

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/MUNICIPALITIES MEETING
MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2010**

Commissioner Jan Gardner, *President*, called to order a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, ("Board") and the municipal officials of Frederick County for Thursday, January 21, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners David Gray, *Vice-President*, and Kai Hagen. Commissioner John L. Thompson, Jr. was absent from the meeting.

Elected municipal officials present were Carroll Jones, Mayor and Karin Tome, Councilman, City of Brunswick; Randy McClement, Mayor, and Shelley Aloï, Karen Lewis Young, Carol Krimm and Kelly Russell, Aldermen, The City of Frederick; Gary Nelson, Councilman, Town of Mount Airy; Winslow Burhans, Mayor and Jake Romanell, Councilman, Town of New Market; Jackie Ebersole, Burgess, Village of Rosemont; Marty Burns, Mayor and Glenn Muth, Councilman, Town of Thurmont; John Miller, Burgess, Town of Middletown; Ralph Whitmore, Burgess, Town of Walkersville and Gary Smith, Burgess, Town of Woodsboro. Also present was Patti Morrow, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for Thursday, December 17, 2009, were approved by unanimous consent.

BUSINESS

Approval of the 2010 Meeting Calendar

By unanimous consent the 2010 calendar was adopted as amended with the following changes: May 6 and October 14.

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

Mr. Gugel reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule noting the Frederick County Planning Commission would meet on Wednesday, February 3, 2010, to discuss the zoning and water and sewer maps only. The Board would meet beginning Thursday, February 4, 2010, to review the comments received from the public hearing.

Councilman Romanell indicated the municipal officials requested a collective meeting with the Board to discuss the comprehensive plan issues. He noted the officials also expressed interest in meeting with Richard Hall, Secretary, Maryland Department of Planning, to discuss the principles of Smart Growth. It was decided a separate meeting would be scheduled with Secretary Hall with a definite agenda.

Mr. Soter commented on the Municipal Growth Element. He noted broad policy issues and bypass issues should be considered for discussion during the proposed meeting with Secretary Hall.

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Commissioner Gardner would take care of scheduling the meeting.

Tax Setoff Legal Basis – Richard McCain, Office of the County Attorney

Mr. McCain briefed the municipal officials on the tax setoff program.

Commissioner Gardner indicated the outcome of the tax equity formula was not available at this time for discussion.

Reinstitution of the Council of Governments (COG) Meetings – Carroll Jones, Mayor, City of Brunswick

Mayor Jones gave a brief history of the COG meetings.

The officials indicated the issue would be discussed at the next Maryland Municipal League meeting and a decision would be made at the next municipalities meeting.

It was suggested to alternate sites for the monthly meetings of the municipal officials and the Board.

Mayor McClement offered to host the meetings alternating with the county. It was decided the February 18 meeting would be held in the Frederick City Annex Building, 140 West Patrick Street, with Councilman Romanell chairing the meeting.

Comments

Alderman Krimm questioned the Board regarding any money that would be passed through to the municipalities from a Homeland Securities grant. Commissioner Gardner indicated she would obtain a grant summary.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Patti Morrow
Recording Secretary