

**Queen Anne’s County Council of Governments
Queen Anne’s County
Liberty Building
107 N. Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617**

October 8, 2025

MINUTES

Commissioner Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

Those present were:

Jack Wilson	Todd Mohn	Major Boardman
Sharon Dilks	Amy Moore	Julie Kille
Charlie Rhodes	Carolyn Brinkley	Brice Strang
Robin McKinney	Phil Starkey	Shari Hershberger
Heather Tinelli	Marcia Martin	Patrick McLaughlin

Dinner was provided by Queen Anne’s County.

Commissioner Wilson conducted roll call of the town voting members. The following were present:

Millington –
Sudlersville – Sharon Dilks
Templeville –
Barclay – Robin McKinney
Church Hill – Charlie Rhodes
Queen Anne – Phil Starkey
Centreville – Carolyn Brinkley
Queenstown – Amy Moore
Queen Anne’s County – Jack Wilson

On a motion by Charlie Rhodes, seconded by Robin McKinney, the Council unanimously agreed to accept the minutes of the May 14, 2025 meeting.

PRESENTATIONS: Brice Strang, Queen Anne’s County Health Officer and Julie Kille Opioid Education & Prevention Coordinator, Queen Anne’s County Public Schools

Mr. Strang gave the following update:

QAC received Opioid Restitution Funds as a result of settlements with pharmaceutical companies. A group of county partners including QACPS, QACDOH, QAC Drug Free Coalition, and other partners met earlier this year to develop projects to address opioids in QAC. The projects target education, prevention, and recovery.

- **Ongoing community-based overdose awareness and education**
 - Host training and education opportunities focused on opioid use disorder (OUD) prevention, treatment, and recovery, reaching local community-based and provider organizations in Queen Anne's County - includes academic detailing for community providers and pharmacists.

- Supplement existing evidence-based practices - Purchase Detera Bags/Rx Destroyer to disseminate throughout the county; Provide overdose education and naloxone to clinics, community-based organizations, and other entities that may come in contact with people at risk of unintentional opioid overdose; Purchase ONEBox Kits for dissemination to all local churches, businesses, and other organizations.
 - To enhance access to vital support services and resources for individuals struggling with substance use disorder in Queen Anne's County by proactively engaging them in identified "hot spots" through a mobile outreach unit, fostering connections to care.
- **Establishment of the county detention center re-entry program - QAC DOH & Detention Center**
 - Expand Reentry Navigation and Wrap-Around Services: comprehensive Reentry Navigation program at the Queen Anne's County Detention Center, providing individualized support and connections to essential wrap-around services (e.g., housing, employment, healthcare, mental health, substance use treatment) for all eligible discharged detainees.
- **Expansion of the Court Assisted Recovery & Treatment Program - QAC DOH & Judiciary**
 - Increase CART Program Capacity and Participant Engagement: CART program will increase its service capacity, by ensuring all new and existing participants receive comprehensive evaluations and personalized plans for substance abuse treatment, mental health support, education, and rehabilitation services.
 - Enhance Peer Support Integration and Service Delivery: DOH Peer Support team will expand its capacity to provide transportation assistance, as available, to and from appointments and direct peer services for CART program participants, maintaining its established partnership with the court system.
- **Monitor funding sources to identify programs at risk for discontinued or reduced funding.**

As needed, for all programs identified as at-risk, conduct a comprehensive assessment to determine their level of need, community impact, and alignment with strategic public health priorities, and create a prioritized list for potential intervention.

Julie Kille gave the following update:

- BOTVIN Lessons - 3rd & 5th Graders
 - Evidence based curriculum
 - (x 8) 1/2 classes: Self Esteem, Decision Making, Smoking & Vaping, Advertising, Stress, Communication, Social Skills & Assertiveness
 - Lessons have begun for our 5th graders
- QAC Drug Free Student Ambassador Program
 - Over 1,000 hours of service for the QAC Goes Purple Campaign (during last school year)
 - Presented on SAMHSA's Prevention Day at the CADCA Conference in 2025

* Presented with their SAMHSA - FentAlert National winning idea of teaching their peers about the dangers of fentanyl and fake pills.

