

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/MUNICIPALITIES MEETING  
MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, JULY 15, 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, July 15, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners David Gray, *Vice-President*, Kai Hagen, John L. Thompson, Jr. and Blaine Young.

Elected municipal officials present were Carroll Jones, Mayor, City of Brunswick; Randy McClement, Mayor, Shelley Aloï, Karen Lewis Young, Carol Krimm, Kelly Russell, and Michael O'Connor, Aldermen, The City of Frederick; Jackie Ebersole, Burgess, Village of Rosemont; Debbie Burgoyne, Mayor, Town of Burkittsville; Jake Romanell, Councilman, Town of New Market. 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, June 17, 2010, were approved by unanimous consent.

**BUSINESS**

**The City of Frederick (City) Legislative Priorities – Carol Krimm and Karen Young, The City of Frederick**

Ms. Krimm indicated the City had recently instituted a process for introducing the City's legislative priorities first to the Board and then to the local delegation.

Ms. Krimm commented on the importance of municipalities in the county. She mentioned a resolution that had recently passed unanimously at the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Convention regarding the reinstatement of state shared revenues diverted from municipal governments. Ms. Krimm requested the Board to petition the Maryland Association of Counties to initiate a similar resolution specifically targeting the State Highway User Revenues (SHUR).

A discussion of SHUR, tax equity and other revenues ensued.

It was decided a committee would be set up to study the tax equity methodology based on property tax. The committee would consist of two (2) members from the Board, representatives from Frederick County Finance Division, two (2) members from MML, two (2) financial representatives from MML and three (3) citizen representatives. The proposed committee would be discussed again at the September County/Municipalities meeting to be held on Thursday, September 16, 2010. It was indicated that city staff would coordinate a joint press release with county staff regarding the committee and request applications from interested citizens.

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Miscellaneous Items

A Hotel/Motel tax increase was discussed.

Commissioner Gray mentioned an opportunity for local officials to attend an emergency management training program regarding crisis leadership.

Commissioner Thompson moved to appoint Marty Burns, Mayor, Town of Thurmont, to select the date, time and location of future County/Municipalities meetings. The motion received no second.

Mr. Romanell indicated it was the consensus of elected officials that the 3:00 p.m. meeting time was preferred. He also commented on the productive discussion of the meeting following the recent concerns regarding the comparison of services that was sent to municipalities with the tax bills.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Patti Morrow  
Recording Secretary