



Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland

Open Session Minutes

January 30, 2024

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence was observed, 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 9:01 a.m. with the following members present: Vice-President Jeffrey A. Cline, Commissioner Derek Harvey and Commissioner Randall E. Wagner. Commissioner Wayne K. Keefer was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Wagner, seconded by Commissioner Cline, moved to approve the minutes of January 9, 2024. The motion passed 4-0.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Wagner congratulated Kirk Downey on his appointment to Judge. He toured Beard Guitars in Leitersburg and commented on the craftsmanship. Commissioner Wagner attended Maugansville Awards banquet congratulating the recipients.

Commissioner Harvey congratulated Kirk Downey on his appointment. He thanked the staff for their work during the recent snow events.

Commissioner Cline congratulated Kirk Downey for his appointment. He attended the awards banquets in Hancock, Maugansville and Clear Spring. Commissioner Cline thanked staff for attending the Day in Annapolis. He commented on the passing of Harry Gossert, recognizing his fifty-two years of service to Washington County.

Commissioner Barr congratulated Kirk Downey on his appointment. He thanked everyone for the expressions of concern and flowers after the passing of his mother and thanked Sheriff Albert, his staff and fire police for their assistance during the funeral service. Commissioner Barr attended a Day in Annapolis highlighting local attendees. He attended the MACo legislative meetings and reception with Governor Moore in attendance.

STAFF COMMENTS

Michelle Gordon, County Administrator congratulated Kirk Downey on his appointment. She attended several Washington County Delegation meetings and meetings with the Town Managers. She attended the grand opening of Meritus Health Services in Hancock. Ms. Gordon recognized and thanked the highways and public safety staff for their work during the snow events. She also attended meetings with the Maryland Theater Board, Land Use Council and Maryland Municipal League. Ms. Gordon attended the Washington County Day in Annapolis and provided information for property tax credits. She reminded we will have an evening meeting tonight in Maugansville at the Ruritan.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

FY25 RURAL LEGACY PROGRAM GRANT – APPROVAL TO SUBMIT APPLICATION AND ACCEPT AWARDED FUNDS

Chris Boggs, Rural preservation Administrator, Planning and Zoning presented the request to approve the submission of the grant application for the fiscal year 2025 Rural Legacy Program, in the amount of \$7,623,600.00 and to accept awarded funding. Each year the Department of Planning & Zoning submits a funding request to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for the purchase of easements in the County's Rural Legacy Area. Rural Legacy properties are lands of significant agricultural, historic, environmental, public and cultural value inside of the designated Rural Legacy Area, which is concentrated around the Antietam Battlefield.

Commissioner discussion for clarification of the \$1,500,000.00 dedication of funding.

Mr. Boggs presented the \$1,500,000.00 dedication to land preservation and the process for utilizing funding.

Commissioner Wagner, seconded by Commissioner Cline moved to approve the submission of the grant application for the fiscal year 2025 Rural Legacy Program, in the amount of \$7,623,600.00 and to accept awarded funding as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

Commissioner Harvey commented the intent for the \$1,500,000.00 is weighted more toward farmland preservation than the Rural Legacy Program.

CLIPP RURAL LEGACY PROGRAM (RLP) EASEMENT

Chris Boggs, Rural preservation Administrator, Planning and Zoning presented the request to approve the Brent L. Clipp RLP Easement project, in the amount of \$291,676.00 for 67.29 easement acres and to adopt an ordinance approving the easement purchase and to authorize the execution of the necessary documentation to finalize the easement purchase. The Clipp property is located at 4329 Trego Rd., Keedysville, and the easement will serve to permanently preserve a valuable agricultural, scenic, environmental and historic property in the County. The parcel adds on to a block of hundreds of acres of contiguous preserved farmland around Antietam Battlefield. Nine development rights will be extinguished with this easement. Fiscal impact: RLP funds are 100% State dollars, mainly from DNR Open Space funds. In addition to the easement funds, we receive up to 3% of the easement value for administrative costs, a mandatory 1.5% for compliance/monitoring costs, and funds to cover all of our legal/settlement costs.

