

February 21, 2019

The regular meeting of the County Commissioners of Allegany County was held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Allegany Room 100, 701 Kelly Road, Cumberland, at 5:00 p.m. on the above date. The following were present: Commissioner Jacob C. Shade; Commissioner Creade V. Brodie, Jr.; County Administrator Brandon S. Butler; and County Attorney William M. Rudd. The following business was transacted:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Danny Williams.

Before commencement of the evening's business, Commission President Jacob Shade announced that Commissioner David Caporale was in Annapolis to testify on the Minimum Wage Bill and sent his regrets.

#### **MOTION**

There were no additions or deletions to the Agenda.

#### **MOTION**

Upon Motion by Commissioner Brodie, seconded by Commissioner Shade, and Motion carried, the Commissioners approved the Minutes of the February 7, 2019, public business meeting.

#### **ACTION AGENDA**

**Item 1 – Resolution 19-1 – Fiscal Year 2019-2022 Cumberland Area Transportation Improvement Program** – Board of County Commissioners, acting as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, to authorize and adopt Resolution 19-1, the Cumberland Area Fiscal Year 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program – Siera N. Wigfield, Transportation Planner, explained that the Transportation Improvement Program for the Cumberland Area is a list of short-term transportation projects scheduled for construction or planning, and that these are obligated projects. Mrs. Wigfield further explained that the Plan is made up of thirteen State Highway projects; five Allegany County projects; five City of Cumberland projects; one City of Frostburg project; and Operating and Capital Assistance for Transit and other public transportations. She added that a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was made available for public comment since February 7, 2019, and no comments were received. Mrs. Wigfield pointed out that Federal legislation requires that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) cooperate with the Department of Transportation to develop the TIP to be eligible to receive funds. She requested that the Board of County Commissioners, acting as the Cumberland Area MPO, adopt the 2019-2022 TIP.

Upon Motion by Commissioner Brodie, seconded by Commissioner Shade, and duly carried, the Board of County Commissioners, acting as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, authorized and adopted Resolution 19-1, the Cumberland Area Fiscal Year 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

As recommended by the County Administrator

Prior to action being taken on the Consent Agenda, Mr. Joseph Carter, Co-Chair of the Alhambra Catholic Invitational Tournament (ACIT), came forward to make brief remarks. He thanked the Commissioners for the chance to speak about the ACIT, and also for their continuous support. Mr. Carter pointed out that this year's tournament is the 59th annual ACIT, and that it started in 1961. He commented that the tournament is still well-regarded and that teams are eager to participate, and that participants really enjoy coming to Allegany County. Mr. Carter also pointed out that teams stay at a local hotel, and are provided meals from local restaurants. He reported that so far seven teams have been invited to participate, with the eighth team to be confirmed on Monday (February 25, 2019), pending the outcome of another tournament. Mr. Carter added that this year's ACIT is generating even more excitement than usual, because of how good Bishop Walsh's team is this year, and because of that, crowds will be larger too. He concluded his remarks by again thanking the Commissioners for all they do to help out the ACIT.

Commissioner Shade told Mr. Carter that the Commissioners are happy to help, and he commented that the ACIT is a great thing for the community, especially with Bishop Walsh having a great season this year.

Following Mr. Carter's remarks, Commissioner Shade read and presented him with an official Citation to recognize and congratulate the Order of Alhambra Wamba Caravan # 89 for envisioning and developing the Alhambra Catholic Invitational Tournament (ACIT), now in its 59th year in Allegany County. A round of applause followed.

Also prior to action being taken on the Consent Agenda, Commissioner Brodie made a Motion to discuss the Consent Agenda, and Commissioner Shade seconded the Motion. Commissioner Shade brought up the MOU with the City of Cumberland (Item 9), and pointed out that consolidation of services to save money was talked about all last year. Commissioner Shade announced that there would be a special event the next day, Friday, February 22, 2019, at 10 a.m. in Room 100 of the County Office Building, to include the Mayor of Cumberland as well as some members of the City Council, and County representatives. He explained that everything is on the table, from EMS, to tax billing, to insurances, to basically anything that both Governments do. Commissioner Shade explained that the report should hopefully be completed by the end of June 2019, and it will set forth real recommendations in terms of how County Government and City Government can save money on a wide range of things.

There was no further discussion regarding the Consent Agenda.

Upon Motion by Commissioner Brodie, seconded by Commissioner Shade, and Motion carried, the Consent Agenda as recommended by the County Administrator was adopted.

**Item 2 – 59th Annual Alhambra Catholic Invitational Tournament (ACIT)** – Board of County Commissioners authorized the County Finance Department to remit \$3,000 budgeted from the Community Promotions Account to support the 59th Annual Alhambra Catholic Invitational Tournament, Frostburg, Maryland, March 7-9, 2019.

**Item 3 – 25th Annual Bishop Walsh Girls Invitational Tournament** – Board of County Commissioners authorized the County Finance Department to remit \$500 budgeted from the Community Promotions Account to support the 25th Annual Bishop Walsh Girls Invitational Tournament, February 28-March 2, 2019.

**Item 4 – Allegany County Tourism Destination Guide** – Board of County Commissioners authorized a contract to Walsworth Publishing Company, Marceline, Missouri, to print the 2019 Visit Mountain Maryland Destination Guide, in the amount of \$36,244.

**Item 5 – Request for Proposal for Medical and Dietary Contracts** – Board of County Commissioners authorized the Allegany County Detention Center to begin the process to request proposals for dietary and medical services.

**Item 6 – Emergency Services Board Appointments** – Board of County Commissioners authorized appointments to the Allegany County Emergency Services Board.

**Item 7 – Emergency Number Systems Board Generator and Transfer Switch Project** – Board of County Commissioners authorized the purchase of a replacement backup generator with installation from S & S Electric, Inc., Ridgeley, West Virginia, up to \$200,400 as approved by the Emergency Number Systems Board.

**Item 8 – SAFER Grant Memorandum of Understanding with Frostburg Fire Department No. 1, Inc.** – Board of County Commissioners authorized the MOU between the Allegany County Department of Emergency Services and Frostburg Fire Department No. 1, Inc., to maintain and enhance the firefighting, rescue, and emergency medical services provided to the citizens and visitors to the County.

**Item 9 – Signing of Cumberland Memorandum of Understanding** – Board of County Commissioners authorized the President of the Board of County Commissioners to enter into an MOU with the City of Cumberland.

**Constituents** – In order of sign-up sheet –

**Mrs. Jackie Sams** had signed up to speak at this meeting, but did not do so, explaining that the topic she wished to discuss had already been covered.

**Mr. Kenneth Wilmont**, 513 Fort Avenue, Cumberland, expressed his opinion about one of the Consent Agenda items, saying that he thought the amount given to support the Annual Bishop Walsh Girls Invitational Tournament should be \$1,000 rather than \$500.

Mr. Wilmont then said that he wished to bring to the Commissioners' attention a property in Flintstone. He described it as a very old roadhouse, which the present owner has let go into bad condition. Mr. Wilmont told the Commissioners that Presidents and other officials from Washington, D.C. used to come to Flintstone to visit the hot water spa at the site of the roadhouse. He expressed his view that the County should take over this building and invest some funds into restoring it, to possibly be used as a tourist attraction.

**Reminders/Upcoming Meetings –**

**Next Public Business Meeting – Thursday, March 14, 2019, 5:00 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come to the attention of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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Jacob C. Shade, President

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Attest:

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Cynthia A. Young  
Recording Secretary