

February 25, 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.  
Stephen Wilson  
Philip L. Dumenil  
Christopher M. Corchiarino

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Commissioner Moran was not present during this part of the meeting.

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 Corchiarino, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, 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 5:30 p.m. Those in attendance were Mr. Todd Mohn, County Administrator; Ms. Margie Houck, Executive Assistant; Patrick Thompson, Esquire, County Attorney; Ms. Beverly Churchill Director of the Department of Human Resources and Mr. Mike Wisnosky, Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning.

The Board discussed concerns with several Board and Commission members.

**MINUTES:**

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the Agenda for the current meeting and the Regular and Closed minutes of February 11, 2020.

**PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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

1. Carey Porter – Internet Problems

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

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

**PROPOSED MOSQUITO CONTROL BUDGET FOR 2020:**

Mr. Brian Prendergast, Program Manager submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Proposed Mosquito Control Budget for 2020.

The Maryland Department of Agriculture, Mosquito Control Section, has prepared an estimate of operating expenses for mosquito control in Queen Anne’s County during the 2020 season. This budget estimate is based on previous years’ expenditures and anticipated costs for the upcoming season.

On a motion made by Commissioner S. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, Commissioner J. Wilson abstained, the Board agreed to sign the proposed mosquito control budget for 2020. As part of the motion, Commissioners J. Wilson made comments on this topic.

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

**SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT – CRITICAL WORKFORCE CLIENT:**

Mr. Michael R. Clark, Community Partnership for Children and Families Director, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Subordination Agreement, Critical Workforce (CWF) Client.

Mr. Brad Childress received a Critical Workforce loan around April 2010. Mr. Childress had his first mortgage through Queenstown Bank and as always, our loan subordinates to the first loan. Per the memo, Mr. Childress would like to refinance the first loan with Quicken Loans in order to reduce his interest rate and monthly payments. Therefore, we need to resubordinate his loan that he has currently with the County.

Per Patrick Thompson’s review, we are required to complete a Subordination Agreement because Mr. Childress is paying more than \$5,000 in closing costs. There will be no cash back at closing.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to sign the Subordination Agreement for Brad Childress in order for him to obtain a lower interest rate and reduce the payment on his current mortgage. As part of the motion, Commissioners J. Wilson and Dumenil made comments on this topic.

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

**BOE REQUEST TO ALLOCATE FUNDS:**

Dr. Andrea M. Kane, Ph.D., Superintendent, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Board of Education Request to Allocate Funds.

The Board of Education requests the Board of County Commissioners approve the allocation of funds towards the following emergency purchase from the Board of Education’s operating fund balance for the year ended June 30, 2019:

Emergency Purchase

Backup Generator — Church Hill Elementary School \$47,980

The current available unassigned fund balance as of June 30, 2019 is \$1,131,740.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the allocation of funds towards the emergency purchase of a Backup Generator for the Church Hill Elementary School in the amount of \$47,980 from the Board of Education’s operating fund balance for the year ending June 30, 2019. comments on this topic.

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

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS:**

Sheriff Gary Hofmann submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Budget Amendment Request.

Per your request, the following is my official “Request for Approval” to use excess current year budgeted funds originally designated for salaries and/or benefits to purchase two Toyota Rav4 hybrid SUV vehicles to be used by our Public Information Officer and our Volunteer Auxiliary Deputies. The total cost for both of the vehicles, installed emergency equipment and markings is \$66,124. These vehicles will be valuable to our overall operation providing reliable and cost-effective vehicles for our highly mobile Public Information Officer (soon to be hired) and for our volunteer auxiliary staff who work and attend events and assignments all over the County on a regular basis. The 2020 Toyota Rav4 Hybrid SUV is estimated to get 41 city/38 highway miles per gallon of gas. We also believe these vehicles will be highly reliable with a very low cost for maintenance. These model vehicles are currently on the Howard County contract which is the contract we plan to use.

On a motion made by Commissioner S. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Moran, to approve Budget Amendment CC-21, to use excess current year budgeted funds of \$66,124 originally designated for salaries and/or benefits, to purchase 2 Toyota Rav4 hybrid SUV vehicles, utilizing the preestablished Howard County Government contract, after a discuss on a motion by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino the Board agreed to hold this item for further review

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

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Budget Amendment CC-22.

