

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY**  
109 Market Street, Room 106, Denton, Maryland

**WORK SESSION**

April 17, 2018

Present: President, Larry C. Porter; Vice President, Wilbur Levensgood; Commissioner, Daniel J. Franklin; Heather Price, County Attorney; Ken Decker, County Administrator; Sara Visintainer, Chief of Staff; and Jennifer Farina, Administrative Coordinator

**Topic One: Potential Amendments to Ordinance #2018-1, Chapter 175 – Zoning – Mineral Extraction Facilities.**

Ms. Price and Ms. Freeman stated that they have worked on adding amendments to the bill which will incorporate new language that makes the ordinance clearer on a few topics. Ms. Price explained that during the public hearing there were many comments made regarding the lack of timeline on when the permit process would be finalized from beginning to end. Ms. Price stated that on page 4, language was added to state that both the Planning Commission or Zoning Administrator may make recommendations of express concerns to the Board of Zoning Appeals regarding offsite improvements. She also stated that on the same page language was added to address the concern of internal lot lines. Proposed mineral extraction facilities consisting of multiple parcels, either in the same deed or in separate deeds, are required to submit a plat with their application consolidating the parcels and extinguishing interior lot lines. Ms. Freeman stated that on page 8, language was added regarding sediment control, stating erosion and sediment control measures shall comply with provision of Chapter 103 of the County Code and other applicable State laws and regulations. Commissioner Levensgood stated that he would like language added regarding the storage of materials on a piece of property.

The Commissioners stated that there have been questions raised from local business regarding the timeline of this permitting process. Ms. Freeman stated that this ordinance should not take long to accomplish nor is it meant to hold up projects from occurring.

The Commissioners stated that they would review the ordinance again during their April 24, 2018 Commissioners meeting.

**Topic Two: Recreation and Parks Mowing Bid**

Kat Stork and Mark Lasocha, Recreation and Parks Department, explained to the Commissioners that a mowing bid was completed by the Department, and the company they would like to choose has a price increase from years past. Mr. Lasocha stated that normally they pick the lowest bidder, however for the project of mowing all County property from the month of May through November, he and the team and Recreation and Parks made the decision to recommend the more qualified company. He went explain that Rex Landscaping has 12 employees and a large fleet of equipment, which had been evaluated by Caroline County Public Works, to ensure that the equipment was in good condition to operate for the season. The total amount of the contract would be \$43,360.00 for the mowing season. Ms. Stork stated that there are 20 different locations in the county that need to be cut weekly which is a total of over 36 acres of grass. Mr. Lasocha expressed concern that the lowest bidder came in at \$27,000.00, however they have a total of 3 employees and 3 mowers, which were evaluated and given a poor grade due to rust being visible. He stated that he believes Recreation and Parks is making the right choice in contracting with Rex Landscaping, and he hopes the Commissioners will approve the contract.

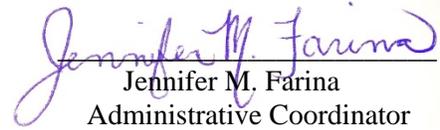
Commissioner Porter stated that he understands that although there was a lower bid, the company did not have the proper manpower or equipment to maintain the mowing of all County properties. The

Commissioners agreed to approve the contract for the mowing bid. Staff was directed to draft a purchase order and accompanying contract for an upcoming agenda.

**Closed Session:**

- Discussion of the Performance and Assignment of Specific Employees: Authority: 2014 Md. Code, State Government 3-305(b)(1)
- Convened in closed session at 10:12 a.m. on motion by Commissioner Franklin, seconded by Commissioner Levensgood, unanimous.
- Reconvened in open session at 12:35 p.m. on motion by Commissioner Franklin, seconded by Commissioner Levensgood, unanimous.
- President's Report: The Commissioners met with several employees to discuss the performance and assignments of a specific employee.

There being no further discussion the work session ended at 12:50 p.m.

  
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Administrative Coordinator