

December 16, 2021

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 5:00 p.m. on the above date. The following were present: Commissioner Jacob C. Shade; Commissioner David J. Caporale; County Administrator Jason M. Bennett; and County Attorney T. Lee Beeman, Jr.

Commissioner Creade V. Brodie, Jr., was not present at this evening's meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

MOTION

Upon Motion by Commissioner Caporale, seconded by Commissioner Shade, and duly carried, the Board of County Commissioners agreed to add Item 13 - Ratification of Labor Management Agreement between Allegany County and the Sheriff's Correctional Division, FOP Lodge #144 to the agenda for this evening's meeting.

There were no further additions or deletions to the agenda.

MOTION

Upon Motion by Commissioner Caporale, and seconded by Commissioner Shade, the Minutes of the December 2, 2021, public business meeting was approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

PRESENTATION

Item 1 – Allegany High School Marching Band Tournament of Bands Atlantic Coast Championship – Larry T. Jackson, Director of Bands, and Heidi Laupert, Principal, Allegany High School. Mr. Larry T. Jackson, Director of Bands at Allegany High School, presented a video of Allegany County High School's Marching Band's winning performance at the recent Tournament of Bands Atlantic Coast Championship. Mr. Jackson also made brief remarks, including some background and details concerning the event, and thanked Allegany High School Principal Heidi Laupert for her support. He also acknowledged Allegany County and the Board of Education for their support. Mr. Jackson thanked the Board of County Commissioners and Bretta Reinhard, Public Information Officer, for acknowledging the Allegany High School Marching Band this evening. Mr. Jackson also introduced some band members and their parents present in the audience, including his wife, Sarah, and daughter, Lily; band parent Kay Sheehy and her son, Colin; and a former band parent, Mr. Young, who was one of many former band parents who showed up at the competition to support the Allegany High School Marching Band.

Commissioner Shade asked Mr. Jackson how many years he has been the Allegany High School Band Director, and he told him that it has been 28 years.

Commissioner Shade then read and presented the official Citation in honor of the Allegany High School Band. A round of applause followed.

Item 2 – Allegany County Solid Waste Management Board 25th Anniversary Citation – Woody Getz, Vice-Chairman, came forward to provide some background and details about the Solid Waste Management Board, including that the Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month, and that there are 15 seats on the Board, with a representative and an alternate for each. Mr. Getz pointed out that the Solid Waste Management Board hosts a number of events in the County, such as electronics drop-off, household hazardous waste collection, and tire recycling events. He thanked the Commissioners for their support.

Following Mr. Getz's remarks, Solid Waste Management Board Members present at the meeting came forward, and Commissioner Shade read and presented them with an official Citation. There was a round of applause.

ACTION AGENDA

Item 3 – PACE 2022 Agenda for the County Water and Sewer Meeting – Board of County Commissioners to approve the agenda for the Pre-PACE County Water and Sewer meeting to be held on January 20, 2022 – Adam Patterson, PE, Director of Public Works, presented background and information for this Item, as set forth on his Staff Report on the subject dated December 9, 2021, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Mr. Patterson also reviewed the agenda for the 2022 Pre-PACE County Water and Sewer Meeting. A copy of the agenda is also attached to and made a part of these Minutes.

Mr. Patterson thanked the Commissioners for their time and asked for their approval of the agenda for the 2022 Pre-PACE County Water and Sewer meeting.

Upon Motion made by Commissioner Shade, and seconded by Commissioner Caporale, the Board of County Commissioners approved the agenda for the Pre-PACE County Water and Sewer meeting to be held on January 20, 2022.

Item 4 – Agreement with Cumberland Economic Development Corporation for Acquisition of Property on Messick Road – Board of County Commissioners to approve an Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners, the Cumberland Mayor and City Council, and the Cumberland Economic Development Corporation to acquire 39.19 acres on Messick Road for a total cost of \$250,000, with the County providing \$125,000 from the Revolving Building Fund, and authorize the President of the County Commissioners to sign – Jeffrey S. Barclay, Director of Economic and Community Development. Nathan D. Price, Senior Project Manager with the Allegany County Department of Economic and Community Development, explained that a partnership comprised of Allegany County, the City of Cumberland, and the Cumberland Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) is working to acquire a little over 39 acres on Messick Road in Cumberland. Mr. Price told the Commissioners that the parties believe there are numerous possibilities for development of the property. He then turned the microphone over to Mr. Matt Miller of the CEDC. Mr. Miller commented on the good partnership between the CEDC and the County's Economic and Community Development Department and provided some details concerning the project. He thanked the Board of County Commissioners for their consideration and remarked that he looked forward to working with the Commissioners and County staff on the Messick Road Project, as well as additional projects in the future. Mr. Miller also said that the CEDC will welcome the County's participation on its Board of Directors.

