

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY

Caroline County Board of Education
204 Franklin Street
Denton, MD 21629

Minutes November 15, 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.

There was no invocation. A moment of silence was taken to remember our veterans.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Dr. Derek Simmons & Erin Thornton – Caroline County Board of Education - FY22

Budget Adjustment: Ms. Thornton presented the Board with the budget adjustment request. Ms. Thornton and Dr. Simmons stated that there was a \$1,429,340.00 difference in the budget to the good. Commissioner Franklin stated that he is happy the change is to the good but would like to see a balanced budget. Commissioner Porter requested clarification on the excess revenue. Ms. Thornton stated that most of the funding came from ARPA in addition to a \$6M funding grant. In addition, some of the funds originated from CARES II. Ms. Thornton stated that the money must be spent within a certain amount of time. Commissioner Franklin made a motion to approve the Board of Education's budget adjustment. Commissioner Levensgood seconded that motion. All three Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the Board of Education's budget adjustment as presented.

Consent Agenda/Action Items: (All three Commissioners voted unanimously to pass the consent agenda): Commissioner Porter stated that he is concerned that when the agreement between the Board of Education and the County's Department of Recreation & Parks is over, the Board of Education will come to the County to request an increase in funding. Dr. Simmons stated that he is unable to predict where the ask for funding will go as he is unable to predict the budget of the school system for FY24 as there are still portions of the Kirwan Commission that have to be fulfilled. Commissioner Porter stressed his concern with the State Board that determines how Human Services Councils/Local Management Boards can spend their money.

- Minutes – October 18, 2022 & October 25, 2022 – Open
- [Memorandum of Understanding – Caroline County Public Schools & Caroline County Recreation & Parks – Afterschool Programs](#)
- Transfer from the General Fund Cash (01) to the Capital Reserve Cash within Capital Improvement Fund (39) Transfer tax collections - Fiscal Year 2022 - \$1,023,754.53

County Administrators Report – Jeremy Goldman: Mr. Goldman stated that there was a \$26,000 repair to the Detention Center's roof that wasn't budgeted for. Mr. Goldman then stated

that he and Mr. Barroll had a polite, but spirited conversation with a few folks from the Maryland Transit Administration regarding the use of the DCT Building. Mr. Goldman stated that the County received some Federal funding (\$1.2M), through the State for the rehabilitation of the building back in the early 2000's. There was supposedly a clause (that the County or the State do not have a signed copy of) that requires the County to use the building for primarily transit operations for 40 years, which began in 2010. Mr. Goldman stated that the County can either pay the Federal Government back the \$840,000ish dollars (depreciates \$30,000/annually) or make a written statement to the State that the primary use and mission of the building is for transit and if more space is required to meet that goal, the County will then make more space available to the vendor.

County Commissioners Open Discussion: Commissioner Levensgood told the Commissioner Elect's to enjoy their new roles as Commissioners. Commissioner Levensgood asked the Commissioner Elects to pay attention to the Chesapeake Bay and the Conowingo Dam. He stated that the Bay and its health affects every Eastern Shore family. Commissioner Franklin stated he had nothing to share. Commissioner Porter stated there was a concern of the fire siren in Greensboro. Mr. Sheridan responded, and Commissioner Porter asked Ms. Leager to send a response to the gentleman that submitted the complaint. Commissioner Porter stated that Del. Ghrist has requested that the fishing pier next to the new Dover Bridge be named after George Jackson. Commissioner Porter stated that the only thing the County can really do is possibly send a letter of support but thinks we should wait for the next Board to decide. Commissioner Franklin stated that you send the letter of support to the Maryland Transportation Commission.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Commissioner Levensgood 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 10:12 a.m.



Kaleigh Leager
Executive Assistant to the County Commissioners