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

Christopher M. Corchiarino
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.

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 September 13, 2022.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

1. Tammy Nies – Noise Ordinance

PRESENTATIONS:

SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

Ms. Lauren Weber, Vice President of Philanthropy and Education spoke about Suicide Prevention Month.

Commissioner Steve Wilson read “Proclamation for Suicide Prevention Month”

Proclamation 22-47

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person dies by suicide every 11 minutes and is the 12th leading cause of death overall, and in Maryland, suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death for 10 -

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34 year old and the 4th leading cause of death for ages 35 - — 44, and even though most of these deaths are preventable, on average, one Marylander dies by suicide every 13 hours, with more Marylanders dying by suicide than by homicide every year; and

WHEREAS, 45,979 people in the United States, including 585 people in Maryland, died by suicide in 2020, as reported by the Centers for Disease Control; and

WHEREAS, suicide affects us all, with each death by suicide affecting an average of 115 people, and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the combined medical costs and work loss costs of suicide in Maryland were determined by the Centers for Disease Control to equal \$586,391,000, or an average of \$1,168,110 per suicide death; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, conducted by local school systems in conjunction with the Center for Disease Control, revealed that at least one in five Mid-Shore teenagers ages 14 to 18 had seriously considered attempting suicide in the 12 months prior to the survey, with 25 percent reporting symptoms of depression, and rates of attempted suicide amongst Mid-Shore teens having risen 41 percent over the past decade; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control's Adolescent Behaviors and Experiences Survey, 37% of students at public and private high schools reported that their mental health was not good most or all of the time during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, as reported by Brown University, nearly 4x as many adults report experiencing depressive symptoms than before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) released a scientific brief in 2022 reporting that the global prevalence of anxiety and depression increased by 25% in the first year of the pandemic, and that anxiety and depression are leading precursors for suicide; and

WHEREAS, many individuals experiencing mental health symptoms, suicidal thoughts and behaviors, or who die by suicide never receive effective behavioral health services for many reasons, including the difficulty of accessing the services of healthcare providers professionally trained to reduce suicide risk, the stigma of seeking behavioral health treatment, and the stigma associated with losing a loved one to suicide, and urges all Queen Anne's County citizens to:

1. Support the development of accessible behavioral health services for all citizens of our county in an effort to reduce the risk of suicide and mental health challenges for people of all ages and backgrounds; and
2. Recognize suicide as a significant public health risk and to declare suicide prevention and mental health support a priority;

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NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY do hereby declare the month of October as No Matter What... You Matter Suicide Prevention Month and urge all citizens to actively work toward the prevention of suicide and to reach out to one another and ASK — “Are you okay?”, LISTEN — without judgement, and SHARE — vital resources to promote an inclusive and mentally healthy community. GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND THE GREAT SEAL OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, THIS 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-TWO

The Board asked various questions on the suicide statistics and awareness.

GIVING THE EDGE FOUNDATION UPDATE

Mr. Robert Woolley gave an update regarding the Giving the Edge Foundation. The following was highlighted:

Win The Day - positive incentive behavior program
Went from 5 schools in Spring 2022 to 10 schools in Fall 2022

- Grasonville Elementary
- Kennard Elementary
- Kent Island Elementary
- Matapeake Elementary
- Matapeake Middle
- Centreville Middle
- Stevensville Middle
- Arise Academy
- Queen Annes HS
- Kent Island HS

• Field Day

5 Schools in Spring 2022 (MMS, tvIES, KIES, BES, CMS)

Facilitated 24 Activities

Served 2,300 students

41 volunteers - 36 of those were Kent Island and Queen Annes High School students.

Partnership with Not My Child to Create an “Orange meets Purple” initiative

Looking to support 8 schools in Spring 2023

Captains Leadership Program

Meaning and Passion behind the program

Piloted the program at KIHS in Spring of 2022

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We have 45 kids voluntarily showing up
2022-2023 school year, meeting in the morning before school
35+ students showing up voluntarily before school

- Supported: Partnering for Youth Summer Camp - Colleen Assisted in creating all the content, hiring, and training.

