

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR SOMERSET COUNTY
SPECIAL SESSION
TUESDAY MAY 24, 2016

At 2:25 p.m. the Somerset County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session with Commissioner President Randy Laird, Commissioner Vice President Charles F. Fisher, Commissioner Rex Simpkins, Commissioner Craig Mathies, Sr., and Commissioner Jerry S. Boston.

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

Mr. Taylor invited Ms. Michelle Canopii, Ms. Julie Parsons, with Catholic Charities, Inc. and Ms. Claudia Nelson with DSS to come forward to discuss the Emergency Solutions Grant.

Ms. Canopii began by explaining to the board some of the changes in the process for the Emergency Solutions Grant application that came into effect this year. She stated that the local government has part one of the grant application and the service provider completes the second part. The reason they are asking for it in advance this year is so the continuum of care can certify. Ms. Canopii then explained that the funds are used for homeless prevention (limited to Somerset County Residents only) and rapid rehousing; stating that they believe there will be a continued need especially with the coming shelter.

Ms. Nelson then advised the board that DSS is still involved with social services, explaining that the agency does a monitoring oversight once a year and ESG has agreed to be part of that process.

Mr. Taylor then presented the board with grant application request totaling \$145K. that would require President Laird's signature.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Simpkins and seconded by Commissioner Boston, it carried 5-0 to approve President Laird's signature on the ESG application.

Next, Mr. Taylor presented the board with information that sent to the Local Management Board from the Governor's Office for Children regarding Zika.

At 2:34 P.M., upon a motion made by Commissioner Boston and seconded by Commissioner Simpkins, the board entered 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.

Approved by:



Board of County Commissioners
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Respectfully Submitted:



Kimberly Lopez
Executive Secretary