Commissioner Wagner, seconded by Commissioner Cline moved to approve to approve the Brent L. Clipp RLP Easement project, in the amount of \$291,676.00 for 67.29 easement acres and to adopt an ordinance approving the easement purchase and to authorize the execution of the necessary documentation to finalize the easement purchase as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance No.'s ORD-2024- is recorded among the Acts, Ordinances, and Resolutions of Washington County and the originals are in the County Commissioners' Office.

RECESS

PUBLIC HEARING – APPLICATION FOR ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT RZ-23-006;

President Barr convened a Public Hearing at 9:32 a.m. to obtain public comment on the application for rezoning. The Commissioners may take action to approve or deny the requests or wait until a later date to deliberate.

Dawn Marcus, County Clerk administered the Oath of Testimony.

Travis Allen, Senior Planner, Department of Planning and Zoning, presented the proposed text amendment. An application has been made to apply the Rural Business floating zone over a 2-acre property through a rezoning map amendment by Ralph and Leah Martin to amend the current zoning for a property located at 19815 Reidtown Road ¼ mile west of Marsh Pike. The applicant wishes to establish and auto body repair shop that would not be permitted under its current zoning designation. This item was presented to the Washington County Planning Commission at a Public Information Meeting held during their regular meeting on November 6, 2023. It was then brought back for recommendation at the December 4, 2023, meeting. At the latter meeting, members unanimously recommended in favor of the proposed map amendment, with the condition that the property not be subdivided in the future to separate the business from the associated residential structure. Thus far, three written public comments in opposition of the proposal were received prior to the Planning Commission Meeting. Concerns centered around the potential effects of auto body business on the surrounding neighborhood, odors, number of cars, lighting and concerns of the designs of the business. There was one person who spoke in favor of the application. The Planning Commission supports and there is a staff report available.

Commissioner discussion regarding staff concerns, meeting all of the requirements for the overlay, subdivision possibility of the acres, location of residents that had concerns, based on the location what are the staff concerns, next step if approved, the purpose of the rural zoning and how does this support the agricultural industry and farming and servicing the needs of the residential population, upzoning of one property in a district leading to the upzoning of other properties.

Noel S. Manalo, Offit Kurman Attorney's as Law, attorney for applicant presented on the purpose of the Rural Business Floating Zoning and criteria and discussed the difficulties of making a living on farming and provided his justifications for the rezoning, the small-scale nature and scope of the proposed business.

Commissioner discussion regarding the public concerns against the proposed business, process for constraints to be placed on the business, conditionality and residential concerns for potential for an eyesore, buffering with fast growing trees to address the neighborhood concerns.

Mr. Manalo proffered that there would not be any subdivision allowed and once it got to the Planning Commission a restriction of use could be put on the business.

Ralph Martin, applicant provided testimony regarding natural buffering on his property, possible building dimensions and required space, personal vehicles and the scope of work to include local agricultural business.

The Public Hearing was opened for public comment: There was no public comment.

The Public Hearing was closed at 10:06 a.m.

The Public Hearing was opened for Commissioner comments:

Commissioner comments regarding concerns to keep it rural as best as they can, no used car lots, no litter, a buffer with trees on the roadside, no subdivision and no more than 5 cars outside (not to include their personal vehicles).

Kirk Downey, County Attorney provided the application is for rural business and anything that is allowed for use in a Rural Business Zone could be permitted.

Travis Allen clarified the Rural Business Zone is only approved for the specific use on the applications any additional uses could require and additional application and there are landscaping requirements addresses in the zoning specifications.

Ralph Martin, applicant, is in agreement with the proposed conditions.

The Commissioner's reached a consensus (4-0) to approve the application for Zoning Text Amendment RZ-23-006 to apply the Rural Business Floating Zone over the property located at 19815 Reidtown Road with the following conditions of buffering with trees, no more than five cars on the lot and no subdivision.

