

**Public Business Meeting
Agenda**

Thursday, May 7, 2026 - 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**
- 2. Call to Order & Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Statement of Closed Meeting**
 - A. Statement Regarding the Closed Session Held on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 4:00PM - **T. Lee Beeman, Jr., County Attorney**
- 5. Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes**
 - A. Approve the Public Business Meeting Minutes from April 23, 2026
- 6. Presentations**
 - A. Proclamation for Del McCoury Day - **Board of County Comimssioners**
 - B. Deputy of the Year Award 2025 - **Sheriff Robertson, Allegany County Sheriff's Department**
 - C. FY 2027 Preliminary Budget Presentation - **Jason Bennett, CPA, County Administrator**
 - D. FY 2027 Allegany County Utility Rate Presentation - **Adam Patterson, P.E., Director, Department of Public Works and Brynn Laird, P.E., Engineer, Department of Public Works**
 - E. FY2027 - FY2031 Allegany County Capital Improvement Program Presentation - **Daniel S. DeWitt, P.E., County Engineer, Department of Public Works**
- 7. Public Hearing**
 - A. Proposed Real Property Tax Rate Increase for FY 2027 - **Jason Bennett, CPA, County Administrator**
This is the public hearing on the proposed real property tax rate increase for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2026.

- B. Code Home Rule Bill 3-26 "An Act to Amend the Minimal Annual Tax Levy Found in Articles VI and VIII of Chapter 146 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Allegany County, Maryland (2011 Edition As Amended)" (Introduced April 23, 2026)- **T. Lee Beeman, Jr., County Attorney**
This update will remove the minimal annual tax levy and authorize the Cresaptown Fire Company and Cresaptown Ambulance Company to directly set their levy rates, consistent with other Public Safety Special Taxing Areas in Allegany County.

8. Action Agenda & Public Comment

- A. Introduction - Code Home Rule Bill 4-26 "Bedford Road Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Phase VII - Bond Authorization" - **Jason Bennett, CPA, County Administrator**
This CHRB will authorize the Commissioners to issue up to \$1.5 million of a loan to fund this project.
- B. Code Home Rule Bill 2-26 "An Act to Amend Chapter 461 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Allegany County, Maryland (2011 Edition as Amended) to Authorize the Use of Speed Monitoring System" (Introduced April 9, 2026; Public Hearing Held April 23, 2026) - **T. Lee Beeman, Jr., County Attorney**
This enabling legislation will authorize the use of speed monitoring systems in Allegany County, Maryland pursuant to the terms of Section 21-809 of the Transportation Article of the State Code.
- C. Approve the FY 2027 ARC Area Development Project Priority List - **David Nedved, Community Development Representative, Department of Economic and Community Development**
This is for the transmittal of a recommended priority list of fifteen Area Development projects to Tri-County Council for Western Maryland for consideration for Appalachian Regional Commission funding in Federal Fiscal Year 2027.
- D. Approve the Allegany County 2026 Transportation Priority Letter to the Maryland Department of Transportation - **Adam Patterson, P.E., Director, Department of Public Works**
The County coordinated with the local jurisdictions to compile a prioritized list of transportation projects within the given categories on the online MDOT Priority Letter Submission Form.
- E. Authorize Electric Supply Agreement with Supplier - **Adam Patterson, P.E., Director, Department of Public Works**
This is to authorize the administrator, in consultation with the Director of Public Works, to sign the necessary contract documents with the energy supplier with the lowest price.
- F. Accept the Proposal from Smith, Planning, and Design to Update Allegany County's Land Preservation, Parks, and Recreation Plan - **Andrew Cowan, Recycling Coordinator, Department of Public Works**
This plan is required to be submitted every five years to the Department of Natural Resources for approval, and is a prerequisite for participation in Program Open Space.
- G. Execute the Allegany County Transit 2026-2027 Bus Service Contract with Frostburg State University - **Libby Robison-Harper, Transit Division Chief, Department of Public Works**
This is a revenue service contract with FSU for the County to provide bus service for one year, valued at \$171,808.
- H. Authorize the Staff to Accept Bids for the Barton Business Park Pad Site Development - **Nathan Price, Senior Project Manager, Department of Economic and Community Development**
This is for two shovel-ready pad sites and the bid acceptance process for this project will be advertised in the Cumberland Times News and on the County website.
- I. Execute Frostburg Main Street Structural Stabilization Grant Agreement with Lucky Enterprises, LLC - **Nathan Price, Senior Project Manager, Department of Economic & Community Development**
This Grant Agreement formalizes the award of \$100,000 to Lucky Enterprises, LLC, approved by the Board of County Commissioners on December 4, 2025, as part of the Frostburg Main Street Structural Stabilization Grant.
- J. Adopt Resolution 26-08 Rules and Regulations Governing Employees of Allegany County - **Roger Bennett, Director, Department of Emergency Services and Jeff Barclay, Director, Department of**

Economic and Community Development

This resolution includes a revised job description for the position of Land Mobile Radio Technician for Department of Emergency Services and a new job description for the position of Tourism Development Manager for Department of Tourism.

- K. **Execute an MOU between Allegany and Mineral County for use of the Westernport Tower - Roger Bennett, Director, Department of Emergency Services**
Mineral County is seeking authorization to utilize designated antenna space on the Westernport Tower, along with a portion of floor space within the transmitter building, for the installation and operation of County radio equipment in support of its communications infrastructure.
- L. **Authorize the Purchase of Motorola Law Enforcement Mobile Radios - Roger Bennett, Director, Department of Emergency Services**
There is an initial financial impact of \$49,573.50 which will be reimbursed through SHSP Grant Funding in the full amount.
- M. **Execute an MOU with the Maryland State Police for Tower and Shelter Space Usage - Jason Bennett, CPA, County Administrator**
This is a resource sharing agreement to establish a framework for any future collaboration between Allegany County and MSP regarding the collocation of communication equipment.

9. Consent Agenda & Public Comment

- A. **Approve a Community Promotions Fund Request from DelFest for Free "DelFest Loves Cumberland: A Downtown Del-ebration" Event in the amount of \$1,500**
This event will take place on Wednesday, May 20th and will feature performances by DelFest and local artists.

10. General Public Comment

11. Reports

- A. County Administrator
- B. County Attorney

12. Commissioner Comments

13. Reminders/Upcoming Meetings

- A. **Anticipated BOCC Public Work Session - Thursday, May 21, 2026 (Details and Time TBA)**
- B. **BOCC Public Business Meeting - Thursday, May 21, 2026, 5:00PM**

14. Adjournment