



Talbot County, Maryland



Easton, Maryland

MINUTES

August 14, 2012

Present – President Corey W. Pack, Vice President R. Andrew Hollis, Dirck K. Bartlett, Laura E. Price, County Manager John C. Craig, and County Attorney Michael Pullen. Council Member Thomas G. Duncan was absent.

- I. Agenda – Mr. Pack requested and received Council’s unanimous consent for approval of the Agenda of Tuesday, August 14, 2012.
- II. Minutes – Mr. Pack requested and received Council’s unanimous consent for approval of the Minutes of Tuesday, July 24, 2012.
- III. Disbursements – Mr. Pack requested and received Council’s unanimous consent for approval of the disbursements of July 31, 2012, August 7, 2012 and August 14, 2012.
- IV. Presentation on Homestead Tax Credit Eligibility Application Program – Angela Lane, Finance Director; Dale Deweese, Area Supervisor, Real Property - Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation; George Wilson, Assistant Supervisor, Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation – Talbot County – Ms. Lane briefed the Council on the Homestead Tax Credit which limits the amount of assessment increase on which eligible homeowners pay on their property taxes and is a credit given to eligible homeowners on property taxes for their primary residence in the county in which they live. She stated that despite increases in properties’ assessments, Talbot County has limited the amount of the taxable assessment increase to 0% since 1992, resulting in a savings of over \$1,100 per year to the average Talbot County homeowner. Ms. Lane stated that in order to be eligible to receive, or continue to receive, the Homestead Tax Credit, an application must be filed with the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation by December 31, 2012; she then outlined the online process for filing an application, as mandated by the Maryland General Assembly since 2007. Applications for the Homestead Credit may be obtained online on the Department of Assessments and Taxation website at <http://dat.state.md.us>, or at the Talbot County Finance Office; Access Numbers, required for filing online, may be obtained by calling 410-767-2165 in the Baltimore Metropolitan area, or 1-866-650-8783 for other locations in Maryland. Mr. DeWeese and Mr. Wilson briefed the Council on outreach efforts by the Department of Assessments and Taxation to help ensure that those homeowners who are eligible for the Homestead Tax Credit are aware that they must file an application before December 31, 2012; individuals who fail to file before the deadline will receive higher tax bills in July 2013. Mr. DeWeese stated that the Department of Assessments and Taxation sent a letter of explanation and an application to homeowners in 2007, and reminders have been issued several times since that time; to date, approximately two thirds of eligible Talbot County homeowners have submitted an application for the Homestead Tax Credit; a special mailing will be forwarded to the remaining one third as a reminder to file before December 31, 2012. Council discussion ensued with Ms. Lane and the Department of Assessments and Taxation representatives. Information on the Homestead Tax Credit Eligibility Application Program will be posted on the homepage of the County’s website at www.talbotcountymd.gov. Ms. Lane will provide another update in late fall.
- V. Request for Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement For Recycling Management Services By and Between Talbot County, Maryland and Maryland Environmental Service – Mike Mertaugh, Assistant County Engineer/Roads and Development Review; Steve Tomczewski, Program Director, Environmental Operations, Maryland Environmental Service – Mr. Mertaugh updated the Council on plans by Maryland Environmental Service (MES) to begin operation of the Mid-Shore Regional Recycling Program and

requested Council approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement between Talbot County and MES with regard to same; the recycling program is currently operated by Queen Anne's County on behalf of the participating counties. Mr. Mertaugh stated that since MES already operates the Mid-Shore Regional Landfill, it will be able to bring additional resources to the Mid-Shore Regional Recycling Program as well as economies of scale to help ensure that an even distribution of services is offered to the counties; Queen Anne's and Caroline Counties have executed Intergovernmental Agreements with MES and Kent County is anticipated to do so on August 21, 2012. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Tomczewski and Mr. Mertaugh. The Council requested that the Agreement include wording to have MES consider the addition of Tilghman Island as a possible collection site as is stated in the County's updated Solid Waste Management Plan. Upon motion by Mr. Hollis, seconded by Mr. Bartlett, the Council approved the Intergovernmental Agreement For Recycling Management Services By and Between Talbot County, Maryland and Maryland Environmental Service, with the additional wording as requested, by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye

