

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY**  
Health and Public Services (HAPS) Building  
403 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 111  
Denton, MD 21629

**Minutes**  
**March 7, 2023**

Present: President J. Travis Breeding; Vice President Larry C. Porter, Commissioner N. Franklin Bartz, III.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

Commissioners Meeting Convenes, Invocation by Paul Merritt – Pastor of Church of the Nazarene Denton

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Shannon Hannawald, Endo Warriors of the Eastern Shore – Endometriosis Awareness Month Proclamation:** Commissioner Bartz read the proclamation, proclaiming March as Endometriosis Awareness Month in Caroline County. Ms. Hannawald shared her personal story regarding her journey with endometriosis.

**Kaleigh Leager, Executive Assistant to the County Commissioners - 2023 Maryland State Legislative Session Update & Discussion:** Ms. Leager provided an update to the Commissioners on two bills that were passed favorably out their committees (HB971 & HB497). She also stated that Commissioner Porter and herself are going to Annapolis tomorrow to testify on two pieces of legislation related to Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) (HB1046 & HB1100). The Commissioners had no comments or questions.

**Consent Agenda:** All three Commissioner voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.

- [Caroline County Department of Information Technology - Meeting Presentation Software Purchase – HAPS Room 111 & County Commissioners Hearing Room \(Circuit Courthouse\) – Rock Solid Technology - \\$71,090.00](#)
- Caroline County Department of Emergency Services - [Purchase Order #2023-311 & Contract – Imagetrend, Inc. - \\$5,000](#)
- Caroline County Department of Emergency Services - [Purchase Order #2023-312 & Contract – FirstWatch Solutions - \\$72,392.50](#)
- [Caroline County Rural Maryland Economic Development Fund Subrecipient Agreement – Maryland Broadband Cooperative, Inc. - \\$240,000](#)
- [Caroline County Department of Recreation and Parks – Joint Use Agreement with the Town of Greensboro – Program Open Space Funding for Ober Community Park](#)
- Caroline County Department of Parks and Recreation - Recreation and Parks Board Appointment – N. Liles
- [Caroline County Office of Finance – Nonrecurring Cost Report](#)
- Employment Contract – Part-Time EMT-B – K. Cain-Rideout

**County Administrators Report – Jeremy Goldman:** Mr. Goldman asked the Commissioners if they have any “heartburn” about moving the part-time EMT/Paramedics away from contracts to merit, like all other part-time employees. The Commissioners stated that they are amendable to looking at the change. Mr. Goldman stated Maryland Environmental Service (MES) is coming in on 3/14 to present and discuss the possibility of extending the landfill. Commissioner Porter asked when the Commissioners will be able to meet back in the Courthouse. Mr. Goldman stated in about 3-4 months. Mr. Goldman stated new carpet needs to be installed, a dais needs to be built, and the new video system for meetings need to be installed.

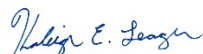
**County Commissioners Open Discussion:** Commissioner Breeding asked about the status of the tar and chip spreading bids. Mr. White stated there was an RFP and two bidders. Commissioner Breeding stated that most governments contract-out tar and chipping, as it is quicker and almost the same as if it was done in house. Commissioner Porter stated that he wants to discuss surfacing some of the dirt roads in the County. The Commissioners directed Mr. Goldman to purchase a shear for the Department of Public Works out of contingency. Commissioner Breeding stated last Thursday evening the Commissioners met with the 4H Park Board to discuss the possibility of moving the Lockerman baseball field to the 4H Park grounds. After internal discussions, they stated they are not amenable to having a baseball field on the park grounds. Commissioner Breeding stated he had a conversation with Scott Getchell from the Town of Denton about possibly entering a memorandum of understanding to move the field to Sharp Road. Commissioner Bartz stated he was glad that our employees were able to finally get their corrected W2’s. Commissioner Porter mentioned all three Commissioners attended the 4H event and Commissioner Bartz did a great job. Commissioner Porter also mentioned that 4H does an excellent job providing events for the youth of Caroline County.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

Commissioner Bartz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Porter seconded. All three Commissioners voted to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

**Closed Session: Section (8) General Provisions Art . 3-305(b): “To consult with staff about potential litigation.”**



Kaleigh Leager  
Executive Assistant to the County Commissioners