



TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

County Council

MINUTES

September 23, 2014

Present – President Corey W. Pack, Vice President Laura E. Price, Dirck K. Bartlett, R. Andrew Hollis, County Manager, Clay B. Stamp, County Attorney Michael Pullen and Staff Attorney Tony Kupersmith. Council member Thomas G. Duncan was absent.

- I. Agenda – The Agenda of September 23, 2014 was brought forward for approval. Mr. Hollis made a motion that the Agenda be amended to include introduction of an administrative resolution regarding the purchase of radio equipment for the 9-1-1 emergency call center; the motion was seconded by Mr. Bartlett. Mr. Pack then requested and received Council’s unanimous consent for approval of the Agenda of Tuesday, September 23, 2014, as amended.
- II. Minutes – Mr. Pack requested and received Council’s unanimous consent for approval of the Minutes of August 26, 2014.
- III. Disbursements – Mr. Pack requested and received Council’s unanimous consent for approval of the Disbursements of September 16, 2014 and September 23, 2014.
- IV. Proclamation: 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the Cooperative Extension Service – Sara Rich, Area Extension Director, University of Maryland Extension for Caroline, Dorchester and Talbot Counties, gave a brief history and purpose of the Extension Service, a nationwide initiative begun as a partnership between the U. S. Department of Agriculture and land grant universities to bring research-based knowledge to the public through a network of extension educators; 2014 is the 100th anniversary of the Extension Service. Ms. Rich stated that the University of Maryland Extension Service provides programming in the areas of agriculture, natural resources, 4-H, health and nutrition, wellness and the Chesapeake Bay. Shannon Dill, Talbot County Extension Educator, stated that the partnership between the federal, State and local governments not only connects all groups to the land grant mission to provide research-based information to citizens, but also makes the Extension Service stronger. The Clerk then read a proclamation into the record in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Cooperative Extension System established by the Smith-Lever Act in 1914. The proclamation spoke of the ways that the various programs provided through the nationwide Cooperative Extension System have benefitted millions of citizens over the past century. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Hollis, the Council approved the Proclamation by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

Gerald “Jerry” O’Mara, member of the Board of Directors of the Talbot County Extension Service, read a statement into the record expressing appreciation for Council’s recognition of the agricultural extension service. He stated that the extension service provides a very high return for dollars invested, comparing the amount of disposable income spent on food in the United States (10%), with the poorer countries of the world where individuals spend 75% or more of their disposable income on food. He stated that countries around the world look to the United States, the number one food producer in the world, to try to adapt

methods of increased food production for their own countries, many of which are the result of practices researched and developed by extension services. Mr. O’Mara outlined the positive influences of agriculture, a major industry in Talbot County, and the extension service, to the well-being of the county. Mr. O’Mara concluded his comments by commending the employees of the Talbot County Extension Service for the work they do.

Mr. Bartlett presented the Proclamation to representatives of the Talbot County Extension Service in attendance: Sara Rich; Shannon Dill; Thomas Hutson, 4-H Youth Development Educator; Mikaela Boley, Master Gardener Program; Pat Murphy, Administrative Assistant for the 4-H Program; Jerry O’Mara and Laura Heikes, members, Board of Directors, Talbot County Extension Service.

- V. Presentation of FY 2016 Talbot County Public Schools Capital Improvement Program – Gayle Secrist, Director for Support Services, Talbot County Public Schools; Bruce Horvath, Manager, Plant Operations and Transportation, Talbot County Public Schools – Prior to presenting the proposed FY 2016 capital improvement projects, Ms. Secrist reviewed the completed FY 2015 capital improvement projects, including repair and resurfacing of a portion of the track and field lanes at Easton High School. Ms. Secrist stated that installation of air conditioning in the Easton High School gym was postponed until the end of the 2014-2015 school year due to late receipt of funding from the State, anticipated arrival of materials for the project during basketball season, and the necessity that several hallways be closed while the project was in progress. Ms. Secrist then briefed the Council on several items included in the FY 2016 Capital Improvement Plan, including a partial roof repair of the Easton Elementary School – Moton Building. Mr. Horvath provided details of a recent study of the roof which had revealed insulation failure and stress cracking in the brick, bulging, and separation of the brick from the concrete block. He stated that due to concerns related to leaks, the Council had authorized funding for the study; Council discussion ensued with Mr. Horvath. Mr. Horvath stated that in his opinion, it is important to make repairs to the roof prior to the renovation in order to repair current leaks and to prevent future leaks. Ms. Secrist then outlined proposed costs of the various options for the complete renovation of the Easton Elementary School Moton and Dobson buildings, as well as the anticipated cost of one new building to house all the students, as had been requested by the Council. Council discussion ensued with Ms. Secrist and Mr. Horvath regarding the various factors to be taken into consideration with each option. Upon motion by Mr. Hollis, seconded by Mr. Bartlett, the Council approved forwarding the FY 2016 CIP to the State so that the projects could be put into the queue for possible funding by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