#	<b>CC-22</b>						Date	2/13/2020
Entered by _____		<b>QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY</b>						
<b>REQUEST FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT</b>								
<b>FY 2020</b>								
								Increase (Decrease) Amount
Description of expenditure/revenue accounts to increase/(decrease):			Fund	Account Code				
<b>DISTRIBUTE FIRE IMPACT FEE UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCES AS OF 6/30/19 TO FIRE COMPANIES</b>								
increase	kent island	Impact Fee Charges	432	432100	35104			\$ 3,159.00

increase	kent island	allocation of impact fees/vol fire co's	432	432800	8520		\$	3,159.00		
increase	grasonville	Impact Fee Charges	433	433100	35104		\$	14,977.00		
increase	grasonville	allocation of impact fees/vol fire co's	433	433800	8520		\$	14,977.00		
increase	queenstown	Impact Fee Charges	434	434100	35104		\$	2,818.00		
increase	queenstown	allocation of impact fees/vol fire co's	434	434800	8520		\$	2,818.00		
decrease	goodwill	Impact Fee Charges	435	435100	35104		\$	(29,040.00)		
decrease	goodwill	allocation of impact fees/vol fire co's	435	435800	8520		\$	(29,040.00)		
increase	church hill	Impact Fee Charges	436	436100	35104		\$	3,222.00		
increase	church hill	allocation of impact fees/vol fire co's	436	436800	8520		\$	3,222.00		
increase	crumpton	Impact Fee Charges	438	438100	35104		\$	3,006.00		
increase	crumpton	allocation of impact fees/vol fire co's	438	438800	8520		\$	3,006.00		
increase	qa / hillsboro	Impact Fee Charges	439	439100	35104		\$	1,858.00		
increase	qa / hillsboro	allocation of impact fees/vol fire co's	439	439800	8520		\$	1,858.00		
								Net change in budget authority	\$	-
<b>Justification:</b>										
This amendment reclassifies existing budget authority to distribute the fire impact fees in fiscal year 2020.										
Fire impact fees collected in the fiscal year are distributed the following year. There is existing budget authority of \$290,500 for the distribution of the impact fees, which is enough to cover the total amount of \$285,527. However, the amendment is needed in order to move the authority between funds.										
No County funds are requested.										

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

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Budget Amendment CC-24. As part of the motion, Commissioners Moran made comments on this topic.

#	<b>CC-24</b>									<b>Date</b>	02/13/20
Entered by	<b>QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY REQUEST FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT FY 2020</b>										
											<b>Increase (Decrease) Amount</b>
	<b>Description of expenditure/revenue accounts to increase/(decrease):</b>				<b>Fund</b>		<b>Account Code</b>				
							<b>PROJECT ONLY</b>				

increase	New Courthouse Project	Gen Cap FY20 Pr Yr Fund Balance	410	410000	39940	400559	1,127,000
increase	New Courthouse Project	Buildings/Additions	410	410000	9040	400559	1,127,000
<b>COMMENTS:</b>							
This amendment will establish budget authority to use \$1,127,000 of General Capital fund balance for the New County Courthouse.							

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

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Budget Amendment CC-25.

#	<b>CC-25</b>							<b>Date</b>	02/14/20
Entered by	<b>QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY REQUEST FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT FY 2020</b>								
								<b>Increase (Decrease) Amount</b>	
<b>Description of expenditure/revenue accounts to increase/(decrease):</b>			<b>Fund</b>	<b>Account Code</b>					
				<b>PROJECT ONLY</b>					
<b>Decrease County Wide Mapping by \$100,000</b>									
decrease	County Wide Mapping II	FY20 Pr Yr Fund Balance	410	410000	39940	400015			(80,000)
decrease	County Wide Mapping II	FY15 Pr Yr Fund Balance	410	410000	39935	400015			(20,000)
								<b>Total</b>	<b>(100,000)</b>
decrease	County Wide Mapping II	Consultants	410	410000	5020	400015			(100,000)
<b>Decrease GIS &amp; Strategic Plan by \$50,000</b>									
decrease	GIS & Strategic Plan	FY20 Pr Yr Fund Balance	410	410000	39940	400457			(50,000)
decrease	GIS & Strategic Plan	Consultants	410	410000	5020	400457			(50,000)
<b>Increase IT Infrastructure by \$150,000</b>									
increase	IT Infrastructure	FY20 Pr Yr Fund Balance	410	410000	39940	400031			130,000
increase	IT Infrastructure	FY15 Pr Yr Fund Balance	410	410000	39935	400031			20,000
								<b>Total</b>	<b>150,000</b>
increase	IT Infrastructure	Additional Equipment	410	410000	9050	400031			150,000
<b>COMMENTS:</b>									
This amendment will move existing budget authority of \$100,000 from the County Wide Mapping project (available balance of \$382K) and \$50,000 from the GIS & Strategic Plan project (available balance of \$188K) and add to the IT infrastructure project. The County IT department is in need of funding for a new firewall, computers and licensing. The current firewall was purchased in 2013 and with the additional load since that time, there is an imminent need to move to a more									

