

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

WORK SESSION
February 22, 2022

Present: President, Larry C. Porter; President, Daniel J. Franklin; Vice President, Wilbur Levensgood; Commissioner; Jeremy Goldman, County Administrator; and Kaleigh Leager; Executive Assistant

Leslie Grunden, Assistant Director of Planning – Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan (CWSP) – Greensboro Regional Wastewater System (RWS) Expansion - Public Hearing: A public hearing was held for the proposed amendment to expand services from the Greensboro Regional Wastewater system to serve additional towns and sewer service areas in the northern portion of the County. There was no public testimony or comment. The Commissioners agreed to have a resolution produced and placed on the next meetings agenda for consideration.

Sara Rich, CEO Choptank Community Health System – Project Update & Funding Announcement: Ms. Rich stated that the new facility in Federalsburg will be 20,000 square feet. With this new building, more residents of the County will be able to be served. With this new building there will be a medical rural residency program and dental residency program including pediatrics. The new location has a projected completion date of Spring in 2024. The County Commissioners dedicated a \$750,000 commitment for this project from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding. Other monies such as federal and Federalsburg funding are being used. Ms. Rich mentioned that they are adding therapists for behavioral health in addition to a new mobile unit, with two more on the way. Ms. Rich stated that she is proud that Caroline is the only County in the State that has a health-based center in every public school.

Daniel Fox, Director of Finance – Budget Request Presentation: Mr. Fox stated that in FY2023 there is \$27M in projected property tax revenue; the property tax rate hasn't increased in 8 years in addition to the the tax differential remaining the same amount for past 2 years. Mr. Fox presented the Commissioners with the budget request books and went over the information regarding the requests. Requests were received from

Commissioners Open Discussion: There was no discussion.

At 11:18 AM, Commissioner Franklin made a motion to enter the Closed Session, Commissioner Levensgood seconded, all three Commissioners voted to enter the Closed Session.

Commissioner Porter read the following Closing Statement for the Closed Session: “This closed session will be used to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation. Under Authority of the General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b): (8)”

There being no further discussion, the Commissioners went into Closed Session.

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