VI. Introduction of Administrative Resolutions:

AN ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GIRL SCOUTS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY COUNCIL, INC. TO APPLY FOR THE PROGRAM ENTITLED "GIRL SCOUT LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE" ON BEHALF OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND was read into the record by the Clerk. Denise Eberspeaker, Director of Fund Development, Communications and PRC, Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council, Inc., stated that the Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council, Inc. will be submitting an application for Maryland tax credits which will be used as a leveraging device for donations in Talbot County and the other counties on Maryland's Eastern Shore; the Resolution verifies the areas in which the organization is providing service and from which it is requesting donations. The Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council currently serves approximately 310 girls and 152 volunteers in 27 troops in Talbot County and provides outreach programs at Easton Elementary School, St. Michaels Elementary School, and at Critchlow Adkins Children's Center in Cordova. Upon motion by Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved the Administrative Resolution by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye

AN ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTION TO INCREASE OVERNIGHT PARKING FEES FOR AIRCRAFT AT EASTON AIRPORT was brought forward for introduction. Prior to introduction, Mike Henry, Manager at Easton Airport, stated that the request for an increase in per night overnight parking fees was being made in order to bring fees at Easton Airport more in line with fees charged at other Eastern Shore airports following an anonymous survey conducted by Bay Bridge Airport. Mr. Henry outlined the fees as follows: single engine overnight parking fees would remain at \$10 per night; twin engine overnight parking fees would increase from \$15.00 to \$25.00 per night; and jet and turboprop engine overnight parking fees would increase from \$20.00 to \$50.00 per night. Council discussion ensued. The Clerk then read the Administrative Resolution into the record. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Hollis, the Council approved the Administrative Resolution by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye

VII. Introduction of Legislation:

A BILL TO AMEND § 190-105, TALBOT COUNTY CODE “*WIRELESS COMMUNICATION TOWERS*” TO ADD A DEFINITION OF “*TOWER, CONCEALED*”; TO REQUIRE THAT CONCEALED TOWERS INCLUDE A CERTIFICATION FROM A MARYLAND LICENSED STRUCTURAL ENGINEER THAT THE TOWER IS DESIGNED TO WITHSTAND ALL DESIGN LOADS BY A MINIMUM OF 110%; TO AMEND THE MINIMUM SETBACKS REQUIRED FOR CONCEALED TOWERS; TO PROVIDE THAT LANDSCAPING AND FENCING REQUIREMENTS MAY BE WAIVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION; TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT AN APPLICANT PROVIDE EVIDENCE SUBSTANTIATING THAT CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS TOWER SHALL NOT BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE USE, PEACEFUL ENJOYMENT, OR ECONOMIC VALUE OF NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES; TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENT SO THAT AN APPLICANT OBTAIN MAJOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL BEFORE THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION HEARING WITH THE BOARD OF APPEALS; TO PROVIDE THAT ONE PRIVATE AMATEUR (HAM) RADIO TOWER 75 FEET OR LESS IS PERMITTED AS AN ACCESSORY USE; AND GENERALLY RELATING TO WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS TOWERS was read into the record by the Clerk. Prior to introduction, Assistant Planning Director Mary Kay Verdery briefed the Council on the purpose of the legislation. She stated that the proposed legislation is the result of an applicant’s request to place a wireless communication tower in a Village center location where lots are smaller and there was no location suitable for a monopole or lattice cell towers which are currently permitted. Ms. Verdery stated that although stealth and camouflage technologies are also currently permitted, there are no current guidelines for concealed towers which are defined as wireless communication antenna structures designed to disguise the function of the antenna while being architecturally integrated into building forms compatible with existing surroundings and permitted land uses; Ms. Verdery cited bell towers, steeples, and silos as examples of concealed towers. She outlined the various provisions of the proposed legislation and Council discussion ensued with Ms. Verdery. Mr. Bartlett requested that wording in the proposed legislation be changed to reflect “...THAT THE TOWER IS DESIGNED TO WITHSTAND ALL DESIGN LOADS REQUIRED BY THE TALBOT COUNTY BUILDING CODE BY A MINIMUM OF 110%...”; there was no objection. Ms. Verdery advised that the Planning Commission had approved forwarding the legislation to the Council by a vote of 3 -1; one member was absent when the vote was taken. Council discussion again ensued.

