

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FREDERICK COUNTY MEETING MINUTES  
FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2010**

Commissioner Jan Gardner, *President*, called to order a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, (“Board”) for Tuesday, March 16, 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 Young noted he attended the Downtown Partnership meeting and commented on the letter sent to the Frederick County delegation regarding the “Dinning with Dogs” bill that was introduced in the beginning of the legislative session.

Commisisoner Young commented on the discussions this past weekend regarding a possible re-vote on the McKinney site as the future waste to energy site.

**WORKSESSION**

**Diabetes Alert Day Proclamation**

Commissioner Gardner presented the proclamation.

**Purchasing Month Proclamation**

Commissioner Gray presented the proclamation.

**Landmark Annexation into the City of Frederick – John Dimitriou, Planning Division**

Mr. Dimitriou presented the annexation information.

Rand Weinberg, Esquire, Weinberg and Miller, presented information on behalf of the land owner.

Commissioner Hagen moved to meet with the City of Frederick officials regarding issues the county had with the annexation. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion that passed 4-1 with Commissioner Thompson opposed.

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Commissioner Young moved to deny expressed approval at this time. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

**FY 2010 Operating Budget Review – Mike Gastley, Finance Division**

Mr. Gastley presented the review.

Commissioner Hagen moved to acknowledge the revised health insurance adjustment of a 12.5% increase, health prescription co-pay adjustment of a 7.7% increase, Board of Education maintenance of effort adjustment, capital improvements projects operating related reductions, bond premium and debt service adjustment as presented. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion that passed 5-0.

Commissioner Gardner moved that the county was not going to change the relationship with the municipalities in terms of support from the county's Interagency Information Technologies Division to their law enforcement agencies, but that county staff be directed to meet with the municipalities and their law enforcement agencies to update and negotiate / renegotiate the existing agreement that the county has with the City of Frederick and to treat Thurmont and Brunswick in a similar manner. Commissioner Hagen seconded the motion that passed 4-1 with Commissioner Thompson opposed.

Commissioner Gray moved to send a letter to the City of Frederick requesting they pay for the early opening of the landfill as it was at their request. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion that passed 5-0.

**WORKSESSION**

**Proposed Resolution to Explore Financial and Legal Ramifications of Seceding from Maryland and Applying to Congress for Admission to the Union as a New State – John L. Thompson, Jr., County Commissioner**

Commissioner Thompson presented the proposed resolution.

Public comment was taken from:

- Bill Ashton, City of Frederick

Commissioner Thompson moved to adopt the proposed resolution to authorize and direct the County Manager, County Attorney and Finance Division staff to explore the financial and legal ramifications of seceding from Maryland and applying as a new state. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion that failed 1-4 with Commissioners Gardner, Gray, Hagen and Young opposed.

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**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**QUESTIONS – PRESS**

None.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Mary E. Baker  
Recording Secretary