* Had approximately 400 people in attendance for their presentation

- A proposal has been submitted for the Ambassadors to present in Feb 2026 at the CADCA Conference.
- The group attended a Tri-County event to help share messages
- Support the Drug Free Coalition by sharing messages through events and activities for their peers and community residents
- New billboard was put up this week on 301. Graphics were inspired by a QAC Opioid Poster Contest winner's entry
- A Part Time Employee will start after the background check is completed.
- Advertising Campaign has begun: Radio commercials, newspaper ads and social media
- Queenstown Outlet Window Display
 - New display features fall messages and Opioid Awareness Winning Posters
 - Located between Famous Footwear and Guess store

DISCUSSION OF CURRENT TOPICS OF INTEREST:

Millington: No report

Sudlersville: Sharon Dilks reported.

- Town of Sudlersville has hired a new clerk, Ms. Faith Rossing. She is working approximately three days a week.
- Water and Sewer transfer to the County is almost complete.
- Beef & Brew Event is scheduled at Patriot Acres on October 24th.
- The Christmas parade is scheduled for December 6th.
- Speed cameras in Town are doing well.

Templeville: No report

Barclay: Robin McKinney reported

- The streets that the Town owns have been paved.
- The church has been sold
- The town has received \$125,000 grant towards the new Town Hall
- Classic Tire is moving out of town
- Beavers are continuing to be an issue in town and causing flooding of properties

Church Hill: Charlie Rhodes reported

- Mr. Rafetto has resigned after 25 years of service on the Town Council and Planning Commission

- Ms. Nancy Lindenberg has retired and the Town is in transition for a new clerk
- Kyle Ambrose is the new Town Manger of Church Hill\
- The first Annual Church Hill is scheduled for October 11th.
- 2026 will be the 150th Anniversary for the Town of Church Hill
- The Town is still awaiting permit approval for the WWTP upgrade

Queen Anne: Phil Starkey reported

- The Park Project for installing water and sewer
- Speeding continues to be an issue in town.

Centreville: Carolyn Brinkley reported

- The Christmas Parade will be held on December 5th. The theme will be “Bright Nights and Holiday Lights”.
- The Christmas Tree lighting will be held December 3rd.
- Town of Centreville is now on Facebook and Instagram
- Centreville Day is scheduled for October 25th
- The Mill is currently under demolition
- The Town has put out an RFP for recycling. It has come to their attention the current contractor is taking recycling to the landfill. Their contract ends in January.

Queenstown: Amy Moore reported

- Queenstown is receiving a DNR grant in the amount of \$1.6m to dredge Queenstown channel. Bidding is due in January
- Town of Queenstown is replacing the sewer main on Wharf Lane
- Town residents want the fire siren terminated
- December 6th is the tree lighting
- The town is working on creating a committee for the MD250

QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY: Commissioner Jack Wilson reported

- The County currently has a temporary moratorium in place. For residential buildings that use over 7,000 gallons a day.
- The county has secured their first 3 AAA Bond Rating
- A new ambulance will be placed in south county area
- Rt 405 will reopen on October 13. There will be a speed sign, rumble strips and headlight use signs in the area. There will be a Town Hall at Price Community Center on October 20th.
- There will be an Informational Meeting at Kent Island Library on October 23rd for the 50/301 Pedestrian Trail Overpass.
- The Secretar of MDE will be visiting and touring the County on October 24th
- A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is scheduled for October 23rd for the New Board of Education Administration Building
- A Town Hall is scheduled for November 20th to discuss the Development Review Process
- Short Term Rental Letters are due to go out in the near future

Heather Tinelli Reported:

- The State Economic Development Week is scheduled for October 20 – 24. She will be visiting towns Thursday of that week.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT: Major Boardman reported:

- 3 persons have been arrested in connection with the Chris Parsley case
- Sheriff's Department Open House is scheduled for October 25th
- Drone pilots attended a 2 Day Summit
- The Sheriff's Dept currently had 5 opening for sworn officers and 2 contractual positions at schools

NEW BUSINESS

- We would like to make a by-laws change to hold meeting in November, February, May and August.

On a motion by Charlie Rhodes, seconded by Amy Moore the Council unanimously agreed to change the by laws and present at the next meeting.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

DISCUSSION OF NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION:

The next Council of Governments meeting is scheduled for November 12th at 5:30 p.m. and will be hosted by the Town of Centreville. The meeting will be held at the Town facility at 101 Waterway, Centreville.

On a motion by Robin McKinney, seconded by Charlie Rhodes the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.