



Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland

Open Session Minutes

May 8, 2025

(Special Meeting)

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation presented by President John Barr, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the full assemblage.

CALL TO ORDER

President John F. Barr called the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland, to order at 2:00 p.m. with the following members present: Vice-President Jeffrey A. Cline, Commissioner Derek Harvey and Commissioner Randy Leatherman. Commissioner Randall E. Wagner was absent.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Cline, seconded by Commissioner Harvey, moved to convene in closed session at 2:01 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State (4).

Open session discussion would divulge confidential information of the business.

- Discussion of provision of financial incentives to business planning to locate facility in Washington County.

Present during closed session at various times were Commissioners John F. Barr, Jeffrey A. Cline, Derek Harvey, and Randy Leatherman; Dawn Marcus, County Clerk; Michelle Gordon, County Administrator; Zachary J. Kieffer, County Attorney; Rosalinda Pascual, Deputy County Attorney; Victor Scarpelli, Assistant County Attorney; Linda Spence Financial Programs Administrator, Business and Economic Development; and Jonathan Horowitz, Director, Business and Economic Development.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Commissioner Cline, seconded by Commissioner Harvey, moved to reconvene in open session at 2:11 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

STAFF COMMENTS

Jonathan Horowitz, Director, Business and Economic Development; and Linda Spence, Financial Programs Administrator, Business and Economic Development; presented the request for approval to match a (MEDAAF) conditional loan offer by the State of Maryland Department of Commerce to SJ Incorporated who will be constructing an IV Bag and Capsuling Manufacturing Facility. They will spend roughly \$35,000,000.00 in investment into the property, and they are anticipated to create over 300 jobs in the next two years. The County will be responsible for a 10% match which will be \$100,000.00 to the State's \$1,000,000.00 conditional loan. The request is to approve a Resolution to accept the conditional loan and to approve the \$100,000.00 match from the Hotel Rental Tax Fund.

Commissioner Cline, seconded by Commissioner Harvey, moved to approve the Resolution for acceptance of the State MEDAAF Conditional Loan and approve the \$100,000.00 match as presented. The motion passed unanimously (4-0)

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cline, seconded by Commissioner Harvey, moved to adjourn at 2:14 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).



Dawn L. Marcus, *County Clerk*