

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR SOMERSET COUNTY
SPECIAL SESSION
TUESDAY JULY 28, 2020

At 2:20 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, and Commissioner Rex Simpkins.

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

Closed Session Summary Report for July 28, 2020

On July 28, 2020, from 2:32 p.m. until 3:02 p.m., at 11916 Somerset Avenue, Room 111, upon a motion made by Commissioner Randy Laird and seconded by Vice President Charles Laird, 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 Technical and Community Services Gary Pusey, and Director of Human Resources Morena Corbin. Topics discussed were: (1) Personnel; Actions taken: None.

Mr. Gary Pusey, Director of Technical and Community Services, and Ms. Kristen Tremblay, Assistant Director of Technical and Community Services, were before the Board to discuss the Algonquin Decommissioning Plan. Two letters from Algonquin addressing comments from last week's meeting and additional comments received from Ms. Tammy Truitt were distributed for the Board's review. Ms. Tremblay advised that the Public Service Commission's public hearing is scheduled for August 5, 2020, and in order for the County's comments to reach the State they must be prepared by Friday (July 31, 2020). Ms. Tremblay has drafted a letter and advised that she can amend it with regard to any questions or comments from today's meeting.

The Board advised they will review the letters sent from Algonquin and respond accordingly with any questions or concerns by Friday.

Mr. Pusey and Ms. Tremblay left the meeting.

Mr. Taylor reviewed received correspondence and advised of a letter of support request from the City of Crisfield with regard to the Crisfield Armory. Mr. Taylor advised that they are applying for a grant through the Rural Maryland Council for rehabilitation for the Crisfield Armory in the amount of \$64,250.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Randy Laird and seconded by Vice President Charles Laird, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize President Mathies' signature on the letter of support for the City of Crisfield to apply for the grant through the Rural Maryland Council for rehabilitation for the Crisfield Armory in the amount of \$64,250.00.

Under discussion items, Mr. Taylor presented a proclamation request for Mr. Leon Johnson, Sr. (who recently passed away) in honor and appreciation for all of his efforts and service to Somerset County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Willing and seconded by Vice President Charles Laird to approve the proclamation request for Mr. Leon Johnson, Sr. This motion carried 5-0.

Next, under public comments, Mr. Taylor advised that a phone comment was received from Mr. Ron DeClemment prior to today's meeting. Mr. DeClemment stated that in last week's meeting, the representative lied about the time of business by claiming he did not know when Mr. DeClemment was about to find out they've been in business for 11 months. We Recycle Solar only has locations in Arizona and Texas, not in New York, North Carolina or Maryland. The Hagerstown Project has now gone from \$88 per megawatt to \$110 per megawatt. He also stated that the representative stated multiple times that the project could be done over again in five years, which Mr. DeClemment stated was a claim to the project being inadequate from the start.

Ms. Tammy Truitt then addressed the Board, reminding them that values the representative used and presented are out of date.

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

Therefore, on a motion made by Commissioner Randy Laird and seconded by Vice President Charles Laird 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 2:32 p.m.

Approved by:

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Board of County Commissioners
For Somerset County

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kimberly Lopez' in a cursive style.

Kimberly Lopez
Executive Secretary