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ACCESSORY USE; AND GENERALLY RELATING TO WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS TOWERS, with the change in wording as requested by Mr. Bartlett, was then introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Pack, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1226. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

VIII. Public Hearings:

A public hearing was held on Bill No. 1220, AN EMERGENCY BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY COUNCIL IN ITS CAPACITY AS COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ADOPT A BURNING BAN IN ANY PART OF THE COUNTY OR THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF A BURN BAN COMMITTEE, TO ESTABLISH THAT COMMITTEE, TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF THE BURNING BAN TO THE PUBLIC, TO PROVIDE A RIGHT OF ENTRY TO EXTINGUISH A FIRE STARTED IN VIOLATION OF A BURNING BAN AND OTHERWISE ENFORCE THIS ARTICLE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CIVIL PENALTIES, and the public was afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

A public hearing was held on Bill No. 1221, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE BELLEVUE FERRY LANDING, and the public was afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

A public hearing was held on Bill No. 1222, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING COUNTY BRIDGES; KINGSTON ROAD OVER KINGS CREEK (STATE BRIDGE NO. T-0002); BRUCEVILLE ROAD OVER MILES CREEK (STATE BRIDGE NO. T-0003); MULLETT BRANCH ROAD OVER KINGS CREEK (STATE BRIDGE NO. T-0006); WRIGHTS MILL ROAD OVER MILES CREEK (STATE BRIDGE NO. T-0007); MONEYMAKE ROAD OVER BOLINGBROKE CREEK (STATE BRIDGE NO. T-0008); AND RABBIT HILL ROAD OVER POTTS MILL CREEK (STATE BRIDGE NO. T-0009), and the public was afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

A public hearing was held on Bill No. 1223, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE RECAULKING, REPOINTING AND WATERPROOFING AT 100 SOUTH HANSON STREET, EASTON, and the public was afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

A public hearing was held on Bill No. 1224, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE ROOF REPLACEMENTS AT FOUR (4) COUNTY BUILDINGS, and the public was afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

A public hearing was held on Bill No. 1225, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE REPOINTING OF SOUTHWING OF COUNTY COURTHOUSE COMPLEX and the public was afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation.

Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Hollis, the public hearings on Bill Nos. 1220-1225 were closed. Upon motion by Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Hollis, Bill Nos. 1220 – 1225 were brought to third reader. Upon motion by Mr. Bartlett, and unanimous consent of the Council, a full reading of the legislation was waived.

Upon motion by Mr. Hollis, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved Bill No. 1220 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye (via absentee ballot)

The provisions of Bill No. 1220 will take effect as provided for in the legislation.

Upon motion by Mr. Hollis, seconded by Mr. Bartlett, the Council approved Bill No. 1221 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye (via absentee ballot)

The provisions of Bill No. 1221 will take effect as provided for in the legislation.

Upon motion by Mr. Hollis, seconded by Mr. Bartlett, the Council approved Bill No. 1222 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye (via absentee ballot)

The provisions of Bill No. 1222 will take effect as provided for in the legislation.

Upon motion by Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Hollis, the Council approved Bill No. 1223 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye (via absentee ballot)

The provisions of Bill No. 1223 will take effect as provided for in the legislation.

Upon motion by Mr. Hollis, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved Bill No. 1224 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye (via absentee ballot)

The provisions of Bill No. 1224 will take effect as provided for in the legislation.

Upon motion by Mr. Hollis, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved Bill No. 1225 by voting 5 -0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Duncan – Aye (via absentee ballot)

The provisions of Bill No. 1225 will take effect as provided for in the legislation.

- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON SHORE HEALTH SYSTEM REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, POS CONVERSION – Public meeting to answer community questions regarding the proposed conversion of approximately 73 acres of undeveloped agricultural land adjacent to the Talbot County Community Center, 10028 Ocean Gateway, Easton, acquired with funding provided by the Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources, Program Open Space (POS) for public recreation and open space. The County is transferring that property to Shore Health System, Inc. to become part of Shore Health’s new Regional Medical Center. The existing POS restrictions on that property are to be re-located to a replacement site consisting of approximately 86 acres of land, more or less, donated to the County by The Conservation Fund. The replacement site is also undeveloped agricultural land located along the Oxford Road, described in a deed recorded among the County Land Records at Liber 01659, folio 96, and shown on Tax Map 53, parcel 90.

