



TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

County Council

MINUTES

November 10, 2020

Present – President Corey W. Pack, Vice President Chuck F. Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, County Manager R. Andrew Hollis and Acting County Attorney Anthony Kupersmith. Councilwoman Laura Price was absent.

- I. Agenda – Mr. Pack requested and received Council’s unanimous support for approval of the Agenda of Tuesday, November 10, 2020.
- II. Minutes – Mr. Pack requested and received Council’s unanimous consent for approval of the Minutes of Tuesday, September 22, 2020.
- III. Disbursements – Mr. Pack requested and received Council’s unanimous consent for approval of the Disbursements of Tuesday, November 3, 2020 and Tuesday, November 10, 2020.
- IV. Proclamation: National Hospice and Palliative Care Month – November 2020 – Prior to presentation of the proclamation, Christopher Chekouras, Executive Director, Talbot Hospice, expressed his appreciation to the Council for their continued support. He and the other representatives of Talbot Hospice in attendance briefed the Council on the various programs Hospice provides to members of the Talbot County community and their families. Council commended those who work and volunteer for Hospice for the valuable services they provide. The Clerk read a proclamation into the record which spoke of the purpose of hospice and palliative care – to provide patients and their families with the physical, spiritual, psychological, and emotional care they need during the last chapter of life so that the wishes of the patients and their families are given priority. The proclamation also spoke of the dedication of the thousands of volunteers who provide care to individuals with life-limiting illnesses. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the Proclamation by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

Mr. Pack presented the proclamation to Dr. Robert Sanchez, Medical Director, Talbot Hospice, and Molly Kirsch, BSN, RN, Clinical Director, Talbot Hospice, who accepted on behalf of their organization.

- V. Update by Department of Economic Development and Tourism – Cassandra Vanhooser, Director, Department of Economic Development and Tourism - Ms. Vanhooser expressed her appreciation to the Council for entrusting her department with disbursement of funds provided by the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act grant programs to Talbot County businesses negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. She stated that, to date, 116 applications have been approved for the CARES small business grant, with \$1.999 million disbursed back into the community; the categories of businesses most negatively affected by the pandemic are restaurants, retail establishments and beauty shops. Ms. Vanhooser expressed her appreciation to the members of the grants committee for their assistance with review of the applications, and to County staff for their assistance with the process. She stated that applications will be accepted until the end of the month; approximately \$100,000 in funding remains to be

distributed. Ms. Vanhooser briefed the Council on two additional grant opportunities, one specifically geared toward marketing from which Talbot County received \$62,000, and the other specifically for restaurants through the Governor’s Restaurant Relief Fund. Council discussion ensued with Ms. Vanhooser and they expressed their appreciation for her efforts over the past several months on behalf of Talbot County businesses. Ms. Vanhooser will continue to update the Council on a regular or as-needed basis.

VI. County Manager’s Report:

A. Request from Department of Emergency Services – Requested Council approval for renewal of the Department of Emergency Services’ no cost contract with Crowder Gulf for management and removal of debris in the event of a national disaster. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved renewal of the contract by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

B. Request from Department of Emergency Services – Requested Council approval for a sole-source purchase of an ultra-violet (UV) lighting package from Fesco Emergency Sales in the sum of \$53,586.00; said lighting package will be used to outfit County ambulances for the purpose of disinfecting same; purchase of the UV lighting package will be made using CARES Act funding. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved the purchase by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

C. Request from Department of Emergency Services – Requested Council approval to award the purchase of 4,500 N-95 personal protective masks for EMS clinicians from the low bidder, Rescue One of Gaithersburg, Maryland in the sum of \$21,700.00; purchase of the masks will be made using CARES Act funding; no County funding is required. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved the award by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