Commissioners Shade and Caporale remarked on the successful partnership, as did City of Cumberland Mayor Ray Morriss. Mayor Morriss agreed with Mr. Miller that County participation on the CEDC's Board of Directors will be welcomed.

Commissioner Shade moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve an Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners, the Cumberland Mayor and City Council, and the Cumberland Economic Development Corporation to acquire 39.19 acres on Messick Road for a total cost of \$250,000, with the County providing \$125,000 from the Revolving Building Fund, and authorize the President of the County Commissioners to sign. Commissioner Caporale seconded the Motion. Motion carried to approve and authorize the President to sign the Agreement.

Item 13 – Ratification of Labor Management Agreement between Allegany County and the Sheriff's Correctional Division, FOP Lodge #144 – Board of County Commissioners approved the final Labor Management Agreement between Allegany County and the Sheriff's Correctional Division, FOP Lodge #144 – T. Lee Beeman, Jr., County Attorney, called the Commissioner's attention to Item 13 of the agenda, ratification of the Labor Management Agreement with the FOP, representing the County Sheriff's Correctional Division. He acknowledged the presence of Captain Dan Lasher of the Detention Center, and Phil Johnson, the new President of the FOP. Attorney Beeman remarked that it has been a pleasure working with Mr. Johnson while trying to bring negotiations on the Agreement to a resolution. He acknowledged that after many months of negotiations, the Agreement was resolved under the new FOP leadership, and he expressed his thanks. Attorney Beeman then asked the Commissioners to approve and ratify the Labor Management Agreement between Allegany County and the Sheriff's Correctional Division, FOP Lodge #144.

Commissioner Shade asked Captain Dan Lasher and Mr. Phillip Johnson, the Union President, if either of them wished to make any comments. Speaking from the audience, Mr. Johnson expressed his appreciation for everyone who participated in the negotiations, and thanked them for their attention and hard work during the long process.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Johnson for his efforts.

Upon Motion made by Commissioner Caporale, seconded by Commissioner Shade, and duly carried, the Board of County Commissioners approved the final Labor Management Agreement between Allegany County and the Sheriff's Correctional Division, FOP Lodge #144.

CONSENT AGENDA

As recommended by the County Administrator

Upon Motion by Commissioner Shade, seconded by Commissioner Caporale, and Motion carried, the Board of County Commissioners adopted the Consent Agenda as recommended by the County Administrator.

Item 5 – Second Amendment to Lease with Alliant Techsystems Operations, LLC at Riverside Industrial Park – Board of County Commissioners approved the Second Amendment between the Board of County Commissioners and Alliant Techsystems Operations, LLC to extend their current lease at Riverside Industrial Park an additional two months to expire on March 14, 2022, and authorize the President of the County Commissioners to sign.

Item 6 – Memorandum of Understanding with Northbranch Properties, LLC – Board of County Commissioners approved an MOU with Northbranch Properties, LLC for a lease purchase option on a portion of Building 27 in Riverside Industrial Park, 975 Kelly Road, Cumberland, and authorized the President of the County Commissioners to sign.

Item 7 – Allegany County Sheriff's Office Additional Positions – Board of County Commissioners approved the addition of two sworn deputies to the patrol operations for the Allegany County Sheriff's Office.

Item 8 – Allegany County State's Attorney's Office Additional Positions – Board of County Commissioners approved the addition of one attorney position and one paralegal position for the State's Attorney's Office.

Item 9 – Transit Division Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Assistance Grant Agreement – Board of County Commissioners approved the FY 2022 Capital Assistance Grant Agreement through Maryland Department of Transportation, to provide up to \$300,000 in federal funds to be matched by \$75,000 in local funds, and authorized the President of the County Commissioners to sign.

Item 10 – Lease Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and the Allegany County Human Resources Development Commission, Inc. – Board of County Commissioners approved the Lease Agreement with Allegany County Human Resources Development Commission, Inc., 301 Cumberland Street, Cumberland, Maryland, for five years beginning December 16, 2021 through November 30, 2026, and authorized the President of the County Commissioners to sign.

Item 11 – Classification & Compensation Study for Allegany County Government Bid Award – Board of County Commissioners awarded the contract for Classification & Compensation Study for Allegany County Government Employees to Evergreen Solutions, LLC, Tallahassee, Florida, in the amount of \$41,500, and authorized the President of the County Commissioners to sign.

Item 12 – Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) – Board of County Commissioners approved the MIEMSS Cardiac Devices Grant for the acquisition of two Cardiac Device Monitors at a total of up to \$34,002.59 with a required 50% match from Allegany County.

County Administrator Jason Bennett congratulated Allegany High School Band Director Larry Jackson.

County Attorney Lee Beeman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Commissioners' statements, comments, recognition –

Commissioner David Caporale wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Commissioner Jacob Shade added his wishes for a safe and happy holiday.

