

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FREDERICK COUNTY MEETING MINUTES
FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009**

Commissioner Jan Gardner, *President*, reconvened a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, ("Board") for Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at 1:45 p.m. Present were Commissioners David Gray, *Vice President*; Kai Hagen, Charles Jenkins and John Thompson, Jr. (note Commissioner Thompson's arrival time). Also present were Ron Hart, County Manager, and Mary Baker, Recording Secretary.

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ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**FY 2010 Operating Budget – Mike Gastley, Finance Division**

There was consensus by the Board to reduce their expense account budget by \$500.00 each.

(Commissioner Thompson entered the meeting.)

(Commissioner Gardner left the meeting.)

Commissioner Thompson moved to eliminate \$7 million dollars from tax equity funds. Commissioner Jenkins seconded the motion.

(Commissioner Gardner entered the meeting.)

Commissioner Gray offered a substitute motion to reduce tax equity funds by \$2 million dollars instead of \$7 million dollars. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion that failed 2-3 with Commissioners Gardner, Hagen and Jenkins opposed.

Commissioner Jenkins requested to revisit the original motion to eliminate \$7 million dollars from tax equity funds. The motion passed 3-2 with Commissioners Gardner and Hagen opposed.

(Commissioner Jenkins left the meeting.)

Commissioner Thompson moved to eliminate \$150,000.00 from the Frederick County Innovative Technology Center. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion.

(Commissioner Jenkins entered the meeting.)

There was a 2-2-1 vote with Commissioners Gardner and Hagen opposed and Commissioner Jenkins abstained.

Staff reviewed the capital improvement projects for further funds.

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(Commissioner Gardner left the meeting and returned.)

(Commissioner Thompson left the meeting and returned.)

(Commissioner Hagen left the meeting and returned.)

Commissioner Thompson moved to reduce the FY 2010 Board of Education funds to the maintenance of effort level. Commissioner Jenkins seconded the motion that passed 5-0.

There was unanimous consent for the following funds to be utilized in the general fund budget for FY 2010:

- Snow removal funds of \$950,000;
- Rebate fleet funds of \$1 million dollars;
- Keep the equivalent number and funds of frozen positions from FY 2009 (there were 54 frozen positions);
- Reduce Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) tuition reimbursements by \$100,000; and
- Reduce county tuition reimbursements by fifty percent (50%) and use \$150,000 of volunteer fire funds from liability accounts.

There was a 3-2 vote to use \$500,000 from the LOSAP designated reserve fund. Commissioners Jenkins and Thompson were opposed.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

QUESTIONS – PRESS

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Baker
Recording Secretary