

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR SOMERSET COUNTY  
SPECIAL SESSION  
TUESDAY JUNE 2, 2020

At 2:00 p.m., the Board of Somerset County Commissioners met in Special Session with Commissioner President Craig Mathies, Sr., Commissioner Vice President Charles Laird, Commissioner Randy Laird, and Commissioner Eldon Willing, and Commissioner Rex Simpkins.

Also in attendance were County Administrator-Clerk Ralph D. Taylor and Executive Secretary Kimberly Lopez.

President Mathies asked Commissioner Willing to lead those present in Devotion and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Closed Session Summary Report for June 2, 2020**

On June 2, 2020, from 2:32 p.m. until 2:54 p.m., at 11916 Somerset Avenue, Room 111, upon a motion made by Commissioner Randy Laird and seconded by Vice President Charles Laird, it carried 5-0 to enter into Closed Session by Authority of State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Subtitle §3-305 (b) (1) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction.

Present for the Closed Session Meeting were President Craig N. Mathies, Sr., Vice President Charles Laird, Commissioner Randy Laird, Commissioner Rex Simpkins, and Commissioner Eldon Willing. Also present were County Administrator Ralph D. Taylor, Executive Secretary Kimberly Lopez, Director of Human Resources Erica Yeager, Director of Emergency Services Yvette Cross, and Assistant Director of Emergency Services Gary Powell. Topics discussed were: (1) Personnel; Actions taken: Hiring, (2) Personnel; Actions taken: Retirement Contribution.

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Ms. Erica Yeager, Director of Human Resources, came before the Board for the approval of changes to the employee handbook presented at a previous meeting, along with the approval of Resolution 1151.

With no additional questions or comments from the Board, a motion was made by Vice President Charles Laird and seconded by Commissioner Randy Laird to approve the changes to the employee handbook as presented and approve Resolution 1151. This motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Yeager left the meeting.

Warden Hickman was now before the Board to request authorization to purchase a new van for the Detention Center. Warden Hickman advised that their current van is 20 years old with over 200 thousand miles on it and in need of costly repairs. He advised there is enough funds left in his budget to purchase a newer van from State Contract. His plan is to use this newer van for transport and turn his 2009 van into the work release van. The Board discussed pricing and requested Warden Hickman look into other vendors for better pricing before a decision will be made.

Warden Hickman left the meeting.

Mr. Taylor reviewed received correspondence and advised that the Somerset County Sanitary District has requested the reappointment of Ms. Maxine Landon for another six-year term on the Sanitary Commission.

On a motion made by Commissioner Randy Laird and seconded by Vice President Charles Laird, the Board approved to re-appoint Ms. Maxine Landon for another six-year term on the Sanitary Commission. This motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Taylor reviewed sent correspondence.

Under discussion items, Mr. Taylor advised of the following requests to purchase surplus properties:

- Jennifer McShane, Account ID# 02-025600, Sale Price \$1,370.00, Offer Price \$1,370.00.
  - Motion made by Commissioner Willing and seconded by Commissioner Simpkins to sell to Ms. McShane for offered price of \$1,370.00. Motion carried 5-0.
- Lionel Milfort, Account ID# 05-086485, Sale Price \$408.00, Offered Price \$500.00
  - Motion made by Commissioner Simpkins and seconded by Commissioner Willing to sell to Mr. Milfort for offered price of \$500.00. Motion carried 5-0.
- Lionel Milfort, Account ID# 06-095402, Sale Price \$471.00, Offered Price \$530.00
  - Motion made by Commissioner Willing and seconded by Vice President Charles Laird to sell to Mr. Milfort for offered price of \$530.00. Motion carried 5-0.
- Lionel Milfort, Account ID# 06-095666, Sale Price \$666.00, Offered Price \$700.00
  - Motion made by Vice President Charles Laird and seconded by Commissioner Simpkins to sell to Mr. Milfort for offered price of \$700.00. Motion carried 5-0.
- Lionel Milfort, Account ID# 06-096255, Sale Price \$423.00, Offered Price \$500.00
  - Motion made by Commissioner Willing and seconded by Commissioner Simpkins to sell to Mr. Milfort for offered price of \$500.00. Motion carried 5-0.
- Lionel Milfort, Account ID# 12-003021, Sale Price \$623.00, Offered Price \$700.00
  - Motion made by Commissioner Randy Laird and seconded by Vice President Charles Laird to sell to Mr. Milfort for offered price of \$700.00. Motion carried 5-0.
- Lionel Milfort, Account ID# 12-007159, Sale Price \$593.00, Offered Price \$700.00