County Attorney Mike Pullen stated that the public was being afforded an opportunity to comment and to ask questions concerning the proposed conversion of the Community Center parcel (approximately 78 acres), purchased in 2005, which is being donated to the hospital for creation of a regional medical center campus. He stated that the property currently has existing Program Open Space restrictions which need to be removed so that the County can convey good title to the hospital; Program Open Space requires that the County provide land of at least equal monetary value and of at least equal recreational or open space value. Mr. Pullen advised that an 86 acre parcel adjacent to the Town of Oxford has been identified and offered to the County by The Conservation Fund as a replacement POS parcel; the aforementioned parcel would allow the County to remove the existing POS restriction on the Community Center parcel and to have those restrictions placed on the parcel adjacent to the Town of Oxford. Mr. Pack stated that the County was holding the public meeting in order to be in compliance with Program Open Space requirements and to continue moving forward toward the building of the Regional Medical Center adjacent to the Talbot County Community Center. The public was afforded an opportunity to comment and to ask questions on the proposal for conversion. Council members then made the following comments:

- Mr. Bartlett- Mr. Bartlett stated that he had received telephone calls from several citizens from the Town of Oxford requesting that input from Oxford citizens be included in the County’s visioning process of plans for the Oxford POS site. Following Mr. Pack’s comments, Mr. Bartlett expressed appreciation to Mr. Blaine Phillips for his role in the acquisition of the property; Mr. Phillips acted on behalf of the property owner during negotiations.
- Mr. Pack - Mr. Pack expressed appreciation to The Conservation Fund for their offer of the property adjacent to the Town of Oxford, and that no County funds were required for the acquisition of the land. He stated that he looked forward to input from interested citizens in Oxford at the time the County begins to develop plans for use of the passive recreational space; he invited citizens to submit their suggestions to the County in the interim. Mr. Pack stated that only approximately 25.5 acres of the approximately 86 acre parcel is available as recreational space;

the remaining 60 acres is in the Critical Area. Mr. Pack stated that the County is working to finalize the conversion so that when the hospital takes over the 78 acre parcel near the Talbot County Community Center, there will be no outstanding issues with regard to the matter. He thanked former Parks & Recreation Director Rick Towle for his instrumental role in assisting the County with acquisition of the Oxford property, The Conservation Fund for their generous donation of the property, and County Attorney Mike Pullen for his work on the project. Mr. Pack reiterated that no County funds were expended for the acquisition of the property; the County will need to expend up to \$250,000 toward planned development of the space.

Mr. Hollis - Mr. Hollis stated that the POS conversion is another example of the Council continuing to try to move forward with what, in his opinion, is the most important project for County citizens, and which, in his opinion, the County would not be able to accomplish without the cooperation of the University of Maryland Medical System, Shore Health System and the Town of Easton; he thanked all parties.

Ms. Price - No comments.

- X. Quarterly Update by Talbot County Airport Advisory Board – Mike Henry, Airport Manager; Jack Pettit, President, Talbot County Airport Advisory Board – Mr. Henry briefed the Council that the following projects were underway or had been completed: (1) AIP-30 (Five-Year CIP Environmental Assessment) – the Environmental Assessment was forwarded to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on July 16, 2012 for final review; (2) AIP-34 (Land Acquisitions and Mitigation for Obstruction Removal) – the Airport is awaiting a wetland permit from the Maryland Department of the Environment; (3) AIP-37 (Runway 4-22 Obstruction Removal) – Survey required by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) was completed on February 13, 2012 and submitted to MDE on May 29, 2012; Maryland Department of the Environment advised on July 31, 2012 that the Airport’s Wetland Permit is anticipated to be issued two weeks from July 31, 2012; (4) AIP-38 (Snow Removal Equipment) – the FAA approved the Snow Removal Plan and grant is now in process of being closed out; (5) USDA – Sewer – Request for Proposals scheduled for publication on August 10th, August 17th and August 24, 2012 with bid opening scheduled for September 6, 2012; (6) AEGIS Hangar - preparation of floor for paint continues in anticipation of tenant occupation; (7) Verizon Monopole – Mr. Henry stated that a permit for construction was granted on June 30, 2012 and construction began on July 16, 2012; first lease payment has been received; AT&T has also expressed interest in locating on the monopole; (8) Fuel Sales – Mr. Henry reported that jet fuel sales are 12.8% higher than last year at this time; Avgas sales are 12.5% lower than last year at this time; (9) MedStar Hangar – lease expires in August 2012; the facility has been listed with commercial Realtor[®] Oxford Commercial since March 2012; (10) Emergency Exercise – Mr. Henry stated that he is working with Talbot County Emergency Management and several law enforcement agencies to plan an emergency exercise at the Airport; the emergency exercise will be held at the Airport on September 16, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon; (11) Airport Day – is scheduled for Saturday, October 6, 2012; events and exhibitions are being finalized; (12) Airport Website – Mr. Henry stated that the first draft of the redesigned Airport website has been completed; information pertaining to the Offices of Tourism and Economic Development will be included on the new website; discussions are continuing with regard to advertisements; (13) Dirt – the removal of approximately 60,000 cubic yards of fill dirt at the Airport was completed on August 9, 2012 and the area will now be reseeded; the fill dirt was used on previous Airport projects; (14) Spitfire F-104 – Mr. Henry stated that the F-104 donated to the Airport by Mr. Tom Blair has been relocated to the Airport; final placement at the Airport is as yet undetermined; Mr. Charles Thornton has offered to provide a pedestal for the aircraft; (15) Sign – Airport tenant Sugar Buns is in the process of obtaining proposals and cost estimates for a sign advertising the establishment on U.S. Rt. 50; (16) Airport as Filming Location – Mr. Henry announced that the United States Postal Service is scheduled to be at

