

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FREDERICK COUNTY MEETING MINUTES
FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2009**

Commissioner Jan Gardner, *President*, called to order a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, ("Board") for Friday, April 24, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners David Gray, *Vice President*; Kai Hagen, Charles Jenkins and John Thompson, Jr. Also present was Ron Hart, County Manager.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

FY 2010 Operating Budget Discussion – Mike Gastley, Finance Division

Mr. Gastley presented budget information to the Board.

The Board of Education (BOE) offered to identify \$1.5 million in FY 2010 and requested the county contribute \$1.5 million less to other post employment benefits (OPEB), which would equal \$3 million if the Board would agree to the revised maintenance of effort (MOE) waiver as presented yesterday, Thursday, April 23, 2009.

The Board did not express interest in signing the revised MOE waiver.

Commissioner Jenkins moved to recognize \$2 million in surplus funds from the capital budget for Linganore/West Frederick projects for FY 2009 and approximately another \$500,000.00 as previously identified from other miscellaneous projects. Commissioner Hagen seconded the motion that passed 5-0.

In order to close the county budget, Commissioner Gardner recommended all or a combination of the following items for public hearing:

- The MOE waiver;
- Shift in OPEB to BOE;
- Use of all or a portion of the bond enhancement funds;
- Possibility of two furlough days; and
- Possibility of reduction in salary by sliding scale percentage.

(Commissioner Jenkins left the meeting.)

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(Commissioner Gardner passed the gavel to Commissioner Gray.)

Commissioner Gardner moved to shift OPEB for BOE employees with the understanding that the Board would not fund paygo increases or increases to the base budget as it pertained to OPEB, and would not fund BOE OPEB now or in the future. This was to be solidified by resolution. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion that passed 3-1 with Commissioner Thompson opposed and Commissioner Jenkins absent.

Commissioner Gray moved to withdraw the MOE waiver request for this year. Commissioner Hagen seconded the motion that passed 3-1 with Commissioner Thompson opposed and Commissioner Jenkins absent.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Baker
Recording Secretary