Kirk Downey, County Attorney presented they will prepare the necessary paperwork and bring back for formal adoption.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY OFFICE OF STATEWIDE BROADBAND, FY23 CONNECT MARYLAND NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM BY AND BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND AND VERIZON MARYLAND, LLC

Michelle Gordon, County Administrator; Kirk Downey, County Attorney; Tyler Patton, Verizon Maryland, LLC presented the request to approve and authorize the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding for The Department of Housing and Community Office of Statewide Broadband, FY23 Connect Maryland Network Infrastructure Grant Program by and between the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland and Verizon Maryland, LLC, as to be finalized by the parties with the approval of the County Attorney's Office. The majority of the work will be located in the western part of the county in the Hancock area.

Commissioner Cline, seconded by Commissioner Wagner moved to approve the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding as approved by the County Attorney's Office as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

FY24 HEALTHY FAMILIES HOME VISITING CONTINUATION GRANT – APPROVAL TO ACCEPT AWARDED FUNDING

Nicole Phillips, Senior Grant Manager, Grant Management; Richard Lesh, Grant Manager, Grant Management presented the request to approve the acceptance of funding awarded under the FY24 Healthy Families Home Visiting Continuation Grant Program from the Maryland State Department of Education in the amount of \$138,996.50. The Washington County Office of Grant Management on behalf of and at the direction of the Local Management Board is seeking approval to accept awarded funding from the Maryland State Department of Education for the FY24 Healthy Families Home Visiting Continuation Grant Program.

Commissioner Harvey, seconded by Commissioner Cline, moved to approve the acceptance of funding awarded under the FY24 Healthy Families Home Visiting Continuation Grant Program from the Maryland State Department of Education in the amount of \$138,996.50 as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

FY24 SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTER SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING – APPROVAL TO ACCEPT AWARDED FUNDING

Nicole Phillips, Senior Grant Manager, Grant Management; Richard Lesh, Grant Manager, Grant Management presented the request to approve the acceptance of the FY24 School Based Health Center Supplemental Funding in the amount of \$35,000.00. The Washington County Office of Grant Management, on behalf of and at the direction of the Local Management Board is seeking approval to accept awarded supplemental funding from the Maryland State Department of Health for the School Based Health Centers in Washington County.

Commissioner Cline, seconded by Commissioner Wagner, moved to approve the acceptance of the FY24 School Based Health Center Supplemental Funding in the amount of \$35,000.00 as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT (PUR-1665) SENTINEL ONE EDR SOFTWARE AND SOC MONITORING AGREEMENT FOR THE INFORMATION SYSTEM DEPARTMENT

Rick Curry, Director, Purchasing; Josh O’Neal, Chief Technical Officer, Information Technology presented the request to authorize a Sole Source procurement for Sentinel One EDR software and SOC Monitoring for the Information Systems Department in the amount of \$285,379.20 over a 3-year period from Arete Advisors of Boca Raton, FL based on its proposal. Arete managed detection and response includes the licensing and management of the Sentinel One EDR software suite, as well as 24/7 management and monitoring of this suite, including security responses and notification of key personnel.

Terms (Months)	Min. Agents	Per Agent Per Month	Total Price @ Min. # of Agents
36	1101	\$7.20	\$285,379.20

Total Cost at Minimum Number of Agents: \$285,379.20
Annual Cost at Minimum Number of Agents: \$95,126.40
Monthly Cost at Minimum Number of Agents: \$7,927.20

Commissioner Wagner, seconded by Commissioner Harvey, moved to approve the Sole Source procurement for Sentinel One EDR software and SOC Monitoring for the Information Systems Department in the amount of \$285,379.20 over a 3-year period from Arete Advisors as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

BID AWARD (PUR-1658) FIFTEEN (15) 2023 OR NEWER POLICE INTERCEPTORS UTILITY AWD VEHICLES FOR THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Rick Curry, Director, Purchasing; Alan Matheny, Fleet Logistics and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, Sheriff’s Office presented the request to award the procurement of Fifteen (15) 2023 or Newer Police Interceptors Utility AWD vehicles for the Sheriff’s Office to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, New Holland Auto Group of New Holland, PA in the amount of \$44,956.00 each, for the total sum of 668,940.00. Funds in the amount of \$1,681,772 are budgeted in CIP line account 30-11310VEH006. The vehicles being replaced will be sold or donated to the local fire departments.

