

June 8, 2021

The County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County met this date pursuant to its last adjournment and there were present:

Christopher M. Corchiarino (absent)
James J. Moran
Jack N. Wilson, Jr.
Stephen Wilson
Philip L. Dumenil

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

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

Meeting was held at the Kent Island High School, 900 Love Point Road, Stevensville, Maryland 21666.

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, Closed Session Minutes of May 25, 2020.

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 Todd Mohn, County Administrator.

CHARACTER COUNTS! PROCLAMATION – FAIRNESS:

Commissioner Dumenil read the following Character Counts Proclamation provided by Queen Anne's County Library:

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

WHEREAS, we have all been called upon to embrace the Six Pillars of Character and incorporate these pillars into our daily lives; and

WHEREAS, the Character Counts pillar for the Month of June is Fairness; and

WHEREAS, the definition of Fairness is impartial and just treatment or behavior without favoritism or discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the Queen Anne's County Library strives to provide diversity and inclusion in all aspects of our library systems including collection development, programming, and accessibility of services; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Queen Anne's County are encouraged to use the Queen Anne's County Library, regardless of race, gender, religion, nationality, ability to pay or age; and

WHEREAS, all citizens can expect to be treated with respect and kindness, and without prejudice, at all times while in the Queen Anne's County Library buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Queen Anne's County Library should be seen as a place open and welcome to all to enter and find knowledge and connection;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, do hereby, designate the Character Counts Pillar for the Month of June to be Fairness.

PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL DATA STORAGE:

Megan DelGaudio, IT Manager, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, request to purchase Additional Data Storage.

This request will piggyback on the Fairfax County IT Hardware and Software contract to purchase additional data storage to support the growth of the County's technological infrastructure. Pure Storage was chosen as the County's data storage vendor through a competitive bid process in November 2017. The County's data storage capacity needs have and will continue to grow with the launch of the Munis Utility Billing, Financials and HR systems in June and July. Additional storage will support this as well as storage demands for other current (GIS data, Energov, DocStar (document management solution), etc.) and future applications.

If approved, requested data storage capacity would increase the County's current 30 TB's by 20 TB's to 50 TB's of storage. The cost is \$112,922.73. Adequate funding is available in the IT Infrastructure budget.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the recommendation of County IT staff to purchase additional data storage from CDW-G on the Fairfax County IT Hardware and Software contract for \$112,922.73.

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

OLD LOVE POINT LIGHTING PROJECT:

Mike Watson, Chief of Operations for the Department of Parks and Recreation, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Old Love Point Lighting Project.

The Department of Parks and Recreation requested to enter into a contract with MUSCO Lighting to replace athletic held lights at old Love Point Park in the amount of \$515,753, utilizing the Key Stone Purchasing Network Agreement KPN-201901-01.

This project will replace the lights on baseball field #4, soccer field, the sand volleyball court, and part of the parking lot. The current light pole bases are showing signs of deterioration and could pose as a safety’ hazard in the near future. Parks and Recreation has submitted and has been approved for a POS Grant in the amount of \$161,004.02. The remaining funds to complete the project will come from FY22 Athletic Field Work Project (400837) in the amount of \$354,748.98.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to authorize the Department of Parks to enter a contract with MUSCO Lighting to replace athletic field lights at Old Love Point Park in the amount of \$515,753, utilizing the Keystone Purchasing Network agreement. Funding to come from the Department of Parks & Receptions FY22 Athletic Field Work Project and POS Grant Funds. As part of the motion, Commissioner Dumenil asked questions and/or made comments on this topic.

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

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL AGREEMENT UNIFIED PLANNING WORK:

Steve Cohoon, Public Facilities Planner, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) Agreement - Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Contract for FY 2022.

As a Member of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council each year Queen Anne’s County executes a contract relating to our involvement and participation with the proposed work program. In turn, the agreement provides for financial support to the County for our work with the BMC. The BMC will reimburse the County for 80% of the work done by Staff working on joint planning projects and studies.

