



TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

County Council

MINUTES

January 22, 2019

Present – President Corey W. Pack, Vice President Chuck F. Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Laura E. Price, County Manager R. Andrew Hollis, and County Attorney Anthony Kupersmith. Assistant County Attorney Mary O’Donnell was absent.

- I. Agenda – Mr. Pack requested and received Council’s unanimous consent for approval of the Agenda of Tuesday, January 22, 2019.
- II. Minutes – Mr. Pack requested and received Council’s unanimous consent for approval of the Minutes of Tuesday, December 18, 2018.
- III. Disbursements – Mr. Pack requested and received Council’s unanimous consent for approval of the Disbursements of Tuesday, January 15, 2019, and Tuesday, January 22, 2019.
- IV. Presentation and Request from Upper Shore Workforce Investment Board – Dan McDermott, Executive Director, Upper Shore Workforce Investment Board – Mr. McDermott briefed the Council on the mission of the Upper Shore Workforce Investment Board, and its counterparts throughout the nation which are required by the federally legislated Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act. He stated that the job of the workforce board in each jurisdiction is to bring federal employment and training resources into the area. There are 12 jurisdictions in Maryland, with the Upper Shore Workforce Investment Board serving the largest geographic area and the smallest population. He stated that the Upper Shore Workforce Investment Board, along with its 17 partner agencies, works with employers to determine their needs and to connect citizens looking for employment with gaining skills, finding a job, keeping a job, and managing a paycheck. Council discussion ensued with Mr. McDermott. Mr. McDermott then requested Council’s concurrence to bring federal employment and training resources into the area as outlined in the Upper Shore Workforce Investment Board Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Regional Plan. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council concurred with the Regional Plan as presented by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner - Aye

- V. Certificate of Recognition to Harold Baines – Mr. Harold Baines was brought forward and Council offered their congratulations for his contributions to the Talbot County community and his recent accomplishment of being elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Mr. Pack read a statement into the record highlighting Mr. Baines’ career as a professional baseball player and his support of various projects in the Talbot County community, including the establishment of the Harold Baines Scholarship Fund to assist college bound Talbot County graduates, donation of funding for the St. Michaels Middle/High School ballfield, and the donation of property for the Bay Hundred Community Pool. The Clerk then read the wording of a plaque to be placed in the hallway of the South Wing of the Talbot County Courthouse and a certificate of commendation to be presented to Mr. Baines in

recognition of his achievement on being elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Mr. Baines will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on July 21, 2019.

Mr. Pack presented the Certificate of Recognition to Mr. Baines and his wife, Marla.

- VI. Presentation and Request to participate in the FY2019 Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) Easement Acquisition Matching Funds Program – Martin Sokolich, Senior Planner – Mr. Sokolich briefed the Council on his request to forward a letter to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) Program advising that Talbot County will commit up to \$100,000 in funds retained from agricultural transfer taxes to MALPF’s matching funds program. He stated that the County funds will be used to supplement State funding allocated for preservation of agricultural land in the county. Finance Director, Angela Lane, confirmed that the funding earmarked for the program is available. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved forwarding a letter to MALPF committing the funding as outlined by Mr. Sokolich by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner - Aye

