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SPECIAL SESSION AGENDA
August 25, 2020
BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
FOR SOMERSET COUNTY
11916 Somerset Avenue
Room 111/Meeting Room
Princess Anne, MD 21853
2:30 p.m.

Appointments

- * **2:30 p.m.** - Mr. John Redden, County Engineer
 - Amended Scope of Services/AECOM
 - MAA Grant Application/Change Order

- * **2:40 p.m.** - Need to Enter into Closed Session:

Closed Session- Mr. Ralph Taylor, Mr. Kirk Simpkins, Mr. Charles Cavanaugh, Ms. Yvette Cross, Ms. Morena Corbin

Authority of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland § 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; (7) consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; and (2) protect the privacy or reputation of an individual with respect to a matter that is not related to public business.

- * *Denotes Action Item*

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At 2:37 p.m., upon a motion made by Commissioner Simpkins and seconded by Commissioner Willing, it carried unanimously to enter into Special Session. Also present for the meeting were President Craig Mathies, Sr., Vice President Charles Laird, and Commissioner Randy Laird.

County Administrator-Clerk Ralph D. Taylor, Executive Aide Lory E. Ebron and County Engineer John Redden were also present.

Closed Session Summary Report

On August 25, 2020, from 2:45 p.m. until 3:58 p.m., at 11916 Somerset Avenue, Room 111, Princess Anne, Maryland, upon a motion made by Commissioner Randy Laird, and seconded by Vice President Charles Laird it carried unanimously to enter into Closed Session by Authority of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland §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; and (7) consult with counsel to obtain legal advice and (2) protect the privacy or reputation of an individual with respect to a matter that is not related to public business.

Present for the Closed Session Meeting were President Craig N. Mathies, Sr., Vice President Charles Laird, Commissioner Eldon Willing, Commissioner Randy Laird and Commissioner Rex Simpkins.

Also present were County Administrator Ralph D. Taylor, Executive Aide Lory Ebron, Ms. Morena Corbin, HR Director, Attorney Kirk Simpkins, Mr. Charles Cavanaugh, Director of Solid Waste and Maintenance, Mr. Gary Pusey, P & Z Director, Ms. Yvette Cross, Emergency Services Director. Topics discussed: (1) Consult with Counsel (various matters) (2) Proclamation Requests (3) Hiring Transfer Station Attendant I, Dispatcher I, (4) Personnel Matters. Actions taken during closed session: (1) Approval to hire Transfer Station Attendant I and Dispatcher I (2) Approval of Proclamation Requests.

Mr. Redden presented an amendment regarding the airport Obstruction Removal Project (Construction Phase) relating to the Horsey property. He explained that initially, Mr. Horsey intended to remove the timber himself; however, prices have declined and he would now like to

move forward with working with the county. Identified as Amendment 02, the cost increase to include professional engineering and construction phase consultant services by AECOM, is \$11,606.00. He requested the Board approval for Amendment No. 02, and to advise AECOM of our notice to proceed.

A motion was made by Vice President Charles Laird to approve AECOM Amendment No. 02 to include the Horsey property at an increased consultant fee of \$11,606.00/notice to proceed. Commissioner Randy Laird seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

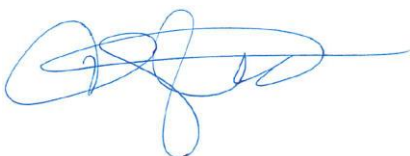
Next, Mr. Redden requested approval for a Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) grant application, in the amount of \$77,000, for the removal of trees by Economy Tree. Mr. Redden advised that if this work can be done at the same time as the Annemessex tree removal, Economy Tree will reduce the cost to \$61,700.00. Cost share is MAA-75%/County/City 25%. The grant application is due before August 30, 2020.

Commissioner Randy Laird made a motion to approve the MAA grant application as presented. Vice President Charles Laird seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

At 2:45 pm, the Board was advised of the need for a closed session. Therefore, upon a motion made by Commissioner Randy Laird and seconded by Vice President Charles Laird, the Board entered into Closed Session by Authority of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland §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; and (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; and (2) protect the privacy or reputation of an individual with respect to a matter that is not related to public business.

The Work Session, Commissioner, and Closed Session meetings were adjourned at 3:58 p.m., upon a motion made by Vice President Charles Laird and seconded by Commissioner Randy Laird. The motion carried 4-0.

Approved by:



Board of County Commissioners
For Somerset County

Respectfully Submitted:



Lory E. Ebron
Executive Aide