

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2010

Commissioner Jan Gardner, *President*, reconvened a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, ("Board") for Thursday, May 13, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. Present were Commissioners David Gray, *Vice President*, Kai Hagen (arrived to the meeting at 1:55 p.m.), John L. Thompson, Jr. and Blaine Young. Also present was Patti Morrow, Recording Secretary.

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ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

FY 2011 Operating Budget – Mike Gastley, Finance Division

The Board reviewed the following FY 2011 subsequent budget items:

Health Department

Drs. Barbara Brookmyer and Monica Grant, Health Services Division, commented on the infants and toddlers grant. Since the county match was not required, the Health Department requested to keep the funds allocated for the grant. Commissioners Gardner, Gray and Hagen were in favor of allowing the funds to go to the Health Department. Commissioners Thompson and Young were not in favor.

Management Services Division

By unanimous consent the Board agreed to fund the increase in the system benefit charge.

Austin Abraham, Management Services Division, commented on the county subsidized parking fees.

Interagency Information Technologies Division (IIT)

Dale Spangenberg, IIT, commented on the PeopleSoft expansion fees. By unanimous consent the Board agreed to fund the request. Commissioners Thompson and Young were not in favor.

By unanimous consent, the Board agreed to fund a correction of the IIT salary and fringe benefits calculation. Commissioner Thompson was opposed.

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Sheriff's Office

Commissioner Gardner indicated Dr. Linda Burgee, Superintendent, Frederick County Public Schools, would add an item for approval on the Board of Education agenda regarding an offer of \$200,000 to help fund the crossing guard program for another year.

Sheriff Jenkins and Renee Williar, Sheriff's Office, presented a proposal to implement a crossing guard program.

Human Resources Division

Mitch Hose, Human Resource Division, commented on the sick leave incentive program.

Commissioner Gray moved to eliminate the sick leave donor program and not recognize any funding for it. Commissioner Hagen seconded the motion that passed 5-0.

Revenue Reductions

The Board recognized the \$61,058 reduction of the State Highway User Revenue.

The municipal tax billings would remain as stands and may be revisited.

Transit Services Division

Nancy Norris, Transit Services Division, commented on the various programs and the Route #65 to Walkersville.

By unanimous consent the Board agreed to bring back Transit Route #65 with no additional funding. Commissioner Thompson was opposed and Commissioner Young abstained.

Reduction of Allocation to the Volunteer Fire Companies

Tom Owens, Fire and Rescue Services Division, and Barry Stanton, Assistant County Manager, commented on the reduction.

Mr. Owens indicated he would come back in 60 days with an allocation of reductions by the Frederick County volunteer fire companies.

Commissioner Thompson's List

Commissioner Thompson moved to eliminate funding to the following corporations with the savings allocated to reducing the county's unfunded liability for FY 2011 retiree health care benefits:

- Frederick Arts Council, Inc.

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- Weinberg Center for the Arts, Inc.
- Frederick Innovative Technology Center, Inc. (FITCI)
- Historical Society of Frederick County, Inc.
- Delaplaine Center for the Arts, Inc.
- National Civil War Medicine Museum, Inc.
- Jeanne Bussard Center, Inc.
- Hope Alive, Inc.
- Frederick County Hepatitis Clinic, Inc.
- Heartly House
- Daybreak Adult Daycare Services, Inc.
- Cakes for a Cause, Inc.
- The Arc of Frederick County, Inc.
- Advocates for Homeless Families, Inc

Commissioner Young seconded the motion.

Commissioner Gray offered an amendment to remove Advocates for the Homeless Families, Inc. from the list.

Commissioner Thompson accepted the amendment.

Commissioner Gardner requested to remove FITCI from the list.

By unanimous consent the Board decided to take a separate vote on each organization.

Frederick Arts Council, Inc.

The motion to reduce the Frederick Arts Council, Inc. from \$30,000 to \$0 passed 3-2 with Commissioners Gardner and Hagen opposed.

Weinberg Center for the Arts, Inc.

The motion to reduce the Weinberg Center for the Arts, Inc. passed 3-2 with Commissioners Gardner and Hagen opposed.

Historical Society of Frederick County, Inc.

A motion to amend the reduction to the Historical Society of Frederick County, Inc. from \$10,000 to \$5,000 was made by Commissioner Gray. Commissioner Young seconded the amendment that passed 3-2 with Commissioners Gardner and Hagen opposed.

