

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FREDERICK COUNTY MEETING MINUTES
FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2009**

Commissioner Jan Gardner, *President*, called to order a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, ("Board") for Tuesday, October 13, 2009, at 8:35 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 Thompson commented on a letter to the editor by Tom Lynch in *The Frederick News-Post*, noting his law firm was paid by developers to sue the tax payers over development within Frederick County.

Commissioner Gardner noted she attended the annual Frederick County Farm Bureau banquet Thursday night.

Commissioner Gardner noted she attended the Daughters of the American Revolution ceremony where they recognized the movement of the Braddock Monument Sunday night.

WORKSESSION

Character Counts! Week Proclamation

Commissioner Gardner presented the proclamation.

Business Women's Week Proclamation

Commissioner Gardner presented the proclamation.

Appointment to the Frederick County Parks and Recreation Commission - Joyce Grossnickle, Office of the County Manager

Ms. Grossnickle presented the applications.

There was no public comment.

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Commissioner Gray moved to appoint Mr. Bob Failor to fill an unexpired term to expire June 30, 2013. Commissioner Hagen seconded the motion that passed 5-0.

**Discussion and Update on County's Hiring Freeze - Ron Hart, Office of the County
Manager; Mitch Hose, Human Resources Division and Mike Gastley, Finance Division**

Mr. Hart, Mr. Hose and Mr. Gastley presented the update.

Commissioner Thompson requested tabling this discussion and go on to the next topic noting the decisions made regarding PAYSTATE would determine the outcome of this topic.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Jenkins moved to permanently eliminate 77 of the 95 frozen positions.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion that failed 2-3 with Commissioners Gardner, Gray and Hagen opposed.

Commissioner Hagen moved to approve the following recommendations:

1. Continue with the hiring freeze;
2. Delay approval of requests for exceptions for a 90-day timeframe; and
3. Allow the County Manager the authority to continue to review the requests and either approve or disapprove depending on whether the disapproval would result in a substantial reduction in services.

Commissioner Gardner moved to amend the motion to approve #1 and #2. The amendment received no second.

Commissioner Gray offered a substitute motion to approve #1 and revisit #2 after program discussions. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion that failed 2-3 with Commissioners Hagen, Jenkins Thompson opposed

The main motion passed 3-2 with Commissioners Jenkins and Thompson opposed.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

**PAYSTATE Carry Forward Funds Retention Request - Christine Lothen-Kline, Maryland
Cooperative Extension**

Ms. Lothen-Kline presented information regarding the request.

Commissioner Hagen moved to fund half of the requested amount. Commissioner Gardner

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seconded the motion that failed 2-3 with Commissioners Gray, Jenkins and Thompson opposed.

Commissioner Jenkins moved to impound the funds until January 28, 2010, when the program budget discussions concluded. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion that passed 5-0.

Proposed Resolutions to Petition The City of Frederick for Referenda on Crumland and COPT/Thatcher Annexations - Commissioner John L. Thompson, Jr.

Commissioner Thompson presented the proposed resolutions regarding The City of Frederick annexations.

Commissioner Thompson moved approval of the proposed resolution for Maryland to petition The City of Frederick for a referendum on the resolution of annexation of the 285.13 acres of the Crumland Farm property. Commissioner Hagen seconded the motion that passed 4-1 with Commissioner Jenkins opposed.

Commissioner Thompson moved approval of the proposed resolution for Maryland to petition The City of Frederick for a referendum on the resolution of annexation of the 151.291 acres of the Thatcher property. Commissioner Hagen seconded the motion that passed 4-1 with Commissioner Jenkins opposed.

(A copy of Resolution #09-33 and Resolution #09-34 can be obtained in the County Manager's Office or from the county's website, www.co.frederick.md.us)

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Jenkins noted he would be attending the senior forum this afternoon.

Commissioner Gray noted this evening at 8:00 p.m. Maryland Public Television was presenting a scientific movie about the Hubble telescope.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Chris Brown, 4-H Volunteer

QUESTIONS – PRESS

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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Mary E. Baker
Recording Secretary