We acted fast and, in a time, when no afternoon programming was going to take place

Friday- interviews/Hired

Monday-Thursday: Staff Training

Monday: Program Launched for 4 weeks

Schools (SES. GES. CES)

- Community Partnerships - Volunteer Form

Created a form for volunteer opportunities for HS students seeking volunteer hours and distributed to many other local organizations

If we are going to teach them how to be a community leader then we need to give them the opportunities to do so

- E-Sports / Drone Program

All Equipment has been purchased and arrived

KIHS is working on putting together a team for us to support

- Win The Day Essay Contest

- Re-Launched & expanded with Sponsorships from local businesses to support scholarships for winners. Winners will be selected based on their means of “Winning the Day”

LEGISLATION:

HEARING COUNTY ORDINANCE 22-02

A BILL ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING Recreational Vehicle Parking in the Waterfront Village Center (WVC) Zoning District in Queen Anne’s County;

FOR THE PURPOSE of providing for the temporary overnight parking of recreational vehicles in the Waterfront Village Center (WVC) Zoning District accessory to a bona fide fraternal organization; regulating and restricting such use and generally dealing with, permitting and regulating overnight parking of recreational vehicles in the WVC Zoning District in Queen Anne’s County; BY AMENDING Sections 18:1-26 and 18:1-53 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne’s County, Maryland.

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

The following person gave public testimony:

1. Mr. Jeff Smith – In favor

On a motion made by Commissioner Jack Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil the Board unanimously agreed to adopt County Ordinance 22-02.

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

COUNTY ORDINANCE 22-10

A BILL ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING Revisions to the Queen Anne’s County Ethics Ordinance, Chapter 8 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne’s County; FOR THE PURPOSE of revising Chapter 8 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne’s County to comply with the requirements of House Bill 363 (2021)and House Bill 1058 (2021); revising the requirements regarding conflicts of interest, gifts and financial disclosure; defining “Quasi-Governmental Entity” and generally revising and updating the Queen Anne’s County Ethics Ordinance to comply with the requirements of State law. BY AMENDING AND ADDING TO Sections 8-6, 8-11, 8-12 and 8-13, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne’s County;

On a motion made by Commissioner Jack Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil the Board unanimously agreed to adopt County Ordinance 22-10.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

DEMONSTRATION ON HOW TO ADMINISTER NARCAN

Mr. Edwin Gibbs, Interim Director for Drug and Alcohol Services and Ms. Kirby Kimble gave a demonstration to the Board on How to Administer Narcan.

The Board asked various questions on the administration of Narcan and overdose awareness

WEEKLY CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESENTATION OF DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNATURE:

The Board reviewed various correspondence with Margie Houck, Executive Assistant.

QACEDT’s ANNUAL DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATION GRANT FROM MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Ms. Heather Tinelli presented to the Board documents for the Annual Destination Marketing Organization Grant from Maryland Department of Commerce for approval. Economic Development & Tourism receives grant funding from the state annually to support tourism marketing efforts focused on driving visitor traffic to the county. The amount of the grant award varies annually dependent upon a number of factors including hotel tax revenues and budgeted annual spending on tourism marketing. In prior years, the County received \$39,106 in FY22 and \$29,152 in FY21. Due to an additional \$8,000,000 in funding from the Governor’s office awarded to Maryland Department of Commerce, we were awarded \$266,324 for FY23. EDT has received the grant agreement and award specifications and is confident that the department will be able to utilize the funds within the fiscal year as required. Due to the significant increase in grant funding a budget amendment is also requested.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to authorize Heather Tinelli, Director of Queen Anne’s County Economic and Tourism Development to execute the grant documents for the FY 23 Destination Marketing Organization Grant of \$266,324. As part of the motion, Commissioner 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	x	

REQUEST FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE FUNDING – FOX ACUPUNCTURE AND WELLNESS, INC.:

Ms. Heather Tinelli presented to the Board the Economic Development Incentive Fund (EDIF) Commission’s recommendation for the approval of a conditional loan of \$30,000 to Fox Acupuncture and Wellness for the expansion of the current wellness center, located at 133C Log Canoe Circle in Stevensville, Maryland. The expansion will start with the build-out of approximately 2,000 sq. ft. of space in the Chesapeake Bay Business Park, including at least six (6) treatment rooms. This would allow for the hiring of 2-3 additional practitioners and an administrative staff person. EDIF funds will be used to contribute to the purchase of furniture and equipment. The conditional loan will result in the creation of two new full-time professional positions, and one part-time administrative position. The EDIF agreement is to be prepared by the county attorney will include guarantees and employment reporting requirements. Upon performance of the conditions of the agreement, the conditional loan would revert to a grant.