- VI. Presentation of Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR) to Angela Lane, Talbot County Finance Director – The Clerk read a statement into the record stating that Talbot County has been awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Ms. Lane stated that the Certificate indicates that Talbot County is complying with the highest level of standards and is communicating its financial status accurately to the public, bond rating agencies, etc. Council members commended Ms. Lane and members of her staff on the achievement; Ms. Lane expressed appreciation to her staff for their involvement in the processes which made the award attainable. This is the 13th consecutive year that Talbot County has received the award. Ms. Lane stated that the County had also recently received a rating update from Fitch Rating Service, reaffirming the County’s AAA bond rating, the highest rating possible. She stated that some of the factors which were considered in the rating were the conservative budgeting practices of the County; the County’s focus on restoring its Fund Balance; and the addition of funds to the Other Post Employee Benefits (OPEB) Trust. Council again congratulated Ms.

Lane and the employees of the Talbot County Finance Office for their efforts. Mr. Pack presented the CAFR Award to Ms. Lane.

- VII. Request for Abatement from County Real Property Taxes – Angela Lane, Talbot County Finance Director - briefed the Council on requests for abatement from County Real Property Taxes for 38 properties totaling \$24,563.98. Council discussion ensued with Ms. Lane. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Bartlett, the Council approved the request by voting 3 – 0 – 1 as follows:

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

Mr. Hollis abstained from voting as he is on the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity Choptank, Inc., one of the organizations requesting abatement.

- VIII. Quarterly Update by Mid-Shore Mental Health Systems, Inc. – Holly Ireland, LCSW-C, Executive Director, Mid Shore Mental Health Systems, Inc. – Ms. Ireland stated that the Mission of Mid-Shore Mental Health Systems, Inc. *is to continually improve the provision of mental health services for residents of Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties through effective coordination of services in collaboration with consumers, family members, providers and community leaders.* She stated that the mission will be evolving in the coming years due to the growing focus on behavioral health, the integration of mental health and substance abuse services. Ms. Ireland stated that it is now recognized that a majority of individuals seeking either mental health or substance abuse services also have the other condition and usually seek services from both systems. She stated that nationwide, healthcare systems are working to integrate those systems, as well as to incorporate mental health and substance abuse services into general healthcare services. Ms. Ireland stated that September is Suicide Prevention/Awareness Month; Mid-Shore Mental Health Systems, Inc. partnered with the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention to support the Mid Shore Region's first annual *Out of the Darkness Walk* earlier this month to raise funds to increase research on understanding suicide and preventing suicide. Council discussion ensued with Ms. Ireland regarding the many facets of delivery of public mental health services in the Mid-Shore Region, including incorporation of federal and State priority initiatives put forth by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration: the integration of substance abuse and mental illness healthcare systems; trauma injustice, recovery support, health information technology, affordable housing and workforce development. She stated that local focus also includes the special needs population, behavioral health workforce development, working to remove transportation barriers and to increase affordable housing options. She reviewed various data first presented in May during an update to the Council, reiterating that the data only includes those individuals who are uninsured or on Medicaid; individuals on Medicare and those privately insured are not included; beginning in January 2015, data will include both mental health services and substance abuse services. She stated that Mid-Shore Mental Health Systems, Inc. received a 17% increase in crisis funding from the Maryland State Legislature in 2013; the funding was used to establish an additional mobile crisis team and team education for the Mid-Shore Region. Ms. Ireland will continue to update the Council on a regular or as needed basis.

