

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2011

A public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, ("Board") for Tuesday October 18, 2011, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commissioner Blaine Young, *President*. Present were Commissioners C. Paul Smith, *Vice President*; Billy Shreve, David Gray, and Kirby Delauter. Also in attendance were Mr. Dave Dunn, County Manager and Ms. Patti Morrow, Recording Secretary.

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The meeting began with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation.

PUBLIC HEARING

Frederick County's Proposed 2012 Legislative Package – John Mathias, Office of the County Attorney and Ragen Cherney, Office of the County Manager

A public hearing was held, as duly advertised, on the 11 legislative requests and 13 position statements proposed by the Board.

Mr. Cherney presented the following:

Legislative Considerations:

1. Revision to inmate fees for the Frederick County Adult Detention Center.
2. Increase to the annual amount of gaming permits issued for raffles.
3. Permitting video lottery terminals (slots) for local charitable organizations.
4. Granting taxing authority to the Frederick County Board of Education.
5. Tax credit for small businesses.
6. Requested increase in auctioneer fees for tax sale.
7. Increase in Frederick County Bond Authority.
8. Expanded appropriation authority for unappropriated undesignated fund balances.
9. Terminology changes for fund balance.
10. Altering the definition of an "on duty" volunteer firefighter.
11. Adding a provision regarding financial stipends for volunteer firefighters.

Position Statements:

1. State school construction exceed economic assistance for business entities.

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2. Frederick County Public Schools authority to count and report undocumented students.
3. Maryland to be a “Shall Issue” state for a right to carry a firearm.
4. Reinstatement of Highway User Revenues to local governments.
5. Constitutional convention regarding those in the United States unlawfully.
6. Support for the Maryland Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act.
7. Constitutional amendment to prohibit “economic development” takings.
8. Cooperative enforcement of federal immigration laws throughout Maryland.
9. Concerns with the negative impact of state stormwater regulations to local governments.
10. Repeal or modifications of the Work Place Fraud Act of 2009 (SB 909).
11. Sunsetting of issues on unemployment insurance fees on businesses.
12. Opposition to PlanMaryland.
13. Opposition to mandated state septic regulations on local governments.

Public comment was heard from:

- Hugh Warner, AMVETS
- Bill Woodcock
- Karen Yoho
- Tommy Grunwell
- Donnie McKinnon, AMVETS Post 7
- Manny Greber
- Edward Dowling, AMVETS Post 9
- Gary Brennan, President, Frederick County Teachers Association
- Ed Hinde
- Chip Jewell, Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association
- William Mahone, Esquire
- Anita Salas, Esquire
- David Pearce, Mental Health Advisory Committee
- Debra Gardner
- Bill Ashton

Commissioner Young read a letter into the record from the Frederick County Farm Bureau.

There was no action taken on this item as it was for public comment only. The Board would take final action on the 2012 legislative items during their meeting on Thursday, October 27, 2011.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR REQUESTS

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Patricia A. Morrow
Recording Secretary