

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY

109 Market Street, Room 106

DENTON, MD 21629

**Minutes
May 24, 2022**

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

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

Convocation by Reverend Ellery Adams.

There was no public comment.

Katie Dilly, Executive Director, Mid Shore Behavioral Health - Presentation and Update:

Ms. Dilly stated that she was coming in to provide an update and request that the Commissioners enter the annual MOU with Mid Shore Behavioral Health (MSBH) for FY2023. MSBH hopes to continue to provide superior service to the residents of Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot, Kent, and Queen Anne's. MSBH hopes to continue to provide and increase access to quality care with partners throughout the five Counties. They have partnered with the Caroline County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) to provide a safe space in addition to some drug and alcohol recovery services. MSBH has continued to work closely with all 5 County's Health Departments.

Debbie Bowden, Director of Economic Development – Rural Maryland Economic Development Fund Potential Projects Discussion:

Ms. Bowden stated that she is coming before the Commissioners today looking for advice and/or recommendations on projects to invest in with the monies that is coming from the Governor's budget through the Mid-Shore Regional Council. Ms. Bowden mentioned that the Governor is giving each Regional Council \$10M to be disbursed to the member Counties unless there is a regional project where every County agrees to the mass project. Ms. Bowden will bring a list of options for the Commissioners to review and consider later.

Ryan White, Director of Public Works – Dump Truck Purchase Discussion:

Mr. White stated that the vendor in Delaware contacted the Department of Public Works and stated the vendor purchased 30 unites (originally ordered 28) and there is one available to be built out. The funding has been allocated for 3 years from FY2020. The issue has been inventory. Commissioner Porter asked if there is anything different between the truck we originally wanted and the one available? Mr. White stated that there isn't a change in anything except about a \$8,000 increase in price over what was originally budgeted. Mr. White stated that the vendor has estimated that the build will begin in October or early November but will take several months to be completed... possibly spring of 2023. Commissioner Franklin made a motion to purchase the truck through the State of Delaware. Commissioner Porter seconded the motion to purchase the truck. Both Commissioner Porter and Franklin voted to purchase the truck. Commissioner Levengood voted in opposition of the purchase of the truck.

Consent Agenda: (All three Commissioners voted unanimously): Wilbur, Dan, Larry.

- Minutes – Open Sessions – March 8, 2022 & May 17, 2022
- [Deed of Forest Conservation Easement](#)
- [Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed Eradication Agreement](#)
- Program Open Space Grant Applications – FY2022 & FY2023
- [MARBIDCO Farm to Freezer Grant MOU](#)

County Administrators Report – Jeremy Goldman: Mr. Goldman stated that the warehouse space we currently occupy to store EMS “stuff” is about to become unviable for the County’s use. EMS needs 2000-3000sqf of storage. Mr. Goldman stated the County owns a building purchased through a grant, Delmarva Community Transit Building. Mr. Goldman stated that we are moving the stockpile to that building temporarily. The County is going to continue to need more space for DES related items as we continue to accumulate a stock of supplies. Mr. Goldman mentioned that he will be on vacation until Wednesday of next week.

County Commissioners Open Discussion: Commissioner Levengood stated he attended 3 automobile accidents within the last week. In addition, he will be attended the nurse’s pinning ceremony at Chesapeake College today. He also mentioned he attended the Upper-Shore Aging meeting in Easton and must attend a MRDC meeting in Aberdeen this week. Commissioner Franklin stated that he met with the citizen who submitted a roads complaint last week and addressed their concern. Commissioner Porter stated he almost drowned last Tuesday and attended a good ribbon cutting.

There was no public comment.

Closed Session: Commissioner Franklin made a motion to enter closed session. Commissioner Levengood seconded. All Three Commissioners voted to enter closed session.

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

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.



Kaleigh Leager
Executive Assistant to the County Commissioners