- IX. Introduction of Administrative Resolution:

AN ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A MASTER LEASE AGREEMENT, EQUIPMENT SCHEDULE NO. 01 AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS BETWEEN TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND AND MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR THE 911 EMERGENCY CALL CENTER was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for introduction. County Manager Clay Stamp,

who also serves as the Director of Emergency Services, thanked Tommy Haddaway, Department of Emergency Services Communication Technologist, for his efforts to bring state-of-the-art communication technology to the Talbot County Department of Emergency Services. Mr. Stamp stated that the communication system is the “backbone” of the Department’s emergency response system and the current system, installed in the late 1990’s, has reached the end of its serviceable life. He stated that Talbot County, along with the two other counties on the system, have decided to partner with the State of Maryland to upgrade their communication technology instead of operating their own independent system. He stated that the State passed legislation to create a Governance Board, with local representation, to oversee the implementation of the statewide radio system; by partnering with the State, Talbot County is essentially part owner of the State system, thus saving County taxpayers approximately \$6.2 million; the purpose of the statewide system is to enhance interoperable communications when emergency personnel leave Talbot County and when emergency response units from other jurisdictions come into Talbot County; the statewide system also reduces the need for redundancy in some pieces of equipment. He stated that Council appropriated \$1 million for Phase 1 of the new system which provided all new mobile and portable radio equipment to Volunteer Fire Departments and Emergency Services personnel; Phase 1 has just been completed. Phase 2, the subject of the administrative resolution, will allow Talbot County to enter into a Lease Agreement with Motorola Corporation for replacement of radio equipment utilized by local law enforcement and local government agencies, dispatch consoles, infrastructure equipment and an additional transmitter site in Bozman; the cost of Phase 2 is \$6,716,277, payable over an eight-year period at an interest rate of 3.273% in annual payments of \$967,815 beginning in October 2015. Upon motion by Mr. Hollis, 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

X. Introduction of Numbered Resolutions:

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN TO RECLASSIFY AND REMAP CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE TALBOT COMMERCE PARK ADJACENT TO THE TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND (THE “PROPERTIES”) FROM THE CURRENT CLASSIFICATION OF “UNPROGRAMMED” TO “W-1” AND “S-1” IMMEDIATE PRIORITY STATUS, TO MAKE THE PROPERTIES ELIGIBLE FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE FROM THE EASTON WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, AND TO AMEND TABLE 7 AND TABLE 16 TO AUTHORIZE CAPITAL PROJECTS TO EXTEND WATER AND SEWER SERVICE FROM THE EASTON WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS TO THE PROPERTIES was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for introduction. Prior to introduction, County Attorney Mike Pullen stated that the purpose of the resolution is to remap Talbot Commerce Park which is currently in the process of being annexed into the Town of Easton. He stated that as a part of the annexation, the Town will be providing water and sewer to the site. He stated that the County’s Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan currently lists the site as “unprogrammed” for water and sewer service; the proposed resolution remaps the property from “unprogrammed” to “W-1” and “S-1,” making the property eligible for immediate priority status for service and amends Tables 7 and 16 of the Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan to include the infrastructure necessary as a capital project by the Town of Easton to serve the site. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Pullen. Mr. Hollis requested that the matter be included on the agenda for the next Planning Commission meeting; Planning Officer Sandy Coyman advised that the matter is scheduled for the Planning Commission’s consideration at their meeting on October 1, 2014. The resolution was introduced by Mr. Hollis, Mr. Pack, and Ms. Price as Resolution No. 216. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley

Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF TALBOT COMMERCE PARK, ADJACENT TO GLEBE ROAD, EASTON, MARYLAND, BY THE TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND (THE “TOWN”) CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 125.057 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, INCLUDING MARYS COURT, MISTLETOE DRIVE, AND BRYAN DRIVE, PUBLIC ROADS OR STREETS, FINDING THAT THE PROPOSED REZONING FROM THE COUNTY’S EXISTING LIMITED INDUSTRIAL (“LI”) ZONE, TO THE TOWN’S PROPOSED BUSINESS-COMMERCIAL (“BC”) ZONE DOES NOT PERMIT LAND USES THAT ARE SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT THAN THE EXISTING “LI” ZONING, AND FINDING THAT THE PROPOSED REZONING WILL NOT RESULT IN A SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER DENSITY, NOT EXCEEDING 50%, THAN COULD BE GRANTED FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT UNDER EXISTING “LI” ZONING was read into record by the Clerk and brought forward for introduction. Prior to introduction, County Attorney Mike Pullen stated that the resolution preserves the prerogative of the County in the event there is a change in the zoning of the property or there is an increase in the density of more than 50% during the next five years, to open the discussion as to whether or not the five-year hold is possible to be exercised at that time over the change, and if possible to exercise, whether it should be exercised. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Pullen. Mr. Bartlett requested that the Planning Commission review the matter at its meeting on October 1, 2014. The resolution was introduced by Mr. Hollis, Mr. Pack, and Ms. Price as Resolution No. 217. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

