

**Public Business Meeting
Minutes**

Thursday, October 2, 2025 - 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 10/2/2025. 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. Upon Motion made by County Commissioner Creade V. Brodie, Jr., seconded by County Commissioner William R. Atkinson, and duly carried, the Agenda for this public business meeting was approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

4. Statement of Closed Meeting

A. The Board of County Commissioners did not meet in Closed Session on September 18, 2025.

5. 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.

6. Presentations

A. FY26 Program Open Space Recommendations - Andrew Cowan, Recycling Coordinator

Program Open Space is funded through the DNR for the purpose of planning, acquisition, and or development of recreation land or open space areas. For FY 2026, Allegany County was awarded

\$289,184.00. The apportionment may be used to fund projects consistent with Allegany County's 2022-2027 Land Preservation, Parks, and Recreation Plan. The recommendations were presented to the Commissioners, and will be brought to the Commissioners at a future meeting for their approval. A copy of the recommendations are attached to these minutes.

7. Public Hearing

8. Action Agenda & Public Comment

A. Ratification #9 of Emergency Procurements Pursuant to Res. 25-04, 25-08, & 25-10 - Adam Patterson, P.E., Director of Public Works

Resolution 25-04 was adopted on May 22, 2025 to temporarily suspend the provisions of Allegany County Code Section 38-8 (concerning procurement of bids and contracts for necessary public work or improvements, or for the purchase of supplies and equipment) for a period of sixty days (subsequent to the flash flooding event in Allegany County on May 13, 2025.) Resolution 25-08 was then adopted on July 10, 2025 to extend the sixty day period to an additional thirty days. Furthermore, another additional thirty days was granted under the adoption of Resolution 25-10 on August 7, 2025. The Allegany County Department of Public Works has authorized numerous emergency Procurements since the adoption of these Resolutions. Subject to the terms set forth in Resolution 25-04, the County Commissioners must ratify these emergency Procurements at the next public business meeting after the Procurements were authorized. This is the ninth round of emergency Procurements, and are made part of the agenda packet.

Starting with the Public Business Meeting on October 2, 2025, any procurements brought before the Commissioners for approval are for work initiated and procured prior to the expiration of the procurement suspension. No emergency procurements have been made subsequent to the September 20, 2025 deadline.

No one signed up to speak on this agenda item.

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.

9. Consent Agenda & Public Comment

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 9-1-1 Board Funding for Project #26-042 in the amount of \$4,718.38

This funding will help support enhancements to the 911 Center's phone system. No one signed up to speak on this agenda item.

B. Accept 9-1-1 Board Funding for Project #26-045 in the amount of \$16,704.12

This funding will help support enhancements to the 911 Center's phone system. No one signed up to speak on this agenda item.

C. Accept 9-1-1 Board Funding for Project #26-071 in the amount of \$850

This funding will help support enhancements to the 911 Center's phone system. No one signed up to speak on this agenda item.

D. Accept 9-1-1 Board Funding for Project #26-072 in the amount of \$850

This funding will help support enhancements to the 911 Center's phone system. No one signed up to speak on this agenda item.

E. Approve Second Amended and Restated Promissory Note with PTV 1097, LLC and Authorize County Administrator Jason Bennett to Execute All Closing Documents

This is for the Longhorn Steakhouse project, which is in the final stages. This Agreement provides terms for PTV 1097, LLC to make repayment to the Board of County Commissioners related to their construction loan and has been updated to reflect a revised draw and amortization schedule. No one signed up to speak on this agenda item.

F. Declare Vehicles Abandoned, Seized, or Surplus for the Sheriff's Office

There are approximately 27 vehicles that will be sold by auction, which will be held in two weeks. No one signed up to speak on this agenda item.

G. Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Allegany County Board of Elections to Conduct Early Voting in Room 100 of the Allegany County Office Complex

This will be for the Primary and General Election in 2026. No one signed up to speak on this agenda item.

H. Execute Siting Agreement with Spring Haven Road Solar 1, LLC for Solar Project Located on Spring Haven Road

Spring Haven Road Solar 1, LLC seeks a Siting Agreement with the Board of County Commissioners to submit to the Public Service Commission to permit Spring Haven Road Solar 1, LLC to proceed with the project in accordance with Allegany County's zoning regulations. No one signed up to speak on this agenda item.

10. General Public Comment

Constituents – In order of sign-up sheet:

- Ray Miller of 15101 Levi Rd SE in Oldtown - Concerned with Route 51 and the unsafe drivers and driving conditions.
- Glenn Stahlman of 11510 Cash Valley Rd in Cumberland - Concerned with drivers speeding on Cash Valley Rd.
- Judy Hodel of 18756 E Wilson Rd in Oldtown - Concerned with Route 51 and the unsafe drivers and driving conditions.
- Sandy Lippold of 12713 Bedford Rd in Cumberland - Concerned with Route 51 and the unsafe drivers and driving conditions.