Easton Airport on Tuesday, August 28, 2012 for the filming of a promotional film; (17) Possible Sequestration – Mr. Henry briefed the Council on the possible sequestration, an across the board spending cut to the nation’s airports, the result of which would be closure of many airports to commercial traffic and closure of the approximately 250 contract air traffic control towers; Easton Airport’s air traffic control tower is a contract tower; unless Congress authorizes continuation of funding, the sequestration would go into effect on January 2, 2013. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Henry on the matter. The next Airport Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in the Easton Airport Conference Room.

XI. County Manger’s Report:

- A. Talbot County Economic Development Commission – Requested Council approval for the appointment of Terenda Thomas to the Talbot County Economic Development Commission as an Ex-Officio member from the Easton office of the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR). Upon motion by Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved the appointment by voting 4 - 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack - Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye

- B. Talbot County Local Emergency Planning Committee – Requested Council approval to forward the name of Judy Bottof to the Governor for consideration of appointment to a three-year term on the Talbot County Local Emergency Planning Committee as a citizen representative; if appointed, said term will expire August 1, 2015. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Hollis, the Council approved forwarding the recommendation to the Governor for consideration by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack - Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye

- C. Talbot County Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board – Requested Council approval to forward the name of Katherine Jones to the Governor for consideration of reappointment to a five-year term on the Talbot County Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board; if reappointed, said term will expire June 1, 2017. Upon motion by Mr. Hollis, seconded by Mr. Bartlett, the Council approved forwarding the recommendation to the Governor by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack - Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye

- D. Talbot County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Committee – Requested Council approval for the appointment of Dr. John Ryan to a four-year term on the Talbot County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council; said term will expire July 1, 2016. Upon motion by Mr. Hollis, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved the appointment by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack - Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye

- E. Talbot Family Network Board of Directors– Requested Council approval for the reappointment of Nancy Fauntleroy, Mary Wheeler, and Marlene Thomas and the appointment of Rev. Troy Denson and Mary Taylor-Acree to three-year terms on the Talbot Family Network Board of Directors as private sector representatives; said terms will expire June 30, 2015. Upon motion by Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved the appointments by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack - Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye

- F. Talbot County Tourism Board – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of Debbie Lipscomb and the appointment of Amy Haines to four-year terms on the Talbot County Tourism Board as representatives of the short term rental and restaurant sectors, respectively; said terms will expire July 1, 2016. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Bartlett, the Council approved the reappointment and the appointment by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack - Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye

- G. Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Housing Bonds for Maryland First-time Homebuyers - Requested Council approval to allow the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to issue housing bonds in the amount of \$1,268,162 for low income and first-time homebuyers on behalf of Talbot County; no County funding is required. Upon motion by Mr. Hollis, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved the request as presented by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack - Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye

- H. Neighborhood Service Center Emergency Solutions Grant – Requested Council approval to have the Neighborhood Service Center, on behalf of Talbot County, apply for and accept a Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Emergency Solutions Grant in the sum of \$49,385; said funding will be used for maintenance and operations at the Ridgeway House Transitional Homeless Shelter, client case management and moves to permanent housing; no County funds are required. Upon motion by Mr. Hollis, seconded by Mr. Bartlett, the Council approved submission of the application for funding by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack - Aye
Mr. Hollis – Aye
Mr. Bartlett – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye

