

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009

A public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, ("Board") for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commissioner Jan Gardner, *President*. Present were Commissioners David Gray, *Vice President*; Kai Hagen and Charles Jenkins. Commissioner John L. Thompson, Jr. arrived to the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Also in attendance were Ron Hart, County Manager and Patti Morrow, Recording Secretary.

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The meeting began with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Applications for the Purchase of Agricultural Preservation Easements by the Frederick County Installment Purchase Program (IPP) – Tim Blaser and Anne Bradley, Land Preservation, Planning Division

- IPP-09-01 – Hope Green
- IPP-09-02 – Michael Ryan
- IPP-09-03 – Bear Gardens Limited Partnership
- IPP-09-04 – Betty Myers Credit Shelter Trust
- IPP-09-05 – James and Gladys Baker
- IPP-09-06 – Richard and Lillian Layman
- IPP-09-07 – Henry Lakin et al.
- IPP-09-08 – Dorothy Lewis
- IPP-09-09 – Michael and Aran Wolfe
- IPP-09-10 – James and Lolita Renehan

Tim Blaser and Anne Bradley presented the requests.

Public comment was heard from:

- Jim Lincoln
- Hope Green

Commissioner Hagen moved to approve the proposed applications for the FY 2009 IPP as presented. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion that passed 4-0 with Commissioner Thompson absent.

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WORKSESSION

Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association (FCVFRA) Alternative Management Committee Proposal (Continued from December 16, 2008) – Micky Fyock, FCVFRA

Mr. Fyock introduced the following members of the FCVFRA committee:

- Frank Davis, President, Vigilant Hose Company (Emmitsburg)
- Bob Jacobs, Past President, FCVFRA; Past President, Maryland State Firemen's Association
- Claire Ebersole, President, Brunswick Rescue and Ambulance Company
- Jim May, Chief, Urbana Volunteer Fire Department
- Luke Hodgson, Manager, Frederick County Fire and Rescue Services Division

Mr. Davis led a discussion on the proposed management plan for the FCVFRA, including the proposed organizational structure, position descriptions and operational plan.

(Commissioner Thompson arrived to the meeting.)

Michael Chomel, Office of the County Attorney, commented on the discussion.

Gene Mellin, Fire and Rescue Services Division, commented on the proposed operations committee.

Public comment was heard from:

- Tommy Carlin
- Scott Martin
- John Neary, President, Career Fire Fighters Association
- Eddie Arnold, President, Carroll Manor Volunteer Fire Company
- Brian Boller, President, Graceham Volunteer Fire Company
- Todd Johnson, President, Junior Fire Company
- Tim Ganley

Commissioner Gray moved to adopt the organizational configuration as proposed by the FCVFRA committee. Commissioner Hagen seconded the motion that failed 1-4 with Commissioners Gardner, Hagen, Jenkins and Thompson opposed.

It was indicated the issue would be scheduled for a worksession on Thursday, March 19, 2009, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Jenkins thanked Mayor Jim Hoover, Town of Emmitsburg, for attending the meeting.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR REQUESTS

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Morrow
Recording Secretary