

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

**Minutes**  
**July 19, 2022**

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

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

Invocation by Dinzil Cheek.

There was no public comment.

**6/21/2022 Closed Session Closing Statement:** “During the July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Commissioners Meeting, the Commissioners held a closed session to discuss pending litigation under General Provisions Art. 3-305(b): (8). Commissioners Porter, Franklin and Levensgood were in attendance as well as Stewart Barroll, County Attorney, Mary Berneski, County Paralegal, Jeremy Goldman, County Administrator and Executive Assistant, Kaleigh Leager.”

**Dr. Derek Simmons, Superintendent of Caroline County Public Schools & Erin Thornton, Comptroller – Caroline County Board of Education FY2023 Discussion and Overview:** Commissioner Levensgood thanked the Board of Education for their hard work. Commissioner Franklin thanked Board of Education for their work in trying to move around funding to keep projects and salaries funded. Dr. Simmons stated that a lot of the changes in the budget were made to try and fight the increases from the cost of doing business. Ms. Thornton stated this budget provided a lot of challenges, especially when it came to the maintenance of effort funding and the extreme delay in knowing which formula to use from the State. Commissioner Porter asked about the funding formula and asked about the minimum wage employees. Commissioner Porter also asked about the AIB hearings. Mr. Simmons stated nothing has become available yet. Mr. Simmons stated that the AIB only received funding to staff the board. Ms. Thornton is continuing to look at State funding formulas and their huge impact on the small, lower funded Counties.

**Consent Agenda: (All three Commissioners voted unanimously to pass the consent agenda with amendments):** Commissioner Levensgood stated there is a discrepancy with the Whites Lane item funding. Mr. White stated that one is the purchase order amount, and the other is the bid. They placed more funding than purchase order in case the cost runs over. Commissioner Levensgood also requested a correction to the July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 minutes.

- Minutes – April 26, 2022, May 24, 2022 & July 5, 2022 – Open & Closed
- [FY2021 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program – Memorandum of Agreement – Denton Police Department](#)
- [FY2021 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program – Memorandum of Agreement – Federalsburg Police Department](#)
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- [FY2021 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program – Memorandum of Agreement – Greensboro Police Department](#)
- [FY2021 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program – Memorandum of Agreement – Ridgley Police Department](#)
- [Weed Control Memorandum of Understanding between Maryland Department of Transportation/State Highway Administration and Caroline County Department of Public Works](#)
- [Department of Public Works – RFP#CCDPW2022-02 White’s Lane Paving Project Contract & Purchase Order #2023-00000011](#)
- [Purchase Order #2023-00000012 – Contracted Services- Aramark Food Services](#)
- [Purchase Order #2023-00000021 – UHY, LLP. Contracted Services](#)
- [Purchase Order #2023-00000022 – Contracted Services – Bramble, Inc. - Wedge & Level & Contract](#)
- [Purchase Order #2023-00000023 – Department of Public Works - CAT Telehandler](#)
- [Purchase Order #2023-00000025 – Motorola Solutions Inc. – FY2023 Motorola Maintenance, Support and Software Upgrade](#)
- [Purchase Order #2023-00000032 – Contracted Services – Gateway Construction, Inc.](#)
- [Caroline County Emergency Services – Greensboro Volunteer Fire Company Space Agreement](#)
- [Semi- Annual CDBG Report for the Ring Road - Benedictine School](#)
- [Semi- Annual CDBG Report for the building of the Judy Center – Greensboro](#)
- [Mid Shore Behavioral Health – FY2023 Letter of Agreement](#)
- [Recreation & Parks Employment Contract – K. Beebe-Cunningham](#)
- [Ag Reconciliation Board Reappointment – E. Carmean](#)
- [Chesapeake College’s Revised FY2023 Budget & Fund Balance Request](#)

**County Administrators Report – Jeremy Goldman:** Mr. Goldman stated that it has been a busy week and it is only Tuesday. He stated that yesterday the Warden and the Local Management Board went to Salisbury to view Vehicles of Change. That organization helps released inmates get transportation and helps train them to become master mechanics. This program has been very successful on Western Shore. Kaleigh and I will be leaving in the morning for Denver to attend the National Association of Counties conference. Mr. Goldman stated that Public Works did a good job with storm cleanup.

**County Commissioners Open Discussion:** Commissioner Levengood said he is busy on the farm and fire calls. Commissioner Franklin gave a huge shoutout to public works with storm cleanup and the volunteer fire companies and the DES folks. In addition, he had one person contact him road issue but turned out to be in Dorchester. Commissioner Porter stated that the Commissioners agree with the letter to hospice and are looking forward to it being published. Police Accountability Boards need choices to be made. Mr. Goldman stated that the law office and himself participated in a call with MACo and other Counties to discuss implementation of PAB. Only two complaints were made to a county, one of which was erroneous from “Anthony Fauci” and “Joe Biden”. Training is going to be 40hrs for ACC; jurisdictional or regional.

There was no public comment.

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