

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

Commissioner Jan Gardner, *President*, called to order a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, ("Board") for Tuesday, September 7, 2010, at 8:30 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 Patti Morrow, Recording Secretary.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Thompson commented on the proposed alcohol legislation.

Commissioner Young noted he attended the Tour of Duty Run event. He also noted the passing of George Dredden.

Commissioner Gray noted he and Commissioner Hagen met with folks associated with the local Burmese community and also attended the local Chin New Year festivities held at Tuscarora High School.

WORKSESSION

Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

The Board proclaimed Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

PUBLIC HEARING

FY 2011 Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Fund (MALPF) Agricultural Preservation Easement Applications – Tim Blaser and Ann Bradley, Planning Division

Mr. Blaser and Ms. Bradley presented a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed MALPF applications.

There were no public comments.

Commissioner Hagen moved to approve the seven (7) farms for the FY 2011 MALPF program, as presented. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion that passed 4-1 with Commissioner Young opposed.

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WORKSESSION

Appointments to Boards/Commissions and Committees – Joyce Grossnickle, Office of the County Manager

Agriculture Business Council

There were no public comments.

Commissioner Hagen moved to appoint Christine Demas to serve as an at-large representative to fill an unexpired term to expire June 30, 2013, and Scott Hipkins to serve as the business representative to fill an unexpired term to expire June 30, 2011. Commissioner Young seconded the motion that passed 5-0.

Frederick County Public Schools Representation on Frederick County Boards and Commissions

There were no public comments.

Commissioner Hagen moved to approve the following representatives:

- Kathleen Hartsock as an ex officio and nonvoting member of the Human Relations Commission;
- Janet Shipman as an ex officio and nonvoting member of the Mental Health Advisory Committee; and
- Ann Hammond as an ex officio and nonvoting member of the Mental Health Management Agency of Frederick County, Inc. Board of Directors.

Commissioner Gray seconded the motion that passed 5-0.

Proposed Policy on Restricted Use of Mobile Communication Devices While Driving – Mike Beard, Finance Division

Mr. Beard noted after further discussions with several division directors, he modified the original proposed policy to more specifically exempt certain emergency situations.

There were no public comments.

Commissioner Gray moved to approve the adoption of the Use of Mobile Communication Devices While Driving Policy No. 10-02, as presented. Commissioner Hagen seconded the motion that passed 5-0.

(Commissioner Young left the meeting at 9:40 a.m.)

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Priority Funding Area (PFA) Revisions – Jim Gugel, Planning Division

Mr. Gugel presented revisions to the PFA mapping that would address the changes in the zoning, community growth area boundaries, water/sewer classifications, and update the original PFA mapping that was certified by the county in 1998.

There were no public comments.

Commissioner Hagen moved to approve and certify the recommended draft PFA map. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion that passed 4-0 with Commissioner Young absent.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

2011 Legislative Considerations – John Mathias, Office of the County Attorney and Ragen Cherney, Office of the County Manager

By unanimous consent the Board voted to add the increase in liquor license application fees and the implementation of a processing fee to the list of legislative considerations.

Board of Education Current Expense Fund Amendment #6-10 – Mike Gastley, Finance Division

Diane Penn, Frederick County Public Schools, commented on Current Expense Fund Amendment #6-10.

Commissioner Gray moved to approve the amendment #6-10. Commissioner Hagen seconded the motion that passed 4-0 with Commissioner Young absent.

FY 2012 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Calendar, Policies and Direction – Kelly Weaver, Finance Division

Ms. Weaver reviewed the proposed CIP calendar with the Board.

Dave Ennis, Public Works Division, commented on the construction costs for the upcoming year.

Commissioner Gray moved to approve the FY 2012–2017 CIP calendar, policies and direction as amended and ratify the proposed construction cost adjustment factors. Commissioner Hagen seconded the motion that passed 4-0 with Commissioner Young absent.

Preliminary Discussion of the FY 2012 Operating Budget Calendar – Mike Gastley, Finance Division

Ms. Weaver reviewed the proposed FY 2012 operating budget calendar with the Board.

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The Board voted by unanimous consent to schedule the base budget, initial revenue projections for the first week after the newly elected Board takes office.

The Board requested staff schedule discussions of the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) and a presentation of single district fire tax in October.

COMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Gary Brooks

QUESTIONS – PRESS

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Patricia A. Morrow
Recording Secretary