

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/MUNICIPALITIES MEETING MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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, September 16, 2010, at 3:05 p.m. Present were Commissioners David Gray, *Vice-President*, Kai Hagen and Blaine Young. Commissioner John L. Thompson was absent.

Elected municipal officials present were Jackie Ebersole, Burgess, Village of Rosemont; Ralph Whitmore, Burgess, Town of Walkersville; Karen Lewis Young, Carol Krimm, Kelly Russell, Shelley Aloï and Michael O'Connor, Aldermen, The City of Frederick; Carroll Jones, Mayor, and Karin Tome, Councilman, City of Brunswick; Wendy Peters, Councilwoman, Town of Mount Airy; Jake Romanell, Councilman, Town of New Market; and Debbie Burgoyne, Mayor, Town of Burkittsville. Also present was Pattie Weber, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for Thursday, August 26, 2010, were approved by unanimous consent.

BUSINESS

Discussion of the City/County Tax Equity Workgroup

Discussion continued regarding the creation of a tax equity workgroup. Mr. Romanell summarized the initial joint working committee to discuss tax equity. The committee would consist of two elected officials from the municipalities, two county commissioners, two financial staff members from the county, two financial staff members from the municipalities and two members from the general public.

Mr. Romanell added that after a meeting of the Maryland Municipal League (MML), it was the consensus that a revised membership would be brought before the Board consisting of two county commissioners, three elected officials from the municipalities (respectively from one small community, one medium populated town and one large city) and one member from the state delegation. Financial staff would be included as members of the committee and there would be no public members, however, the meetings of the workgroup would be televised and would be open to the public.

It was agreed by consensus that the workgroup would consist of the revised proposed members. A future meeting will be scheduled to designate the members.

Discussion of the Legislation Regarding the Tax Set-off – Commissioner Blaine Young

Commissioner Young proposed the wording in the legislation be clarified to ensure/guarantee the tax equity formula. Commissioner Gardner suggested he draft a proposal to present at a future date.

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Mr. Romanell suggested that it be brought to the next BOCC/Municipalities meeting.

Comments were heard from Mr. John Kroll, Finance Division.

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

Mr. Cherney discussed the legislative schedule. Seventy-five letters were sent to local businesses for feedback on the proposals presented for 2011.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments were heard from Ron Hart.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Patricia Weber
Recording Secretary