

**Public Business Meeting
Minutes**

Thursday, July 25, 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 05:02 PM on 7/25/2024. 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. Introduction of New County Health Officer - Kristi Liller and Gena Spear

Allegany County Director of Human Resources, Kristi Liller, introduced Ms. Gena Spear as the newly appointed Allegany County Health officer. Ms. Spear has been serving as the interim health officer since November 2023, and brings experience in grant administration, budgeting, and leadership to the role. Ms. Liller read a short bio about Ms. Spear, and Ms. Spear then thanked the Commissioners and commended her passionate staff for all the hard work they put in every day. She looks forward to leading all the great people who work there, and keeping the citizens of Allegany County as healthy as possible. The Commissioners and Administrator Bennett welcomed her, and said they look forward to working with her.

6. Public Hearing

7. Action Agenda

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. Acceptance of the 2023 EOCGP Grant Funding
In the amount of \$54,530. This is for a project that strengthens security at the Emergency Operations Center on PPG Road.
- B. Bid Award for Laurel Hill Site Preparation Project
To Carl Belt in the amount of \$254,180. Funds for this project come from a grant through the Rural Maryland Economic Fund.
- C. MHT Grant Acceptance for Circuit Courthouse
In the amount of \$85,000. This is for complete restoration and repairs to 190 windows at the courthouse and does require a local match of \$85,000.
- D. Joint-Use Agreement with Allegany College of Maryland
This is for two separate Program Open Space projects at the college.
- E. Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund (CRRF) Task Force Creation
This is going to be required by the State of Maryland. This is just our initial pass at this, and will be brought back to the Commissioners at a later meeting with a lot more detail and probably a resolution to form this task force.
- F. Potomac Highlands Airport Authority Appointments
This is for Chris Logsdon and Regina Hamm whose terms will both expire June 30, 2027. They will be replacing the seats of members Dr. Gregg Wolff and Brian Brinsfield.
- G. Community Event Promotion Request for Savage Mountain Punk Arts
In the amount of \$1,000 which will help support three different events throughout the year.

9. Public Comment

Constituents – In order of sign-up sheet:

- DA Tinnen of 223 Wallace St in Cumberland - He is a current candidate for Cumberland City Council and came to request a meeting with the Commissioners to discuss plans to move Cumberland and Allegany County forward.
- Harold Barmoy of Woodlawn Ave in LaVale - He was here in April, and came back again to express the concerns he has with other property owners blocking the roadway.
- Paul Kelly of 1100 Lexington Ave in Cumberland - Discussed his client's interest in purchasing the property which is currently leased by FEMA, and requested a meeting with the Commissioners and the firm he represents to discuss further.

10. Reports

A. County Administrator

Expressed his thanks and pleasure to Greg Larry for working with him all these years. Wished him good luck in his retirement.

B. County Attorney

Had no comments to add at this evening's meeting.

11. Commissioner Comments

All three Commissioners thanked Greg Larry for working with him all these years, and presented him with an Allegany County goody bag.

12. Reminders/Upcoming Meetings

A. NEXT MEETING - Thursday, August 8, 2024, 5:00 PM

13. Adjournment

There being no further business to come to the attention of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 05:29 PM.