

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR SOMERSET COUNTY
SPECIAL SESSION
TUESDAY JANUARY 5, 2016

At 2:37 p.m., the Board of County Commissioners for Somerset County opened in Special Session on a motion made by Commissioner Boston, seconded by Commissioner Fisher. The motion carried unanimously.

Present for the meeting were Commissioner President Randy Laird, Commissioner Vice President Charles F. Fisher, Commissioner Jerry S. Boston, Commissioner, Craig N. Mathies Sr., and Commissioner Rex Simpkins.

County Administrator-Clerk Ralph D. Taylor and Administrative Aide Lory E. Ebron were also present.

The minutes from the Special Session meeting held on December 8, 2015 were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Boston, and seconded by Commissioner Fisher. The motion carried unanimously.

The minutes from the Special Session and Closed Session meetings held on December 22, 2015 were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Boston, seconded by Commissioner Fisher. Commissioner Simpkins abstained; therefore the motion carried 4-0-1.

Mr. Taylor presented the press release from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy to the Board. It was noted that Ms. Kym Kudla, Department of Technical and Community Services, served on this commission representing Somerset County.

A letter was received from 'Safe for Somerset' expressing their concerns regarding the solar project order presented by Pioneer Green that was released by Judge McGowan. The letter requested the county consider voicing an opinion to the Public Service Commission supporting their concerns as noted by the December 30, 2015 deadline. Mr. Taylor advised that by phone poll, the Board agreed to not intervene.

A letter received from Charter Communications advised that effective February 15, 2016, pricing will be adjusted for the Change of Service Computerized Fee.

Mr. Taylor continued the meeting with discussion items at this time.

Notice was received for the application of OneEnergy Ibis Solar, LLC for a Public Comment Hearing regarding the construction of a 6.0 MW solar photovoltaic generating facility

on Plantation Road, Crisfield, Maryland. The Board has the option of sitting jointly with Judge McLean to hear the case. President Laird expressed his interest to attend.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Fisher, and seconded by Commissioner Boston, it carried unanimously to authorize President Laird to sit jointly with Judge McLean to hear the case, being held on February 3, 2016 at the Somerset County Civic Center at 7:00 p.m.

A proclamation request was received from Ms. Kara Neel to recognize January 2016 as National Mentoring Month that will include appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of youth mentoring.

Therefore, upon a motion made by Commissioner Fisher, and seconded by Commissioner Boston, it carried unanimously to approve the proclamation as requested for National Mentoring Month.

The Board was advised of the need of a Closed Session. Therefore, at 2:45 p.m., upon a motion made by Commissioner Simpkins and seconded by Commissioner Mathies it carried unanimously to enter 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; and Section 10-508 (a) (3) consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.

Respectfully Submitted:



Lory E. Ebron
Administrative Aide

Approved by:



Board of County Commissioners
For Somerset County