

**Public Business Meeting
Minutes**

Thursday, August 10, 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, at 05:00 PM on 8/10/2023. 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

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

4. Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes

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

5. Presentations

A. Program Open Space Annual Plan - Adam Patterson, Director of Public Works

Allegany County Director of Public Works, Adam Patterson, presented the Program Open Space committee's annual plan and recommendations for the State funding of \$993,039.90 to be voted on at a later date.

6. Public Hearing

7. Action Agenda

8. Consent Agenda

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

A. Board of Zoning Appeals - Appointment

The Allegany County Board of Zoning Appeals requests the appointment of Mr. Gabriel Grant to fulfill the term of a Board vacancy left by Donald White. If approved, his term will run until September 25, 2024.

B. Planning and Zoning Commission - Appointment

The Allegany County Planning and Zoning Commission requests the appointment of Mr. James Douglas Bauer to serve on the committee. If approved, his term will run until February 16, 2025.

C. Accept Child Advocacy Services Grant for Jane's Place

Accept the FY 24 Child Advocacy Services Grant in the amount of \$16,666 on behalf of the State's Attorney's Office for Jane's Place, Inc. to cover travel expenses for the Crimes Against Children Conference in Dallas, TX.

D. Accept Police Recruiting and Retention Grant from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth and Victims Services

Accept the Police Recruiting and Retention Grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth and Victims Services to be used for training courses and enhanced employee compensation for additional duty assignments.

E. Accept SRO Adequate Coverage Grant from MCSS

Accept the FY24 SRO Adequate Coverage Grant in the amount of \$92,856 from the Maryland Center for School Safety to cover a portion of the salaries for four fulltime SRO positions for ACPS for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

F. Allegany County DPW - Roads Division - Truck Lease

Approve a 60-month lease of a 2023 Ford F250 pickup truck for the DPW - Roads Division from Enterprise at a cost of \$1,171.73 per month.

G. Approve Purchase of Used One-Ton Dump Trucks for Roads Division

Approve the purchase of a used 2020 Ford F450SD one-ton dump truck in the amount of \$63,900 and a used 2014 Ford F350SD one-ton dump truck in the amount of \$44,000 for the DPW – Roads Division from Rocket Preowned Motors, LLC in Shinnston, WV.

H. Approve Purchase of Vermeer Chippers for Roads Division

Approve the purchase of two new Vermeer BC1000XL Brush Chippers in the amount of \$107,264.70 (\$53,632.35 each) for the DPW – Roads Division from Vermeer in Manassas, VA.

I. Approve Purchase of 2019 F250 Pickup for Roads Division

Approve the purchase of a used 2019 Ford F250 pickup truck in the amount of \$46,054 for the DPW – Roads Division from Queen City Motors in Cumberland, MD.

J. Approve Purchase Order for 911 Recording System

Approve the purchase order to upgrade the 911 Center recording system from Audiolog Version 5 to Verint Version 15 in the amount of \$591,224.

K. Approve Transfer from Nixle to Everbridge

Approve the transfer to the Everbridge mass notification system from the current outdated NIXLE system at Year 1 cost of \$26,036.96 and a recurring annual cost of \$20,036.06.

- L. Approve Tyler Technologies Quote for Resident Access Module and Tyler Payments System
Approve quote from Tyler Technologies for Resident Access module and Tyler Payments upgrades for the Tax Office at an annual fee of \$1,548.
- M. Request for Travel for SIRM Conference
Authorize travel request for the Emergency Services Communication Technician to attend the 2023 WV SIRM Conference in Camp Dawson, WV at a cost not to exceed \$600 to continue the capabilities of programming Allegany County radios with West Virginia frequencies.
- N. Community Promotion Request for Cumberland Rotary's Cornhole Classic
Community Promotion Request for Cumberland Rotary's Cornhole Classic in the amount of \$500.

9. Public Comment

John O'Connell of Little Orleans, MD came to express concerns he has with the patronage of Bill's Place during the days of the Apple's East Coast Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. He asked for more law enforcement to be present, and requested a visit from the liquor board to the establishment.

Heath Barnes of Woodsboro, MD came to introduce himself as a candidate for US Congressional District 6.

10. Reports

- A. County Administrator
- B. County Attorney

11. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Atkinson - wanted to make everyone aware that Allegany County has been nominated for one of USA Today's best fall foliage areas and encouraged everyone to go online to vote by going to Tourism's Facebook page or website.

Commissioner Brodie - mentioned that there is good economic development coming our way.

12. Reminders/Upcoming Meetings

- A. NEXT MEETING - Thursday, August 31, 2023, 5:00 PM

13. Adjournment

There being no further business to come to the attention of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 05:27 PM.