

(Tentative)



**SPECIAL SESSION AGENDA  
JANUARY 2, 2018  
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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**Appointment**

- \* 2:15 p.m. - Mr. Jim Porter, Ms. Brandi Horner/Somerset Committee for the Homeless Inc.
  - Request for Funding

**Correspondence Received**

- Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inc.: Notice of Public Hearing to raise electric distribution rates
- \* Denotes Action Item

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TUESDAY JANUARY 2, 2018

At 2:18 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 invited Mr. Jim Porter, Ms. Brandi Horner, and Mr. Dick Scott to come forward on behalf of the Somerset Committee for the Homeless, Inc. to present a request for advancement on funds.

Mr. Porter advised the Board of the various grants the Somerset Committee for the Homeless, Inc. has applied for but has not received funds yet due to a 90 day grace period. Therefore, the committee is requesting an advance of \$98,500.00 that shall be reimbursed to the County upon receipt from the grants.

The Board entered in to a discussion regarding the grants and funds for the homeless shelter, as well as how they are being utilized. Operation of the homeless shelter was also discussed (volunteers and donations), as well as the committee's desire to expand upon the buildings usage by allowing it to become a heating/cooling center as well.

Commissioner Fisher stepped out of the board room for a brief moment during the discussion and shortly returned.

At the conclusion of the discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Boston, seconded by Commissioner Mathies, to advance \$98,500.00 to the Somerset Committee for the Homeless, Inc. upon their agreement to sign a Memorandum Of Understanding that the funds will be reimbursed to the County immediately upon receipt from the various grants. This motion carried 4-0-1 (with Commissioner Fisher abstaining from the vote).

Commissioner Fisher stepped out the board room.

Mr. Porter, Ms. Horner, and Mr. Scott left the meeting at this time.

Commissioner Fisher returned.

Mr. Taylor then presented a letter from Choptank Electric, under received correspondence, advising that the Maryland Public Service Commission will hold a public hearing on a request by Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inc. on January 4, 2018 at 7pm at Choptank's Denton District Office in Denton, Maryland to raise its electric distribution rates by \$8.3 million (and increase of 6.6%).

Next, under discussion items, Mr. Taylor advised the Board that the unanimous phone poll conducted in regards to the pre-payment for 2018 taxes needed to be presented and ratified during an open session meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mathies and seconded by Commissioner Fisher to ratify the unanimous phone poll conducted in regards to the pre-payment for 2018 taxes. This motion carried 5-0.

With no further business to discuss, upon a motion made by Commissioner Fisher and seconded by Commissioner Boston, the Special Session was adjourned at 3:00 pm. This motion carried 5-0.

Approved by:



Board of County Commissioners  
For Somerset County

Respectfully Submitted:



Kimberly Lopez  
Executive Secretary