

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FREDERICK COUNTY MEETING MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009

Commissioner Jan Gardner, *President*, called to order a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, (“Board”) for Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. Present were Commissioners David Gray, *Vice President*; Charles Jenkins and John L. Thompson, Jr. Also present were Ron Hart, County Manager and Mary Baker, Recording Secretary. Commissioner Kai Hagen arrived to the meeting as denoted in the minutes.

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NOTE: Copies of all staff reports are available in the OnBase system. If you need assistance with the OnBase system, please contact the recording secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Commissioner Hagen entered the meeting.)

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Jenkins wished to thank all of the Brunswick Volunteer Fire and Ambulance members.

Commissioner Jenkins noted the Board was working towards staffing the Point of Rocks Fire Company.

Commissioner Gardner noted today was recycle pick up day in her neighborhood.

WORKSESSION

Women’s History Month Proclamation

Commissioner Gardner presented the proclamation.

Surveyors Week Proclamation

Commissioner Gray presented the proclamation.

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ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Presentation of FY 2010 Staff Recommended Operating Budget – Mike Gastley, Finance Division

Mr. Gastley presented an overview of the FY 2010 operating budget and dates for budget review week.

No action was taken by the Board.

WORKSESSION

Framework for Sustainability – Including the Establishment of Frederick County Sustainability Commission – Hilari Varnadore, Office of Environmental Sustainability

Ms. Varnadore presented information to the Board.

In taking direction from the Board, staff developed a framework for sustainability to provide an initial internal guide to the organization of the county’s sustainability program. The framework also included the creation of a citizen appointed sustainability commission as well as an internal sustainable action team to assist in goal setting, program development, outreach, education and implementation of the sustainability program.

Staff requested direction on the information presented in the sustainability framework including preparation of an ordinance to formally establish the Frederick County Sustainability Commission as presented in the staff report.

There was Board consensus to adopt the sustainability framework as presented.

(Commissioner Jenkins left the meeting.)

Commissioner Hagen moved to approve the sustainability framework as outlined in the staff report, which included the preparation of an ordinance to formally establish the Frederick County Sustainability Commission. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion that passed 3-1-0 with Commissioner Thompson opposed and Commissioner Jenkins absent.

Commissioner Thompson offered a substitute motion in lieu of a sustainability commission, the Board would take on the role of the commission and hold the first meeting at 1:00 p.m. today. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

None.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

QUESTIONS – PRESS

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Baker
Recording Secretary