robust system. The expected cost of the firewall is approximately \$130,000. The remaining \$20,000 will pay for PCs and licensing.									
No additional County funds are requested.									

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

County IT is in imminent need of a new firewall. The current firewall was purchased in 2013 and with the additional load since that time — added internet bandwidth used since the change to fiber optics, financial system in the cloud, email in the cloud (Office 365), and other internet based applications - the current system has been pushed to its maximum capacity. County IT is also working with Emergency Services to add their traffic to this firewall which would add yet a higher capacity requirement.

In anticipation of budget amendment approval, an RFQ was solicited for pricing of the hardware for this upgrade. The County has worked with The Teneo Group since the installation of the original firewall. For this reason, we plan to use their professional services to install the new system (\$7900).

The following bids were received for the Request for Quote:

- The Teneo Group - \$128,607 (without trade-in or support reimbursement the price would be \$152,836)
- SIRC - \$192,897.10
- Source IT - \$195,736.11
- Zones - \$200,014.65
- Anchor Technologies - \$205,522.95
- vCloud - \$208,824.65
- PC Supplies - \$222,213.00

The total firewall upgrade is estimated to cost \$136,507. Professional services (\$7900) will be covered using the operating budget (IT Consultant budget, \$80,278.29 available) while the equipment will be funded by the IT Infrastructure capital budget with approved amendment funds totaling (\$207,266.82).

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the recommendation of the Department of Budget, Finance and IT to purchase the firewall from The Teneo group for a total purchase price of \$136,507 (labor and hardware).

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

**4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AG AWARENESS DAY REQUEST:**

Agriculture Awareness Day Committee submitted to the Board for their review and approval a request for sponsorship for the Agriculture Awareness Day.

Agriculture is Maryland’s number one industry. This industry is constantly shrinking, while our population continues to grow. Meaning we must supply more food on less land. Agriculture is crucial for our survival. In 2017, a coalition of agriculture educators and professionals joined together to host “Agriculture Awareness Day” for all 7th grade students across Queen Anne’s County. This event was very well received by students, educators, parents and the agriculture community.

This coalition will again be hosting our 4<sup>th</sup> annual “Agriculture Awareness Day” on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We will use Next Generation Science and Maryland Environmental Literacy Standards to guide us in educating the students in all areas of agriculture as well as discuss future careers in agriculture. We will do this with the use of four educational stations throughout the day that provide hands on educational experiences and activities in the areas of crop growth & harvest, technology, farm animals, aquaculture, nursey, produce, plant life cycles, and how to start a career in the agriculture.

This educational experience will be held at the Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park, located outside of Centreville, during school hours.

We are once again seeking partners to financially support this agriculture education event. Funding is needed to support transportation of students for two days, supplies for the educational stations, and lunch for our volunteers. New this year we will be purchasing drawstring bags for the students. These will be used throughout the day to keep any materials they collect, as well as help keep them organized in their color groups when they arrive. If you are interested in being a sponsor of the drawstring bags specifically, we will include “sponsored by with your name or logo” on the bags given out as well. Please contact Kim Kempel directly to indicate that before mailing payment. This cost would be in the amount of \$1,000.

If you are interested in partnering with us to support this event, please submit your contribution as indicated below by April 1, 2020. Thank you in advance for your support. We look forward to hearing back from you, so that we can continue creating an adventurous and

educational day. If you have questions, please feel free to contact our sponsorship chair Kim Kempel at [kkempel@live.com](mailto:kkempel@live.com).

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino the Board agreed to sponsor Agriculture Awareness Day in the amount of \$1,000, after a discussion on a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner J. Corchiarino the Board unanimously agreed to increase the amount of the sponsorship to \$2,000.

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

**RIGHTS UNDER THE SECOND AMENDMENT:**

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed sign a sign the letter of support to the Senator & Delegates in regard to Preserving Citizens’ Right Under the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution.