On a motion by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil the Board agreed to approve the disbursement of \$30,000 from the EDIF fund to Fox Acupuncture and Wellness, Inc. for the purchase of furniture and equipment contingent upon a signed agreement between the EDIF Commission and Fox Acupuncture and Wellness, Inc., outlining the conditions of the agreement and performance of the project in accordance with the application submitted to the EDIF Commission. As part of the motion, Commissioners J. Wilson, S. Wilson, Dumenil and Corchiarino asked questions and/or made comments on this topic

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

FLEET EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT – PLANNING AND ZONING:

The Department of Planning and Zoning presented to the Board documents seeking approval to purchase one (1) 2022 Chevrolet Colorado Pickup from I.G.. Burton, in the amount of \$28,200.00. This will replace a 2015 Chevrolet Silverado that is currently used by a Zoning Inspector. Adequate funding was budgeted in the FY23 operating account and is available for this purchase.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the purchase of a 2022 Chevrolet Colorado pickup for the Department of Planning and Zoning in the amount of

\$28,200.00. As part of the motion, Commissioners Dumenil and Moran asked questions and/or made comments on this topic

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

SOLE SOURCE ZOLL Z-VENT PORTABLE VENTILATOR PURCHASE:

The Queen Anne’s County Health Department presented documents to the Board agreeing to purchase portable Zoll Z-vent ventilators and provide these ventilators to the Department of Emergency Services for deployment on their Paramedic Units. These portable ventilators will assist with the increased respiratory incidents they have documented within the pre-hospital Emergency Medical Services arena and will particularly be helpful with patients who have and continue to suffer from long-term Covid-19 symptoms. The cost for eight (8) ventilators is \$82,676.88. Funding will be utilized from the State Health Department COVID-19 grant F795N that was approved and no County funds will be utilized.

On a motion made by Commissioner S. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board unanimously agreed to approve that the Department of Health purchase eight (8) Zoll Z-Vent Portable Ventilators via Zoll Medical Corporation in Chelmsford, MA utilizing State Covid-19 grant funding in the amount of \$82,676.88. As part of the motion, Commissioner S. Wilson and Commissioner Moran asked questions and/or made comments on this topic.

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

QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY FFA REQUEST FOR FUNDING:

The Queen Anne’s County FFA Chapter presented a letter to the Board requesting funding assistance for 10 students to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana from October 25-October 29, 2022. The total cost of the trip for 12 people is \$11,544.60. Each student will be contributing \$100.00 each to assist with the expenses for a total of \$1,000.00. The members of the FFA have a fundraising profit of \$5,200.00 leaving a balance of

\$5,344.60 left to fundraise. FFA is requesting that the County Commissioners assist with the remaining balance to support the trip to the convention

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to fund the remaining balance of \$5,344.60 in support of the Queen Anne’s County FFA Chapter’s participation in the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana from October 25-October 29, 2022.

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT #CC-45 – QAC STATION 400 MEZZANINE PROJECT:

Ms. Nichole Hepfer presented to the Board Budget Amendment #CC-45. This amendment will establish budget authority in the QAC Station 400 Mezzanine project in the amount of \$98,337. The project is complete; however, no funds are currently budgeted which has resulted in the project being overspent. This project is being funded with the following revenue sources: County Facilities - \$34,000, Emergency Services Building Renovations -\$31,526, Fed CARES, Part A -\$11,314 EMPG Grant -\$21,497.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Budget Amendment #CC-45 – QAC Station 400 Mezzanine Project. As part of the motion Commissioner Moran asked questions and/or made comments on this topic.

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT #CC-14 – TOURISM GRANT :

Ms. Nichole Hepfer presented to the Board Budget Amendment #CC-14. This amendment will increase the Tourism Grant budget by \$226,324 to reflect the total awarded grant amount of \$266,324.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Budget Amendment #CC-14 – Tourism Grant.

