

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/MUNICIPALITIES MEETING
MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 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, December 8, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. Present were Commissioners C. Paul Smith, *Vice President*; Billy Shreve, David Gray and Kirby Delauter. Also present were Mr. Dave Dunn, County Manager and Ms. Patti Morrow, Recording Secretary.

Elected municipal officials present were Carroll Jones, Mayor, and Karin Tome, Councilman, City of Brunswick; Don Briggs, Mayor, and Glenn Blanchard, Councilman, Town of Emmitsburg; Randy McClement, Mayor, and Carol Krimm, Shelley Aloi, Kelly Russell and Karen Young, Aldermen, The City of Frederick; John Miller, Burgess, Town of Middletown; Wendi Peters, Councilman, Town of Mount Airy; Jake Romanell, Councilman, Town of New Market; Del Freeman, Burgess, Village of Rosemont; Bill Buehrer, Councilman, Town of Thurmont; and Ralph Whitmore, Burgess, Town of Walkersville.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Romanell moved to approve the minutes from Thursday, November 10, 2011, as presented. Burgess Freeman seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

Tax Equity Discussion – Commissioner Young and Carroll Jones, Mayor, City of Brunswick

Mayor Jones presented the collective position of the municipalities as a result of two Maryland Municipal League Frederick County Chapter meetings held recently.

Mayor Jones indicated the municipal officials were looking for a response from the Board regarding tax equity vs. tax differential.

A straw poll was taken of the Board: Commissioners Smith and Gray were in favor of tax equity and Commissioners Young and Delauter were in favor of tax differential. Commissioner Shreve was undecided.

Discussion was held.

Ms. Lori Depies, Finance Division, commented on the cost of offering both options to the municipalities.

Commissioner Shreve indicated he was personally in favor of tax differential but would be in favor of whichever option the municipality would prefer.

Commissioners Smith and Shreve indicated they were in favor of honoring Myersville and The City of Frederick's request to have tax differential rather than the tax equity option chosen by the other municipalities.

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It was indicated Myersville and The City of Frederick tax differential option would be considered a pilot program.

A discussion was held on the methodology equation.

By unanimous consent the Board voted to institute the original equation in the FY 2013 budget.

It was noted a discussion would be held in the future regarding the categories The City of Frederick had indicated they would prefer to see in the formula.

Review of 2012 Meeting Calendar

The calendar for 2012 was approved as presented.

COMMENTS

Commissioner Young indicated there was a public hearing scheduled for Monday, December 12, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. regarding the proposed PlanMaryland document.

Commissioner Young noted a Maryland Rural Counties Coalition (Coalition) was formed consisting of Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, and Washington Counties.

Commissioner Young mentioned the Coalition was holding a breakfast for all the Maryland delegates and senators on Thursday, January 19, 2012, in Annapolis.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Patricia Morrow
Recording Secretary