

**Public Business Meeting  
Minutes**

*Thursday, June 4, 2026 - 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 6/4/2026. 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 May 28, 2026.

**5. Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes**

- A. Approve the Public Business Meeting Minutes from May 28, 2026

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. Tri County Council for Western Maryland's Annual Report - Elizabeth Stahlman, Executive Director, Tri County Council for Western Maryland

The 2025 Annual Report for Tri County Council for Western Maryland can be found here: [https://www.tccwmd.org/wp-content/uploads/TCCWMD\\_annualreportDesign1-v5.pdf](https://www.tccwmd.org/wp-content/uploads/TCCWMD_annualreportDesign1-v5.pdf)

- B. FY27 Budget Message - David J. Caporale, President, Board of County Commissioners  
Commissioner Caporale read the FY27 budget message, which can be found attached to these minutes.

## 7. Public Hearing

## 8. Action Agenda & Public Comment

- A. Adopt Resolution 26-12 FY27 Operating and Capital Budget - Jason Bennett, CPA, County Administrator

This resolution includes the details of the FY27 Operating and Capital budget, which amounts to \$159,345,828, and can be found attached to these minutes. 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. Adopt the Tax Levy and Differential for FY27 Budget - Jason Bennett, CPA, County Administrator

This includes real, personal, and public utility property tax rates as established by the State of Maryland and Allegany County. The details of this are included in the Tax Levy and Differential document attached to the agenda packet. 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.**

- C. Adopt the Supplemental Levy for Special Taxing Areas for FY27 Budget - Jason Bennett, CPA, County Administrator

This sets the rates on each one hundred dollars of assessable property located with specific districts. The Supplemental Levy for Special Taxing Areas of Allegany County, Maryland document is attached to the agenda packet. 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.**

- D. Approve the FY27 Water and Sewer Rates - Brynn Laird, P.E., Utilities Division Chief, Department of Public Works

The Allegany County Sanitary Commission has proposed updated water and sewer rates for the upcoming FY27, which was presented the last two previous BOCC public business meetings. These increased rates are necessary to help cover the cost of purchasing water from Frostburg and Cumberland, as well as having some sewage treated by Cumberland. The average customer utility bill will increase by 2.9% and industrial sewer customers will increase 5%. This will not affect the rates being charged to Maryland Water Service (now American Water Service), which will be held at the FY26 rate. 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.**

- E. Approve FY27 - FY31 Allegany County Capital Improvement Program - Daniel S. DeWitt, P.E., County Engineer, Department of Public Works

This was presented publicly on May 7th and May 28th, and needs final approval and adoption by the Commissioners. 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.**

- F. Approve the FY26 Budget Amendments - Jason Bennett, CPA, County Administrator

During FY26, two grants were received, a Bearcat vehicle was purchased, and major flood recovery projects were completed, causing the original budget to be amended and reflected in the financial records. Details of the this amendment are attached to the agenda packet. 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.**

- G. Adopt Resolution 26-13 - A Resolution Authorizing the Disposition of 1.49 Acres of County-Owned Property to Penn-Mar Recycling, LLC - T. Lee Beeman, Jr., County Attorney

This Resolution authorizes the disposition of 1.49 acres of county owned property to Penn Mar Recycling, LLC. This was advertised in the Cumberland Times-News for three successive weeks prior to the hearing held at this meeting. The terms of the disposition would be a \$50,000 purchase and the County would maintain a right of reversion for the premises, in which if Penn Mar fails to complete the improvements to the rail spur in order to bring it up to Federal Rail Association Class Two standards within three years of the closing of the deal, the County has the right to seek reversion of the property and take the property back for a refund of the purchase price. This resolution further authorizes the County Administrator to execute the real estate contract between the County and Penn Mar Recycling and to execute all closing documents. As discussed during the public work session held prior to the public business meeting, a statement was added to the Resolution stating that the Resolution shall remain effective through December 1, 2026 and if Penn Mar Recycling has not executed a real estate sales contract under the material terms of this resolution and the Board of County Commissioners has not approved and executed the same on or before this date, all authorization to dispose of the county owned property shall cease immediately. Mr. Jeff Barclay, Director of Economic and Community Development, gave a few details about the project. 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.**

- H. Execute Real Estate Contract with Penn-Mar Recycling, LLC for the Sale of 1.49 acre Parcel - Jeffrey Barclay, Director, Department of Economic and Community Development

It was discussed at the public work session to table Item G. No one signed up to speak on this agenda item.

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

- I. Authorize Staff to Advertise and Accept Bids for Site Work for the Future Kingspan Rail Project - Jeffrey S. Barclay, Director, Department of Economic and Community Development

This will be the first phase of a project to get rail access directly to the former Hunter Douglas building, which is now owned by Kingspan. 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**

Upon Motion by County Commissioner William R. Atkinson, seconded by County Commissioner Creade V. Brodie, Jr., and Motion carried, the Board of County Commissioners approved and adopted the Consent Agenda as recommended by the County Administrator.

A. Approve the Request for Travel from the Director of Jane's Place to Attend a Conference in New Orleans, LA

This will be to attend the Association of Professionals Solving the Abuse of Children conference from June 13th through June 19th, and cost should be less than \$1,000 and is grant funded. No one signed up to speak on this agenda item.

## **10. General Public Comment**

Constituents – In order of sign-up sheet:

- Ed Taylor of 400 S Allegany St in Cumberland - Speaking as the President of the Cumberland Historic Cemetery Organization, thanked the Commissioners for their support in this organization and invited them to their annual event honoring the American Revolutionary War soldiers, which is held on July 4th.
- John A. Smith of 12117 Old Legislative Rd in Frostburg - Owner of Smitty's Tire, was interested in purchasing a property next to his business and asked Economic Development for help with getting funding. Questioned the process in which this piece of property was sold to someone else. Mr. Jeff Barclay, Director of Economic and Community Development, addressed some of Mr. Smith's concerns.
- Kit Pepper LeSallette of 211 James Ct in Frostburg - Added to Mr. Smith's concerns in regards to the sale of the property. Also, had questions and concerns about the Kingspan project included on this meeting's agenda, and asked when the funding was approved for this project.

## **11. 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.

## **12. Commissioner Comments**

- Commissioner Atkinson - Had no further comments to add at this evening's meeting.
- 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. Anticipated BOCC Public Work Session - Thursday, June 25, 2026 (Details and Time TBA)

B. BOCC Public Business Meeting - Thursday, June 25, 2026, 5:00pm (This meeting will be held at the Sheriff's Office)

#### **14. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come to the attention of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 04:44 PM.

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