

**Public Business Meeting
Minutes**

Thursday, October 30, 2025 - 4:00 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 04:00 PM on 10/30/2025. 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

After discussion in the Public Work Session, the Commissioners added Item C - Lease and License Agreements with the Allegany County Animal Shelter Management Foundation, Inc. to the Action Agenda.

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

4. Statement of Closed Meeting

A. The Board of County Commissioners did not meet in Closed Session on October 16, 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

7. Public Hearing

8. Action Agenda & Public Comment

A. Ratification #11 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 eleventh 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.

This round includes 15 projects totaling \$713,000, which brings the total to roughly \$5.8 million. This number will increase, as there are jobs that have been completed, but not yet invoiced.

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.

B. Award Contract for Parkersburg Road Waterline Replacement Project to Excavating Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$105,105.00 - Adam Patterson, P.E., Director of Public Works

There is a short section of approximately 700 feet of pipe that needs replaced on Old Parkersburg Rd. There have been multiple breaks that have caused lots of private property damage. This project was slated for the summer, but got postponed due to lack of contractors available because of flood emergency projects. Very quickly, with contractors available, Mr. Patterson elected to push forward to get this replaced before winter weather hits. Three contractors were invited to a project site meeting, and bids were accepted and opened on Monday, October 27th at 2:30PM. Excavating Associates, Inc. was the lowest bidder at \$105,105. As usual with utility projects, this one will be paid back by the users of the Eckhart/Clarysville water system. A rate increase of \$1.38 per month has been calculated in order to fund this project. These rate increases will go into effect in July of 2026, and will be for a 15-year period.

No one signed up to speak on this agenda item.

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.

C. Authorize the County Administrator to Execute a Lease Agreement and a License Agreement with the Allegany County Animal Shelter Management Foundation, Inc. (Item added at the start of the BOCC Public Business Meeting) - T. Lee Beeman, Jr., County Attorney

The Foundation owns the administration building and the vehicles that the animal shelter staff use. In order to access and operate the building and vehicles legally and safely, lease and license agreements need to be approved.

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 the Allegany County SRO Adequate Coverage Grant in the amount of \$84,384
This is a reimbursement grant for a portion of salaries and wages for designated School Resource Officers and is at a prorated amount of \$7,032 per school. No one signed up to speak on this agenda item.
- B. Approve the Purchase of Two New Single-Axle Dump Trucks from Stephenson Equipment, Inc. for DPW - Roads Division
This is listed as Stephenson Equipment, but the Invoice will actually come from Kenworth through Stephenson Equipment. The total for these purchases is \$464,037.19 and this will be paid for using the remaining available bond monies from the 2018 Bond issue, which, as explained in the Public Work Session, is unused money from Federal bridge projects. No one signed up to speak on this agenda item.
- C. Authorize the Allegany County Utilities Division to Lease Three Ford F-350 Trucks from Enterprise
These leases will be paid for using the Utilities Division operating budget at a cost of \$1,138.08 per month per truck. No one signed up to speak on this agenda item.

10. General Public Comment

Constituents – In order of sign-up sheet:

- Kit Pepper Lescalette of 211 James Ct in Frostburg - Thanked the Commissioners for responding quickly to reappointing the Animal Control Board, and hope they choose volunteers who not only care about animals, but also bring the needed skills. She also brought up concerns she has with the Ethics Commission, which is a requirement by State law and County code. The last known appointments were made in 2014, there are no agendas and minutes, and there have been changes made to State law, which is not reflected in the County code. She asks that we make this Commission a priority.

11. Reports

- A. County Administrator
Each Commissioner received an email from AES Warrior Run asking for support on a grant they are applying for, which will help them try to recommission their plant. Included in each email was a template for the letter. Administrator Bennett then read that letter into the record, and all Commissioners agreed to sign and support AES Warrior Run in their quest. The signed letter is attached to these meeting minutes.
- B. County Attorney
Had no further comments to add at this evening's meeting.

12. Commissioner Comments

- Commissioner Atkinson - Cautioned the public to not get too excited regarding AES Warrior Run. The letter of support Administrator Bennett read into the record supports the reopening, but does not mean AES Warrior Run is reopening. Announced that we are looking for people to fill vacancies on the County's boards and commissions, with the Animal Control Board being a priority.
- Commissioner Brodie - Had no further comments to add at this evening's meeting.
- Commissioner Caporale - Had no further comments to add at this evening's meeting.

13. Reminders/Upcoming Meetings

A. NEXT MEETING - Thursday, November 6, 2025, 5:00 PM

14. Adjournment

There being no further business to come to the attention of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 04:18 PM.



David J. Caporale, President
William R. Atkinson, Commissioner
Creade V. Brodie, Jr., Commissioner
Jason M. Bennett, CPA, Administrator
T. Lee Beeman, Esq, Attorney

October 30, 2025

Office of the Under Secretary for Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
Washington, D.C. 20585
Email: CCRM-BAA@hq.doe.gov

Subject: Letter of Support – Warrior Run Energy Facility Application for DE-FOA-0003605

Dear Under Secretary,

As Commissioners of Allegany County, Maryland, we write to express our strong support for AES's application under the Department of Energy's "Restoring Reliability: Coal Recommissioning and Modernization" funding opportunity (Solicitation Number: DE-FOA-0003605). The Warrior Run Energy Facility (WREF) has long been a cornerstone of our region's energy infrastructure and economic vitality.

For over two decades, Warrior Run has provided reliable power to Maryland and the PJM region, while contributing significantly to the local economy through direct employment, tax revenue, and secondary investment. The facility's clean-burning coal technology, utilizing circulating fluidized bed combustion and limestone injection, has enabled it to meet stringent air quality standards.

The proposed recommissioning of Warrior Run presents a timely and strategic opportunity to bolster grid reliability during peak demand periods. AES has indicated that the facility is in a state of readiness and could be operational within six months, requiring minimal reactivation work. Importantly, this would occur at no additional cost to Maryland ratepayers, while preserving critical Capacity Interconnection Rights (CIRs) with PJM—rights that are essential to future energy development at the site.

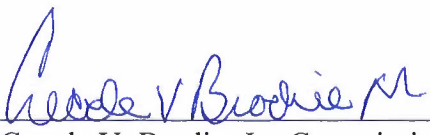
This initiative aligns with national energy reliability goals, including Executive Order #14262. Reopening Warrior Run would immediately benefit Allegany County through job creation, coal and limestone contracts with local suppliers, and renewed tax contributions. The trained workforce in our region stands ready to support this effort, and we are confident in AES's ability to execute this project responsibly and efficiently.

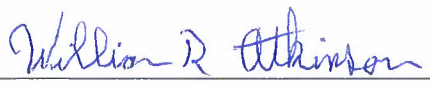
We respectfully urge the Department of Energy to give full consideration to AES's application. Warrior Run's recommissioning is not only a matter of energy reliability—it is a matter of economic resilience and community strength.

Sincerely,

The Board of County Commissioners


David J. Caporale, President


Creade V. Brodie, Jr., Commissioner


William R. Atkinson, Commissioner