D. Request from Easton Utilities - Requested Council approval to use the remaining matching funds (\$902,000) of the \$3,000,000 originally allocated for extension of broadband in Talbot County toward a government funding program. John Horner, Senior Vice President of Operations and Chief Operating Officer, Easton Utilities, stated that in 2019, Easton Utilities entered into a matching funds agreement with the County in order to apply for USDA Reconnect Funding for extension of broadband in unserved areas of Talbot County. He stated that Easton Utilities was unsuccessful in obtaining funding in round one but reapplied after excluding several areas of the county in hopes of the application being more favorably

received; funding was awarded in round two. He stated that Easton Utilities is now pursuing three sources of government funding to include the excluded areas in the overall project. Mr. Horner requested Council's approval to amend Easton Utilities' Agreement with the County to allocate the remaining funds from round two as originally approved. Council members expressed their appreciation to Easton Utilities for their partnership with Talbot County to provide broadband to unserved areas of Talbot County. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved amending the Agreement as outlined by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

VII. Public Hearings:

Resolution No. 296, A RESOLUTION TO FORMALLY ABANDON AND AUTHORIZE CONVEYANCE OF A CERTAIN PORTION OF KATES POINT ROAD IN TRAPPE, MARYLAND, SAID PORTION OF ROADWAY CONSISTING OF 0.4 MILES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED ASTRIDE TWO PARCELS OF LAND HELD IN COMMON OWNERSHIP WITH ADDRESSES AT 31373 KATES POINT ROAD AND 31450 KATES POINT ROAD, TRAPPE, MARYLAND 21673, FURTHER DESCRIBED AS TAX MAP 60, PARCELS 10 AND 12 (COLLECTIVELY, THE "PROPERTY"); TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO SUCH ABANDONMENT AND CONVEYANCE, INCLUDING A SURVEY OF THE AREA TO BE ABANDONED AND REVISION PLAT AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE; AND, TO AUTHORIZE CONVEYANCE OF THE COUNTY'S INTEREST IN SUCH ABANDONED PORTION OF THE ROADWAY BY QUITCLAIM DEED FOR NO MONETARY CONSIDERATION TO THE UNDERLYING FEE SIMPLE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for public hearing. Prior to the public hearing, Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the Public Works Advisory Board, at its meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2020, recommended that Council not approve the resolution by a vote of 4 – 0 – 1; Board member Ed Schlichter abstained from voting as he is the owner of property adjacent to the property the subject of the resolution. The public was afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Resolution No. 296 is eligible for vote on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, a Special Legislative Day.

Bill No. 1465, A BILL TO ADOPT THE *CORDOVA VILLAGE MASTER PLAN (DECEMBER 2019)* IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE *2016 TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN* AND THE PROVISIONS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE § 10-324 AND LAND USE ARTICLE § 1-405 *ET SEQ.*, ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for public hearing, the public was afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation, and Council discussion ensued with Mary Kay Verdery, Planning Officer, and Miguel Salinas, Assistant Planning Officer, to include language in the Cordova Master Plan stating that should any future rails-to-trails be built in this area, the facility shall be designed in a manner that will not adversely affect farming operations or adjacent businesses such as Nagel Farm Service. Bill No. 1465 is eligible for vote on Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

VIII. Eligible for Vote:

Resolution No. 293, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN TO RECLASSIFY AND REMAP RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON FERRY BRIDGE ROAD, EASTON, MARYLAND 21601, DESCRIBED AS TAX MAP

24 PARCELS 69, 70 AND 191 FROM UNPROGRAMMED TO "S-1" IMMEDIATE PRIORITY STATUS, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. Prior to the vote, Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the Planning Commission, at its meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2020, voted 5 – 0 that Resolution No. 293 was consistent with the County Comprehensive Plan, and the Public Works Advisory Board, at its meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 voted 4 – 1 to recommend that the Council approve Resolution No. 293. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved bringing Resolution No. 293 to third reader by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

The Council approved Resolution No. 293 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye (via absentee ballot)
Mr. Leshner – Aye

Resolution No. 294, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN TO APPROVE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH TALBOT COUNTY RESOLUTION 235, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. Prior to the vote, Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the Planning Commission at its meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2020, voted 5 – 0 that Resolution No. 294 was consistent with the County Comprehensive Plan; the Public Works Advisory Board, at its meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2020, voted 5 – 0 to recommend that the Council approve Resolution No. 294. Upon motion by Mr. Callahan, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved bringing Resolution No. 294 to third reader by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

Mr. Clarke stated that both the Planning Commission and the Public Works Advisory Board requested that Section 15 of the resolution be deleted as it was a remnant from a previous resolution and was not applicable to this project. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved amending Resolution No. 294 as outlined by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

The Council approved Resolution No. 294, as amended, by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye

Mr. Leshar – Aye

Acting County Attorney, Anthony Kupersmith, stated for the record that Ms. Price would have voted “Aye” for Resolution No. 294 prior to it being amended; however, because the resolution was amended, her vote was not allowed to be counted.