Administrator Bennett addressed these concerns by saying the Commissioners have been in discussions with the Sheriff's office over the past year, and the Sheriff is planning to give a presentation on the topic of speeding and driving conditions on both of the roads mentioned. The presentation should include remedies, including speed cameras, for these concerns.

11. Reports

A. County Administrator

Following a press release, Mr. Bennett announced that the next public will be held on October 16th at 3:00PM in order for the County to hold a meeting at 5:00PM for the customers of Maryland Water Service, soon to be American Water Service, who have been experiencing extremely high rates. Tentatively, there will be Federal and State representatives, and also representatives from American Water Service.

B. County Attorney

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

12. Commissioner Comments

- Commissioner Atkinson - Commented on his last road trip through Route 51 and understands there is an issue with the way some people drive on it, and hopes to work toward a solution.
- Commissioner Brodie - Agreed with Commissioner Atkinson, and would like to work toward a solution as well.
- Commissioner Caporale - Also agreed that something needs done to help the driving conditions on Route 51.

13. Reminders/Upcoming Meetings

- A. NEXT MEETING - Thursday, October 16, 2025, 3:00 PM **At the Allegany County Fairgrounds Multipurpose Building**

14. Adjournment

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

FY 2026 Program Open Space Annual Plan Allegany County, Maryland												
August 13, 2025												
	Local Sponsor	Park Name	Project Name	LPPRP Goals	Acres	Ultimate	Project	Description	Original Request	Committee Recommendation	Local Funds	Project Cost
1	Allegany College of Maryland	ACM-Open Access Community Facility	Evitt's Creek Suspension Bridge &Wetlands Boardwalk Repair	1,3,5	308.5	Same	Same	Rebuild the pedestrian bridge and the wetlands boardwalk	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 37,500.00
2	Town of Barton	Little League Field, Basketball Court, Latrobe Street, Takoma Park	Parks Renovation	1,3,5	0.37	Same	Same	4 POS Signs, Soffit for dugouts, landscaping, guard rail around Little League field	\$ 14,400.00	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 9,000.00
3	Cresaptown Civic Improvement	Cresaptown Sports Complex	Site Fencing Replacement & Additions	1,3,5	19.19	Same	Same	Remove and install new fencing along Darrow's lane.	\$ 23,285.00	\$ 23,285.00	\$ 2,587.22	\$ 25,872.22
4	City of Frostburg	Glendening Recreation Complex	Field Renovations	1,3,5	12	Same	Same	Replace wooden stairway with concrete. Install a stairway handrail. (Field 8)	\$ 13,050.00	\$ 13,050.00	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 14,500.00
5	City of Frostburg	Frostburg Community Park/ Armory Little League Field	Frostburg Community Park Improvements	1,3,5	14.8	Same	Same	Concession stand floor epoxy, restroom partitions & fixtures. Install metal roofing on pavilion.	\$ 11,970.00	\$ 11,970.00	\$ 1,330.00	\$ 13,300.00
6	PVAA	Cresaptown Sports Complex	Ball Field Lighting	1,3,5	19.19	Same	Same	Install lighting on Weber Field	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 85,000.00
7	City of Cumberland	Gene Mason Sports Complex	Sports Complex Improvements	1,3,5	55	Same	Same	Pavilion, Picnic Tables	\$ 54,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00
8	Flintstone	Flintstone Community Park	Field Renovations	1,3,5	14.3	Same	Same	Batting Cages, Baseball& Soccer Score Board, Parking Lot	\$ 16,200.00	\$ 16,200.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 18,000.00
9	Bishop Walsh School	BW Athletic Field	Athletic Field Renovations	1,5	39.52	Same	Same	Score Board, Field Lighting, Track, Gym Floor, Gym Score Board	\$ 857,700.00	\$ 30,171.00	\$ 3,352.00	\$ 33,523.00
10	Allegany County Government	Willowbrook Outdoor Wellness	Additional Funding	1,3,5		Same	Same			\$101,408.00	\$ 10,140.80	\$ 111,548.80
Total									\$ 1,118,105.00	\$ 289,184.00	\$ 59,060.02	\$ 408,244.02

LPPRP 2022 Recreation Goals

- Goal 1: Project increases the variety of quality recreational environments and opportunities; creates a unique recreational experience
- Goal 2: Development of Fairgrounds, maximizing the ability to host large-scale events
- Goal 3: Project utilizes current trail network, increases connectivity, or provides recreational opportunities without reliance on automobiles
- Goal 4: Project updates or replaces amenities at existing facilities and provides additional amenities to meet the needs of the community and general public
- Goal 5: POS funding request for public use neighborhood/ community park, neighborhood/ community facility, and or school recreation facility and has public health benefits

FY 2026 POS Apportionment \$289,184