

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/MUNICIPALITIES MEETING
MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2012**

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 8, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. Present were Commissioners C. Paul Smith, *Vice President*; Billy Shreve, David Gray, and Kirby Delauter. Also present was Ms. Patti Morrow, Recording Secretary.

Elected municipal officials present were Carroll Jones, Mayor, and Karin Tome, Councilman, City of Brunswick; Randy McClement, Mayor, The City of Frederick; Don Briggs, Mayor, Town of Emmitsburg; John Miller, Burgess, Town of Middletown; Jake Romanell, Councilman, Town of New Market; Del Freeman, Burgess, Village of Rosemont; Marty Burns, Mayor and Bill Buehrer, Commissioner, Town of Thurmont; and Ralph Whitmore, Burgess, Town of Walkersville.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor McClement moved to approve the minutes from Thursday, February 9, 2012, as presented. Councilman Romanell seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

BUSINESS**Prepayments of Real Estate Tax Bills – Lori Depies, Finance Division**

Ms. Depies briefed the elected officials on the ability of the Frederick County Treasurer's Office to accept prepayment of the real property taxes and fees.

Discussion of Tax Equity and Tax Differential – Tanya Kauffman, Finance Division

Ms. Kauffman presented the municipal elected officials with the final distribution summary of the tax equity program for FY 2013.

Municipal Recycling Drop-off Center Initiatives and Incentives – Mike Marschner, Office of the County Manager

Mr. Marschner presented proposed incentives that the municipalities may want to provide (at their cost) single stream recycling drop-off centers. It was suggested the drop-off centers begin as a 3-year pilot program.

Final Synergies Report Update – Commissioner C. Paul Smith

Commissioner Smith gave a final report for 2011 from the Synergies Committee.

Discussion of Proposed Delegation of Authority Ordinance for Frederick County Fire and Rescue Services – Commissioner Blaine Young and Tom Owens, Fire and Rescue Services Division

Mr. Owens briefed the Board and elected officials on the background regarding the proposed integrated service model for the fire and rescue services provided to the citizens of Frederick

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County. He indicated the proposal would delegate to the Fire and Rescue Services Division Director the authority over all the fire and rescue services including both volunteer and career personnel.

Mr. Eric Smothers, Chair, Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association (FCVFRA) Ordinance Committee, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed document.

Mr. Michael Chomel, Office of the County Attorney, commented on the Frederick County Code.

(Commissioner Delauter left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.)

Public comments were heard from:

- Dale Cline, Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.
- Frank Davis, Vigilant Hose Company

It was noted the issue would be discussed at the next County/Municipalities meeting following the March 15 meeting of the FCVFRA.

COMMENTS

Thurmont Commissioner Buehrer remarked that Frederick County would have an opportunity to shine during the G8 Summit. He encouraged all the municipalities to welcome the attendees.

Burgess Whitmore commented on the Walkersville mulch site.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- George Rudy
- Bill Ashton

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Patricia Morrow
Recording Secretary