XI. Introduction of Legislation:

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE ADOPTION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A NON-PENSION POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TRUST was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for introduction. Prior to introduction, Finance Officer Angela Lane stated that the purpose of the legislation is to allow Talbot County to join the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) investment trust pool. She stated that by joining with other jurisdictions in the state, the amount of money to be invested is larger, thus providing increased opportunity to have access to a larger and more diverse group of advisors at a reduced cost. The legislation was introduced by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Pack, and Ms. Price as Bill No. 1297. A public hearing was scheduled on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

XII. Quarterly Update by Talbot County Economic Development Commission – Paige Bethke, Director, Talbot County Office of Economic Development; Haim Loran, Chairman, Talbot County Economic Development Commission Marketing Committee; Jerry O’Mara, Member, Talbot County Economic Development Commission – Ms. Bethke stated that the next meeting of the Talbot County Economic Development Commission will take place on Thursday, October 2, 2014 at the Oxford Community Center; guest speaker will be Suzanne Skelley, Director, Cooperative Oxford Laboratory at National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Ms. Bethke stated that the October meeting will be the first meeting for newly appointed member to the Commission, Scott Beatty, President and CEO of Shore Bancshares. She stated that the Economic Development Commission continues to address three of the six recommendations for the County outlined in the Sage Policy Group’s Report, *Economic Development Strategy for Talbot County and the Towns, An Opportunity for Alignment* through the work of two committees: the Business Environment Committee, chaired by Ted Bautz, and the Marketing Committee, chaired by Haim Loran. She stated that the Business Development Committee held a Development Forum on September 17, 2014; a panel comprised of representatives of County government and the incorporated municipalities presented

information on the progress to provide greater efficiencies in the permitting process, permit activity within Talbot County, and a briefing on the County comprehensive planning process. Ms. Bethke stated that the Talbot County Economic Development Commission has provided its comments to Martin Sokolich, Long Range Planner on Chapter Seven, the Economic Development Tourism Plan; the comments will be forwarded to the Talbot County Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Loran provided an update on initiatives of the Marketing Committee. He stated the Marketing Committee has recently conducted a survey of businesses within the county that have 10 or more employees and the Committee will be preparing a report for the County Council once the results are compiled; there are approximately 400 businesses in the county that have 10 or more employees. He stated that in addition to the survey, the businesses have been offered an opportunity to meet with members of the Marketing Committee; thus far, approximately 100 businesses, or 25% of those surveyed, have indicated they wish to meet with EDC representatives. Mr. Loran stated that the Marketing Committee has also met with individual Council members to determine what kind of businesses the County would like to attract. He stated that material testing labs are one type of business which has been identified for consideration for attraction, citing the following criteria: they are small businesses employing an average of 10 employees and are usually owned by one or two scientists or engineers who would live in the area. He stated that the Marketing Committee is in the process of purchasing a mailing list of all material testing labs in the United States; the list will then be pared down to those having 100 employees or less; additional information will then be provided to that group in anticipation that a percentage may be interested in relocating to Talbot County. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Loran. Ms. Bethke expressed her appreciation for consideration and approval of real property tax credit legislation (Bill No. 1288) which lowered the investment criteria from \$2 million to \$1 million and the job creation criteria from 50 full-time jobs to 15 full-time jobs as a business attraction incentive. She stated that another incentive undergoing study by the Economic Development Commission is related to a clean-up of “brownfield sites” in the county; more information will be forthcoming in the near future. Ms. Bethke then briefed the Council on the following: the grand opening of a new 40,000 sq. ft facility on Marlboro Road by Quality Heath Strategies; the retention of 120 employees by Aphenia Pharma at Talbot Commerce Park which is currently in the process of being annexed into the Town of Easton; the unemployment rates of Talbot County and surrounding jurisdictions; Talbot County had an unemployment rate of 5.9% in July which Ms. Bethke indicated is a positive trend; she outlined the recent events of Innovation Week; and stated that there will be a Job Fair on Monday, October 20, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Talbot County Community Center. Ms. Bethke and members of the Economic Development Commission will continue to update the Council on a regular or as-needed basis.