Commissioner Wagner, seconded by Commissioner Cline, moved to award the procurement of Fifteen (15) 2023 or Newer Police Interceptors Utility AWD vehicles to New Holland Auto Group in the amount of \$44,956.00 each, for the total sum of 668,940.00 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

QUOTATION AWARD (Q-23-767) – WELL DRILLING SERVICES AT ELEVATED WATER STORAGE TANK FOR THE TOWN OF SHARPSBURG

Brandi Naugle, Buyer, Purchasing; Joe Moss, Deputy Director, Water Quality – Engineering Services presented the request to award the well drilling services contract to the responsive, responsible low quoter, Negley’s Well Drilling Inc., of Newburg, PA for the Total Base Bid in the amount of \$97,424.00 (items 1, 2, 3, and 4); plus Contingent Bid Items in the amount of \$25,450.00 (items 1 and 2) for the total sum of \$122,874.00. Funds in the amount of \$330,000 are available in the department's Capital Improvement Plan account (38-41010-LIN047); the Town of Sharpsburg will pay 50% of the cost of these services. No bids were received from local companies.

				Negley's Well Drilling, Inc. Newburg, PA	
Item No.	Item Description	Unit of Measure	Qty.	Unit Price	Extended Price
1	Mobilization and Demobilization	LS	1	\$30,218.00	\$30,218.00
2	6" Well bore to identify a reliable yield at 100 GPM or better.	VF	200	\$36.93	\$7,386.00
3	Permanently install 8" casing to the depth of water bearing zone identified in the 6" pilot well.	VF	170	\$209.50	\$35,615.00
4	Complete 72-hour yield test	LS	1	\$24,205.00	\$24,205.00
Total Base Bid for Items 1 through 4				\$97,424.00	

CONTINGENT BID ITEMS :

Item No.	Item Description	Unit of Measure	Qty.	Unit Price	Extended Price
1	Additional 6" well bore beyond 200 VF	VF	100	\$45.00	\$4,500.00
2	Additional 8" casing installed beyond 170 VF	VF	100	\$209.50	\$20,950.00
Total Base Bid for Contingent Items 1 through 2				\$25,450.00	

Total Bid Price (Base Bid Items 1 through 4, Plus Contingent Items 1 and 2)				\$122,874.00	
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Commissioner discussion regarding local bidding.

Commissioner Wagner, seconded by Commissioner Cline, moved to award the well drilling services contract to Negley's Well Drilling Inc., for the Total Base Bid in the amount of \$97,424.00 (items 1, 2, 3, and 4); plus, Contingent Bid Items in the amount of \$25,450.00 (items 1 and 2) for the total sum of \$122,874.00 as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

CONTRACT RENEWAL (PUR-1596) LABORATORY SERVICES FOR WATER/WASTEWATER TESTING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER QUALITY

Brandi Naugle, Buyer, Purchasing; Davina Yutzy, Deputy Director, Water Quality presented the request to renew the contract for the Laboratory Services for Water/Wastewater Testing for the Department of Water Quality with ALS Group USA, dba ALS Environmental, of Middletown, PA, per the rate included in its letter dated January 8, 2024. ALS is requesting a Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase of 3% to the current pricing structure for this renewal time period. On March 28, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County originally awarded a contract for the subject services to ALS, based on a total bid sum of \$82,142.00 for items 1 through 59. This contract was for a period of one (1) year, with an option by the County to renew for up to two (2) additional consecutive one (1) year periods, which began May 1, 2023. This is the first of two additional one-year renewal periods.