The vote on the main motion was 3-2 with Commissioners Gardner and Hagen opposed.

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Delaplaine Center for the Arts, Inc.

The motion to reduce the Delaplaine Center for the Arts, Inc. from \$5,000 to \$0 passed 3-2 with Commissioners Gardner and Hagen opposed.

National Civil War Medicine Museum, Inc.

Commissioner Young offered an amendment to take the funding reduction of the National Civil War Medicine Museum, Inc. to \$1. Commissioner Thompson seconded the amendment that failed 2-3 with Commissioners Gardner, Gray and Hagen opposed.

The vote on the main motion to reduce funding from \$5,000 to \$0 was 3-2 with Commissioners Gardner and Hagen opposed.

Jeanne Bussard Center, Inc.

Commissioner Young offered an amendment to reduce the funding to the Jeanne Bussard Center, Inc. from \$19,000 to \$10,000. Commissioner Thompson seconded the amendment that passed 3-2 with Commissioners Gardner and Hagen opposed.

Hope Alive, Inc.

The vote on the motion to reduce funding from \$6,678 to \$0 was 3-2 with Commissioners Gardner and Hagen opposed.

Frederick County Hepatitis Clinic, Inc.

Commissioner Young offered an amendment to reduce the funding to the Frederick County Hepatitis Clinic, Inc. to \$7,500. Commissioner Thompson seconded the amendment that passed 3-2 with Commissioner Gardner and Hagen opposed.

Heartly House

Commissioner Young offered an amendment to reduce the funding to the Heartly House from \$11,019 to \$5,000. Commissioner Thompson seconded the amendment that passed 3-2 with Commissioners Gardner and Hagen opposed.

Daybreak Adult Daycare Services, Inc.

Commissioner Young offered an amendment to reduce the funding to the Daybreak Adult Daycare Services, Inc. from \$25,946 to \$15,000. Commissioner Thompson seconded the amendment that passed 3-2 with Commissioners Gardner and Hagen opposed.

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Cakes for a Cause, Inc.

Commissioner Young offered an amendment to reduce the funding to Cakes for a Cause, Inc. from \$14,250 to \$7,500. Commissioner Thompson seconded the amendment that passed 3-2 with Commissioners Gardner and Hagen opposed.

The Arc of Frederick County, Inc. (Arc)

Commissioner Young offered an amendment to reduce the funding to the Arc from \$35,197 to \$25,000. Commissioner Thompson seconded the amendment that passed 3-2 with Commissioners Gardner and Hagen opposed.

Margaret Nusbaum, Citizens Services Division, commented on the ARC.

Frederick Innovative Technology Center, Inc.(FITCI)

Laurie Boyer, Economic Development Division, commented on FITCI.

Commissioner Young offered an amendment to reduce funding to FITCI from \$125,000 to \$100,000. Commissioner Thompson seconded the amendment that passed 4-1 with Commissioner Hagen opposed.

Volunteer Frederick

Commissioner Young moved to reduce the funding to Volunteer Frederick from \$18,050 to \$15,000. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion that passed 3-2 with Commissioners Gardner and Hagen opposed.

Tax Equity

Mr. Gastley briefed the Board on the new formula for the property tax set-off created from the recently enacted House Bill 476.

Commissioner Gardner proposed to shift funding for the Frederick Municipal Airport, Carroll Creek, Memorial Park maintenance and the Community Action Agency into The City of Frederick's tax equity payment, as well as the IT in-kind services to the Frederick Police Department, City of Brunswick, and the Town of Thurmont.

Commissioner Gray moved to adopt Commissioner Gardner's proposal and communicate it to those affected municipalities. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion that passed 4-1 with Commissioner Young opposed.

The Board indicated tax equity, bulk trash, Frederick Community College and Community Agency School Services (CASS) program would be scheduled for discussion on Wednesday, May 19, 2010.

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Community Agency School Services (CASS) Program

Hal Keller, Frederick County Public Schools, commented on the CASS program funding.

Commissioner Young moved to reduce the funding for CASS by \$21,000 in FY 2011 and by \$22,000 in FY 2012. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion that passed 5-0.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTE PRESENTATION)

Carroll Jones, Mayor, City of Brunswick

QUESTIONS – PRESS

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Patricia A. Morrow
Recording Secretary