

**Public Business Meeting
Minutes**

Thursday, April 18, 2024 - 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 05:05 PM on 4/18/2024. Present: County Commissioner Creade V. Brodie, Jr., County Commissioner William R. Atkinson, County Commission 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. Child Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation - Courtney Thomas-Winterberg, Director of Allegany County Department of Social Services

Mrs. Thomas-Winterberg thanked the commissioners for recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and spoke about the importance of the community agencies working together to help spread awareness. She recognized and introduced the staff and interns of Jane's Place and DSS. She also introduced Brooke VonStein as Allegany County's Social Worker of the Year, who then approached the podium and discussed statistics from this year in comparison with last year.

The Allegany County Board of County Commissioners proclaimed April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention

Month, and called upon all citizens, community agencies, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

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., William R. Atkinson, David J. Caporale. No: None. Abstain: None.

- A. Bid Award for Frostburg Depot Brick Sidewalk Rehabilitation
to Harbel, Inc. in Cumberland for the amount of \$61,555, which will be funded by Program Open Space.
- B. Bid Award for Transit Roll-Up Door Replacements
to Palmer Construction Co., Inc. in McConnellsburg, PA for the amount of \$82,660. This is pending concurrence in the award by Maryland Transit Administration.
- C. Declare Abandoned/Seized/Surplus Vehicles from the Allegany County Sheriff's Department
There are 19 in total to be sold by auction.
- D. Employee Benefits Contract Renewal for CareFirst Dental Insurance
The total cost of this will be \$246,000, which half will be paid by employees.
- E. Allegany County Commission for Women Appointments of Kelli Wolford, Amanda Paul, Christina McKenzie, and Sandra Lucile Roeder and Re-appointments of Renee Mason, Tiffany Mock, Kimberly Foley, Melanie Chapman, Luanne Cook, and Victoria Hoverman
The newly appointed members', along with Victoria Hoverman, terms will end December 31, 2026. The rest of the re-appointed members' terms will end December 31, 2025.

9. Public Comment

Constituents – In order of sign-up sheet:

- Harold Barmoy of 13 S Woodlawn Ave in LaVale - Lives on an O.P. Road and is concerned with property owner's fences encroaching on the right of way.

10. Reports

- A. County Administrator
Mentioned that the first budget workshop was held earlier in the day, and at the next public meeting in two weeks the preliminary budget hearing will be held.
- B. County Attorney
Commended Jane's Place for their work, and spoke about how nice it was to have them.

11. Commissioner Comments

- Commissioner Atkinson - Thanked Jane's Place and DSS for their work they all do. Also, thanked Mountain Maryland Trails for putting up a fence along the trail that will help with safety. He then mentioned how nice it was to have the Governor here in the County, and thanked him and his staff for coming and for the discussions they were able to have.
- Commissioner Brodie - Commended the Mountain Maryland Trails for all the hard work they put into the trail. I also talked about his Arbor Day experience with the MDE Secretary, and thanked her and her staff for coming. He then thanked Jane's Place and DSS for the wonderful work they do.
- Commissioner Caporale - Had no further comments to add at this evening's meeting.

12. Reminders/Upcoming Meetings

A. NEXT MEETING - Thursday, May 2, 2024, 5:00 PM

13. Adjournment

There being no further business to come to the attention of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 05:19 PM.