- VII. Update on Critical Area Commission’s Review and Approval of Bill No. 1401, *A BILL TO REPEAL AND REPLACE TALBOT COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 190, ENTITLED “ZONING, SUBDIVISION, AND LAND DEVELOPMENT”, IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND TO ENACT AN ENTIRE NEW CHAPTER 190 OF THE TALBOT COUNTY CODE TO IMPLEMENT ZONING CONTROLS AND REGULATIONS CONSISTENT WITH AND PURSUANT TO THE 2016 TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN* – Mary Kay Verdery, Planning Officer, stated that Bill No. 1401 became effective on November 10, 2018 for the non-critical area portions of the legislation. She stated that the critical area portions are subject to review and approval by the Critical Area Commission which will also review the entire County Code. She stated that Planning and Zoning staff had met with a five-member panel appointed by the Commission on November 29, 2018 and had provided them with a synopsis of the critical area components of the Code; the public was afforded an opportunity to comment and Planning and Zoning staff was provided an opportunity to make clarifications where needed. Ms. Verdery stated that on February 6th, Planning staff will appear before the full Commission as the panel will make its presentation. Ms. Verdery outlined areas the panel is requesting the County make amendments to in the legislation, including additional or changes in wording to provide clarification and/or consistency with regard to a clustering provision, clearing of forests, alternative buffer establishment standards, alternative buffer standards, proposed limitation on the size of structures within two Resource Conservation Area land uses; *i.e.*, public or private conservation areas and the natural resource oriented public recreation, education and research land use, and clarification of the growth allocation process in the RC (Rural Conservation District). Ms. Verdery stated that the Critical Area Commission panel is also requiring reporting requirements every two years beginning February 6, 2022 until the next comprehensive review with regard to the effectiveness of the County’s alternative buffer standards and whether the County is approving plans which are consistent with the amendments it is proposing as alternatives. Ms. Verdery stated that the panel determined that they had no proposed changes to the zoning ordinance regarding short term rentals and a possible conflict with Critical Area law as expressed during public comment on Bill No. 1401. She stated that the panel is requesting that language be included in the “house rules” for short term rentals regarding the environmental protections in the Critical Area. Council discussion ensued with Ms. Verdery as the various topics

were brought forward. Ms. Verdery concluded her presentation by stating the legislation will be required to incorporate the Critical Area Commission’s recommendations.

VIII. County Manager’s Report:

A. Bid No. 18-16, INMATE FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT – TALBOT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS – TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND – Requested Council approval to award Bid No. 18-16 to Trinity Services Group in the sum of \$230,130.20. Mr. Hollis stated that although Trinity’s cost proposal is \$15,000 higher than the one other proposal received, its technical proposal was much stronger and portions of the other proposal were considered unresponsive; the Detention Center had budgeted \$231,000 for the food services. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved the bid award by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshler - Aye

B. Amendment No. 9 - Bid 15-23, TALBOT COUNTY ST. MICHAELS PHASE V SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM REPLACEMENT/ REHABILITATION AND GRACE STREET PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT ENGINEERING SERVICES - Requested Council approval to award Amendment No. 9 to Bid No. 15-23 to Rauch, Inc. in the sum of \$107,625 for additional engineering services required to the extension of the construction work for St. Michaels project; funding for the additional engineering services will come from USDA grant funding allocated to the project upon review and concurrence by USDA. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved the amendment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshler - Aye

C. Change Order No. 8 - Bid No. 17-08, REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST – ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR TALBOT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – Requested Council approval to award engineering design services, preparation of construction documents, and to obtain Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) construction permits for the extension of sewer in the communities of Aveley, Doncaster, North Bend Road, Arcadia Shores, Blueberry Acres, Rolles Range Road and Royal Oak Road as outlined in Resolution No. 235 to Lane Engineering, Inc. for the fixed-priced sum of \$86,000. Mr. Hollis stated that fees for the work will be paid by the Talbot County Sanitary District budget and funding for the sewer extension will come from the MDE State Revolving Fund Water Quality Improvement Loan. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Mr. Leshler, the Council approved Change Order No. 8 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshler - Aye

- D. Bid No. 17-08, REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR TALBOT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – Requested Council approval to award engineering services for the preparation of a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and Environmental Report (ER) to Wallace Montgomery in an amount not to exceed \$35,000. Mr. Hollis stated that the purpose of the PER and ER is to determine the best solution for connecting existing septic systems to County sewer for the communities outlined in Resolution No. 235. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved the award by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshler - Aye

- E. Change Order No. 8 - Bid No. 17-09, ST. MICHAELS PUMPING STATION #3 UPGRADE/REHABILITATION – TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND – Requested Council approval to award Change Order No. 8, additional site repair/restoration work, for Bid No. 17-09 to current contractor, Shummer, Inc., in the sum of \$26,648.00; funding for the change order will be provided by USDA grant funds allocated to the project upon review and concurrence by USDA. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved Change Order No. 8 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshler – Aye

- F. Request from Department of Public Works – Requested Council approval to have the Department of Public Works apply to the Maryland Department of the Environment Capital Fund or Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration for funding for the following projects as discussed during the Tuesday, January 15, 2019 work session on loan and grant opportunities for Talbot County Sanitary Districts, including extension of sewer to the villages of Bozman and Neavitt:

- \$450,000 for a portion of the cost of extension of a water line from the Easton Water System on Airport Road down MD Rt. 662 toward the Talbot County Community Center and from Airport Road down Goldsborough Neck Road to the property line of the University of Maryland Medical System property. County Engineer, Ray Clarke, stated that the extension is part of an agreement with Shore Regional Health to extend water to the property line of the new regional medical

center; Council discussion ensued with Mr. Clarke. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved submittal of an application by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Lesher – Aye

- \$550,000 from the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration for construction of a sewer line and pump station from the Easton Wastewater System to the property line of the new regional medical center. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Clarke. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved submittal of an application by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Lesher – Aye

- \$250,000 from the Maryland Department of the Environment Capital Fund for the construction of a pump station and force main for the Talbot County Community Center from the Easton Wastewater System via MD Rt. 662 as it currently exists, or via the relocated portion of MD Rt. 662, should UMMS/SHS choose to do so. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Clarke regarding the costly process currently utilized by the Community Center of pumping and hauling. Mr. Clarke stated that approximately \$70,000 in Bay Restoration Funding is available to assist with the cost of this project. Mr. Pack emphasized that the line would be a dedicated one to the Talbot County Community Center only. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved submittal of an application by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Lesher – Aye

- \$6,000,000 from the Maryland Department of the Environment and USDA Rural Development for available grant funding and/or low interest loans for the rehabilitation of existing pump stations, a STEP (Septic Tank Effluent Pump) system, and major pump stations in the Royal Oak, Newcomb, Bellevue, and the Unionville, Tunis Mills, Copperville sewer service areas, the development of electronic utility maps and a system-wide pump control monitoring system. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Clarke. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved submittal of an application by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

- \$22,320,000 from the Maryland Department of the Environment and USDA Rural Development for available grant funding and/or low interest loans for expansion of the Region II Wastewater Treatment System to include the properties outlined in Resolution No. 250. Mr. Clarke stated that the application would also include a request to deobligate the current County loan from MDE in the amount of \$5,650,000 for Phase I of the project (St. Michaels to the Mt. Pleasant vicinity) in order to reduce the cost to the citizens affected by the project. Mr. Clarke outlined various details of the proposed project. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved forwarding a letter to MDE requesting to de-obligate the \$5,650,000 loan by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved reapplying for grant and/or low interest loans from MDE in the amount of \$22,320,000 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

- \$550,000 from the Maryland Department of the Environment for replacement of the 40 year-old belt filter press and preparer system at the Region II Wastewater Treatment Plant. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved submittal of an application by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

- G. Reconsideration of FY2019 Budget Items Deferred from May 2018 – Finance Director Angela Lane briefed the Council on the following three FY2019 Budget items which were deferred from May 2018 and postponed for consideration until after December 2018: request by Talbot County State’s Attorney Office for a new attorney position in the amount of \$87,366 for salary

and benefits; request for a new administrative assistant position for Office of Planning & Zoning & Permits in the amount of \$49,084 for salary and benefits; a request for additional Operating Appropriations for the purchase of materials and supplies in the amount of \$13,850 and Capital Outlay funding for the purchase of a client server and five (5) client computers in the sum of \$9,540; and a request from Easton Airport to use unidentified marketing funds in their FY19 budget to cover the cost of the relocation of IT and telephone equipment to new administrative offices at the Airport. Ms. Lane briefed the Council on the specifics of the Library's request and Council discussion ensued. Ms. Price stated that the reason the requests were postponed until after December 2018 was that the Council wanted to wait to see if the ballot initiative whereby County voters were asked to consider lifting the revenue cap, passed. She emphasized that Council does not usually consider requests mid-year – once the budget is set, it is set. She stated that Council will be considering the FY20 budget in a couple of months and can consider the matters at that time. A motion was made by Mr. Leshner to approve the \$9,500 for the purchase of five (5) new computers; as there was no second to the motion by another Council member, Mr. Pack yielded the gavel to Mr. Callahan and seconded the motion. The Council did not approve the request by voting 1 – 4 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Nay
Mr. Divilio – Nay
Mr. Callahan – Nay
Ms. Price – Nay
Mr. Leshner – Aye

Council members expressed their preference to delay consideration of funding the requests until the full picture of the FY20 Budget is known.

