



SPECIAL SESSION AGENDA
APRIL 10, 2018
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR SOMERSET COUNTY
11916 Somerset Avenue
Room 111/Meeting Room
Princess Anne, MD 21853
1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. : Ms. Sarah Rayne, Coastal Association of REALTORS® of MD, Inc., Somerset County
Real estate Market Presentation

Discussion:

Proclamation Approval – Fair Housing Month 2018

1:15 p.m. : CLOSED SESSION – Ralph D. Taylor, Erica Yeager, Sharon Muir

Authority of State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Subtitle §3-305 (b) (1) To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, affects one or more specific individuals”; (3) “To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto”; (8) “To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.”

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SPECIAL SESSION
TUESDAY APRIL 10, 2018

At 1:00 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, and Commissioner Craig Mathies, Sr. Commissioner Jerry S. Boston was not in attendance for today's meeting.

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

Closed Session Summary Report for April 10, 2018

On April 10, 2018, from 1:12 p.m. until 2:01 p.m., at 11916 Somerset Avenue, Room 111, upon a motion made by Commissioner Simpkins and seconded by Commissioner Fisher, it carried 4-0 to enter into Closed Session by Authority of State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Subtitle §3-305 (b) (1) To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, affects one or more specific individuals; (3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; (8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

Present for the Closed Session Meeting were President Randy Laird, Vice President Charles F. Fisher, Commissioner Rex Simpkins and Commissioner Craig Mathies Sr. Commissioner Jerry Boston was absent from today's meeting. Also present were County Administrator Ralph D. Taylor, Executive Secretary Kimberly Lopez, HR Director Erica Yeager, and Director of Technical and Community Services Gary Pusey. Topics discussed were: (1) Personnel, (2) Formal resignation of Committee Board Member (3) Potential Litigation (4) Property Acquisition (5) Information request (6) Property Request. Actions taken during closed session: (1) Administrative Settlement Documentation/Access of Removal Agreement.

From 2:21 p.m. until 2:28 p.m., at 11916 Somerset Avenue, Room 111, upon a motion made by Commissioner Simpkins and seconded by Commissioner Fisher, it carried 4-0 to enter into Closed Session by Authority of State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Subtitle §3-305 (b) (8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

Present for the Closed Session Meeting were President Randy Laird, Vice President Charles F. Fisher, Commissioner Rex Simpkins and Commissioner Craig Mathies Sr. Commissioner Jerry Boston was absent from today's meeting. Also present were County Administrator Ralph D. Taylor and Executive Secretary Kimberly Lopez. Topics discussed were:

(1) Department Consolidation. Actions taken during closed session: Consolidate departments.

Ms. Sarah Rayne, Government & Public Affairs Director for the Coastal Association of REALTORS® of MD, and Ms. Grace Masten, Board of Directors, were present today to provide the Board with information pertaining to the Real Estate Market in Somerset County, stating they are offering this presentation at local government meetings across the Tri-County Area. Ms. Masten began by advising that current mortgage rates are 4.5% and are climbing as the economy is growing stronger. Continuing with the presentation, Ms. Masten provided data derived from the Multiple Listing Service owned by the Coastal Association of REALTORS®, including: Active Listings, New Contracts, Volume Sold, New Listing, Homes Sold, and Average Sale Prices. Following Ms. Masten's presentation, the Board entered into a brief discussion before thanking Ms. Masten and Ms. Rayne for the shared information and for attending today's meeting.

Ms. Masten and Ms. Rayne then left the meeting.

Mr. Taylor then presented a proclamation declaring April as "Fair Housing Month in Somerset County" for the Board's approval.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Fisher, and seconded by Commissioner Simpkins, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the proclamation April as "Fair Housing Month in Somerset County."

Next, Mr. Taylor presented a Memorandum of Agreement Relating to Hazard Mitigation Assistance Subaward between MEMA and Somerset County, MD regarding Somerset County, City of Crisfield Tide Gauge (FEMA-DR-4261-MD-0012) under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Mr. Taylor advised the agreement has been vetted by County Attorney Kirk Simpkins and is ready for President Laird's signature.

Therefore, upon a motion made by Commissioner Fisher, and seconded by Commissioner Simpkins, the Board voted 4-0 to authorize President Laird's signature on the Memorandum of Agreement Relating to Hazard Mitigation Assistance Subaward between MEMA and Somerset

County, MD regarding Somerset County, City of Crisfield Tide Gauge (FEMA-DR-4261-MD-0012) under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

The Board was then advised for the need of a Closed Session.

Therefore, upon a motion made by Commissioner Simpkins, seconded by Commissioner Fisher, that carried 4-0, the Board entered into Closed Session at 1:12 p.m. by Authority of State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Subtitle §3-305 (b) (1) To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, affects one or more specific individuals; (3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; (8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

Approved by:



Board of County Commissioners
For Somerset County

Respectfully Submitted:



Kimberly Lopez
Executive Secretary