

August 12, 2021

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.; Commissioner David J. Caporale; County Administrator Jason M. Bennett; and Assistant County Attorney Ramon Rozas, III. County Attorney T. Lee Beeman, Jr., was out of town and unable to attend this meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

MOTION

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

MOTION

Upon Motion by Commissioner Brodie, seconded by Commissioner Caporale, and Motion carried, the Commissioners approved the Minutes of the July 22, 2021, public business meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

As recommended by the County Administrator

Upon Motion by Commissioner Caporale, seconded by Commissioner Brodie, and Motion carried, the Board of County Commissioners adopted the Consent Agenda as recommended by the County Administrator.

Item 1 – Consulting Agreement with Atkinson Eco, LLC – Board of County Commissioners authorized the execution of a twelve-month consulting agreement with Atkinson Eco, LLC, for project management services focusing on the development of the Potomac River Project.

Item 2 – Potomac River Project Memorandum of Understanding – Board of County Commissioners authorized the execution of an MOU between the awarded grant writer, Water and Land Solutions, LLC, Canal Place Preservation & Development Authority, the City of Cumberland, Maryland, and the Board of County Commissioners of Allegany County, Maryland, stating the nature and spirit of the parties working together on the Potomac River Project.

Item 3 – Bid Award for Unleaded Gasoline, Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel, No.2 Heating Oil and Kerosene – Board of County Commissioners awarded the purchase of Unleaded Gasoline, Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel, No.2 Heating Oil and Kerosene to Southern States Cumberland, Co-op, Inc. in the amount of \$924,986.56.

Item 4 – Purchase of Roads Division Dump Trucks – Board of County Commissioners authorized the Department of Public Works to purchase two dump trucks from Beltway Companies, Baltimore, Maryland, in the amount of \$287,749.66 in accordance with Allegany County Code utilizing the publicly bid Sourcewell Contract #15935.

Item 5 – Fiscal Year 2022 Cumberland Area Unified Planning Work Program – Board of County Commissioners, acting in their authority as the Cumberland Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, approved the engineering proposal from Bennett Brewer & Associates, Frostburg, Maryland, for the East End Frostburg Pedestrian Connection Study – Traffic Signal Warrant Analyses in the amount of \$11,625 as part of the Fiscal Year 2022 Unified Planning Work Program.

Item 6 – Allegany County Building Code Appeals Board Appointment – Board of County Commissioners approved the appointment of Michael A. Llewellyn, Esquire, as a member of the Building Code Appeals Board. His term will expire on January 22, 2026.

Item 7 – Allegany County Mental Health Advisory Board Appointment – Board of County Commissioners approved the appointment of Jade Kenney as a member of the Mental Health Advisory Board filling a vacant position through a resignation. Her term will expire on June 30, 2022.

Item 8 – Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention Grant Award – Board of County Commissioners authorized the President of the County Commissioners to sign a grant agreement with the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to accept funding in the amount of \$21,482 for the Allegany County Sheriff's Office to support community policing events and initiatives in Allegany County.

Item 9 – Declaration of Surplus Vehicle – Board of County Commissioners authorized the Allegany County Sheriff's Office to declare a 2013 Ford Police Interceptor VIN# 1FAHPM86DG132368 as surplus. This vehicle will be transferred to the Potomac Highlands Airport Authority for use in their operation.

Item 10 – Community Promotions – Board of County Commissioners authorized the County Finance Department to remit \$500 from the Community Promotions Account to support the Allegany County Social Services Board Annual Crab Feast. All monies raised will be used for Allegany County Seniors to help them remain in their homes and improve their quality of life. The event will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2021, from 1 to 5 pm at the Cumberland Outdoor Club.

Constituents – In order of sign-up sheet

Mr. John Nightengale, of Lonaconing, again discussed his concerns regarding the use of Jackson Mountain Road to transport coal down the mountain. Mr. Nightengale shared some particular examples of his concerns and some photographs with the Commissioners.

Commissioner Brodie told Mr. Nightengale that the County does not have the authority to shut down the road. He added that he has talked to many people since Mr. Nightengale's attendance at the July 22, 2021 public meeting, trying to find an alternative route. Commissioner Brodie discussed the issues involved with finding an alternative route.

Mrs. Tammy Fraley, 555 Braddock Avenue, LaVale, Maryland, told the Commissioners that she was present at this meeting as a parent and not as a member of the Allegany County Board of Education. She asked that the County Commissioners work in conjunction with the local Health Department and the Community to advertise the layers of protection that are available concerning the Covid virus.

Commissioner Shade and **Commissioner Caporale** encouraged everyone who has not already been vaccinated to do so.

Assistant County Attorney Ramon Rozas had no further comments for this evening's meeting.

County Administrator Jason Bennett had no further comments for this evening's meeting.

Commissioners' statements, comments, recognition –

Commissioner Creade Brodie had no further comments for this evening's meeting.

Commissioner David Caporale had no further comments for this evening's meeting.

Reminders/Upcoming Meetings –

Next Public Business Meeting – Thursday, August 26, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come to the attention of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Jacob C. Shade, President

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Attest:

Cynthia A. Young
Recording Secretary