

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR SOMERSET COUNTY  
SPECIAL SESSION  
TUESDAY OCTOBER 6, 2020

At 3:02 p.m., the Board of Somerset County Commissioners met in Special Session with Commissioner President Craig Mathies, Sr., Commissioner Vice President Charles Laird, Commissioner Randy Laird, and Commissioner Eldon Willing. Commissioner Rex Simpkins was not present for today's meeting.

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

**Closed Session Summary Report for October 6, 2020**

On October 6, 2020, from 3:07 p.m. until 4:19 p.m., at 11916 Somerset Avenue, Room 111, upon a motion made by Commissioner Simpkins and seconded by Commissioner Willing, it carried 5-0 to enter into Closed Session by Authority of State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Subtitle §3-305 (b) (1) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction.

Present for the Closed Session Meeting were President Craig N. Mathies, Sr., Vice President Charles Laird, Commissioner Randy Laird, Commissioner Rex Simpkins, and Commissioner Eldon Willing. Also present were County Administrator Ralph D. Taylor, Executive Secretary Kimberly Lopez, Director of Emergency Services Yvette Cross, Director of Solid Waste and Maintenance Charles Cavanaugh, Director of IT Chris Woodward, Director of Human Resources Morena Corbin, Mayor Barry Dize, Crisfield PD Chief Delfonzo, and Ms. Joyce Morgan. Topics discussed were: (1) Personnel; Actions taken: Hire 911/Emergency Communications Dispatcher 1, Hire Transfer Station Attendant, Termination of Employee.

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Mr. John Redden, County Engineer, and Mr. Clint Sterling, Director of Recreation and Parks, joined the meeting and presented change orders for the Hiker Biker Trail that will be covered by grant funding (with no additional expense from the County).

Mr. Redden advised change order #4 consisted of stabilization of kiosks that house the bulletin boards in the parking lots for the amount of \$3,895.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simpkins and seconded by Commissioner Willing to approve change order #4 consisted of stabilization of kiosks that house the bulletin boards in the parking lots for the amount of \$3,895.00. This motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Redden advised change order #5 consisted of bollard sleeves (allowing the bollards to be removed for routine maintenance of the hiker biker trail) in the amount of \$8,585.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simpkins and seconded by Commissioner Willing to approve change order #5 consisted of bollard sleeves (allowing the bollards to be removed for routine maintenance of the hiker biker trail) in the amount of \$8,585.00. This motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Redden advised change order #6 consisted of installing safety railing near Whites Road (where there is no shoulder between the trail and the ditch) in the amount of \$7,738.50.

A motion was made by Vice President Charles Laird and seconded by Commissioner Randy Laird to approve change order #6 consisted of installing safety railing near Whites Road (where there is no shoulder between the trail and the ditch) in the amount of \$7,738.50. This motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Taylor then reviewed received correspondence from the County Engineers Association of Maryland and advised that the MD 413 Shared Used Bike Path has been selected to receive the CEAM Award of Merit for 2020.

Mr. Redden and Mr. Sterling left the meeting.

Mr. Taylor advised that the County was awarded the MAA Grant Agreement (MAA-GR-21-012) in the amount of \$43,125.00 for obstruction removal project at Crisfield/Somerset County Airport.

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

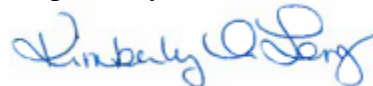
Therefore, on a motion made by Commissioner Simpkins and seconded by Commissioner Willing that carried 5-0, the Board entered into Closed Session by Authority of State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Subtitle §3-305 (b) (1) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction at 3:07 p.m.

Approved by:



Board of County Commissioners  
For Somerset County

Respectfully Submitted:



Kimberly Lopez  
Executive Secretary