



AGENDA
July 11, 2017
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR SOMERSET COUNTY
11916 Somerset Avenue
Room 111/Meeting Room
Princess Anne, MD 21853
2:00 p.m.

Appointments:

- * 2:00 p.m. - Mr. Scott Tawes, Mr. Andy Haynie, Mr. George Tawes, Mr. Bob Hogg,
Ms. Cindy Knopp
- Liquor Control Board Fiscal Year 2017 Audit Report

Correspondence:

Received

- Senator Roger Manno re: Passage of SB 273
- * MD State Clearinghouse Review re: Environmental Assessment and Draft/Rhodes Point
Department of the Navy re: Request for Comments- DRAFT EIS/OEIS
MD Department of Transportation re: Consolidated Transportation Program/Tour
- * Ms. Chanelle White, John Wesley Community Association re: Request for Letter of Support
Mr. Kevin Broadhurst, Comcast re: Changes to Shipping and Handling Policies

Sent

Ms. Jackie Wheatley re: Social Services Advisory Board Appointment

2:30 p.m. - Closed Session- Mr. Ralph Taylor, Louis Hickman

Authority of State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Subtitle 3-305 (b)
(1)(i) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation,
removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it
has jurisdiction.

- * Denotes Action Item

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FOR SOMERSET COUNTY
TUESDAY JULY 11, 2017

At 2:00 p.m., the Board of County Commissioners for Somerset County opened in Regular Session. 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, Executive Aide Lory E. Ebron, Mr. Scott Tawes and Mr. Andy Haynie were also present.

President Laird called the meeting to order, and asked Commissioner Mathies to lead those attending the meeting in repeating the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting minutes were approved later in the meeting.

Mr. Taylor asked Mr. Scott Tawes and Mr. Haynie to come forward to present the FY17 Liquor Control Board audit report. Mr. Haynie began his report by distributing a copy of the complete audit report draft, as well as a summary sheet containing auditing highlights. He advised that the report had just been presented to the Liquor Board earlier today, and that they are providing an unmodified report, which is the highest opinion they can issue, with no material issues found during the audit. The Board was advised that the total profit for the three dispensary stores for the year ended April 30, 2017 was down, totaling \$121,596 as compared to last year profit total of \$148,367. It was noted however, that last year's profits were the highest ever obtained; and therefore caution should be used for comparison purposes. He reviewed the possible reasons for the decline in profits which included the increase costs of products, discounts offered, increase of employee salaries and repair and maintenance costs to the facilities. The 2017 net profit income will be distributed as follows:

City of Crisfield	\$11,330
Town of Princess Anne	\$11,330
Somerset County	<u>\$98,935</u>
Total:	\$121,596

The various reasons for profit totals for the dispensary stores was reviewed as well as changes that will be implemented that will hopefully increase profitability next year. Mr. Tawes and Mr. Haynie left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Taylor continued with correspondence and discussion items.

A State Clearinghouse Review (MD20170627-0529) was presented regarding the Environmental Easement and Draft Find of No Significant Impact for Improving Navigation at Rhodes Point. It was noted that the project will produce net beneficial impact to the environment through valuable use of the dredged material by restoring the eroding western shoreline of Smith Island and the stabilization of wetlands. Mr. Taylor recommended a C-5 designation (it is consistent with our plans, programs and objectives) for this project.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Fisher, and seconded by Commissioner Boston, it carried 5-0 to submit a C-5 designation for Clearinghouse Review project MD20170627-0529.

A letter was received from Secretary Pete K. Rahn advising that the Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) has been drafted. Participating local government entities were thanked for their participation. The planned CTP tour meetings, to be held this fall, as well as the meetings to be held with the counties during the Maryland Association of Counties meeting in August were mentioned.

A Letter of Support request was received from Ms. Chanelle White, Chairperson, John Wesley Community Association, asking the Boards support for their application for grant funding from the African American Heritage Preservation grant program. The grant will be used to restore, preserve and protect the historic John Wesley United Methodist Church.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Fisher, and seconded by Commissioner Boston, the letter of support as requested by Ms. White was approved as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

Notice was received from Comcast informing of upcoming changes to shipping and handling policies. President Laird asked about the status of the Charter Franchise Agreement negotiations. Mr. Taylor reported that they are still working on the document.

A letter was received from the Department of the Navy advising that they have prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) to analyze potential effects from training and testing activities conducted within the Navy's Atlantic Fleet Training and Testing Study area. An opportunity for comments was noted; however, the Board wished to make no comments.

Meeting minutes from the Commissioner, Closed Session and Work Session meetings held on June 27, 2017 were presented for the Boards approval. Therefore, upon a motion made by

Commissioner Boston, and seconded by Commissioner Simpkins, the meeting minutes were approved as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

The Board was advised of the need of a Closed Session. Therefore, at 2:25 p.m., upon a motion made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Boston, it carried 5-0 to enter into Closed Session by Authority of State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland Section §3-305 (b)(1)(i) 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 3:34 p.m. the Open and Closed Session meetings were adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:



Lory E. Ebron
Executive Secretary

Approved by:



Board of County Commissioners
For Somerset County