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT #CC-15 – STEVENSVILLE ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT TOURISM GRANT:

Ms. Nichole Hepfer presented to the Board Budget Amendment #CC-15 This amendment is to increase the Tourism - Stevensville A&E Grant budget by a total of \$77,089 for three separate FY23 grant awards which are summarized as follows:
Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development - Community Safety Works - \$50,000, Maryland State Arts Council NOD Grant-\$10,000, Maryland State Arts Council Operating Grant- Off-Year- \$17,089.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Budget Amendment #CC-15 – Stevensville Arts & Entertainment Tourism Grant.

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT #CC-16 – BOE SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENTS:

Ms. Nichole Hepfer presented to the Board Budget Amendment #CC-16. This amendment will establish additional budget authority totaling \$493,010 in the Board of Education projects 70307, Bayside Elementary Roof Replacement, and 70315, Kent Island Elementary Roof Replacement. The majority of available bond funding is due to previously closed Board of Education projects totaling \$405,756. The remaining \$87,254 is available from the 2020 and 2021 bond issuances. This amendment also removes budget authority in the amount of \$101,672 from Project 70263, Grasonville Elementary Addition, which is complete and will be closed out.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Budget Amendment #CC-16 – BOE School Roof Replacements. As part of the motion Commissioner J. Wilson, Commissioner Moran and 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	x	

BUDGET AMENDMENT #CC-17 – PARKS AND RECREATION LAND PRESERVATION:

Ms. Nichole Hepfer presented to the Board Budget Amendment #CC-17. This amendment will establish additional budget authority in the Land Preservation Parks & Recreation project 40831. Maryland Department of Natural Resources awarded \$25,000 for FY23 which will be reimbursed once the funds have been spent. This grant will help cover the cost of the FY27 LPPRP project which is required every 5 years in order to fulfil State requirements for POS funding. No additional County funds are requested.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Budget Amendment #CC-17 – Parks and Recreation Land Preservation.

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT #CC-18 – PARKS AND RECREATION ARTIFICIAL TURF:

Ms. Nichole Hepfer presented to the Board Budget Amendment #CC-18. This amendment will establish additional budget authority in the Parks Artificial Turf project 40915 for the design and installation of artificial turf fields at Batts Neck and Church Hill parks. On September 14, 2022 the County Commissioners approved a Parks action item requesting \$2,895,510 using a combination of Parks Impact Fees and Prior Year Fund Balance for the funding of the projects. This budget amendment establishes budget authority to transfer \$700,000 of Parks and Recreation impact fees for this project. The remaining amount of \$2,195,510 will be funded with General Capital projects fund balance.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Budget Amendment #CC-18 – Artificial Turf.

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT #CC-20 – SPECIAL LOAN/GRANT PROGRAM:

Ms. Nichole Hepfer presented to the Board Budget Amendment #CC-20. This amendment will establish budget authority in FY23 for an FY22 encumbrance. This amendment encumbers \$23,850 for a Special Loan rehab project that was originally forecast to be completed in FY2022. However, supply chain issues for building supplies have delayed the project. The project is now expected to be completed by the end of September 2022.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Budget Amendment #CC-20 – Special Loan/Grant Program.

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT #CC-21 – HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS PROGRAM FUNDS:

Ms. Nichole Hepfer presented to the Board Budget Amendment #CC-21. This amendment is for the FY22 Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA) Program funds. The total amount of the FY22 grant award was \$24,170. Housing will utilize these funds in FY23. Project 17125, HOPWA FY21, has \$306 in remaining budget authority. These funds are being transferred to Project 17126, HOPWA FY22. No additional County funds are requested.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Budget Amendment #CC-21 – Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids Program Funds.

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

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

None

COMMISSIONER’S ROUNDTABLE:

Commissioner Moran discussed the following:
 Narcan administration, Tawes Crab Feast, September 30th High School Football Game and Upcoming Events

Commissioner Dumenil discussed the following:
QAC Watermans Association Crab Basket Christmas Tree

Commissioner S. Wilson discussed the following:
Inflation Issue

Commissioner Corchiarino discussed the following:

Commissioner J. Wilson discussed the following:
October 15th Watermans Crab Feast, Corsica River Day, Suicide and Social Media

There being no further business, they adjourned at 6:46 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, October 11, 2022.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

PRESIDENT