

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR SOMERSET COUNTY  
SPECIAL SESSION  
TUESDAY JULY 22, 2014

At 1:00 p.m., the Board of County Commissioners for Somerset County met in Special Session. Present for the meeting were Commissioner President Rex Simpkins, Commissioner Vice President Charles F. Fisher, Commissioner Jerry S. Boston, Commissioner Randy Laird and Commissioner Craig N. Mathies Sr.

County Administrator-Clerk Ralph D. Taylor and Executive Secretary Lory E. Ebron were also present.

Commissioner Mathies lead those attending the meeting in repeating the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Boston, and seconded by Commissioner Fisher, it carried 4-0 to dispense with the reading of the Special Session and Closed Session meeting minutes held Tuesday, July 8, 2014 and approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Taylor distributed the estimated cost of services presented by CBG Communications to provide services regarding the Charter/Comcast Cable Television Franchise Transfer and Renewal. The total estimate for the proposal to provide all tasks associated with the project totaled \$46,065. Should the Board like to reduce the cost estimate, Mr. Tom Robinson of CBG Communications Inc., suggested eliminating the Franchise Fee Review in the amount of \$5,000 as well as adjusting the Residential Community Needs Assessment to an online survey format only, which would reduce the fee by half, to approximately \$7,332. A discussion was held, and the Board was in agreement to eliminate the PEG Access Assessment, and perform an online Community Needs Assessment Survey which reduces the cost estimate to approximately \$35,014.

Therefore, on a motion made by Commissioner Laird, and seconded by Commissioner Mathies, the following adjustment will be made to the Scope of Services presented by CBG Communications Inc.; the PEG Access Assessment will be removed and the Community Needs Assessment will be changed to be an online survey, reducing the cost estimate for services to approximately \$35,014. The motion carried 3-1-0 with Commissioner Fisher opposed.

Commissioner Laird made a motion to appoint Ms. Patricia Carson to serve as Planning Commission Member to fill the remaining term of Mr. Steve Megronigle, which will expire in January 2017. Commissioner Boston seconded the motion, which carried 4-0.

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to appoint Ms. Ellen Bush to serve as a Sanitary District Member to fill the remaining term of Mr. Tony Stockus, which will expire in April 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Boston, and carried 4-0.

Mr. Taylor presented a pauper burial request from Anthony Ward Funeral Home for Mr. Elwood Morris who passed away on 7-18-14. Mr. Morris's family made the request as Mr. Morris did not have life insurance.

Therefore, a motion was made by Commissioner Fisher, and seconded by Commissioner Boston to award \$250.00 to Anthony Ward Funeral Home to go towards Mr. Morris's funeral expenses. The motion carried 4-0.

President Simpkins asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak.

Ms. Gail Sheldon, Library Director, thanked the county for the light installed at the library as well as the installation of the "No Loitering" signs.

With no further business, Mr. Taylor advised the Board of a need to go into Closed Session by Authority of State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 10-508 (a) (1) (i) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction.

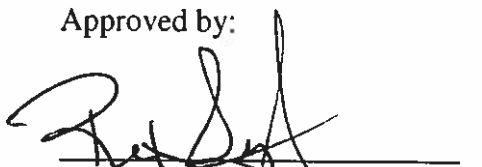
Therefore, at 1:28 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Laird, and seconded by Commissioner Boston to adjourn the Special Session meeting and enter into Closed Session. The motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted:



Lory E. Ebron  
Executive Secretary

Approved by:



Board of County Commissioners  
For Somerset County