

**Public Business Meeting
Minutes**

Thursday, July 27, 2023 - 5:00 PM

*Allegany County Office Building, 701 Kelly Road, Allegany Room 100
Cumberland, Maryland 21502*

WE ASK THOSE CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD TO REGISTER ON THE SIGN-UP SHEET AND CONDENSE THEIR COMMENTS TO FIVE MINUTES OR LESS. THIS WILL ALLOW AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE WISHING TO COME FORWARD TO HAVE A CHANCE TO SPEAK. WE WILL CONDUCT OUR MEETING IN AN ORDERLY FASHION AND ASK THAT EVERYONE WISHING TO SPEAK FIRST BE RECOGNIZED BY THE PRESIDENT, COME TO THE MICROPHONE, AND GIVE HIS OR HER NAME AND ADDRESS PRIOR TO THEIR COMMENTS.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

2. Call to Order & Roll Call

The regular meeting of the County Commissioners of Allegany County was held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Allegany Room 100, 701 Kelly Road, Cumberland, on 7/27/2023. Present: County Commissioner Creade V. Brodie, Jr., County Commissioner William R. Atkinson, County Commissioner President David J. Caporale, County Administrator Jason Bennett, County Attorney Lee Beeman.

3. Approval of Agenda

County Commissioner David J. Caporale added one additional item to the action agenda as Item 7C - Sierra Hygiene Real Property Purchase Agreement. **Motion: , By: Creade V. Brodie, Jr., Seconded: William R. Atkinson. Yes: Creade V. Brodie, Jr., William R. Atkinson, David J. Caporale. No: None. Abstain: None.**

4. Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes

Upon Motion made by County Commissioner William R. Atkinson, seconded by County Commissioner Creade V. Brodie, Jr., and duly carried, the Minutes from the previous public business meeting were approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

5. Presentations

A. Introduction of New County Health Officer - Junie Delizo

Allegany County Director of Human Resources, Kristi Liller, read a short bio and introduced Dr. Junie Delizo as the new County Health Officer. Dr. Delizo expressed how excited he is to be here.

6. Public Hearing

7. Action Agenda

- A. Application for Manufacturer's Tax Exemption Credit, AES Warrior Run - **Lee Beeman, County Attorney**

Annual request for manufacturer's exemption credit for new equipment purchased in calendar year 2022 by AES Warrior Run. **Motion: Approve, By: Creade V. Brodie, Jr., Seconded: William R. Atkinson. Yes: Creade V. Brodie, Jr., William R. Atkinson, David J. Caporale. No: None. Abstain: None.**

- B. Connect Allegany Review Committee's Project Funding Recommendations - **Nathan Price, Senior Project Manager**

Board of County Commissioners to accept the recommendation of the Connect Allegany Review Committee regarding project funding at a total value of \$932,887.88, which is made possible through the American Rescue Plan of 2021. The following projects, prioritized as indicated, were proposed:

Breezeline - McKenzie Tower Road (41 points) - \$130,497

Conxx I Allconet - EBS Band (41 points) - \$204,318

Conxx - Cresap Mill (40 points) - \$201,832

Breezeline - Hinkle Road (39 points) - \$130,485

Fibercreek - Williams Road (38 points) - \$57,300

Broxel Broadband - Rt. 36 Corridor (34 points) - \$208,445.88

Motion: Approve, By: William R. Atkinson, Seconded: Creade V. Brodie, Jr.. Yes: Creade V. Brodie, Jr., William R. Atkinson, David J. Caporale. No: None. Abstain: None.

- C. Sierra Hygiene - Purchase of Land (Item was added at the start of BOCC Public Meeting) - **Jeff Barclay, Director of Economic and Community Development**

Approve the sale of "Remainder of Lot 8 of Frostburg Business Park" to Sierra Hygiene and authorize the County Administrator to execute all contracts and documents necessary to close the transaction. **Motion: Approve, By: William R. Atkinson, Seconded: Creade V. Brodie, Jr.. Yes: Creade V. Brodie, Jr., William R. Atkinson, David J. Caporale. No: None. Abstain: None.**

8. Consent Agenda

Motion: Approve, By: Creade V. Brodie, Jr., Seconded: William R. Atkinson. Yes: Creade V. Brodie, Jr., William R. Atkinson, David J. Caporale. No: None. Abstain: None.