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

**DUDLEY’S CHAPEL ROOF REPLACEMENT:**

The Trustees of Dudley’s Chapel submitted a request informing the Board that they are preparing a request for a grant from the Maryland Heritage Area Authority for funding for a new roof for Dudley’s Chapel located just outside of Sudlersville. Dudley’s Chapel is very significant in that it was built in 1783 and is the first Methodist Church in Queen Anne’s County. It is maintained by trustees of the Dudley’s Chapel. They asked for a letter of support.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to sign the letter of support for the Dudley’s Chapel Trustee to obtain matching grant funds to replace the church’s roof.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	

J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

**HB 688 – USE OF STATE OR LOCAL HIGHWAYS:**

The Board reviewed the following thank you letter for their signature addressed to The Honorable Kumar P. Barve:

We wanted to express our gratitude to you and your committee for the time to support this legislation. The inadequate traffic capacity situation at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge has created a very serious local public safety and welfare problem and the need for a targeted solution. We appreciated your committees’ questions and we hope that they have a clear understanding of the conditions that we live with in Queen Anne’s County. If it would be helpful, we invite anyone to join us and experience the traffic gridlock problem firsthand on Kent Island.

On a motion made by Commissioner Corchiarino, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board agreed to sign the thank you letter regarding House Bill 688 for Use of State or Local Highways. After a discussion, on a motion made by Commissioner Corchiarino, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board unanimously agreed to modify the letter by taking out “on Kent Island”.

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

**QAC HISTORICAL SOCIETY LETTERS OF SUPPORT:**

The Queen Anne’s County Historical Society requested letters of support. They are applying for four grants from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority. All are based on collaborations with other historical sites or societies in our Heritage Area. A letter of support is required for each grant application. These letters are not asking or implying fiscal support by the County, only support for the successful results of the project. The following are the four areas of support.

- G1 Digitization Project
- G2 River Map
- G3 Symposium
- G4 Historic Site signage project

On a motion made by Commissioner S. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed to sign 5 letters of support to obtain matching grant funds for projects by the historical sites and societies in our Heritage Area.

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

**SAFE HARBOR MARINAS OVERVIEW**

Ms. Heather Tinelli, Economic Development Director and Mr. Jeremy Rose, Vice President, Safe Harbor Marina, presented to the Board for their review, Safe Harbor Narrows Point Overview.

**BACKGROUND**

We recently became aware that the Mears Point Marina property located in the Kent Narrows was recently purchased by Safe Harbor Marinas. This includes the Marina as well as the Annie’s and Red Eye’s restaurant real estate. The marina will now be called Safe Harbor Narrows Point. The new ownership has plans for infrastructure improvement as well as marketing efforts to drive traffic and revenues to its new property. This transaction also included the purchase of Great Oak Marina in Kent County, MD.

**PRESENTATION**

Mr. Rose gave an update on the purchase, plans for the property as well as the future of the proposed development that was previously approved under prior ownership. The Kent Narrows is an important Tourism Asset for the County and we strive to develop relationships with the businesses located within this area.

**Mission:**

To consistently deliver exceptional service & memorable experiences for the global boating community

- Network - Largest marina owner operating 97 properties across 20 states
- Experience - Most experienced team in the industry with over 200 years of relevant experience
- Service – Best-in-class customer service & member benefits with access to our expanding national network of marinas
- Capital - Well-capitalized with equity & debt in place to continue expansion & investment into existing assets

- Stability - Stable financial performance through increased revenues, economies of scale & efficient operations

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE**

Ms. Catherine Willis, LMSW, Director and Mr. Michael Clark, Chief of Housing and Family Services, presented to the Board for their review, Department of Community Services Update.