Commissioner Wagner, seconded by Commissioner Harvey, moved to renew the contract for the Laboratory Services for Water/Wastewater Testing for the Department of Water Quality with ALS Group USA, dba ALS Environmental as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

BUDGET TRANSFER

Sheriff Brian Albert, Washington County Sheriff's Office presented the request for a Budget Transfer of Funds from Account 498800 in the amount of \$108,147.00 to Account number 599999 Detention Center Systemic projects and transfer of \$28,018.00 from Account 498800 to Account 599999 Vehicle and Equipment and transfer of funds from 515350 in the amount of \$28,018.00 to Account 490010 Accident repairs.

Commissioner Wagner, seconded by Commissioner Harvey, moved to approve the budget transfer request as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

AGRICULTURE - FACES OF FARMING PRESENTATION

Leslie Hart, Business Development Specialist, Business and Economic Development promoted the Ground Hog Day event this Friday, February 2, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. All of the vendor's are local to Washington County. She presented "Faces of Farming" an agricultural-focused video marketing campaign that showcased two local Washington County farms; Antietam Creek Vineyard of Sharpsburg Maryland and Vixen Hollow Equestrian Center of Smithsburg Maryland. The "Faces of Farming" marketing videos will be showcased on the County's website, as well as Facebook and other social media platforms, and will target a new industry and highlight a local farmer from that specific agricultural industry. Additionally, the Faces of Farming marketing campaign will be utilized in Washington County Public Schools as an agricultural education element focused on kindergarten to fifth grade students to connect Washington County youth directly with local farms.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Wagner, seconded by Commissioner Cline, moved to convene in closed at 10:38 a.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals;

To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State; To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter; To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation; and To discuss cybersecurity, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to: (i) security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology; (ii) network security information; or (iii) deployments or implementation of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices. The motion passed 4-0.

In closed session, the Commissioners discussed Boards and Commissions appointments, personnel matters, assignments, vacancies, acquisition of real property for a public matter and contractual matters.

Present during closed session were Commissioners John F. Barr, Jeffrey A. Cline, Derek Harvey, Wayne Keefer and Randall E Wagner. Also present was Dawn Marcus, County Clerk and Kirk C. Downey, County Attorney; Michelle Gordon, County Administrator; Also present at various times, were: Zachary Kieffer, Deputy County Attorney; Rosalinda Pascual, Assistant County Attorney; Chip Rose, Director Human Resources; Dave Mason, Deputy Director Solid Waste, Andrew Eshleman, Director, Public Works; The Honorable Brett R. Wilson, Judge, Circuit Court for Washington County; Todd Moser, Real Property Administrator, Engineering; Scott Hobbs, Director, Engineering; Kelcee Mace, Deputy Director, Budget and Finance; Jason Rappaport, President and CEO, Innovative Inc.; Stephanie Hurd, Director Business Development, Innovative Inc.; Michael McAndrew, Service Delivery Manager, Innovative Inc.; Tyler Snyder, Chief Information Officer, Innovative Inc.; Alex Samuel, Vice President of Operations, Innovative Inc.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Commissioner Harvey, seconded by Commissioner Wagner, moved to reconvene in open session at 3:05 p.m. The motion passed 4-0.

RECESS

*EVENING MEETING AT MAUGANSVILLE RURITAN CLUB
Location: 17008 Maugans Avenue
Maugansville, Maryland 21767*

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence was observed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the full assemblage.

CALL TO ORDER

President John F. Barr called the evening meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland, to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Vice-President Jeffrey A. Cline, Commissioner Derek Harvey, and Commissioner Randall E. Wagner. Commissioner Wayne K. Keefer was absent.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Wagner thanked the citizens of Maugansville for their hospitality. He attended the Maugansville Awards Banquet and commented on the dedication of the members.

Commissioner Cline thanked the citizens of Maugansville for hosting the meeting. He attended the Maugansville Awards Banquet and commented on the great breakfast and large turnout.