- A. Hartford Workers' Compensation Insurance Contract Renewal

Board of County Commissioners to adopt the Hartford Workers' Compensation Insurance Contract Renewal for FY2024, and authorize the President of the County Commissioners to sign the contract. It will cost \$382,000, which is about a 9% increase from last year.

- B. Travelers Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal

Board of County Commissioners to approve and authorize the President of the County Commissioners to sign an agreement with Travelers Insurance to renew Allegany County's Property and Casualty coverage for FY2024. It will cost \$962,000, which is about an 8% increase from last year.

- C. Memorandum of Understanding - Department of Housing and Community Development

MOU between DHCD and the Allegany County Commissioners for grant funding in the amount of \$44,319 for the implementation of the CanalLink Project to bring fiber to Canal Place and the surrounding areas.

- D. Community Partnership Agreement - Local Management Board of Allegany County, Inc. and the Children's Cabinet

Board of County Commissioners to authorize the President of the County Commissioners to sign the Community Partnership Agreement for Fiscal Year 2024 between the State of Maryland, acting by and through the Children's Cabinet, and Allegany County, acting by and through the Local Management Board of Allegany County, Inc.

- E. Rules & Regulations Governing Employees of Allegany County - Resolution 23-26
Revision to Chapters 5, 7 & 11
Chapter 5 - Promotion & Transfer (Voluntary and Involuntary) procedural recommendations from Evergreen Solutions Salary Study.
Chapter 7 - Amendment to Holiday Leave Policy to better compensate classified employees who may be required to work on County Holidays.
Chapter 11 - Amendment to include demotion as a type of disciplinary measure and other verbiage changes.
- F. Approve Purchase of Bobcat L85 Compact Wheel Loader for Allegany County DPW - Roads Division
Approval of purchase of a Bobcat L85 Compact Wheel Loader from American Rent All, 2019 North Mechanic Street, Cumberland, MD 21502, in the amount of \$79,305 for our Roads Division. This is from a Sourcewell bid.
- G. Approve Purchase of 2017 F250 Pickup for Allegany County DPW - Roads Division
Approval of purchase of a 2017 Ford F250 pickup truck at Timbrook Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, 13500 Winchester Rd SW, Cumberland, MD 21502, in the amount of \$40,394 for our Roads Division.
- H. Approve Purchase of 2023 Ford F600 Mechanic's Truck
Approval of purchase of a 2023 Ford F600 Mechanic's Truck from Mid-Atlantic Waste Systems, 10641 Cordova Rd, Easton, MD 21601, in the amount of \$208,700. This is through the Virginia Sheriffs Association bid.
- I. Approval to Accept a Quote for Hose and Ladder Testing
Approval of a quote from Waterway to perform hose and ladder testing for fire departments within Allegany County.
- J. Approval of the Hazard Mitigation Award
Approval of the Hazard Mitigation Award to use funding to secure Smith Planning and Design to renew the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Emergency Services which is set to expire this fall.
- K. Off Duty Overtime for Apple East Coast Motorcycle Rally
Authorize the Sheriff's Office to provide off-duty overtime patrol at the Apple East Coast Motorcycle Rally. The dates and times are as follows:
August 3, 2023, 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
August 4, 2023, 12:00, noon - 12:00, midnight
August 5, 2023, 12:00, noon - 12:00, midnight
The rate of pay is \$50/hour (\$3.00 going to the county).

9. Public Comment

Mr. Charles Meyers - came to follow up with the issues he was having at his property on Scofield Rd. Requested a meeting with Mr. Stallings and the inspector.

10. Reports

- A. County Administrator
- B. County Attorney

11. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Atkinson - Wanted to let everyone know that the Secretary of MDE and the Secretary of Commerce were in the County this week, and had really good conversations with both Secretaries. Were able to talk to them about some issues we are having in the County, and thinks we started a good relationship with both.

Commissioner Brodie - Echoed Commissioner Atkinson's comments, especially about the Secretary of MDE. Thought the visit with Secretary McIlwain went very well.

12. Reminders/Upcoming Meetings

A. NEXT MEETING - Thursday, August 10, 2023, 5:00 PM

13. Adjournment

There being no further business to come to the attention of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 05:20 PM.