

(Tentative)



**SPECIAL SESSION AGENDA  
AUGUST 29, 2017  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR SOMERSET COUNTY  
11916 Somerset Avenue  
Room 111/Meeting Room  
Princess Anne, MD 21853  
2:15 p.m.**

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Received**

- \* Federal Aviation Administration re: Grant Offer AIP Project No. 3-24-0012-013-2017
- \* The Crisfield Heritage Foundation Inc. re: FY17 Tax Exemption

**Sent**

The Honorable Kimberly B. Lawson re: Additional Appropriation/Paramedic Salary  
Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company re: Additional Appropriation  
Dr. John B. Gaddis re: Final Inter-category Budget Transfers FY17  
Ms. Mary L. Collins re: Somerset County Housing Review Board Appointment

**2:30 p.m. – CLOSED SESSION -Mr. Ralph Taylor, Mr. John Redden**

Authority of State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, §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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR SOMERSET COUNTY  
**SPECIAL SESSION**  
TUESDAY AUGUST 29, 2017

At 2:37 p.m. the Board of Somerset County Commissioners met in Special Session with Commissioner President Randy Laird, Commissioner Vice President Charles F. Fisher, Commissioner Rex Simpkins, Commissioner Jerry S. Boston, and Commissioner Craig Mathies, Sr.

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

Mr. Taylor presented the Grant Offer for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) at the Crisfield-Somerset County Airport in Crisfield, Maryland (grant amount is \$226,877.11) for President Laird's signature. The Board briefly discussed the Crisfield-Somerset County Airport project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fisher and seconded by Commissioner Boston to authorize President Laird's signature on the Grant Offer for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) at the Crisfield-Somerset County Airport in the amount of \$226,877.11. This motion carried 5-0.

Next, Mr. Taylor presented a letter from the Crisfield Heritage Foundation with their annual tax exemption request in the following amounts:

J. Millard Tawes Library	\$1,948.00
J. Millard Tawes Library	\$62.00
Ida Ward Linton property	\$60.00
Calvary Rd. property	\$108.00
1012 W. Main Street	\$704.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$2,082.00</u>

The Board discussed the possibility of new ownership for the J. Millard Tawes Library as it is for sale and the tax exemption policies. After the discussion, the Board requested to delay granting the tax exemption until more information can be gathered on the sale of this property.

Mr. Taylor then advised the Board of a letter received from the Maryland Department of Housing announcing the availability of funding under a special Homeless Initiative. \$2,000,000.00 has been made available through the Maryland Community Development Block Grant Program for non-entitlement communities through a competitive grant process.

A letter was received from Mr. Kenneth Minkiewicz requesting to purchase two lots of County owned property in the amount of \$1,200.00 each (a total of \$2,400.00).

The Board briefly discussed this and a motion was made by Commissioner Boston, and seconded by Commissioner Fisher, to authorize the sale of these properties to Mr. Minkiewicz for the offered amount with the understanding that the buyer is responsible for all closing costs. This motion carried 5-0.

Next, Mr. Taylor advised the Board of a letter from Mr. Daniel Powell stating his resignation as Somerset County's State's Attorney as he has been appointed to the position of Circuit Court Judge for Somerset County. In addition to this information, Mr. Powell advised the Mr. Wessmann D. Garner will be appointed by the Circuit Court as Ad Interim State's Attorney on September 1, 2017 (when Mr. Powell is sworn in as Circuit Court Judge).

Mr. Taylor then presented a letter from Mr. Michael Higgs, Director of the Maryland Department of Assessments & Taxation, advising the Board that he has appointed Mr. Leslie Pruitt as the Supervisor of Assessments for Somerset County.

Sent correspondence was reviewed.

The Board was then advised for the need of a Closed Session, therefore, on a motion made by Commissioner Simpkins, seconded by Commissioner Boston, the Board entered into Closed Session at 2:48 p.m. by Authority of State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, §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. The motion carried 5-0.

Approved by:



Board of County Commissioners  
For Somerset County

Respectfully Submitted:



Kimberly Lopez  
Executive Secretary