

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY
109 Market Street, Room 106
DENTON, MD 21629

Minutes
April 12, 2022

Present: President Larry C. Porter; Vice President Daniel J. Franklin, Commissioner Wilbur Levensgood, Jr.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

No invocation.

There was no public comment.

Larry read out the closed session statement.

National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week Proclamation: Commissioner Franklin read the proclamation recognizing the week of April 10-16th as Animal Control Officer Appreciation week for their hard work and dedication to the people and animals of this County.

Mandy Arnold President/CEO Budgetary Request Discussion: Ms. Arnold stated that Partners in Care supports older independents, who want to age in place. Partners in Care have been on the Eastern Shore since 2009. Currently, there are 47 members in Caroline with 8 people on the wait list. Examples of services provided are handyman services, transportation, or many other types of assistance. Ms. Arnold was joined by Linda Patrusca Executive Director and Carole Shaw, who is volunteer who helped create the Caroline County chapter. Commissioner Porter asked what their total budget was. Ms. Arnold stated it was \$178,000 total. 40% of the budget goes to Caroline. Folks can contact our office via phone and request our services. Commissioner Porter stated that this is the type of service Caroline County needs. While this is only for citizens ages 60+, the ability to have access to this level of specified service instead of fixed transportation routes is the direction services here should be. Commissioner Porter requested that Ms. Arnold reach out to Delmarva Community Transit to see how they can partner together. Commissioner Franklin made a motion to give \$5,000 to partners in care through the FY22 contingency, Commissioner Levensgood seconded. All three Commissioners voted to give Partners in Care Maryland \$5,000 out of the contingency budget.

Stewart Barroll, County Attorney – Third Reading and Potential Enactment – Legislative Bill #2022-002 – Planning Commission Membership: Mr. Barroll read the fair summary of the legislation, “AN Act to repeal and reenact with amendments Chapter 175 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Caroline County, Maryland; **FOR** the purpose of revising the Zoning chapter to **reduce the membership of the Planning Commission from seven to five members.** **BY** repealing and replacing Chapter 175-163 and Chapter 175-166 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Caroline County, Maryland.” Commissioner Franklin made a motion to enact and adopt

this legislation. Commissioner Levensgood seconded the motion. All three Commissioners voted to enact and adopt this legislation.

Daniel Fox, Director of Finance – 3rd Quarter Expenditure Report & Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Budget (Operating & Capital and Proposed Tax Rates) - Discussion: Mr. Fox

presented the proposed Capital and Operating budget. Mr. Fox stated that he is looking for a motion to pass the proposed budget on Capital and Operating Budget. Commissioner Levensgood made a motion to pass both the proposed Capital and Operating budgets. Commissioner Franklin seconded. All three Commissioners voted to pass the proposed Capital and Operating budgets. Mr. Fox then presented the property and municipal property tax rates. Commissioner Franklin stated twice that these rates have not been raised for the past 7 years. Mr. Fox stated he is seeking motion to approve property tax and municipal tax rates. Commissioner Franklin made a motion to approve the proposed property and municipal tax rates. Commissioner Levensgood seconded. All three Commissioners voted to pass the proposed property and municipal tax rates.

**CAROLINE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
NOTICE OF A PROPOSED REAL
PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

The County Commissioners of Caroline County, Maryland, proposes to increase real property taxes.

- 1) For the tax year beginning July 1, 2022 the estimated real property assessable base in the unincorporated areas of the county will increase by 3.0%, from \$1,877,550,749 to \$1,933,051,543.
- 2) If Caroline County maintains the current tax rate of \$.98 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 3.0%, resulting in \$543,908 of new real property tax revenues.
- 3) In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$.9519, the constant yield tax rate.
- 4) The County is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The County proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$.98 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 3.0% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$543,908 in additional property tax revenues.