- I. Maryland Department of the Environment Drought Warning – Mr. Craig advised the public that the Maryland Department of the Environment has issued a drought warning for the Eastern Region of Maryland, including Talbot County. Citizens are being asked to voluntarily reduce water consumption by ten to fifteen percent. He stated that should drought conditions continue to worsen in our area, the Governor could issue an Executive Order for water restrictions; anyone with questions related to the drought should contact the Talbot County Department of Public Works at 410-770-8170.
- J. Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) Summer Conference – Mr. Craig stated that he and several Council members would be attending the MACo Summer Conference later in the week where they will have an opportunity to meet with State officials on various matters affecting the counties.

XII. Council Comments:

- Ms. Price – Ms. Price offered condolences to the family of Roberta “Bobbie” Harrison, stating that she would be sorely missed.
- Mr. Bartlett– Mr. Bartlett stated that he does not usually comment on matters in other counties but he wished to offer congratulations to Tim Junkin of Mid-Shore Riverkeepers, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Queen Anne’s Conservation Association and 14 individual residents for their successful efforts thus far in stopping the rezoning of property near Chesapeake College on the Queen Anne’s County side of the Talbot County line. He stated that a rezoning in that location would have also affected some Talbot County residents of Wye Mills. Speaking for himself, he stated that he is not in favor of growth in that area, again congratulated the groups and individuals who fought against the rezoning, and stated that, in his opinion, the matter is important for Talbot County.
- Mr. Hollis - Mr. Hollis echoed Ms. Price’s statements and expressed condolences to the Harrison family on the loss of their mother and grandmother.
- Mr. Pack – Mr. Pack congratulated the Talbot County Senior Center for having achieved Bay Wise Certification by meeting criteria including controlling stormwater runoff, water efficiency, wise fertilization, proper mowing and encouraging wildlife. Mr. Pack thanked the Senior Center for their efforts to protect the environment. He commented that he had recently read in the newspaper that the Tilghman, Bozman, and Royal Oak polling locations will be reopening for the November election, that he was happy to hear it, and he expressed appreciation to the Election Board for coming to the decision to reopen the sites and that the situation had been resolved. Mr. Pack offered condolences to the family of Bobbie Harrison, whom he stated he had never had an opportunity to meet, but from everything he had heard and read, was a wonderful person who will be sorely missed by her family;

XIII. Upon motion by Mr. Hollis, seconded by Mr. Bartlett, the Council voted to adjourn to Executive Session for discussion of legal, personnel and real estate matters, and to reconvene in Executive Session on Tuesday, August 28, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. for discussion of legal, personnel, and real estate matters, and for the regularly scheduled legislative session at 6:00 p.m. by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

- Mr. Pack - Aye
- Mr. Hollis - Aye
- Mr. Bartlett – Aye
- Ms. Price – Aye

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

The transcript of the August 14, 2012 County Council meeting is available for review in the Office of the County Manager during regular office hours.

XIV. On Tuesday, August 14, 2012, an Executive Session of the Talbot County Council convened at 12:35 p.m. in the County Council Conference Room and the Bradley Meeting Room. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Bartlett, the Council met in Executive Session by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

- Mr. Bartlett – Aye
- Mr. Duncan – Absent
- Mr. Hollis – Aye
- Mr. Pack – Aye
- Ms. Price – Aye

In accordance with State Article § 10-508 (a)(i)(1)(3)(4)(7)(8)(14) the purpose of the Executive Session was for discussion of a legal/real estate matter for legal advice concerning the possible relocation of Memorial Hospital at Easton to County owned property and the timetable for same; for a real estate matter to discuss acquisition of property for a public purpose; for legal matters for legal advice on a matter involving the Public Service Commission and for legal advice on pending contract negotiations; and for a personnel matter to discuss appointments to various County boards and committees. The Executive Session recessed at 1:30 p.m. and reconvened at 3:50 p.m. The Executive Session ended at 5:50 p.m.

