

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/MUNICIPALITIES MEETING
MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2011**

Commissioner Blaine R. Young, *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, March 10, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. Present were Commissioners C. Paul Smith, *Vice President*; Billy Shreve, David Gray and Kirby Delauter.

Elected municipal officials present were Carroll Jones, Mayor, City of Brunswick; Jim Hoover, Mayor, Town of Emmitsburg; Randy McClement, Mayor, Karen Young, Shelly Aloï, Michael O'Connor, Aldermen, The City of Frederick; John Miller, Burgess, Town of Middletown; Wendi Peters, Councilman, Town of Mount Airy; Winslow Burhans, Mayor and Jake Romanell, Councilman, Town of New Market; Jackie Ebersole, Burgess, Village of Rosemont; Glenn Muth, Commissioner, Town of Thurmont; and Ralph Whitmore, Burgess, Town of Walkersville. 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, January 20, 2011, were approved by unanimous consent.

BUSINESS**Annexation Process Review – Jim Gugel, Community Development Division**

Mr. Gugel presented the recently adopted the annexation review process for municipal annexations. He indicated the Board would conduct the annexation review prior to a municipality's public hearing.

There were questions presented regarding the express approval process from the state code. It was indicated Mr. Gugel would prepare a discussion regarding the interpretations of the "Five-Year Rule" when express approval of an annexation is denied by the Board.

Progress Update on the Tax Set-Off Committee – Dave Dunn, Assistant County Manager

Mr. Dunn gave a brief update on the progress of the Tax Set-Off Committee.

Progress Update on the Synergies Committee – Commissioner C. Paul Smith

Commissioner Smith briefed the elected officials on the progress of the Synergies Committee.

Progress Update of the Repeal of the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO) Schools Test for Municipalities – Commissioner Blaine R. Young

Commissioner Young reported the Board adopted an ordinance that repealed the provisions of the APFO which applied to the school adequacy provisions to all lands annexed into municipalities after June 23, 2009.

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APFO Schools Mitigation Fee – Representatives from the Frederick County Builders Association and the Frederick County Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Bruce Dean, President, Land Use Council (LUC) of the Frederick County Builders Association (FCBA); Mr. Mark Friis, LUC; and Mr. Ric Adams, President, Frederick County Chamber of Commerce, presented an amendment to the county's APFO. The amendment would institute the concept of charging developers a mitigation fee in lieu of requiring them to actually construct an entire new school or an entire addition to an existing school when proposed projects failed the school test portion of the APFO.

It was noted the elected officials would review the proposed amendment and come back to a future county/municipalities meeting for a discussion. It was indicated the Frederick County Board of Education representatives would be invited to participate.

A discussion of school redistricting ensued.

Mr. Kristin Aleshire, Town Manager, Town of Myersville, commented on the redistricting policy in Washington County.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Janice Spiegel
- Kim Cable

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Patti Morrow
Recording Secretary