAS, Queen Anne's County recognizes the considerable moral and economic harm of human trafficking to our communities, our states, and the nation; and recognizes that bringing a greater awareness to this problem will help victims; and

WHEREAS, by bringing awareness to human trafficking within the Mid-Shore region of Maryland, we bring the victims hope, and the natural born freedoms all human beings should enjoy; and

WHEREAS, Queen Anne's County recognizes that increased public awareness and education within our organizations will provide more opportunities to recognize and aid in the fight against Human Trafficking;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY THAT; in keeping with our mission, morals and ideals, Queen Anne's County supports increased public awareness, stronger laws, and the promotion of justice to reduce the exploitation of all peoples.

WHEREAS, The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention coordinates human trafficking efforts across the State by:

- 1) the coordination of state agency policies and protocols to combat human trafficking;
- 2) developing and delivering training to state and local law enforcement and government personnel;
- 3) establishing and implementing data collection to capture the nature and scope of human trafficking in Maryland; and
- 4) coordinating with resources and organizations engaged in these efforts, including the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, do hereby declare the month of January, *HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH* and urge all citizens to actively work toward the eradication of Human Trafficking.

LEGISLATIVE:

Commissioner Moran introduced County Ordinance 20-01:

A BILL ENTITLED

“PUBLIC FACILITIES
BOND AUTHORIZATION OF 2020”

A PUBLIC LOCAL LAW TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY, MARYLAND (THE “**COUNTY**”), FROM TIME TO TIME, TO BORROW NOT MORE THAN NINE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$9,500,000) FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF FINANCING OR REFINANCING CERTAIN PUBLIC FACILITIES, ALL AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, AND TO EVIDENCE SUCH BORROWING BY THE ISSUANCE AND SALE AT PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SALE, UPON ITS FULL FAITH AND CREDIT, OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN LIKE PAR AMOUNT; EMPOWERING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 19-504(d) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (2013 REPLACEMENT VOLUME AND 2019 SUPPLEMENT) (THE “**CODE**”) PRIOR TO ISSUING ALL OR ANY PART OF THE BONDS; EMPOWERING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY TO LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES IN RATE AND AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE MATURING PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND PLEDGING THE COUNTY’S FULL FAITH AND CREDIT AND UNLIMITED TAXING POWER TO THE PAYMENT THEREOF; EXEMPTING THE BONDS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 19-205 TO 19-206,

INCLUSIVE, OF THE CODE; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF REFUNDING BONDS;
AND RELATING GENERALLY TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH BONDS.

The Public Hearing is set for January 28, 2020 at 5:50 pm.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

COMMISSIONER'S ROUNDTABLE:

Commissioner Dumenil discussed the following:

Attended the Annual Installation of Officers events to various Volunteer Fire
Departments/Companies – Happy to see youth volunteering to serve

Commissioner Corchiarino discussed the following:

Encourage youth to join fire departments
Believes that we may have the only Circuit Court, in the state of Maryland, run by
women.

Commissioner Moran discussed the following:

Bay Bridge Traffic, Toll Lanes, an improvement

Still working with the state to further improve traffic on Rt50

There being no further business, they adjourned at 7:30 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday,
January 28, 2020.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

PRESIDENT