Resolution No. 295, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN RESOLUTION 204, A RESOLUTION TO ADD A CAPITAL PROJECT TO UPGRADE THE TALBOT COUNTY BIO-SOLIDS FACILITY AT 9786 KLONDIKE ROAD, TAX MAP 18, PARCEL 57, TO ADD RECEIVING AND TREATMENT CAPABILITY FOR BROWN GREASE, EQUIPPED WITH ODOR CONTROL, PROPOSED FOR FY2014 WITH FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,000,000, THROUGH RURAL UTILITY SERVICE PROGRAM, USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT (*Bio-Solids Facility, Klondike Road, Easton, Maryland*), was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for vote. Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the Planning Commission, at its meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 voted 5 – 0 that Resolution No. 295 was consistent with the County Comprehensive Plan and recommended Council approval; the Public Works Advisory Board, at its meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 voted 5 – 0 to recommend that the Council approve Resolution No. 295. Upon motion by Mr. Divilio, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved bringing Resolution No. 295 to third reader by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Leshar – Aye

The Council approved Resolution No. 295 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Callahan – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye (via absentee ballot)
Mr. Leshar – Aye

IX. County Manager’s Report Continued:

E. Request from Department of Economic Development and Tourism - Requested Council approval for a letter in support of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism’s grant application to Eastern Shore Heritage, Inc. Stories of the Chesapeake; if approved, the funds will be used to develop and print a map/guide for the Frederick Douglass Driving Tours; no County funding is required. Upon motion by Mr. Leshar, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved forwarding a letter of support by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Pack - Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Callahan - Aye
Mr. Leshar – Aye

F. Talbot County Commission on the Aging – Requested Council approval for the appointment of Christopher Chekouras to the Commission on the Aging as a representative of Talbot Hospice; Mr. Chekouras will complete the unexpired term of Vivian Dodge which will expire April 1,

2021; requested the appointment of Linda Prochaska to a three-year term; said term will expire on April 1, 2023. Upon motion by Mr. Divilio, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved the appointments by voting 4– 0 as follows:

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

- G. Talbot County Economic Development Commission – Requested Council approval for the appointment of Debbie Walsworth to the Economic Development Commission; said term will complete the unexpired term of Andrea Lev which will expire on June 30, 2022; requested the reappointment of Walter Chase to a three-year term as a representative of the Town of Trappe; and requested the reappointment of Jacqueline “Jackie Wilson” to a three-year term; said terms will expire on June 30, 2023. Upon motion by Mr. Divilio, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved the appointment and the reappointments by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

- H. Talbot County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – Requested Council’s approval for the reappointment of Jeffrey Harrison to a four-year term on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board; said term will expire on July 1, 2024. Upon motion by Mr. Divilio, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the Council approved the reappointment by voting 4– 0 as follows:

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

- I. Special Legislative Day – Requested Council consideration to declare Tuesday, December 15, 2020 as the second legislative day of December, to declare it as a Special Legislative Day, and to not hold a meeting on Tuesday, December 22, 2020. Upon motion by Mr. Divilio, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved the request as outlined by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

- J. County Offices Closed – Mr. Hollis stated that County offices will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 in commemoration of Veterans’ Day.

- K. Format for Future Council Meetings – Mr. Hollis stated that the Governor had held a press conference at 5:00 p.m. at which he spoke about the increasing numbers for COVID-19 and requested that citizens refrain from gathering indoors in groups of 25 or more. Mr. Hollis stated that he would be seeking the advice of Dr. Fredia Wadley, Talbot County Health Officer, regarding whether the Council should continue with holding in-person meetings or should

move to a virtual format for the foreseeable future. He stated that once he has consulted with Dr. Wadley, he will let the Council know.