- Motion made by Commissioner Randy Laird and seconded by Vice President Charles Laird to sell to Mr. Milfort for offered price of \$700.00. Motion carried 5-0.
- Lionel Milfort, Account ID# 12-009291, Sale Price \$743.00, Offered Price \$800.00
  - Motion made by Commissioner Randy Laird and seconded by Vice President Charles Laird to sell to Mr. Milfort for offered price of \$800.00. Motion carried 5-0.
- Lionel Milfort, Account ID# 12-009984, Sale Price \$896.00, Offered Price \$930.00
  - Motion made by Vice President Charles Laird and seconded by Commissioner Randy Laird to sell to Mr. Milfort for offered price of \$930.00. Motion carried 5-0.
- Lionel Milfort, Account ID# 12-010273, Sale Price \$465.00, Offered Price \$500.00
  - Motion made by Commissioner Randy Laird and seconded by Vice President Charles Laird to sell to Mr. Milfort for offered price of \$500.00. Motion carried 5-0.
- Lionel Milfort, Account ID# 12-010281, Sale Price \$465.00, Offered Price \$500.00
  - Motion made by Commissioner Simpkins and seconded by Commissioner Willing to sell to Mr. Milfort for offered price of \$500.00. Motion carried 5-0.
- Lionel Milfort, Account ID# 12-010311, Sale Price \$465.00, Offered Price \$500.00
  - Motion made by Commissioner Randy Laird and seconded by Vice President Charles Laird to sell to Mr. Milfort for offered price of \$500.00. Motion carried 5-0.
- Lionel Milfort, Account ID# 12-010567, Sale Price \$1,087.00, Offered Price \$1,100.00
  - Motion made by Commissioner Randy Laird and seconded by Vice President Charles Laird to sell to Mr. Milfort for offered price of \$500.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Taylor then presented a request of support from the Board of Education in regards to the Maryland Broadband Grant (a grant that would need to run through the County and in turn the funds would be provided to them). Funds from this grant (\$2,985.00) would provide 18 outdoor wireless access points, assisting with distance learning.

A motion was made by Vice President Charles Laird and seconded by Commissioner Randy Laird to authorize President Mathies' signature on the letter of support for the Board of Education in regards to the Maryland Broadband Grant. This motion carried 5-0.

Next, Mr. Taylor advised the Board that Mr. John Redden, County Engineer, has met with Delmarva Power regarding the proposed installation of electric vehicle stations at the Westover Athletic Complex, the Crisfield Library, and the County Office Complex (2 charging stations at each location). This proposed project comes at no cost to the County as Delmarva Power will cover all incurred expenses so long as the County agrees to execute an easement on the recommended parking stalls.

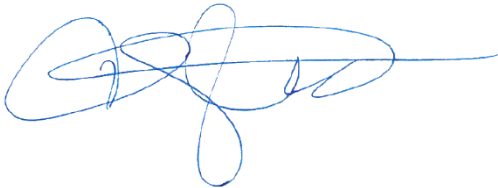
A motion was made by Vice President Charles Laird and seconded by Commissioner Randy Laird to authorize Mr. John Redden to send in the Public Charging Application to Delmarva Power. This motion carried 5-0.

The Board opened the meeting for public comments and Ms. Doris Mcgee of 9962 Champ Road, Princess Anne, MD 21853 addressed the Board with concerns over the Somerset County Health Department's decision for the replacement of her septic tank. Ms. Mcgee advised the home is currently for sale and upon inspection was advised that the septic tank needed to be replaced. She applied for a permit to do so but was denied. The Board then entered into a discussion with Ms. Mcgee and offered other more simple and affordable solutions to her to explore (replacement of the lid and/or distribution box).

The Board was advised for the need of a Closed Session.

Therefore, on a motion made by Commissioner Randy Laird and seconded by Vice President Charles Laird that carried 5-0, the Board entered into Closed Session by Authority of State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Subtitle §3-305 (b) (1) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction at 2:32 p.m.

Approved by:



Board of County Commissioners  
For Somerset County

Respectfully Submitted:



Kimberly Lopez  
Executive Secretary