Mr. Callahan returned the gavel to Mr. Pack.

Ms. Lane outlined for Council the expected fee revenue to be generated which would pay for the new administrative assistant position requested for the Offices of Planning & Zoning, and Permits and Inspections. Council members again expressed their preference to delay consideration of funding the position until the full picture of the FY20 Budget is known. There was no motion to bring the matter forward for vote.

Ms. Lane stated that the new attorney position for the State's Attorney's Office had originally been requested and funded in the FY16 Budget but due to a salary restructuring proposed by the State's Attorney and the State mandated purchase of software, the position was temporarily relinquished. Council discussion ensued with Ms. Lane and Scott Patterson, State's Attorney for Talbot County. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved having Mr. Patterson move forward with seeking a replacement attorney for the experienced attorney who will be retiring in June 2019 in order to provide as much overlap in training as possible before that individual's retirement, with the understanding that it was not for an additional attorney position, by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

Micah Risher, Easton Airport Manager, briefed the Council on his request to move the Airport’s administrative office to a vacant 3,200 sq. ft. hangar at the Airport and to rent out the current administrative space in the terminal. He stated that the larger facility will also provide space for the FAA sponsored Aviation Career Education (ACE) program whereby the Airport partners with local schools and the community to bring programming to students interested in careers in aviation. Mr. Risher requested to move \$10,000 from the Airport’s marketing budget for costs associated with the move; costs to move the IT and telephone equipment to the new space is \$8,378.88; incidental costs including painting and general maintenance will also be incurred. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved moving the \$10,000 from the Airport’s marketing budget to cover the cost of moving its administrative offices to a larger facility by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

- H. Consideration of Waiver of Late Fees for Sewer Bills for Furloughed Federal Employees – Requested Council consideration of the Finance Director’s recommendation to waive January sewer bill late fees for residents and contractors impacted by the federal employee furlough. Mr. Hollis stated that the Towns of Oxford and St. Michaels are adopting similar programs, as have Easton Utilities and Choptank Electric. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved waiver of the January sewer bill late fees for federal employees and contractors affected by the furlough by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

- I. Talbot County Public Works Advisory Board – Requested Council approval for the appointment of Corey Pack as the Council liaison to the Talbot County Public Works Advisory Board. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved the appointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye

IX. Council Comments:

Mr. Leshner - Mr. Leshner congratulated the Talbot County chapter of the NAACP for, in his opinion, a powerful and very meaningful prayer breakfast on Martin Luther King Day, which he had attended.

- Ms. Price - Ms. Price stated that she had attended Governor Hogan's inauguration and that, in her opinion, it was wonderful. She stated that former Governor Ehrlich was there, as was former County Executive Ike Leggett and former Florida Governor Jeb Bush. She stated that both Governor Hogan and Governor Bush spoke about their fathers, both of whom had passed away within the last year. She stated that they also spoke about John McCain, which was in her opinion, a powerful inauguration message. Ms. Price stated that she, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Divilio had also attended the Governor's Inaugural Gala at the MGM, stating that Governor Hogan, who had come into the gala on a purple surfboard to the tune of the Beach Boys song, *Surfing USA*, is now the most popular governor in the country. Ms. Price concluded her comments by stating that, in her opinion, it is an honor to have Governor Hogan as the State's governor and it was special to have been able to have seen him inaugurated for a second time.
- Mr. Divilio - Mr. Divilio stated that there had been a lot of budget discussion earlier in the meeting and that, in his opinion, it was a difficult decision to tell the State's Attorney that he could not have another attorney when his caseload is increasing. Mr. Divilio stated that he can imagine that conversation will happen over and over again in the next couple of years. He stated that there will be difficult decisions and he hopes that citizens understand that the Council is doing the best it can for the County and that they understand why the decisions are being made.
- Mr. Callahan - Mr. Callahan stated that to date, Cordova, Trappe, and Oxford fire departments have held their award banquets, and that, in his opinion, the meals had been great and there had been good times. He commended the departments and the firefighters for the new equipment and, in his opinion, they are doing a great job with recruitment, retention and giving back to the community. Mr. Callahan expressed his appreciation for everything the firefighters do for the community. He congratulated Mr. Pack on his job with the Martin Luther King Basketball Tournament held on Monday. He stated that he had attended, as had Senator Eckardt and Delegate Mautz, and that the event had been well attended. Mr. Callahan stated that this was the 13th year that Mr. Pack had helped organize the event which hosts participants from Denton, Federalsburg, Easton, and Cambridge. Mr. Callahan concluded his comments by congratulating Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio on her appointment as Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and stated that he was glad to have been able to be a part of the celebration for Governor Hogan at the MGM.
- Mr. Pack - Mr. Pack concurred with Mr. Callahan's comments on congratulating Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio on her new appointment as Secretary of DNR. He stated that it had been a pleasure to work with Jeannie through the years and reminded everyone that she was instrumental in keeping the funding in place for the Frederick Douglass statue on the Courthouse lawn as well as numerous other things she has done for the benefit of Talbot County. Mr. Pack thanked Mr. Callahan for his comments about organizing the Martin Luther King, Jr. Basketball Tournament and stated that various other individuals and groups had also helped organize the event, including Preston Peper and Emily from the County Parks and Recreation Department, Lorraine Gould and her staff from the Town of Easton, the Talbot County Sheriff's Department, officers from Easton, Denton and Cambridge,