X. Public Comments: Members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on items of interest to them.

XI. Council Comments:

Mr. Leshner – Mr. Leshner complimented the Talbot County Board of Elections on, in his opinion, a smooth and uneventful General Election in the county. He stated that since voting by mail was strongly encouraged, many of those ballots were tallied before Election Day, thus speeding up the effort of getting the results out. He stated that early voting also went very smoothly and the results were promptly released. Mr. Leshner stated that until this year, he had taken the voting process for granted, and, in his opinion, many people did, but this year we learned that we cannot take it for granted. He again complimented the Board of Elections and all those who worked at the polls to make the process go smoothly.

Mr. Divilio – Mr. Divilio stated that Veterans’ Day always reminds him of a time when he was sitting in a club with a group of men who had fought in the Battle of the Bulge who were looking at some pictures of kids without shoes on in the worst kind of battle when a group of 4H high school students came into the room. He stated that he recalled thinking how incredibly difficult it would have been for that group to have been moved right into battle, like so many veterans have done. He stated that he has always respected Veterans’ Day and recognized Mary Kay Verdery, Talbot County Planning Officer and Navy veteran, who was in attendance, for her service.

Mr. Callahan - Mr. Callahan concurred with Mr. Divilio’s comments and stated that he appreciates all the veterans. He stated that, in his opinion, we take it for granted that they are out there fighting for us and expressed his appreciation to them for keeping us safe. Mr. Callahan expressed his appreciation to Mr. Divilio for meeting with him, Vickie Wilson and Richard Marks last Friday. He stated that, in his opinion, they had a great conversation about diversity, the “Talbot Boys” statue, and things in the future that the Council is looking at. He stated that he had clarified Ms. Wilson’s concerns about the Council not wanting to meet with people when he met with her one on one and indicated that Council members are willing to listen and to come up with solutions and ideas. He stated that, in his opinion, we all walked away in a good place. Mr. Callahan expressed his appreciation to Ms. Wilson and Mr. Marks for meeting with him and Mr. Divilio and stated that he looked forward to meeting with Harriette Lowery who was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Pack – Mr. Pack offered his congratulations to President-elect Biden and Senator Harris on their victory as Mr. Biden becomes the 46th President of the United States. He stated that he certainly wishes them well as the country, in his opinion, needs to move forward in a healing process as we reconnect with the world and make alliances once again. Mr. Pack stated that he salutes all veterans, recognized Mary Kay Verdery as a Navy veteran, and expressed his appreciation to all veterans for their service and their dedication to our country and what it stands for. Mr. Pack expressed his appreciation to Parker Durham, Director, Information Technology for all his efforts to provide good sound quality so callers can hear the Council and

the Council can hear the callers. He reiterated Mr. Hollis’ comments that the County would be consulting with Dr. Fredia Wadley, Talbot County Health Officer as to how best to safely hold Council meetings going forward. Mr. Pack concluded his comments by thanking Talbot County voters for approving ballot questions B, C, and D which will allow future Councils to slightly expand the property tax in order to generate much-needed revenue to address the public safety needs of the County. He stated that, in his opinion, it is a big step forward and that he has been a part of dealing with the issue of the revenue cap since he took office as to how we can meet the needs of the citizens.

- XII. The Council will reconvene on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in Open Session and immediately adjourn into 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.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

The transcript of the November 10, 2020 County Council meeting is available for review in the Office of the Talbot County Manager during regular office hours.