Commissioner Harvey thanked everyone for coming and is looking forward to hearing everyone's concerns. He commented on the County team, his working relationship with his peers and their commitment to when receiving citizens' concerns.

Commissioner Barr thanked the citizens for attending and commented on the Maugansville breakfast, the "gravy man" who serves the best sausage gravy. He has been attending meetings with the delegation and other meetings as we try to stay on top of the bills in Annapolis.

CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION

Marty Lumm thanked the Commissioners and staff for the evening meeting. He congratulated Kirk Downey on his appointment to Judge. Mr. Lumm commented on the Ruritan's Club Breakfast, Christmas tree sale and holiday events.

Jack Finniff shared concerns regarding Creighton Boulevard, warehouse vacancy and proposed future businesses.

Mike Weaver commented on his appreciation of the Ruritan Club and shared his concerns regarding the I-81 construction, noise pollution, increased rail traffic, emissions control for out of state vehicles, the sewer surcharge, the four-way stop sign, speeding and requested presence from the Sheriff's department.

Robert Walton shared his concerns of the trees on the property on the corner of Green and Alpine.

Ben Ebersole requested the status of the Eastern Boulevard project, lights by the Comfort Suites, and the vacant "Pizza Hut" building. He shared concerns of the I-81 widening, state funding and the status of the Showalter Road.

Barb Jacob shared her concerns of the traffic and the widening of I-81.

Pat Ebersole shared her concerns regarding the data breach letter.

Lynn Bivy commented on fundraising with the Ruritan Club and her shared her concerns on the funding for the 250th Year Anniversary Celebration.

Tim Lumm commented on water and sewer rates and shared his concerns on traffic congestion and the Shawley Drive intersection.

Marty Lumm commented on the Maugansville Ruritan Club, the community park, thanking the commissioners for park equipment, and the need for funding for parking lot upgrades and utilization as needed for an emergency shelter.

STAFF COMMENTS

Jonathan Horowitz, Director Business and Economic Development commented on warehouse tenancy, parcels left for future businesses and details regarding the "Pizza Hut" building lease.

Scott Hobbs, Director of Engineering, commented on the I-81 is a state project, design of noise walls and current status the project phases. He discussed quiet zones, railroad crossing requirements and rail concern for CSX and Norfolk Southern.

Mark Bradshaw, Director, Environmental Management commented on the sewer surcharge.

Brian Albert, Sheriff, Washington County Sheriff's Department commented now that a complaint has been received, he will request Sheriff presence in the area.

Jill Baker, Director, Planning and Zoning commented on inspecting the corner of Green and Alpine to determine if there are any violations to the forest preservation control ordinance.

Scott Hobbs, Director, Engineering provided details on the Eastern Boulevard project, and addressed the Comfort Suites as being located in the City of Hagerstown.

Andrew Eshleman, Director, Public Works commented on the I-81 work in Maugansville and commented on future plans for Showalter Road. He provided information on Program Open Space funding for municipalities.

Danielle Weaver, Director, Public Relations and marketing commented on the 250th anniversary celebration.

Michelle Gordon, County Administrator, commented on meetings the County has had with the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, Delegates in Annapolis and the decrease of funding. Ms. Gordon provided information regarding the legitimate data breach letter, third-party involvement and availability of contact information on the County website. She provided information regarding the 250th Anniversary yearlong celebration of events and funding. Ms. Gordon will reach out to the grants department regarding possible funding available for the Ruritan Club parking lot upgrades.

Commissioner comments regarding their engagement with the Legislation regarding I-81, delays because of the lack of funding and the increasing cost, state focus on Washington DC and I-95 area, need to get federal government funding, relationship to political parties, discussions of the I-81 issues directly with the Governor and Legislators and the 250th anniversary celebration event and promoting tourism. They thanked the Citizens for their questions and staff for responding.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wagner, seconded by Commissioner Cline, moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.



Dawn L. Marcus, *County Clerk*