

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/MUNICIPALITIES MEETING
MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 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, November 19, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners David Gray, *Vice-President*, Charles Jenkins and John L. Thompson, Jr. Commissioner Kai Hagen was absent from the meeting.

Elected municipal officials present were Carroll Jones, Mayor and Karin Tome, Councilman, City of Brunswick; Jeff Holtzinger, Mayor, Alan Imhoff, Alderman, Randy McClement, Mayor-Elect, Shelley Aloï, Karen Lewis Young and Carol Krimm, Aldermen-Elect, The City of Frederick; David Pyatt, Mayor, Town of Mount Airy; Jake Romanell, Councilman, Town of New Market and 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, October 15, 2009, were approved by unanimous consent.

BUSINESS

Countywide Comprehensive Plan ("Plan") Update – Eric Soter and Jim Gugel, Planning Division

Mr. Gugel gave an update on the process and upcoming schedule for the Plan. He indicated the Board has completed the primary work on the draft Plan.

Mr. Gugel noted there would be three (3) open houses scheduled prior to the public hearing in January 2010.

Mayor Jones questioned the Board regarding the water and sewer map amendment that was deferred. It was indicated it would be reconsidered on Tuesday, January 5, 2010.

Letter from The City of Frederick Regarding a Tax Setoff

Mayor Holtzinger commented on a request for a tax setoff for The City of Frederick. Commissioner Gardner noted a similar request had been received from the Town of Middletown.

Alderman Imhoff commented on the tax equity formula.

John Kroll, Finance Division, commented on the requests from The City of Frederick and Middletown for a tax setoff. He indicated a copy of the county audit and budget would be sent to The City of Frederick and the Town of Middletown.

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A discussion of the tax equity formula would be scheduled for the December 17, 2009, County/Municipalities meeting.

Burgess Whitmore noted the Town of Walkersville made no complaints following the recent tax equity cuts.

Fire Tax Rates

Commissioner Gardner stated county staff would be calculating the tax rates for the first due area for each fire company. It would be scheduled for discussion at the December County/Municipalities meeting.

(Commissioner Jenkins left the meeting at 3:55 p.m.)

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Thompson noted he would be willing to debate anyone on the recently adopted provisions of the county's Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance regarding school adequacies being applied to all lands annexed into municipalities after June 23, 2009, in a reasonably neutral forum, at a reasonably neutral venue and with a reasonably neutral moderator.

Commissioner Gardner thanked Mayor Holtzinger for his service to The City of Frederick.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Patti Morrow
Recording Secretary