Meghan Cook from the Easton Town Council, and her children. He stated that although it was bitterly cold, there was a full house. He stated that he is always glad to help out with the event for the community.

Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council voted to adjourn and to reconvene on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room for a work session with County Engineer, Ray Clarke to discuss the Preliminary Engineering Report for Ferry Point Marina and vicinity; followed by a Joint Dinner Meeting with the Talbot County Board of Education at 5:30 p.m. at the Talbot County Free Library in Easton; to reconvene on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room for a Work Session with the Talbot County Animal Control Board; and to reconvene on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in Open Session and immediately adjourn in Closed Session for discussion of legal, personnel and real estate matters as listed on the statement for closing the meeting and for the regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Lesher - Aye

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

The transcript of the January 22, 2019 County Council meeting is available for review in the Office of the Talbot County Manager during regular office hours.

- XI. On Tuesday, January 22, 2019, a Closed Session of the Talbot County Council convened at 4:30 p.m. in the County Council Conference Room. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council met in Closed Session by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Lesher – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye

In accordance with General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(1)(i)(4)(7)(8)(14) the purpose of the Closed Session was for Legal matters for legal advice regarding Hangar Associates; for Personnel matters to discuss personnel matter at Talbot County Election Board; to discuss personnel matter at Economic Development & Tourism; to discuss personnel matter at State’s Attorney’s Office; for personnel matter to discuss retaining outside legal counsel in Angel Enterprises/Bender case; and for Business retention and pre-bid negotiation to discuss request from APG Real Properties, LLC for the transfer of revisionary interest in The Star Democrat facility located at 29088 Airpark Drive in Easton.

The Closed Session recessed at 6:00 p.m. and reconvened at 8:55 p.m. The Closed Session ended at 9:25 p.m.

- XII. Work Session with Department of Public Works Staff Regarding Loan and Grant Opportunities for Talbot County Sanitary Districts, Including Extension of Sewer to the Villages of Bozman and Neavitt - The Council held a work session with County Engineer, Ray Clarke, on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room. The purpose of the work session was to discuss the status of the proposed