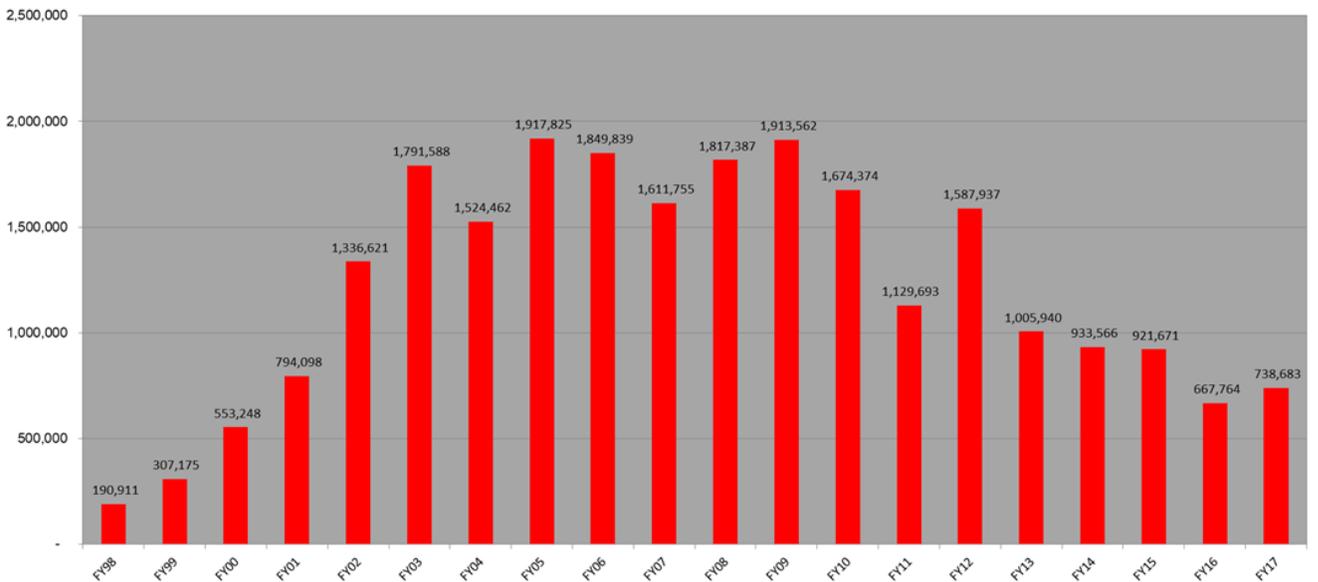
Ms. Willis presented the Department of Community Service’s Annual Report for fiscal year 2019. It provides a brief overview of the Area Agency on Aging, Housing and Community Services and the Local Management Board (LMB). The information and statistics included are a testament to the hard work of our employees and their commitment to serving the residents of Queen Anne’s County.

Mr. Clark provided a brief overview of the Local Management Board through a presentation entitled: “Making a Difference Through Partnerships.”

**Benefits:**

- Over \$26 Million in Direct funds have been generated for Queen Anne’s County LMB
- Jobs, Local Input, Leveraged Funds, Sustainability, Advocacy, Collaboration
- 64% of the funding for LMB sponsored programs & activities is from resources other than the County General Fund (fy18) Over all years it is 90%

**Revenue to Queen Anne's County by Fiscal Year  
Total \$25,773,393 through FY19**

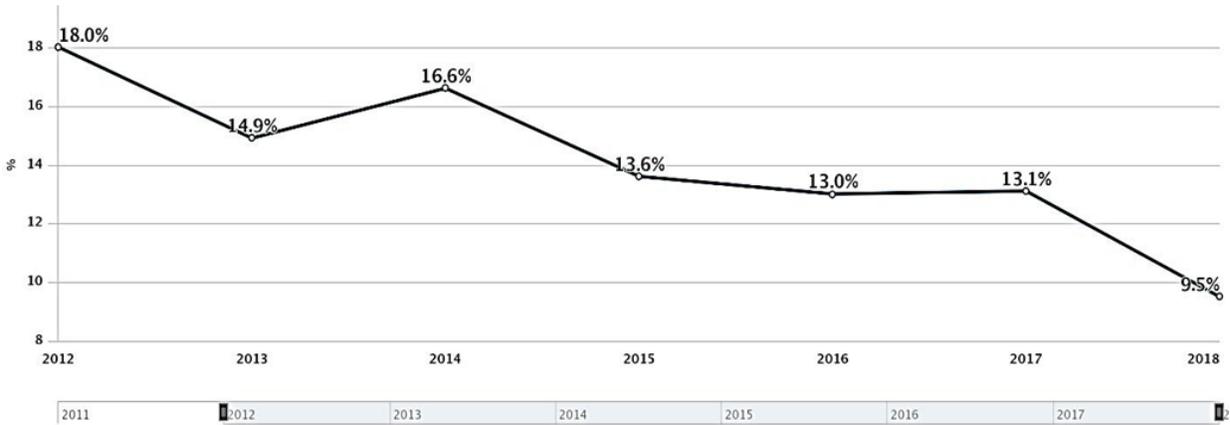


Population Measure:

Youth Have Opportunities for Employment or Career Readiness - % of youth age 16 to 24 not in school and not working in Queen Anne’s County

Performance Measure:

CommUNITY Mentoring - 100% (15/15) of participants showed an improvement in self-worth and self-esteem the first half of FY 20.