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

The total estimated maximum budget relating to joint projects and the work program with the BMC over the next year is \$50,000 if the County fully participates in all the projects outlined in the work program. The BMC will financially support the County involvement up to \$40,000 which is 80% of the total. The County will provide our 20% match of \$10,000 through staff time and participation. If the County does not participate fully in all aspects of the work program the actual amounts will be less but will still be at a rate of 80% BMC funding and 20% County match.

Patrick Thompson, County attorney, has reviewed and approved the agreement.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board unanimously agreed to approve and sign the Unified Planning Work Program Agreement with the Baltimore Metropolitan Council for FY22. As part of the motion, Commissioner Moran, J. Wilson asked questions and/or made comments on this topic.

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

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

COMMISSIONER'S ROUNDTABLE:

Commissioner J. Wilson discussed the following:

Hoped that everyone is enjoying the summer, with a little more freedom from COVID and asked people to slow down, take your time and get there safe and mentioned the accident on the bridge today.

SKI PUBLIC HEARING – PHASE 2 – TOWER GARDENS:

The County Commissioners held a public hearing at 6:30p.m. at the Kent Island High School's auditorium located at 900 Love Point Road, Stevensville, Maryland 21666 for the purpose of hearing to classify the properties in the Southern Kent Island Wastewater Subdistrict ~ Phase 2 (Tower Gardens Subdivision) and fix the amount of the sewer benefit assessment levy pursuant to Section 24-29 of the code or public local laws of Queen Anne's County.

Definition of the classes of properties are contained in Resolution 14-07 originally adopted by the County Commissioners on May 27, 2014, as amended August 28, 2018.

The proposed benefit assessments, which would be effective July 1, 2021, for Class B properties (existing vacant lots of record within the sewer service area without a valid soil percolation test) is \$27,920 which consists of a Base Cost (\$2,320) and the Economic Benefit Premium (\$25,600). The Base Cost portion of the benefit assessment may be financed over a twenty-year period at 1.0%. The Economic Benefit Premium portion of the assessment may be financed over 30 years at 1.0% with the principal portion of the Economic Benefit Premium deferred for a period of up to 10 years (i.e. paying interest only for the first 10-years unless a home is constructed). Specifics of the deferral are provided in a written notice provided to each Class B property owner.

Prepayments on the assessment without penalty will be allowed however the assessment balance will not be re-amortized, only the term of the assessment will be reduced.

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

The following gave public testimony:

1. Robert Nissin

The record will remain open for two weeks for additional comments.

SKI PUBLIC HEARING – PHASE 1 – KENT ISLAND ESTATES/ROMANCOKE:

The County Commissioners held a public hearing at 6:45p.m. at the Kent Island High School's auditorium located at 900 Love Point Road, Stevensville, Maryland 21666 for the purpose of hearing to fix the amount of the sewer benefit assessment levy pursuant to Section 24-29 of the code or public local laws of Queen Anne's County within the Southern Kent Island Wastewater Subdistrict – Phase 1 (Kent Island Estates and Romancoke Subdivisions).

The proposed benefit assessments, which would be effective July 1, 2021, for Class A properties (existing improved properties as of May 27, 2014 within the sewer service area) is \$15,220 which consists of a Base (\$2,320) and the Septic Tank Effluent Pump Cost (\$12,900). The sum of the Base Cost and the STEP Cost may be financed over a twenty-year period at 1.0%. Definition of the classes of properties are contained in Resolution 14-07 originally adopted by the County Commissioners on May 27, 2014, as amended August 28, 2018.

Prepayments on the assessment without penalty will be allowed however the assessment balance will not be re-amortized, only the term of the assessment will be reduced.

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

The following gave public testimony:

1. Mr. Richard Sells
2. Kevin Martin

The record will remain open for two weeks for additional comments.

There being no further business, they adjourned at 7:00 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, June 22, 2021.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

PRESIDENT