

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR SOMERSET COUNTY
SPECIAL SESSION
TUESDAY MARCH 26, 2019

At 1:24 p.m., the Board of Somerset County Commissioners met in Special Session with Commissioner Vice President Charles Laird, Commissioner Rex Simpkins, and Commissioner Eldon Willing. President Craig Mathies, Sr. and Commissioner Randy Laird were not present.

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

Mr. John Redden came before the Board with an update on the hiker/biker trail from Crisfield to Marion. Mr. Redden advised the project needs a wetlands and waterways permit (per the Army Corp of Engineers and MDE), and to acquire this the county needs to mitigate offsite wetlands. Mr. Redden further advised that the easiest solution is to use the Maple Dam Mitigation located in Dorchester County (this will be at no cost to the county as it is covered by the grant, which is specific to this project and the money cannot be used toward any other projects). A MOU has been drafted for this purpose (of which County Attorney Kirk Simpkins has reviewed and found legally sufficient). Mr. Redden then requested the Board execute this agreement to the project may continue.

The Board entered into a discussion regarding this project and request, at which time President Mathies entered the meeting and was briefed on the subject being discussed.

Following this, a motion was made by Vice President Laird and seconded by Commissioner Willing to authorizing President Mathies' signature on the Maple Dam Mitigation agreement. This motion carried 3-0-1 (Commissioner Simpkins abstained from the vote).

Next, Mr. Gary Pusey was before the Board to discuss the Maryland Clearinghouse Review – MD20190130-0047 Great Bay Solar Easement. Mr. Taylor advised that it has been reported that the buffer and the paving have both been completed to satisfaction (per Mr. Pusey and Mr. Barnes) and recommended the Board code the Maryland Clearinghouse Review – MD20190130-0047 Great Bay Solar Easement C5 (consistent with goals and objectives).

A motion was made by Commissioner Simpkins and seconded by Vice President Laird to code the Maryland Clearinghouse Review – MD20190130-0047 Great Bay Solar Easement C5. This motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Pusey was advised (now that Maryland Clearinghouse Review – MD20190130-0047 Great Bay Solar Easement has been coded C5) that review of the site plans for Phase II of the solar project may move forward.

Mr. Taylor then presented correspondence received and sent.

Mr. Taylor advised of a vacancy on the Ethics Commission Board and asked if any of the Board members would like to make a recommendation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Willing to nominate Mr. Bill McInturff to replace Mr. Clarence Johnson on the Ethics Commission Board. This motion was seconded by Vice President Laird and carried 4-0.

Mr. Taylor advised of two vacancies on the Workforce Alliance Board and asked if any of the Board members would like to make a recommendation.

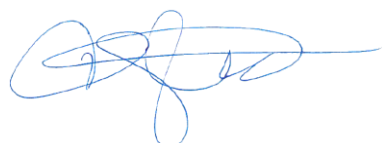
A motion was made by Vice President Laird to nominate Mr. Mike Corbin to fill one of the vacancies on the Workforce Alliance Board. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpkins and carried 4-0.

Next, Mr. Taylor presented a proclamation request from the Princess Anne Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in honor of their chapter's 40th anniversary.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simpkins and seconded by Commissioner Willing to approve this proclamation request. The motion carried 4-0.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Commissioner Simpkins and seconded by Commissioner Willing to adjourn Special Session at 1:41 p.m. This motion carried 4-0.

Approved by:



Board of County Commissioners
For Somerset County

Respectfully Submitted:



Kimberly Lopez
Executive Secretary