

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/MUNICIPALITIES MEETING
MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 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, September 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. (Please note the time Commissioner Smith arrived to the meeting.)

Elected municipal officials present were Carroll Jones, Mayor, City of Brunswick; Jim Hoover, Mayor, and Patrick Joy, Councilman, Town of Emmitsburg; Randy McClement, Mayor, Shelley Aloi, Carol Krimm, and Karen Young, Aldermen, The City of Frederick; Wendi Peters, Councilman, Town of Mount Airy; John Miller, Burgess, Town of Middletown; Jake Romanell, Councilman, Town of New Market; Glen Muth, Councilman, Town of Thurmont and Ralph Whitmore, Burgess, Town of Walkersville.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

By unanimous consent the minutes from Thursday, August 11, 2011, were approved as presented.

BUSINESS

Tax Set-Off Discussion – Dave Dunn, Office of the County Manager

County Manager Dunn reported the Tax Equity Committee, by consensus, recommended the tax equity methodology that had been in place with the same categories.

Commissioner Shreve noted the committee was finished with the review and an agreement would be drafted to move the issue forward.

Councilman Romanell suggested there would need to be a memorandum of understanding between the municipalities and the county or a county ordinance to memorialize the methodology. It was indicated it would be discussed further.

(Commissioner Smith arrived to the meeting at 5:45 p.m.)

Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Issues – Shannon Moore, Community Development Division

Ms. Moore presented a scenario to determine the level of implementation to meet the Maryland Department of the Environment's (MDE) Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) requirements for Frederick County.

Mayor Jones reported that a legislative request to defer the requirements of the WIP was suggested. However, the Maryland Municipal League (MML) responded it was not in their opinion a legislative issue.

Commissioner Young indicated the possibility of joining with other counties on all land use issues.

Alderman Aloi said the municipalities should join together with others to consider building a regional coalition in order to deal with the WIP issues.

It was indicated that Commissioner Smith would work with Ms. Moore on comments regarding the WIP from the county's perspective.

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Alderman Krimm said the staff at MML had indicated when the final numbers were tabulated; there would be a push back of the dates from the MML around the state.

Introduction of GIS-At-A-Glance Application – Sherry Weakley, Interagency Information Technologies Division (IIT)

Ms. Weakley briefed the Board on the GIS-At-A-Glance program. Ms. BangYeon Kim, IIT, demonstrated the program for the elected officials. Ms. Kim indicated the application was available through the county website as a tool used to present GIS data.

Synergies Committee Interim Report – Commissioner C. Paul Smith

Commissioner Smith presented the interim report from the Synergies Committee.

Consideration of the Creation of One Water and Sewer System – Commissioner Blaine Young and Michael Marschner, Office of the County Manager

Mr. Marschner presented the concept of a one water and sewer system between the municipalities and the county. He indicated several overlapping and adjacent water and sewer services areas that were present in the county that could combine resources. There was a concern mentioned regarding a controlling authority.

Discussion was held.

A majority of the elected officials indicated an interest to move forward with a more in depth analysis of a model to combine services.

COMMENTS

Burgess Whitmore invited all citizens to a 9-11 ceremony on Sunday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the Walkersville Fire Company grounds.

Commissioner Young reminded folks that on Sunday, September 11 at 1:00 p.m. bells and sirens would sound in remembrance of all those who lost their lives on 9-11.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Patricia Morrow
Recording Secretary