

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FREDERICK COUNTY MEETING MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**

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

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Hagen noted there was another accident on U.S.15 today.

Commissioner Gardner thanked the Board for attending the City’s annexation meeting Thursday evening.

Commissioner Gray congratulated the candidates running for office in the City of Frederick for showing up to the annexation meeting Thursday evening.

**WORKSESSION**

**Prostate Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation**

Commissioner Jenkins presented the proclamation.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

**Discussion Concerning the FY 2010 Budget Cuts from the State of Maryland – John Kroll and Mike Gastley, Finance Division**

Mr. Kroll, Mr. Gastley and Mitch Hose, Human Resources Division, presented potential funding to balance the budget following a deficit passed to the county from the state of Maryland.

Commissioner Thompson moved to strike the Thomas Pool Renovation funding, which would make funding available to balance the budget. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

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Commissioner Thompson moved to strike the Carroll Creek funding. This motion failed due to lack of a second.

(Commissioner Gardner left and re-entered the meeting.)

Commissioner Thompson moved to cut funding from the volunteer fire companies distribution account down to \$1.7 million. This motion failed due to lack of a second.

Commissioner Thompson moved to impound remaining undistributed funds from grants-in-aid and non-county agencies. This motion failed due to lack of a second.

(Commissioner Gray left the meeting.)

Commissioner Thompson moved to impound Frederick Innovative Technology Center, Inc. (FITCI) money. This motion failed due to lack of a second

(Commissioner Gray re-entered the meeting.)

(Commissioner Jenkins left the meeting.)

Dr. Brookmyer presented health department cuts from the state of Maryland. She noted due to state mandates, she could not be specific on cuts/programs/positions, but would come back before the Board after the state reviewed the information.

(Commissioner Jenkins re-entered the meeting.)

There was unanimous consent to cut/use the following funds from the budget:

- Debt Service savings - \$1,800,000
- County CIP Project Balance – \$1,028,500
- Life insurance BID savings – \$168,000
- Hiring freeze – \$700,000
- Montevue fund balance – \$100,000
- Fuel cost reserve – \$261,244

There was a 3-2 vote to transfer \$600,000 from the Fire and Rescue Services Division general fund account to the fire tax fund account with Commissioners Jenkins and Thompson opposed.

Commissioner Gardner provided additional guidance for the remainder of FY 2010 and upcoming FY 2011 including taking a closer look at take-home vehicle costs for Fire and Rescue Services Division, increase fee for parks and recreation, and services the municipalities receive from the county for free.

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Commissioner Jenkins wished to look into what else was left for funding/budget cuts that the state has, other state revenue that could be cut and what the county pays to the state versus what the county gets back from the state.

Commissioner Thompson moved to authorize and direct the County Manager, the County Attorney and Finance Division staff to explore the financial implications of Frederick County succeeding from the state of Maryland and becoming a state. This motion failed due to lack of a second.

Sheriff Chuck Jenkins commented on the budget issues.

**2010 Legislative Considerations - John Mathias, Office of the County Attorney and Ragen Cherney, Office of the County Manager**

Mr. Mathias and Mr. Cherney presented the updates to the legislative considerations packet since the August 25, 2009, meeting.

Commissioner Gardner requested staff to determine if the Planet Aid collection boxes that were appearing throughout the county violated any zoning or legal issues.

There was a 4-1 vote to take authorization to implement “pay-as-you-throw” charges for trash disposal to public hearing with Commissioner Jenkins opposed.

There was consensus to take the following to public hearing:

- Establishment of fees to help offset the cost of incarceration at the Frederick County Adult Detention Center;
- Implement mandatory recycling efforts; and
- Increase liquor license application fees and request for liquor license application processing fee.

(Commissioner Hagen left the meeting.)

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Mr. Donald Lee

**QUESTIONS – PRESS**

None.

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**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Mary E. Baker  
Recording Secretary