

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/MUNICIPALITIES MEETING
MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, JULY 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, July 16, 2009, at 3:05 p.m. Present were Commissioners David Gray, *Vice-President*, Kai Hagen and Charles Jenkins. Commissioner John L. Thompson, Jr. was absent from the meeting.

Elected municipal officials present were Carroll Jones, Mayor, City of Brunswick; Wayne Creadick, Mayor, Town of Myersville; Jeff Holtzinger, Mayor, The City of Frederick; Ralph Whitmore, Burgess, Town of Walkersville; Nancy Floreen, Councilmember, Montgomery County. 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, June 18, 2009, were approved by unanimous consent.

BUSINESS

I-270/U.S. Route 15 Multimodal Study Alternatives Analysis and Environmental Assessment Briefing – Russ Anderson, Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA)

John Thomas, Planning Division, introduced Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Anderson introduced the representatives present from the SHA and Maryland Transit Administration (MTA).

Mr. Anderson presented a PowerPoint presentation on the 2009 release of the I-270/U.S. Route 15 Multimodal Study's Environmental Assessment and Alternatives Assessment prior to final review comments and the recommendation of a locally preferred alternative. He briefed the Board on the background for the study, gave a summary of the project impacts and the project schedule for choosing a locally preferred alternative. New design alternatives proposed by SHA for express toll lanes were also reviewed.

Mr. Thomas indicated the Board would hear a discussion of the locally preferred alternative recommendations during their August 20, 2009, Administrative Business meeting.

Jen Weeks, Parsons Brinckerhoff (working on behalf of the MTA), reported on the Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT) alignment. Service on the CCT would be provided by light rail transit or bus rapid transit.

Ms. Floreen commented on a recent briefing on the I-270/U.S. Route 15 multimodal study with the Montgomery County Council. She indicated Montgomery County was interested in working with Frederick County on the right solution for I-270.

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Public comment was heard from:

- Grace Halenbeck

Discussion of the Proposed Site of a County Library in Myersville – Wayne Creadick, Mayor and Kristin Aleshire, Town Manager, Town of Myersville

Mayor Creadick reported to the Board on current activities in Myersville.

Mr. Aleshire briefed the Board on the proposed site of the “old town hall” on Harp Road for the Myersville library project. He explained the building was vacated when the town offices were relocated to the municipal center.

He indicated the town would like to proceed with the demolition of the building.

Ron Hart, County Manager, informed the Board the cost for demolition of the building was considered in the construction budget for the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) project with the design of the library in the FY 2013 CIP and construction scheduled for FY 2014.

Beth Pelle, Frederick County Public Libraries, commented on the size of the Thurmont Library.

The Board indicated a letter would be sent to Town of Myersville stating the “old town hall” site was acceptable for the proposed library project, the demolition of the building was included in the CIP and the town would be reimbursed for the demolition.

It was noted Maryland State Comptroller Peter Franchot would be visiting Myersville on Friday, July 17, 2009.

COMMENTS

Mayor Jones announced the 11-year old District 2 baseball championship game would be held in Brunswick this evening at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Morrow
Recording Secretary