Healthy Families:

- Family Support workers provide home visiting services to expecting parents as they begin their journey as a parent.
- Performance Measure: Increased the percentage of parents (who were not employed previously) who are now in school/ training or now employed.
- Partnering for Youth, After School Program
- Local Care Team - A team of local human services professionals from numerous different agencies come together for the sole purpose to ensure that children and their families receive the necessary supports and resources to live in the community successfully.

**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.

The following were highlighted:

- UM Shore Emergency Department at Queenstown Trends
- ED Observation Beds Pilot Update
- Urgent Care Business Development Planning Underway

- Mobile WIC (Women Infants and Children) unit at Queen Anne’s Medical Campus
- Workplace/Patient/Visitor Safety

## **TALKIE COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Megan DelGaudio, IT Manager/GIS Specialist II and Mr. Andrew DeMattia, Talkie Communications, presented to the Board for their review and approval, Talkie Communications – Introduction and Letter of Recommendation Request.

County staff has spoken with Talkie Communications (Talkie) from Chestertown, Maryland. Talkie has plans to expand their operations in the northern portion of the County.

Talkie gave a brief overview of their company and plans moving forward. They are also preparing to apply for Federal broadband funding through the Reconnect Grant. In preparation for this grant they requested a letter of recommendation from the County in support of their efforts.

RE: Talkie Communications - Letter of Recommendation

Queen Anne’s County strongly supports the expansion of broadband to the un- and underserved areas of Queen Anne’s County.

There are approximately 4,000 households that do not have access to wired internet in Queen Anne’s County. These include less dense areas along the Chester River as well as rural areas on the outskirts of incorporated towns and crossroads. The geography of our County with waterways and large open expanses makes the return on a broadband expansion less than inviting for many wired and wireless providers. The County has heard the frustrations from parents whose kids cannot do their homework or take courses and tests from home. Frustrations are also heard from those in the agriculture industry that know they are at a disadvantage because of the lack of broadband and the technologies not available to them. The County has become more aware of the impact that a lack of broadband has as new technologies for education, agriculture, public safety, healthcare, etc. are made available in areas that have it.

Queen Anne’s County formed a Broadband Advisory Committee in June 2018 to attempt to address these issues and there is currently a Broadband Feasibility Study (BFS) underway. The County is already familiar with where there is a lack of broadband and the outcome of the study will help determine the “how” to get broadband to these areas.

The Committee and BFS consultant have met with multiple broadband providers to determine and assess their capabilities and willingness to coordinate efforts with the County. A lot has been learned from each potential vendor along with an instilled belief that the best step forward is to partner with local providers who have a shared interest in expanding their networks and investing in the future of our rural area.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the request to provide a letter of recommendation for the support of the expansion of broadband in Queen Anne’s County.

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

**PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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

**COMMISSIONER’S ROUNDTABLE:**

Commissioner Corchiarino discussed the following:

- A great presentation was made for the Senate Bill 688 for Use of State or Local Highways in QAC
- Thanked Commissioner J. Wilson for filling in as a DJ for the father/daughter dance at Matapeake Elementary

Commissioner Dumenil discussed the following:

- Rode along with DES units to spend some time getting what goes on in the department

Commissioner S. Wilson discussed the following:

- Noted the opening of observation beds
- Calculated the housed in 4 Season area and found that they would need their own ambulance unit to cover that area
- Need to be prepared for a flu rebound

Commissioner J. Wilson discussed the following:

- CTE Bill - House Bill 603 and Senate Bill 794 to make Chesapeake College a technical school
- HB 1628 – Sales and Use Tax Bill – To apply a tax on Services that is to help pay for Kirwan

Commissioner Moran discussed the following:

- Highlighted on the Kirwan Bill
- Highlighted on the flu/virus situation

Highlighted on the traffic situation and presentation  
All Delegates and Commissioners attended the Arts Council event

There being no further business, they adjourned at 7:30 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday,  
March 10, 2020.

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EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

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PRESIDENT