XIII. Summary of Closed Session held on November 10, 2020:

1. Statement of the time, place, and purpose of the closed session:

Time of closed session: 4:35 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.
 Place of closed session: Talbot County Free Library Meeting Room, 100 West Dover St. Easton
 Purpose of the closed session: To consider various matters as set forth in the statement for closing the meeting

2. Record of the vote of each member as to closing the session:

Names of members voting aye: Callahan, Divilio, Leshner, Pack
 Members opposed: None
 Abstaining: None
 Absent: Price

3. Statutory authority to close session and listing of each topic actually discussed, persons present, and each action taken in the session:

Topic description	Statutory authority	Persons present	Action taken
Discuss personnel matter in County Manager’s Office	GP § 3-305 (b) (1)	Corey Pack, Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Angela Lane, Kim Ferullo	Job offer will be extended to candidate
Discuss personnel matter in Planning and Zoning	GP § 3-305 (b) (1)	Corey Pack, Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Andy Hollis, Anthony	No action

		Kupersmith, Jessica Morris, Angela Lane, Kim Ferullo	
Discuss personnel matter in Emergency Services	GP § 3-305 (b) (1)	Corey Pack, Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Andy Hollis, Anthony Kupersmith, Jessica Morris, Angela Lane, Kim Ferullo	No action
Discuss personnel matter in Finance Office	GP § 3-305 (b) (1)	Corey Pack, Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Andy Hollis, Anthony Kupersmith, Jessica Morris, Angela Lane, Kim Ferullo	Council concurred with advertising position
Discuss personnel matter regarding Health Officer	GP § 3-305 (b) (1)	Corey Pack, Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Andy Hollis, Anthony Kupersmith, Jessica Morris, Angela Lane, Kim Ferullo	No action
Discuss appointments to various County boards and committees	GP § 3-305 (b) (1)	Corey Pack, Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Andy Hollis, Anthony Kupersmith, Jessica Morris, Angela Lane, Kim Ferullo	No action
Discuss personnel matter in Sheriff's Office	GP § 3-305 (b) (1)	Corey Pack, Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Andy Hollis, Anthony Kupersmith, Jessica Morris, Angela Lane, Kim Ferullo	No action
Update on possible acquisition of property in Easton for a public purpose	GP § 3-305 (b) (3)	Corey Pack, Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Andy Hollis, Anthony Kupersmith, Jessica	No action

		Morris, Angela Lane, Kim Ferullo	
To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business to remain in the County	GP § 3-305 (b) (4)	Corey Pack, Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Andy Hollis, Anthony Kupersmith, Jessica Morris, Cassandra Vanhooser	No action

CASH STATEMENT 11/3/2020

BALANCE 10/27/2020	46,815,439.66
TOTAL ADP PAYROLL PPE 10/16/2020	(657,354.54)
PENSION DED PPE 10/16/2020	(37,825.40)
ELECTION BOARD PPE 9/8 & 9/15/2020	(11,543.03)
CIGNA CLAIMS PAID THRU 10/26/2020	(98,568.39)
AIRPORT/FY21 TALBOT COUNTY PROPERTY TAX	(3,987.23)
USDA/RD QTRLY BOND PYMT #92-16	(16,408.00)
WELLS FARGO EQUIP LEASE PMT	(128.00)
RETURNED PAYMENTUS PAYMENTS	(894.79)
DEPOSITS	870,242.03
CHECKS	(1,475,880.81)
BALANCE 11/3/2020	<u>45,383,091.50</u>

INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		0.10%	20,500,000.00
1880 BANK			10,149,857.11
TOTAL INVESTED			<u>30,649,857.11</u>
PETTY CASH			<u>12,275.00</u>
BALANCE			
<u>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>			<u>76,045,223.61</u>

CASH STATEMENT**11/10/2020**

BALANCE 11/03/2020	45,383,091.50
TOTAL ADP PAYROLL PPE 10/31/2020	(12,943.79)
DEFERRED COMP DED PPE 10/16/2020	(16,984.87)
DEFERRED COMP PPE 10/16/2020 PLAN 401(A)	(6,965.15)
PENSION DED PPE 10/31/2020	(760.29)
DEFERRED COMP DED PPE 10/31/2020	(990.00)
CIGNA CLAIMS PAID THRU 11/2/2020	(172,161.30)
NOVEMBER 2020 RETIREE HEALTH INS PLAN #727	(31,923.84)
BOARD OF EDUCATION 10/2020	(3,635,367.00)
USDA/RD MTHLY BOND PYMT #97-08	(1,304.00)
TALBOT CO PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF 2010	(27,152.50)
RETURNED CHECK #105	(125.00)
DEPOSITS	1,882,612.16
CHECKS	(1,102,306.95)
VOIDED CHECK(S) #344583, 345626	13,316.25
BALANCE 11/10/2020	42,270,035.22

INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		0.10%	20,500,000.00
1880 BANK			10,149,857.11
TOTAL INVESTED			<u>30,649,857.11</u>
PETTY CASH			<u>12,275.00</u>
BALANCE			
<u>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>			<u>72,932,167.33</u>

XIV. Annual Meeting with Local Delegation – Vice President Chuck Callahan and Council member Frank Divilio met with Senator Addie Eckardt, Delegate Johnny Mautz, and Delegate Christopher Adams on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wye Oak Room at the Talbot County Community Center. President Corey Pack and Council members Pete Leshner and Laura Price were absent. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the upcoming Legislative Session. The Council requested the delegation's support for the following Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) 2021 Legislative Initiatives: Defend County Budget Security; Ensuring Funding Fairness and County Role in Elections; Build Out Broadband: Broadband Accessibility Act of 2020; and Put Public Health First – Protect Services and Promote Funding. The Council also requested the delegation's support for:

- Stabilization of Maryland Department of Transportation – Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) Grant Program Funding Statewide – Micah Risher, Manager, Easton Airport, briefed the local delegation on revenue generated by the state's 35 public use airports and the projected reduction in funding for improvements at those airports over the next three fiscal years as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Risher also provided an overview of current projects at Easton Airport being partially funded with MAA funds including the Phase I Obstruction Removal project. Two more phases are planned in 2021 and 2022;
- Outlined concerns with HB1390/SB741 – *Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity – Electric Facilities – Study and Procedures* - Mary Kay Verdery, Acting Planning Officer, outlined several provisions of the legislation which, in her opinion, would have a negative effect on local zoning regulations. Specifically, the legislation provisions regarding setbacks and buffering are not applicable in rural areas. The local delegation requested Ms. Verdery draft proposed amendments to the legislation for their review and consideration;
- Outlined concerns with HB1406 – *Land Use – Comprehensive Plan – Middle Housing (Modest Home Choices Act of 2020)* – Mary Kay Verdery, Acting Planning Officer, outlined several provisions of the legislation which would institute a one-size fits all approach to addressing and resolving housing issues across the state. Specifically, Ms. Verdery outlined concerns with opening up the Comprehensive Plan process outside of the mandated update of the Plan as outlined in the Maryland Annotated Code. In addition Ms. Verdery noted that the legislative provisions regarding Middle Housing are more applicable in urban areas rather than rural areas. The local delegation requested Ms. Verdery draft proposed amendments to the legislation for their review and consideration;
- Requested support for Talbot County Senior Care Program and funds from the Maryland Department of Aging – Dr. Fredia Wadley, Talbot County Health Officer and Kate Stinton, RN, LCSW, Community Health Nurse Program Manager, briefed the local delegation on the history, structure and success of the Senior Care Program in Talbot County, briefly outlined the structure in other jurisdictions across the state, and requested reinstatement of State funding cuts which remain unrestored since the last recession in order to better serve the state's neediest citizens, including those in Talbot County. The local delegation requested Ms. Stinton provide an update on the references in COMAR regarding this program as well as identified gaps in funding;
- Dr. Wadley briefed the local delegation and Council on Coronavirus Relief funds which have been allocated to each County. All funds must be expended by December 30, 2020 with no carry-over of unspent funds allowed at this time. Dr. Wadley outlined her concerns with lack of funding as of December 30, 2020 to maintain COVID testing sites, contact tracing and institution of vaccination clinics;
- Discussion of Possible Police Reform Bill – Council Vice President Chuck Callahan stated that Council President, Corey Pack, in particular, is interested in hearing about and discussing any possible police reform bill which might be forthcoming during the legislative session, since he worked in Parole and Probation and now works with incarcerated fathers at the Talbot County Detention Center.

Council and Staff discussion ensued with members of the local delegation as each matter was brought forward.

Council discussion also ensued with members of the local delegation regarding the process by which legislation brought forth in the 2021 Legislative Session could be more expeditiously received, reviewed, and a formal position taken on by the Council, if Council chose to do so.