

**Public Business Meeting
Minutes**

Thursday, September 19, 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 05:00 PM on 9/19/2024. 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 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

Commissioner Caporale invited Mr. John Taube from the Allegany County Library System up to the podium. Mr. Taube thanked the Commissioners and shared in celebration with them of an all time high number of people that attended Storytime in the Park this summer. Between June 1 and September 1, over 2,663 kids and family members attended the events in the parks. He then gave each Commissioner an official summer reading club t-shirt. Commissioner Brodie then thanked Mr. Taube and told him about his wife and grandchildren's experiences with the library system, and how much they enjoy it.

6. Public Hearing

7. Action Agenda

A. Salary Study Commission Appointment of Members - **T. Lee Beeman, Jr., County Attorney**

In accordance with Local Government Article, § 28-101, et. seq., of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Commissioners of Allegany County are required to appoint members to serve on the Allegany County Salary Study Commission. The purpose of the Salary Study Commission is to recommend salaries for the Board of Allegany County Commissioners, the Allegany County Board of Education, the Allegany County Board of License Commissioners (Liquor Board), the Allegany County Board of Elections, Judges of the Orphans' Court for Allegany County, and the Sheriff of Allegany County, for terms beginning January 1, 2027. The following persons are recommended to be appointed as members of the Salary Study Commission:

- Juli McCoy, Allegany County Chamber of Commerce
- Jonathan Dayton, Allegany-Garrett Counties Fire & Rescue Association
- Brian Grim, Democratic Central Committee of Allegany County
- Ian Reikie, Farm Bureau of Allegany County
- John Emerick, Republican Central Committee of Allegany County
- Lawrence Kasekamp, Western Maryland Central Labor Council
- Tiffany Mock, At-Large Member

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.

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. Accept the Sheriff's Office Detention Center & Pretrial FY25 PIGF Grant from GOCCP in the amount of \$155,520
This will help with the operating cost of the Pretrial and Reentry Programs.
- B. Acceptance of Maryland 9-1-1 Board Funding for Console Furniture in the amount of \$70,412.55
- C. Acceptance of Maryland 9-1-1 Board Funding for Generator Testing and Service in the amount of \$11,671
- D. Acceptance of Maryland 9-1-1 Board Funding for GIS Support in the amount of \$411,500
- E. Acceptance of Maryland 9-1-1 Board Funding for 911 Specialist Stress Management Training in the amount of \$8,800
- F. Acceptance of Maryland 9-1-1 Board Funding for UPS Battery Testing in the amount of \$77,004
- G. Borden Tunnel Restoration Project Request to Approve for Signature on MOA for Historic Preservation
This will be an agreement between Federal State Highway, Maryland State Highway Administration, the Maryland State Historic Preservation Office, and the County to ensure that the installation goes properly on the upcoming Borden Tunnel work.
- H. Renewal of MOU with First Peoples for Sponsorship of The National Fitness Court at the Willowbrook Outdoor Wellness Center

This was originally done back in January of 2020, but because of COVID, the project got delayed so now we are renewing the MOU with an updated start date of April 2024.

- I. Emergency Services Board Region I EMS Council Member Appointment
This is for Scott Whetsell to serve a term set to expire in January of 2027.
- J. Solid Waste Management Board Appointment
This is for Sarah Llewellyn who will represent the Environmental Group.

9. Public Comment

No one signed up to speak at this evening's meeting.

10. Reports

- A. County Administrator
Had no further comments to add at this evening's meeting.
- B. County Attorney
Had no further comments to add at this evening's meeting.

11. Commissioner Comments

- Commissioner Brodie - Had no further comments to add at this evening's meeting.
- Commissioner Atkinson - Congratulated the Tourism office of Allegany County for being voted one of the "Best Places to Visit for Fall" in the USA Today 10Best contest. He then briefed everyone on his attendance at the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Conference, where he was able to meet with Gayle Manchin, the Federal Co-Chair, to discuss the River Park Project and other potential funding the County may need for future projects. He then added as part of the Conference, the County's Director of Tourism, Ashli Workman, was one of the presenters for the Conference.
- Commissioner Caporale - Had no further comments to add at this evening's meeting.

12. Reminders/Upcoming Meetings

- A. NEXT MEETING - Thursday, October 3, 2024, 5:00 PM

13. Adjournment

There being no further business to come to the attention of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 05:06 PM.