XIII. County Manager’s Report:

- A. Talbot County Local Emergency Planning Committee – Requested Council approval to forward the names of the following individuals to the Governor for consideration of reappointment to three-year terms on the Talbot County Local Emergency Planning Committee; Matthew Spence, WCEI (media representative); Kristopher Durham (Talbot County Health Department); Kelly Griffith (Talbot County Public Schools); Mike Henry (Easton Airport); and Terri Abegglen (American Red Cross); if the reappointments are approved, said terms will expire on August 1, 2017. Upon motion by Mr. Hollis, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved the reappointment by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

- B. Mid Shore Mental Health Systems, Inc. Board of Directors – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of Angela Lane to a four-year term on the Mid Shore Mental Health

Systems, Inc. Board of Directors; said term will expire on November 1, 2018. Upon motion by Mr. Hollis, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved the reappointment by voting 4– 0 as follows:

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

- C. Request from Talbot County Historic Preservation Commission – Requested Council approval to have the Talbot County Historic Preservation Commission apply for a grant in the sum of \$2,000 from Eastern Shore Heritage, Inc.; if approved, said funding will be used to conduct a survey of historic places of public assembly. Upon motion by Mr. Hollis, seconded by Mr. Bartlett, the Council approved the grant application by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

- D. Request from Hog Neck Golf Course – Requested Council approval of the golf course superintendent’s recommendation to purchase a John Deere 1200 Hydro Rake from Finch Turf Equipment in the sum of \$15,285.00; said purchase will be made utilizing the proceeds from the sale of old golf equipment and replace the current machine which is three years beyond its life expectancy. Upon motion by Mr. Bartlett seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved the purchase by voting 4– 0 as follows:

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

- E. Saturday, September 27, 2014 – Easton Airport Day – Mr. Stamp stated that Airport Day will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Easton Airport. He encouraged everyone to attend.

XIV. Council Comments:

Ms. Price - No comments.

Mr. Hollis – No comments.

Mr. Bartlett – No comments.

Mr. Pack - No comments.

- XV. 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 on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 12:30 p.m. in Executive for discussion of legal, personnel, and real estate matters, and at 1:30 p.m. for the regularly scheduled meeting by voting 4 – 0 as follows:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

The transcript of the September 23, 2014 County Council meeting is available for review in the Office of the County Manager during regular office hours.

- XVI. On Tuesday, September 23, 2014, an Executive Session of the Talbot County Council convened at 3:15 p.m. in the County Council Conference Room and the Bradley Meeting Room. Upon motion by Mr. Hollis, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council met in Executive Session by voting 5 - 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)(1)(i)(3)(4)(7)(8) the purpose of the Executive Session was for discussion of personnel matters to discuss appointments to various County boards and committees; to discuss a personnel matter involving the Department of Planning and Permits; to discuss a personnel matter involving the Department of Corrections; and to conduct interviews for the Health Officer position; for a legal matter to legal advice regarding litigation involving the County; and for a real estate matter to discuss possible acquisition of property for a public purpose. The Executive Session recessed at 6:00 p.m. and reconvened at 9:05 p.m. The Executive Session ended at 10:30 p.m.

