

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FREDERICK COUNTY MEETING MINUTES
FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010**

Commissioner Jan Gardner, *President*, called to order a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, ("Board") for Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. Present were Commissioners David Gray, *Vice President*; Kai Hagen, John L. Thompson, Jr. and Blaine Young. 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 Gardner noted the Board would be attending the Brunswick Branch Library groundbreaking ceremony this afternoon at 1:00 P.M.

WORKSESSION

American Red Cross Month

Commissioner Gardner presented the proclamation.

Rotary Anniversary Proclamation

Commissioner Young presented the proclamation.

Presentation of Tree Planting Initiative for The Journey Through Hallowed Ground (JTHG) Corridor - Cate Magennis Wyatt, President, JTHG Partnership

This item was rescheduled for the April 6, 2010, meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Fire Tax District Review - Kelly Weaver, Finance Division

Ms. Weaver presented the review.

Commissioner Thompson moved to eliminate Station 28, Point of Rocks.

Commissioner Thompson withdrew his motion.

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Commissioner Thompson moved to revert back to a single fire tax rate throughout the county. There was no second to the motion.

Commissioner Gray moved to maintain the current tax structure. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion that passed 3-2 with Commissioners Thompson and Young opposed.

Commissioner Gray moved to direct staff to look for long term solutions such as restructuring (of personnel), other models being used in various jurisdictions, and changes and alterations within the current structure and come back before the Board by August 1, 2010.

Commissioner Hagen seconded the motion that passed 4-1 with Commissioner Thompson opposed.

Commissioner Thompson moved to reduce the salaries of the career staff within the urban fire tax districts. The motion failed 1-4 with Commissioners Gardner, Gray, Hagen and Young opposed.

(Commissioner Gray left the room.)

Commissioner Young moved to eliminate 80-90 firefighter positions. The motion failed 2-2 with Commissioners Gardner and Hagen opposed and Commissioner Gray absent.

(Commissioner Gray entered the room.)

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

For purposes of the following motions, these abbreviations will be used.

NPS – No Planned Service
PUD – Planned Unit Development
VC – Village Center
GI – General Industrial
ORI – Office, Research, Industrial
Ag/Rural – Agricultural/Rural
EI – Euclidian Institutional
R-1 – Residential
I – Institutional

PS – Planned Service
MXD – Mixed Use Development
LI – Limited Industrial
GC – General Commercial
NR – Natural Resources
A – Agricultural
OS/Rec – Open Space/Recreation
R-3 – Residential

Staff reviewed the updates and revisited 2-2 votes from prior meetings.

Commissioner Gray moved to designate the Catoctin Zoo property, Tax Map 25, Parcels 0176, 0174, 0173, 0711 (front) and 0430 (rear), as A zoning with GC land use designation on the front parcels and A zoning with A land use designation on the rear parcel with the understanding an ordinance would be drafted to make the zoo property conforming. Commissioner Hagen seconded the motion that passed 5-0.

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Commissioner Young moved to put Ms. Kitty Smith's property, Tax Map 47, Parcel 193, back to its original designation of A zoning with NR land use designation. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion that failed 2-3 with Commissioners Gray, Hagen and Thompson opposed.

Commissioner Young moved to designate Tax Map 56, Parcels 296, 390, 439, 207, 529, as LDR land use designation. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Commissioner Hagen moved to designate the north portion of Tax Map 66, Parcel 401, west of the stream, as RC zoning with rural community land use designation and no changes to Parcel 219 or the remainder of Parcel 401. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion that passed 3-2 with Commissioners Gardner and Thompson opposed.

Commissioner Young moved to include the Easterday property, Tax Map 37, in the growth area and designate it A zoning with A land use designation. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion that failed 2-3 with Commissioners Gray, Hagen and Thompson opposed.

Commissioner Young moved to designate Tax Map 79, Parcel 101, as A zoning with LDR land use designation. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion that failed 2-3 with Commissioners Gray, Hagen and Thompson opposed.

Commissioner Young moved to place the Monrovia Town Center back on the map for zoning and land use designation.

Commissioner Thompson noted objection to the motion as this property was the subject of a pending lawsuit involving the county.

The motion failed due to lack of a second.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Steve Yinger
- Scott Miller, Esquire, Weinberg & Miller

QUESTIONS – PRESS

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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Mary E. Baker
Recording Secretary