Constituents – In order of sign-up sheet – No one signed up to speak at this evening's meeting.

Reminders/Upcoming Meetings –

Next Public Business Meeting – Thursday, January 13, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

Announcement – Allegany County Government Schedule (See News Release)

Announcement – Allegany County Tax & Utility Schedule (See News Release)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come to the attention of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

True Copy
Attest:

Jacob C. Shade, President

Cynthia A. Young
Recording Secretary

Water/Sewer Pre-PACE Meeting Agenda

Meeting date: Thursday, January 20, 2022

Location: Caucus Room
The Westin Annapolis
100 Westgate Circle, Annapolis

Schedule: 930 to 1100 – Allegany County
1100 to 1130 – Luke
1130 to noon – LaVale Sanitary Commission
115 to 145 – Westernport
145 to 215 – Lonaconing
215 to 245 – Frostburg
245 to 315 – Cumberland

Water Projects:

- I. Completed (sheets not included)
 - a. Brant Road – Cresaptown
- II. Underway
 - a. Route 36 Water Line Replacement – Frostburg
- III. Planned
 - a. Dehaven and Mason Road Water Extension – Bedford Road
 - b. Route 220 Water Line Replacement – Bowling Green
 - c. Dicks Lane Water Extension – Eckhart
 - d. Judy Lane Water Extension – Bedford Road
 - e. Vale Summit Water Storage Tank – Frostburg
 - f. Bedford Road Water Extension – Bedford Road
- IV. Future
 - a. Flintstone
 - b. Midlothian
 - c. Harwood

Sewer Projects:

- I. Completed (sheets not included)
 - a. Mexico Farms Industrial Park PS Upgrade – Mexico Farms
- II. Underway
 - a. Locust Grove PS, Gravity, and Force Main – Jennings Run/Wills Creek
 - b. Flintstone WWTP
 - c. Oldtown WWTP
 - d. Biers Lane
 - e. Rawlings
 - f. Barton Business Park WWTP Upgrade
 - g. North Branch WWTP Clarifier
- III. Planned
 - a. Braddock Run Sanitary District Improvements
 - b. Bedford Road Sanitary District Improvements
 - c. Jennings Run Sanitary District Improvements

IV. Future

- a. Borden/Zihlman/Slabtown Sewer Extension
- b. Vale Summit Sewer Extension

American Rescue Plan Funding (Obligated)

Water Projects (≈ \$2 mil):

1. Bowling Green Meter Replacement (\$1.2 mil)
2. Bowling Green Water Booster Pump (\$100K)
3. Mexico Farms Waterline (\$300K)
4. Corriganville Waterline (\$200K)
5. Route 36 Waterline – PRV (\$75K)
6. Klondike Waterline (\$200K)

Sewer Projects (\$2 mil):

1. Cresaptown Sewer Replacement (\$100K)
2. Bowling Green Sewer Replacement (\$100K)
3. Georges Creek Sewer Repairs (\$500K)
4. Uhl Highway PS Replacement (\$100K)
5. Potomac Park PS Replacement (\$50K)
6. Braddock Run Sewer Rehab (\$125K)
7. Bedford Road Sewer Rehab (\$50K)
8. Jennings Run Sewer Rehab (\$150K)
9. McCoolle Sewer Rehab (\$100K)
10. Bowling Green Sewer Repairs (\$400K)
11. Cresaptown Sewer Rehab (\$75K)
12. Flintstone WWTP (\$250K)



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Item 3

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County Administrator
Adam Patterson, P.E.
Director of Public Works
Daniel S. DeWitt, P.E.
County Engineer

STAFF REPORT

TO: Jason Bennett, CPA, County Administrator
FROM: Adam Patterson, P.E., Director of Public Works *adp*
DATE: December 9, 2021
RE: Water and Sewer Projects Agenda for Pre-PACE Meeting

For the Agenda of: December 16, 2021 Public Meeting

1. BACKGROUND

For many years Allegany County has met with funding agencies prior to the PACE reception to discuss water and sewer projects in Allegany County. These meetings have been very successful. USDA, MDE, and MD Department of Housing and Community Development plan to attend the meeting. The Towns of Lonaconing, Luke, Westernport along with Frostburg, Cumberland, and LaVale Sanitary Commission will also participate in the meetings. A proposed agenda is included with this report for your review and approval.

2. ISSUES

The Department of Public Works prepares an agenda and requests the Commissioners' approval prior to sending the agenda to the different agencies.

3. FINANCIAL IMPACT

This specific meeting has assisted the County with obtaining the most favorable grant and loan combinations to address County water and sewer projects while maintaining equitable utility rates.

4. ALTERNATIVES

Do not hold the meetings with the funding agencies.

5. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

6. CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICY

Conforms to County policy.

7. RECOMMENDATION

Approve the attached agenda for the January 20, 2022 meeting with the funding agencies.