- XVII. Work Session with Talbot County Watermen’s Association and Dorchester Seafood Harvesters Association on Fossilized Oyster Shells – The Council held a work session on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 with Bunky Chance, President, Talbot County Watermen’s Association; Jeff Harrison, Secretary, Talbot County Watermen’s Association; Scott Todd, President, Dorchester Seafood Harvesters Association; and Rob Newberry, Harvesters Land and Sea Coalition to discuss their views on the current federal/State oyster restoration project in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries utilizing fossilized oyster shell as a substrate for oyster spat. The State of Maryland, in partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA’s) Chesapeake Bay Office, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Oyster Recovery Partnership is seeking to restore oyster reefs by placing the fossilized oyster shell material in the oyster sanctuaries; oyster spat from the Horn Point Laboratory in Oxford is then placed on the fossilized material in an attempt to have the spat adhere to the material and grow into mature oysters which then naturally filter the water in which they are placed, thus increasing the health of those waters, and subsequently the Chesapeake Bay. The work session was a continuation of the June 17, 2014 presentation by the Talbot County Watermen’s Association during which time the representatives had expressed their concerns about placement of the fossilized shell in the above-referenced waters, declared by the State of Maryland as oyster sanctuaries, and as such, off-limits for oyster harvesting. The representatives also reiterated their concerns that the “fossilized shell” is not really shell, but is instead, in their opinion, a clay-like material which smothers the oyster spat. The representatives stated that, in their opinion, the best way to restore oyster grounds is to continue to work the oyster bottoms through dredging which cleans away sediment. They stated that the oyster grounds which the watermen are permitted to work are actually more productive. Council discussion ensued with the representatives regarding various factors related to the project. Representatives from the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science at Horn Point,

Mid-Shore Riverkeeper Conservancy, Maryland Department of Resources, Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers were also invited to attend.

CASH STATEMENT 9/16/2014

BALANCE 9/9/2014			\$33,256,690.18
BANK CHARGES 8/2014			(644.28)
INTEREST ON ACCTS 8/2014			5,478.09
UHC CLAIMS THRU 9/9/2014			(113,233.01)
WILMINGTON TRST/AIP FACILITIES BOND PYMNT			(8,165.00)
TALBOT BANK/RETIREE GIFT CHECKS			(253.75)
STATE REPORT 8/2014			(643,506.08)
PAYROLL-FD/SS/MS WH 9/12/2014			(127,632.66)
SECUR DED			(5,996.67)
DEFERRED COMP DED			(11,168.49)
MD WH			(31,518.94)
PENSION DED			(30,676.92)
ACH TRANSFER			(10,781.75)
FLEX SPENDING ACCT			(3,067.39)
DEPOSITS			1,187,422.34
CHECKS			(1,303,118.73)
BALANCE 9/16/2014			<u>32,159,826.94</u>
<u>AIRPORT ACCOUNTS</u>			
AIP-RUNWAY 4-22 EXTENSION ANALYSIS			--
AIP37			11,538.00
AIP39	BALANCE 9/9/2014	68,925.20	
	DEPOSIT	3,464.83	72,390.03
AIP40			--
AIP41			--
AIRPORT ACCOUNTS TOTAL BALANCE			<u>83,928.03</u>
INVESTMENTS – CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT			
<u>CERTIFICATE DATE</u>	<u>MATURITY DATE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		0.05%	18,000,000.00
TOTAL INVESTED			<u>\$18,000,000.00</u>
PETTY CASH BALANCE			<u>\$8,570.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS			<u>\$50,252,324.97</u>

CASH STATEMENT 9/23/2014

BALANCE 9/16/2014		\$32,159,826.94
TRANS MAA DEPOSITS TO AIP37 AND AIP39		(1,571.46)
UHC CLAIMS THRU 9/16/2014		(48,086.85)
STATE BOARD OF ELECTION PPE 8/19 & 9/2/2014		(11,137.67)
DEPOSITS		1,732,522.00
CHECKS		(397,764.22)
VOID CHECK NO. 293944		1,453.39
BALANCE 9/9/2014		<u>33,435,242.13</u>

AIRPORT ACCOUNTS

AIP-RUNWAY 4-22 EXTENSION ANALYSIS			--
AIP37	BALANCE 9/16/2014	11,538.00	
	DEPOSITS	5,057.13	
	TRANS FR GEN FUND	167.24	16,762.37
AIP39	BALANCE	72,390.03	
	TRANS FR GEN FUND	1,404.22	73,794.25
AIP40			--
AIP41			--
AIRPORT ACCOUNTS TOTAL BALANCE			<u>90,556.62</u>

INVESTMENTS – CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>CERTIFICATE DATE</u>	<u>MATURITY DATE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		0.04%	18,000,000.00
TOTAL INVESTED			<u>\$18,000,000.00</u>
PETTY CASH BALANCE			<u>\$8,570.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS			<u>\$51,534,368.75</u>