

**Public Business Meeting
Agenda**

Thursday, May 28, 2026 - 4:00 PM

*Allegany County Office Building, 701 Kelly Road, Allegany Room 100
Cumberland, Maryland 21502*

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1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Call to Order & Roll Call

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Statement of Closed Meeting

- A. The Board of County Commissioners did not meet in Closed Session on May 7, 2026.

5. Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes

- A. Approve the Public Business Meeting Minutes from May 7, 2026

6. Presentations

- A. FY 2027 Allegany County Utility Rate Presentation - Adam Patterson, P.E., Director, Department of Public Works
- B. FY2027 - FY2031 Allegany County Capital Improvement Program Presentation - Daniel S. DeWitt, P.E., County Engineer, Department of Public Works
- C. FY27 Program Open Space Recommendations - Andrew Cowan, Recycling Coordinator, Department of Public Works

7. Public Hearing

- A. FY 2027 Second Preliminary Budget Public Hearing - Jason Bennett, CPA, County Administrator
- B. 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.

8. Action Agenda & Public Comment

- A. Adopt 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.
- B. Approve Amendment to Ground Lease between Celanese Acetate and Board of County Commissioners - **Adam Patterson, P.E., Director, Department of Public Works**
This will extend the ground lease agreement for five years, and it will now expire August 2031.
- C. Execute an Operations and Maintenance Agreement with LaVale Athletic Association (LAA) for Holly Avenue Recreation Area and LaVale Lions Field - **Andrew Cowan, Recycling Coordinator, Department of Public Works**
This is a three-year extension to the current agreement with LAA and will terminate on April 30, 2029.
- D. Approve the CareFirst Stop Loss Renewal for FY 2027 - **Kristi Liller, Director, Department of Human Resources**
The proposal for the CareFirst coverage for FY 27 includes an overall 26.12% increase in fixed premium, from \$1,033,976 to \$1,304,007. The increase in premiums are due to our claims history and increase in high-cost claims.
- E. Adopt Resolution 26-09, Revisions to Rules & Regulations Governing Employees of Allegany County - **Kristi Liller, Director, Department of Human Resources**
This includes updates to Section 5.804, Salary of a Promoted Employee, and Section 8.302 Health Insurance, regarding reimbursement for healthcare coverage under a spouse's or parent's policy.
- F. Adopt Resolution 25-10 - A Resolution Supporting and Authorizing the Exercise of the County's Power of Eminent Domain for the Purposes of Condemnation of the Water and Sewer Utility Systems Owned and Operated by Maryland Water Service, Inc. and Nexus Regulated Utilities, LLC within Allegany County, Maryland - **T. Lee Beeman, Jr., County Attorney.**
This Resolution will initiate condemnation of the water and sewer utility systems, including all assets, personal property attendant to the operation of the utility systems, infrastructure, real property, easements, and any appurtenances thereto controlled and operated by Maryland Water Service, Inc. and Nexus Regulated Utilities, LLC and located within Allegany County, Maryland, more specifically identified as (1) Pinto Water and Wastewater Systems in Cumberland, Allegany County, Maryland and (2) Highland Estates Water System in Cumberland Allegany County, Maryland.
- G. Adopt Resolution 26-11 - A Resolution to Ratify Certain Sales and Leases of County-Owned Property - **T. Lee Beeman, Jr., County Attorney.**
Due to an advertising error by the Cumberland Times-News, the required public notices for this item were legally insufficient. As a result, additional public notice will be given and this matter will be considered on the next available meeting date, June 25, 2026.

9. Consent Agenda & Public Comment

- A. Approve a Sponsorship Request from Rock the Mountains LLC in the amount of \$1,500
This event will be held at the Allegany County Fairgrounds August 21st through 23rd.
- B. Approve a Sponsorship Request for the Frostburg Palace Theatre's 2026 Classic Film Series in the amount of \$1,000
This will help the organization cover the cost of programming and advertising.
- C. Approve the Re-appointment of Renee Kniseley to the Allegany County Library System Board of Trustees
This re-appointment will be for a second term which will run from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031.

- D. Accept 9-1-1 Board Funding for Project #26-263 in the amount of \$2,458.36
This will help cover the cost of outreach materials.
- E. Accept 9-1-1 Board Funding for Project #26-235 in the amount of \$8,240
This will help cover the cost of the Priority Dispatch AI Skills Lab Tier II.
- F. Accept 9-1-1 Board Funding for Project #26-222 in the amount of \$7,133.60
This will help cover the cost of the PSAP PRI replacement.

10. General Public Comment

11. Reports

- A. County Administrator
- B. County Attorney

12. Commissioner Comments

- A. Acknowledgment of Open Meetings Act Violation, 20 Official Opinions of the Compliance Board 168 (2026) - David J. Caporale, President.

13. Reminders/Upcoming Meetings

- A. Anticipated BOCC Public Work Session - Thursday, June 4, 2026 (Details and Time TBA)
- B. BOCC Public Business Meeting - Thursday, June 4, 2026, 4:00pm

14. Adjournment