

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/MUNICIPALITIES MEETING
MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2009

Commissioner Jan Gardner, *President*, called to order a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, ("Board") and the municipalities of Frederick County for Thursday, April 16, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners David Gray, *Vice-President*; Kai Hagen and John L. Thompson, Jr. Commissioner Charles Jenkins was absent from the meeting.

Elected municipal officials present were Debby Burgoyne, Mayor, Town of Burkittsville; Carroll Jones, Mayor, and Karin Tome, Councilman, City of Brunswick; James Hoover, Mayor, Town of Emmitsburg; Jeff Holtzinger, Mayor and Alan Imhoff, Alderman, The City of Frederick; John Miller, Burgess, Town of Middletown; David Pyatt, Mayor, Gary Nelson and Wendi Peters, Councilmen, Town of Mount Airy; Jake Romanell, Councilman, Town of New Market; Jackie Ebersole, Burgess, Village of Rosemont; Robert Lookingbill and Glenn Muth, Commissioners, Town of Thurmont; Ralph Whitmore, Burgess, Town of Walkersville. Also present was Patti Morrow, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from Thursday, March 19, 2009, were approved by unanimous consent.

Business

Tax Equity Discussion – Board of County Commissioners

Commissioner Gardner commented on the tax equity funding decisions made during recent 2010 operating budget discussions. She indicated, according to the latest information from the state, the State Highway User Revenue (SHUR) would be cut to local governments which would in turn cause a shift of the municipal share to the county governments.

Mike Gastley, Finance Division, commented on the percentage of the SHUR that was cut by the state.

Commissioner Gardner briefed the municipal officials on actions reflected on the FY 2010 operating budget. The Rainy Day Fund was discussed briefly.

Councilman Nelson commented on the issue of giving advance notice regarding the funding of tax equity to the municipalities.

It was indicated a discussion of changing the tax equity funding formula may be scheduled for the fall.

Kristin Aleshire, Town Manager, Town of Myersville, reviewed statements regarding a 1981 brief regarding tax equity.

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The Board indicated a decision on tax equity funding would be made during a budget meeting scheduled on April 23, 2009, after hearing comments from the Frederick County Board of Education and the Frederick Community College Board of Trustees.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding was discussed regarding roads and the offsetting of the SHUR.

Annual Transportation Priorities Review – John Thomas, Planning Division

Mr. Thomas presented a PowerPoint presentation on the transportation priorities in preparation for submittal to the Maryland Department of Transportation in May.

A discussion of the transportation priorities ensued.

Bruce Dell, Planner and Zoning Administrator, City of Brunswick, commented on the local transit recommendations for Brunswick.

Mr. Smith commented on the priorities for the City of Frederick.

It was indicated a clarification of Tract Road and the reconstruction of MD 140 would be addressed and MD 75 would be removed from the priorities list.

Staff indicated the final version of the transportation priorities would be brought back to the Board for review on May 5, 2009.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Morrow
Recording Secretary