CASH STATEMENT 07/31/2012

BALANCE 7/24/2012	\$19,637,245.22
UHC CLAIMS THRU 7/24/2012	(30,622.96)
TAL CO MD CONSOLIDATED PUB IMP&FUNDING BOND	(90,151.90)
MD DEPT ENVIRONMENT WATER QUALITY RVOLV LOAN	(40,420.47)
ST ADMIN BOARD OF ELECTIONS PPE 7/10/2012	(4,793.93)
DEPOSITS	12,820,674.84
CHECKS	(816,202.25)
BALANCE 07/31/2012	<u>\$31,475,728.55</u>

AIRPORT ACCOUNTS

AIP-RUNWAY 4-22 EXTENSION ANALYSIS	--
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AIP-34	15,381.70
AIP-35	37,082.09
AIP36	8,535.74
AIP37	228.89
AIP38	3,612.00

AIRPORT ACCOUNTS TOTAL BALANCE **\$64,840.42**

INVESTMENTS – CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>CERTIFICATE DATE</u>	<u>MATURITY DATE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
10/18/2011	10/18/12	0.41%	4,000,000.00
12/20/2011	12/20/12	0.37%	3,000,000.00

PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL 0.14% 14,000,000.00

TOTAL INVESTED **\$21,000,000.00**

PETTY CASH BALANCE **\$6,800.00**

GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS **\$52,547,368.97**

CASH STATEMENT 08/07/2012

BALANCE 7/31/2012 \$31,475,728.55

UHC CLAIMS THRU 7/31/2012 (66,617.19)

BOARD OF EDUCATION 7/2012 (2,860,991.00)

RETURNED CHECKS (315.00)

PAYROLL-FD/SS/MS WH 8/3/2012 (106,794.35)

 SECU DED (8,044.68)

 DEFERRED COMP DED (9,847.72)

 MD WH (27,861.16)

 PENSION DED (28,422.75)

 ACH TRANSFER (9,211.75)

 FLEX SPENDING ACCT (2,603.59)

DEPOSITS 7,456,901.34

CHECKS (902,061.28)

VOID CHECK NO.S 277628 1,302.11

BALANCE 8/7/2012 **\$34,911,161.53**

AIRPORT ACCOUNTS

NEW AIP-RUNWAY 4-22 EXTENSION ANALYSIS --

AIP-34 15,381.70

AIP-35 37,082.09

AIP-36 8,535.74

AIP-37 228.89

AIP-38 3,612.00

AIRPORT ACCOUNTS TOTAL BALANCE \$64,840.42

INVESTMENTS – CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>CERTIFICATE DATE</u>	<u>MATURITY DATE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
10/18/2011	10/18/12	0.41%	4,000,000.00
12/20/2011	12/20/12	0.37%	3,000,000.00

PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL 0.13% 14,000,000.00

TOTAL INVESTED \$21,000,000.00

PETTY CASH BALANCE \$6,800.00

GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS \$55,982,801.95

CASH STATEMENT 08/14/2012

BALANCE 8/7/2012 \$34,911,161.53

RETURNED CHECKS	(25,091.94)
UHC CLAIMS THRU 8/7/2012	(62,021.27)
POSTAGE WIRE	(3,000.00)
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS PPE 7/24/2012	(4,785.16)
STATE REPORT 7/2012	(6,126,250.20)
TRANSFER LOCAL MATCH TO AIP36	(3,441.69)

DEPOSITS	1,622,777.47
CHECKS	(2,274,246.79)

BALANCE 8/14/2012 \$28,034,501.95

AIRPORT ACCOUNTS

AIP-RUNWAY 4-22 EXTENSION ANALYSIS --

AIP-34	BALANCE 8/7/2012	15,381.70	
	DEPOSITS	120.00	15,501.70
AIP-35			37,082.09
AIP36	BALANCE 8/7/2012	8,535.74	
	TRANS FR GEN FUND	3,441.69	
	CHECKS	(3,441.69)	8,535.74
AIP37	BALANCE 8/7/2012	228.89	
	DEPOSITS	151.00	379.89
AIP38			3,612.00

AIRPORT ACCOUNTS TOTAL BALANCE \$65,111.42

INVESTMENTS – CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>CERTIFICATE DATE</u>	<u>MATURITY DATE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
10/18/2011	10/18/12	0.41%	4,000,000.00
12/20/2011	12/20/12	0.37%	3,000,000.00
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		0.13%	14,000,000.00
TOTAL INVESTED			<u>\$21,000,000.00</u>
PETTY CASH BALANCE			<u>\$6,800.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS			<u>\$49,106,413.37</u>