



Board of Carroll County Commissioners

County Office Building
Westminster, MD 21157
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Open Session

~ Minutes ~

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Thursday, January 21, 2016

1:30 PM

County Office Building Rm 311

I. Call to Order

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Stephen Wantz	Board of Carroll County Commissioners	President	Present	
Richard Weaver	Board of Carroll County Commissioners	Vice-President	Present	
Dennis Frazier	Board of Carroll County Commissioners	Secretary	Present	
Richard Rothschild	Board of Carroll County Commissioners	Commissioner	Present	
Doug Howard	Board of Carroll County Commissioners	Commissioner	Late	2:29 PM

II. Blizzard 2016 Update

Mr. David Reese, Deputy Director, Department of Public Works met with the Board to give them an update on the pending snowstorm ~ blizzard. Governor Hogan has declared Maryland a "State of Emergency" this morning at 7:00 AM. The forecast is for 18" to 24" of snow with 30 to 40 mile an hour wind gusts. It was requested by Mr. Reese that everyone "stay off the roads if you do not have to travel them". The Board of Commissioners announced that the County Office Building would be closing at 3:00 PM tomorrow, Friday, January 22, 2016.

III. Public Comment ~ Item IV

None

IV. Briefing/Discussion/Decision ~ Request Acceptance of the Courthouse Security Grant Award

Additional Physical Security Funds (Reallocated funds from FY 14). This money that was originally awarded in FY 14 was unspent. The Administrative Office of the Court has re-awarded the funds to Carroll County Circuit Court in the amount of \$142,323.90.

- Motion To:** accept the Courthouse Security Grant Award in the amount of \$142,323.90 with the provision of checking competitive alternative vendors for the cameras and video servers

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Richard Rothschild, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Dennis Frazier, Secretary
AYES:	Stephen Wantz, Richard Weaver, Dennis Frazier, Richard Rothschild
ABSENT:	Doug Howard

V. Public Comment ~ Item VI

None

VI. Briefing/Discussion/Decision ~ Grant Acceptance – Pocket Wetland to Treat Runoff at Existing Manchester Skate Park

The Department of Land and Resource Management, Bureau of Resource Management (BRM) is seeking approval to accept \$756,043.00 from the Maryland State Highway Administration's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) to fund the construction of a stormwater management facility in Manchester, Maryland. The proposed facility will treat 99.3 acres of total drainage area, 27.55 of which are impervious, currently flowing into the Double Pipe Creek watershed. The implementation of this facility will help meet certain requirements to treat impervious surfaces as set forth by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, and improve water quality in the Double Pipe Creek watershed and its tributaries.

- Motion To:** accept \$756,043.00 from the Maryland State Highway Administration's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) to fund the construction of a stormwater management facility in Manchester, Maryland

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dennis Frazier, Secretary
SECONDER:	Richard Weaver, Vice-President
AYES:	Stephen Wantz, Richard Weaver, Dennis Frazier, Richard Rothschild
ABSENT:	Doug Howard

VII. Public Comment ~ Item VIII

None

VIII. Briefing/Discussion ~ Hyde's Quarry ~ Water Development Agreement

The City of Westminster, in cooperation with Carroll County, completed preliminary water supply testing of Hyde's Quarry in 2014. The analysis and review of test results were performed during 2015, and preliminary discussions with the Maryland Department of the Environment have taken place. The 2014 testing was performed via an Agreement between the City and County dated April 21, 2008. The Agreement only allowed for the testing of the quarry waters and stated further use by the City would require additional negotiations. Staff is prepared to begin discussions with the City, with the Board's direction, related to future use of the Hyde's Quarry water.

The Board of Commissioners authorized staff to begin discussions with the City of Westminster regarding the use of Hyde's Quarry for the sharing of water allocations and to report back to them after these discussions occur.

IX. Public Comment ~ Item X

Public comment was made regarding proposed amendment to Chapter 34, Ethics.

X. Discussion/Decision ~ Request Approval to Proceed to Public Hearing ~ Proposed Amendments to Chapter 34, Ethics

The Ethics Commission is proposing an amendment to Subsection 34.13(B) of Chapter 34, Ethics. As currently written, actions taken by the Ethics Commission regarding complaints against individuals, must be conducted in a confidential manner. The Ethics Commission, its staff, the complainant, and the respondent are all bound by confidentiality regarding the matter and the actions taken by the Ethics Commission in connection with a complaint. However, this requirement lacks a provision for the handling of a breach of that confidentiality by a complainant. Under the proposed amendment, both the Ethics Administrator and the Ethics Commission would have the authority to dismiss a complaint for a violation of the confidentiality provision by a complainant.

After the Board discussed several scenarios under the change in this provision they requested that this proposal be referred to the County Ethics Commission for their comments and then the county attorney will report back to the Board of Commissioners with the results.

XI. Public Comment

Citizen comment(s): No citizen comments were received.

XII. Approval/Adoption of Minutes

1. Thursday, January 14, 2016

XIII. Administrative Session ~ Open

The following issues were discussed:

1. Review of draft public agendas for the weeks of January 25, 2016 and February 1, 2016
2. Signing of Documents

XIV. Personnel - CLOSED

Upon motion of Commissioner Weaver, second by Commissioner Frazier, the Board (Commissioners Wantz, Weaver, Frazier, Rothschild, and Howard) voted unanimously to meet in closed session in accordance with the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provision Article 3-305, Subsection (b)(1), on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 3:00 P.M. with Roberta Windham, County Administrator, and Denise Hoover, Administrative Coordinator. The Board discussed appointments/reappointments to Commissioner appointed Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

1. **Motion To:** close for Personnel

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Richard Weaver, Vice-President
SECONDER:	Dennis Frazier, Secretary
AYES:	Wantz, Weaver, Frazier, Rothschild, Howard

XV. Adjourn ~ 2:57 PM

1. Motion To: adjourn

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Doug Howard, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Dennis Frazier, Secretary
AYES:	Wantz, Weaver, Frazier, Rothschild, Howard