

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FREDERICK COUNTY MEETING MINUTES
FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010**

Commissioner Jan Gardner, *President*, called to order a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, ("Board") for Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at 8:35 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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NOTE: Copies of all staff reports are available in the OnBase system. If you need assistance with the OnBase system, please contact the recording secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Gardner noted she, Commissioners Gray, Hagen and Young attended the Human Relations Commission's awards ceremony last evening.

Commissioner Gardner noted she attended the Urbana baseball/softball league opening day ceremonies this past Saturday.

WORKSESSION

**Award Presentation - Commission on Disabilities - Linda Werner, Frederick County
Commission on Disabilities**

Ms. Werner presented the award to the Frederick County 4H Therapeutic Riding Program Inc.

(Commissioner Thompson left the meeting.)

PUBLIC HEARING

**FY 2010 Installment Purchase Program Applications - Tim Blaser and Anne Bradley,
Planning Division**

Mr. Blaser and Ms. Bradley presented the 10 properties for the installment purchase program (IPP).

Public comment was taken from:

- Tara Lehtonen

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Commissioner Gray moved approval of the top 10 farms, as outlined in the staff report, for the FY 2010 IPP, including terms up to 20 years and up to \$2,000 per acre of property without development rights. Commissioner Hagen seconded the motion that passed 4-0 with Commissioner Thompson absent.

(Commissioner Thompson re-entered the meeting.)

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

**Request for Public Hearing Regarding the Proposed Water and Sewer Fee Increases -
Brenda Teach, Utilities and Solid Waste Management Division**

Mike Marschner, Kevin Demosky, Rodney Winebrenner and Ms. Teach, Utilities and Solid Waste Management Division, presented the request for water and sewer fee increases to go to public hearing.

Commissioner Gray moved to take the proposed water and sewer fee increases to public hearing, tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2010, as presented in the staff report, including the holding tank fee of \$9.75. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion that passed 4-1 with Commissioner Young opposed.

FY 2011 Constant Yield Tax Rate - Mike Gastley, Finance Division

Mr. Gastley presented the tax rate.

Commissioner Gray moved to take the proposed tax rate of \$.936 to public hearing, tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 4, 2010. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion that passed 3-2 with Commissioners Thompson and Young opposed.

Refunding Bond Issue – John Kroll, Finance Division

Sam Ketterman, Davenport & Company LLC (county financial advisor), James Cumbie, Venable LLP (county bond counsel), and Mr. Kroll explained to the Board the procedure of refinancing bonds. The bids arrived at 11:00 a.m. for the refinance, with the apparent low bidder being Citigroup Global Markets, Inc., with an interest cost of 2.519154 percent.

Commissioner Gardner moved to authorize the award to the best bidder and with the lowest total interest cost and to authorize the issuance of the refunding in the optimized amount. Commissioner Hagen seconded the motion that passed 5-0.

The bid would be verified and a resolution prepared to finalize the sale of the bonds.

(A copy of Resolution #10-07 can be obtained in the County Manager's Office or from the county's website, www.FrederickCountyMD.gov)

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COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Young commended Ron Hart, County Manager, for his volunteerism with little league baseball.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

QUESTIONS – PRESS

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Mary E. Baker
Recording Secretary