The above revenues and tax rates are countywide, excluding municipalities. Municipalities within the county may have lower County real property tax rates. The accompanying chart provides the corresponding information and County real property tax rates for those municipalities. The lower County real property tax rates are the result of the County's municipal tax differential law

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax rate increase will be held at 6PM on Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022, at the Greensboro VFC Hall, 13781 Greensboro Rd, Greensboro, MD 21639

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged. Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call the Commissioner's Office at 410-479-0660 for further information, or via the Maryland Relay Services at 7-1-1 for persons with hearing or speech disability. Persons needing reasonable accommodation to attend the hearing should notify the Commissioner's Office three days before the hearing.

Jurisdiction	2021-2022 Net Assessable Base	2022-2023 Net Assessable Base	% Increase in Base	Current Tax Rate	% Increase in Revenue at Current Tax Rate	\$ Increase in Revenue at Current Tax Rate	2022-2023 Constant Yield Tax Rate CYTR	2022-2023 Proposed Tax Rate PTR	Revenue Difference Between CYTR and PTR	% Increase PTR Over CYTR
Unincorp.	1,877,550,749	1,933,051,543	3.0%	0.9800	3.0%	543,908	0.9519	0.9800	543,908	3.0%
Denton	392,721,636	405,904,559	3.4%	0.9200	3.4%	121,283	0.8901	0.9200	121,283	3.4%
Federsburg	154,948,660	159,104,048	2.7%	0.9000	2.7%	37,398	0.8765	0.9000	37,398	2.7%
Goldsboro	13,142,864	13,193,015	0.4%	0.9800	0.4%	491	0.9763	0.9800	491	0.4%
Greensboro	102,791,873	110,003,535	7.0%	0.9200	7.0%	66,347	0.8597	0.9200	66,347	7.0%
Henderson	4,777,352	4,988,783	4.4%	0.9800	4.4%	2,072	0.9385	0.9800	2,072	4.4%
Hillsboro	10,299,269	10,490,699	1.9%	0.9800	1.9%	1,876	0.9621	0.9800	1,876	1.9%
Marydel	6,994,957	6,864,680	-1.9%	0.9800	-1.9%	-1,277	0.9986	0.9800	-1,277	-1.9%
Preston	67,960,300	71,211,344	4.8%	0.9700	4.8%	31,535	0.9257	0.9700	31,535	4.8%
Ridgely	121,366,823	126,286,285	4.1%	0.9300	4.1%	45,751	0.8938	0.9300	45,751	4.1%
Templeville	1,400,300	1,395,666	-0.3%	0.9800	-0.3%	-45	0.9833	0.9800	-45	-0.3%

Consent Agenda: (The following items were unanimously approved by the

Commissioners): Commissioner Levensgood requested that there be a correction to the April 5th minutes. He attended the Goldsboro Shrimp feast; not Greensboro. Commissioner Levensgood made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the correction mentioned. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion. All three Commissioners voted to approve the consent agenda.

- Minutes – Open & Closed Sessions – April 5, 2022
- [Corrections Food Service Agreement – Aramark](#)
- 3rd Quarter Contingency Documents
- [Greensboro VFC Stormwater Bid Contract](#)

- Planning Commission Appointment – H. Cawley

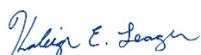
County Administrators Report – Jeremy Goldman: Mr. Goldman mentioned that his intention is to move forward with the Detention Center as a design build instead of RFP. The Commissioners agreed as long as it gets done correctly the first time.

County Commissioners Open Discussion: Commissioner Levensgood stated it has been a busy, sad week for me. Commissioner Porter and Franklin gave their condolences to Commissioner Levensgood. Commissioner Franklin and Commissioner Porter mentioned they attended the Hannah Henry Way Road unveiling with Commissioner Levensgood. Commissioner Porter stated that there are a lot of “surprises” leaving Annapolis; Expanded prevailing wage, marijuana, etc. Commissioner Porter mentioned the family leave bill will be devastating to small business. Yet, another reason why people will move out of Maryland.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Franklin made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Levensgood seconded the motion. All three Commissioners voted to adjourn the meeting.

With no more discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.



Kaleigh Leager
Executive Assistant to the County Commissioners