

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2008

Commissioner Jan Gardner, *President*, called to order a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, ("Board") for Thursday, November 6, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. Present were Commissioners David Gray, *Vice President*, Kai Hagen, Charles Jenkins and John L. Thompson, Jr. Also present were Ron Hart, County Manager and Patti Morrow, Recording Secretary.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Jenkins thanked the mayor and council of Brunswick for hosting the Veterans Day Parade recently.

Commissioner Gardner thanked the Board of Elections staff and volunteers for a successful election process.

Mr. Hart noted it was his decision to reschedule Commissioner Hagen's solid waste presentation to Thursday, November 18 because of a facility conflict with the Board of Elections.

AGENDA BRIEFING

The Board reviewed the public hearing to be held on Thursday, November 13, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. regarding proposed text amendments to cross train building, electrical and plumbing inspectors.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following item was pulled from the consent agenda:

Maryland HOME Initiatives Grant Application for the Frederick County American Dream Initiative – Jenny Short, Citizens Services Division

The remaining items were presented on the consent agenda.

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BID AWARDS

1. Purchasing Memo #09-94 – Ninety (90) Day Contract Extension of Desktop Office Supplies
2. Purchasing Memo #09-95 –Medical Services for the Inmates at the Frederick County Adult Detention Center (Renewal Contract RFP#05-35)
3. Purchasing Memo #09-96 – Flexible Spending Account Administrative Services Piggybacking Montgomery County Contract
4. Purchasing Memo #09-97 – Request to Purchase Two Horton Ambulances (Piggyback Contract)

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Memorandum of Agreement - Claiming of Federal Funds - Leon Hewerdine, Department of Social Services

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Veterans Day Proclamation

The Board proclaimed Tuesday, November 11, 2008, as Veterans Day in Frederick County.

Bid Awards – Hal Good, Finance Division

- Purchasing Memo #09-51 – Contract with Scott Key Center, Inc. for Custodial Services

Wayne Roach, Management Services, Sean Lore and Vince Coates, Scott Key Center, participated in the discussion.

Commissioner Hagen moved to approve the custodial services contract with the Scott Key Center, Inc. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion that passed 5-0.

- Purchasing Memo #09-91 – Renew Storage Tank Rental Agreement and Purchase of Liquid De-Icing Material

Tom Meunier and Bill Routzahn, Public Works Division, participated in the discussion.

Commissioner Jenkins moved to approve the staff recommendation. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion that passed 5-0.

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Decision on Frederick County Board of Appeals Vacancies - Joyce Grossnickle, County Manager's Office

Commissioner Hagen moved to appoint Al Duke to fill the full-time vacancy for a term to expire June 30, 2009. Commissioner Jenkins seconded the motion that passed 5-0.

Commissioner Gray moved to appoint Christopher Manners, Esquire, to fill the alternate position for a term to expire June 30, 2010. Commissioner Jenkins seconded the motion that passed 5-0.

Maryland HOME Initiatives Grant Application for the Frederick County American Dream Initiative – Jenny Short, Citizens Services Division

Jenny Short briefed the Board on the specifics of the initiative.

Commissioner Hagen moved to approve the staff recommendation. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion that passed 5-0.

Presentation of the 2008 Farmers Market Economic Impact Study - Colby Ferguson and Sandy Wagerman, Economic Development Division

Laurie Boyer, Economic Development Division, introduced the impact study.

Mr. Ferguson presented a PowerPoint presentation.

There was no action taken as the item was informational.

Finalization of the 2009 Legislative Package – John Mathias, Office of the County Attorney

Solid Waste Franchising

Mike Marschner, Utilities and Solid Waste Management Division, participated in the discussion.

The licensing of trash haulers was discussed.

Commissioner Thompson moved to keep solid waste franchising in the 2009 legislative package in the identical form as it was presented in the 2008 legislative package. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion that passed 3-2 with Commissioners Hagen and Jenkins opposed. It was noted Commissioner Gray would advocate for the bill during the legislative sessions.

Mr. Marschner indicated the single stream recycling bid award recommendation would be presented to the Board prior to the November 21, 2008, delegation meeting.

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Foreclosures/Renters Issue

Jenny Short participated in the discussion.

It was suggested to put the issue on the agenda as a topic of discussion at the delegation meeting.

The proposed legislative items would be presented by the Board to the Frederick County delegation members as reflected below:

Commissioner Gardner:

- Reduced state property tax for agricultural land subject to an agricultural preservation easement.
- Statewide proposal that pharmacies accept unused medicines for proper disposal.

Commissioner Gray:

- Solid waste franchising.
- County Commissioner compensation and pension/retirement program.

Commissioner Hagen:

- Authorization to establish a reasonable charge for public water shutoff.
- Liquor Board request for additional part-time alcoholic beverage inspectors.

Commissioner Jenkins:

- Joint resolution for Maryland General Assembly to call for U.S. Constitutional Convention regarding illegal immigration.

Commissioner Thompson:

- Maryland Constitutional Amendment to prohibit “economic development” takings in Frederick County.
- “Merged” state bond bill to provide for capital equipping of Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) and replacement of FCPS playground equipment.

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The position statements would be presented by:

Commissioner Thompson – State school construction funding for Frederick County should exceed the state government economic assistance for foreign (out of state) business entities.

Commissioner Hagen – Distribution of plastic bags should be banned in Frederick County.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – (3 MINUTE PRESENTATION)

None.

QUESTIONS – PRESS

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Morrow
Recording Secretary