

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FREDERICK COUNTY**  
**MEETING MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2010**

Commissioner Jan Gardner, *President*, called to order a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, ("Board") for Wednesday, May 19, 2010, at 1:00 p.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 Patti Morrow, Recording Secretary.

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Gardner noted several members of the Board attended the funeral of Corporal Kurt Shea.

**ADMINSTRATIVE BUSINESS**

**FY 2011 Operating Budget – Mike Gastley, Finance Division**

Tax Equity/Tax Duplication

John Kroll, Finance Division, briefed the Board on municipal tax duplication that resulted from the recently enacted House Bill 476. Mr. Kroll indicated the budget implication of House Bill 476 was a negative figure of \$98,977.

Commissioner Gray moved to fund the \$98,977 from the current budget balance of \$249,726. Commissioner Hagen seconded the motion that passed 3-2 with Commissioners Thompson and Young opposed.

Public comment was heard from:

- Drew Bowen, Town Administrator, Town of Middletown
- Randy McClement, Mayor, The City of Frederick
- Robert Lookingbill, Commissioner, Town of Thurmont
- Carroll Jones, Mayor, City of Brunswick
- Kristin Aleshire, Town Manager, Town of Myersville

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Municipal Tax Billing

It was indicated staff would resend the initial memorandum of understanding (MOU) which charged the municipality \$1 for every tax bill sent out. If the municipality has not returned the MOU by the close of business on Friday, May 28, 2010, the county would not provide the service.

Parking Fees

Commissioner Gray moved to fund the contractual parking fee increases. Commissioner Hagen seconded the motion that passed 4-1 with Commissioner Thompson opposed. It was noted staff would analyze the library parking spaces in the East Patrick Street parking deck.

(Commissioner Gardner passed the gavel to Commissioner Gray and left the meeting.)

Bulk Trash

Commissioner Thompson moved to eliminate the bulk trash service. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion that passed 4-0 with Commissioner Gardner absent.

(Commissioner Gardner returned to the meeting and Commissioner Gray passed the gavel back to her.)

Frederick Community College (FCC)

Commissioner Hagen moved to take \$500,000 from the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) trust fund to restore one-half of the FCC reduction. The motion did not receive a second.

Commissioner Thompson moved to apply \$11 million from FCC funding and put it towards the OPEB liability fund. The motion did not receive a second.

Other items

By unanimous consent staff was directed to evaluate raising the health care co-pay with the savings to go toward the OPEB liability fund.

Commissioner Thompson moved to eliminate the funding to the Office of Economic Development, or any lesser amount that would garner a second, with the savings to go to the OPEB liability fund. The motion did not receive a second.

Commissioner Thompson moved to eliminate the funding for Workforce Development, or any lesser amount that would garner a second, with the savings to go to the OPEB liability fund. The motion did not receive a second.

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Commissioner Thompson moved to eliminate funding for the Extension Service, or any lesser amount that would garner a second, with the savings to go to the OPEB liability fund. The motion did not receive a second.

Commissioner Thompson moved to eliminate \$108,536 from the Department of Social Services, or any lesser amount that would garner a second, with the savings to go to the OPEB liability fund. Commissioner Young seconded the motion that failed 2-3 with Commissioners Gardner, Gray and Hagen opposed.

Commissioner Thompson moved to eliminate the remaining funding of \$101,530 from the Frederick Soil Conservation District, or any lesser amount that would garner a second, with the savings to go to the OPEB liability fund. Commissioner Young seconded the motion that failed 2-3 with Commissioners Gardner, Gray and Hagen opposed.

Commissioner Thompson moved to eliminate \$1 million of the county funding to the Head Start Program, or any lesser amount that would garner a second, with the savings to go to the OPEB liability fund. Commissioner Young seconded the motion that failed 2-3 with Commissioners Gardner, Gray and Hagen opposed.

Margaret Nusbaum, Citizens Services Division (CSD), commented on the proposed funding elimination to the Head Start Program.

Commissioner Gray moved to restore \$20,000 to the Frederick County Arts Council, Inc. Commissioner Young seconded the motion that passed 4-1 with Commissioner Thompson opposed.

Commissioner Gray moved to restore \$10,000 for the Frederick County Hepatitis Clinic, Inc. Commissioner Hagen seconded the motion that passed 3-2 with Commissioners Thompson and Young opposed.

Margaret Nusbaum (CSD) commented on The Arc of Frederick County, Inc. and Jeanne Bussard Center, Inc.

Commissioner Gray moved to apply the funding reductions to the bottom line of the general fund. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. The motion was amended to apply the funding reductions to the contingency fund. The vote on the amended motion was 3-2 with Commissioners Thompson and Young opposed.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTE PRESENTATION)**

- Susie Miller, Member of the Frederick Arts Council, Inc. Executive Committee

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- Tom Vitale, Executive Director, Volunteer Frederick
- Shaun Butcher, Executive Director, Frederick Arts Council, Inc.
- Scott Rosenfelt

**QUESTIONS – PRESS**

None.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Patricia A. Morrow  
Recording Secretary