sewer extension project to the Bozman and Neavitt areas as well as the cost of same and grant and loan opportunities the County may have for funding the project. Mr. Clarke briefed the Council on the history of the proposed sewer extension to the Bozman/Neavitt area. He stated that the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) approved the amendment to the County's Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan for the subject area (Resolution No. 250) but required that the proposed project go before the Smart Growth Coordinating Committee in order to receive approval for funding. He stated that after review by the Committee, the County received \$5.6 million in loans for Phase I only of the project. Mr. Clarke stated that his department estimated the cost for the total project to serve all properties outlined in Resolution No. 250 is \$29 million, \$7.3 million in capital charges and \$22 million in construction; the Preliminary Engineering Report provided by Davis, Bowen & Friedel estimated costs at \$13.5 million for construction with a start date of approximately 18 months from present. He stated that, upon Council approval, a request would be made to deobligate the \$5.6 million loan and a new grant application would be submitted for \$22.32 million. Mr. Clarke also reviewed several other projects with Council for which he was requesting consideration including: (1) Installation of water lines from the Easton Water System to the University of Maryland Medical System/Shore Health System (UMMS/SHS) property line in the sum of \$450,000; (2) Installation of UMMS/SHS pump station for the Easton Wastewater System in the sum of \$550,000; (3) Talbot County Community Center Pump Station Upgrade and force main to connect to the Easton Wastewater System in the sum of \$250,000; (4) Region II Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project for the Bay Hundred Area in the sum of \$6,000,000; and (5) Replacement of 40 year-old belt filter press at the Region II Wastewater Treatment Plant in the sum of \$550,000. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Clarke and each item was brought forward. The public was also afforded an opportunity to comment on the proposed project. Council will consider formal action on each of the items at its regularly-scheduled meeting of Tuesday, January 22, 2019. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council voted to adjourn the work session and to reconvene in Closed Session for discussion of a legal matter by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye

XIII. On Tuesday, January 15, 2019, a Closed Session of the Talbot County Council convened at 5:50 p.m. in the County Council Conference Room. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council met in Closed Session by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye

In accordance with General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(7)(8) the purpose of the Closed Session was for a legal matter for legal advice regarding injunction filed by County against LS Futures. The Closed Session ended at 6:20 p.m.

CASH STATEMENT 1/15/2019

BALANCE 1/08/2019	\$15,365,235.09
TOTAL ADP PAYROLL PPE 12/28/2018	(586,417.40)
DEFERRED COMP DED PPE 12/28/2018	(16,415.47)

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PENSION DED PPE 12/28/2018	(36,940.85)
SECU DED PPE 12/28/2018	(3,378.00)
DEFERRED COMP PPE 12/28/2018 PLAN 401(A)	(4,915.68)
FLEX SPENDING BENEFITS PPE 12/28/2018	(3,364.00)
FLEX SPENDING BENEFITS PPE 12/31/2018	(283.33)
CIGNA CLAIMS THRU 1/7/2019	(34,910.82)
ELECTION BOARD PPE 12/11/2018	(3,286.38)
STATE REPORT 12/2018	(1,385,025.86)
USDA/RD MTHLY BOND PYMT #97-08	(1,304.00)
INTEREST ON ACCOUNTS 12/2018	(28,731.29)
BANK CHARGES 12/2018	(1,429.28)
RETURNED CHECK #4489	(3,857.69)

DEPOSITS	903,046.35
CHECKS	(888,919.40)

BALANCE 1/15/2019 **13,326,564.37**

AIRPORT ACCOUNTS

AIP42	0.00
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AIRPORT ACCOUNTS TOTAL BALANCE **0.00**

INVESTMENTS – CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>CERTIFICATE DATE</u>	<u>MATURITY DATE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		2.38%	28,000,000.00
1880 BANK			10,061,502.98

TOTAL INVESTED **\$38,061,502.98**

PETTY CASH BALANCE **\$15,570.00**

GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS **\$ 51,403,637.55**

CASH STATEMENT 1/22/2019

BALANCE 1/15/2019	\$13,326,564.57
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ADP PAYROLL SPECIAL RUN PPE 12/28/2018	(559.78)
CIGNA CLAIMS THRU 1/14/2019	(55,495.27)
SALES & USE COMMUNITY CENTER DUE 1/20/2019	(607.58)
SALES & USE HOG NECK GOLF COURSE DUE 1/20/2019	(466.99)
RETURNED CHECK #3143	(132.50)

DEPOSITS	629,561.73
CHECKS	(799,784.42)
VOIDED CHECK(S) #303307, 310489, 316521, 3058546, 319686	1,209.70

BALANCE 1/22/2019 **13,100,289.46**

AIRPORT ACCOUNTS

AIP42 0.00

AIRPORT ACCOUNTS TOTAL BALANCE **0.00**

INVESTMENTS – CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

CERTIFICATE DATE **MATURITY DATE** **RATE** **AMOUNT**

PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL 2.40% 28,000,000.00

1880 BANK 10,061,502.98

TOTAL INVESTED **\$38,061,502.98**

PETTY CASH BALANCE **\$15,570.00**

GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS **\$ 51,177,362.44**