

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND**
Hagerstown, Maryland

June 5, 2018

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commissioners observed a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the full assemblage.

CALL TO ORDER

President Terry L. Baker called the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland, to order at 10:04 a.m. at 100 West Washington Street, Room 1113, with the following members present: Vice President Jeffrey A. Cline and Commissioners Wayne K. Keefer and LeRoy E. Myers, Jr. Commissioner John F. Barr was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 22, 2018 AND MAY 30, 2018

Commissioner Myers, seconded by Keefer, moved to approve the minutes of May 22, 2018. The motion passed unanimously. (4-0, Commissioner Barr was absent.)

Commissioner Myers, seconded by Keefer, moved to approve the minutes of May 30, 2018. The motion passed unanimously. (4-0, Commissioner Barr was absent.)

CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Keefer, seconded by Cline, moved to convene in closed session at 10:05 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 consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation; and to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter, in accordance with Section 3-305(b) (1), (7) and (8) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The motion passed unanimously.

In closed session, the Commissioners discussed the potential appointment of a specific individual to an advisory commission over which the Commissioners have appointing authority; discussed a specific personnel recommendation and related issues with staff; discussed several personnel matters and related staffing issues, and received advice/information on certain matters, including potential legal action.

During closed session, the Commissioners provided direction regarding the filling of a certain vacancy on an advisory commission including the further discussion and presentation for approval of an individual during today's open session meeting; provided guidance to staff relating to an employment recommendation and vacancy; provided

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direction to staff relating to various staffing issues; provided instruction to staff on a specific personnel matter; and directed staff to proceed with the required process relating to a potential legal matter.

Present during closed session were Commissioners Terry L. Baker, Jeffrey A. Cline, Wayne K. Keefer and LeRoy E. Myers, Jr. Also present were Robert J. Slocum, County Administrator; Vicki C. Lumm, County Clerk; John M. Martirano, County Attorney, and at various times Jim Hovis, Chief Operations Officer; Julie Rohm, EDC Chair; Stephanie Stone, Director, and Debra Peyton, Deputy Director, Health and Human Services; Jaime Dick, Director, Recreation and Fitness, Budget and Finance; Tim Lung, Director, and Rebekah Gander, Chief of Permits, Plan Review and Permitting; Jim Sterling, Public Works Director; and Rich Eichelberger, Director of Construction.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Commissioner Myers, seconded by Keefer, moved to reconvene in open session at 10:49 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Keefer thanked County staff for their work regarding the FY 2019 budget that was passed on May 30. He reported attending a ribbon cutting ceremony for the downtown Urban Improvement Project (UIP) attended by Governor Larry Hogan.

Commissioner Cline thanked Governor Hogan for obtaining State funding toward the UIP and the Maryland Theatre for working to secure local funding for its expansion.

Commissioner Baker congratulated staff and individuals involved in moving the UIP forward. He noted that JG Business Link International (JGBLI) has a funding request before the Commissioners and questioned how the board might like to move forward with addressing that request. Mr. Baker also expressed his desire that the land purchased for a Public Safety Training Center continue to be farmed until the County is ready to move ahead with its plans. Staff will reach out to the farmer who previously farmed the land.

Commissioner Myers commented that he has had conversations with citizens questioning County finances and that some financial items may need investigating. He requested that staff obtain an estimate of the cost to do a full financial audit of County finances for as many years as necessary to assure that financial matters are in order. Mr. Myers noted that the State performs such audits on a routine basis. County Administrator Rob Slocum will consult with staff and return with more information regarding the request.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY STAFF

Engineering

Scott Hobbs, Director, and Andrew Eshleman, Structural Engineer, Engineering and Jim Sterling, Public Works Director, provided an update on the status of roads in south Washington County affected by the May 15 flooding event. Mr. Hobbs described the

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progress of emergency contracts relating to the repair and ultimately improve several of those roads. He reported that the threat of a landslide at Sandy Hook Road still exists and the National Parks Service is looking into a two phased approach for stabilization and remediation. Commissioner Baker commented that Senators Van Hollen and Cardin, and Congressman Delaney, should be directly involved due to the National Parks Service' involvement in the matter. The County is sponsoring a dedicated webpage and hotline number for citizens to call with questions and concerns and will also begin running public service announcements on radio stations.

County Clerk – Appointments to Boards/Commissions

Economic Development Commission

Commissioner Myers, seconded by Keefer, moved to appoint Thomas Dahbura to serve an unfulfilled term through June 30, 2019 as an at large member of the Economic Development Commission. The motion passed unanimously. (4-0, Commissioner Barr was absent.)

CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION

County Commissioner candidate Donny Ravas thanked County staff for holding last week's meeting to provide information to the public after the flooding event. He expressed concern as to emergency services being able to access the area.

FISCAL YEAR 2019 HEALTHY FAMILIES HOME VISITING GRANT

Stephanie Lapole, Grant Manager, Grant Management, recommended the acceptance of an award from the Maryland State Department of Education for the provision of Healthy Families Home Visiting Services Program for Fiscal Year 2018 for \$277,993. The comprehensive program is modeled after a nationally renowned initiative, Healthy Families America. The Washington County Health Department is the vendor contracted to provide the services that seek to prevent child maltreatment through early intervention, promote healthy growth and development, and strengthen the parent-child relationship. Funding of \$6,950 is included in the award for County administrative support and no County funds are involved.

Commissioner Keefer, seconded by Myers, moved to approve the submission of the grant application for the Healthy Families Home Visiting Services Program for Fiscal Year 2018 and to accept the total award funding of \$277,993 from the Maryland State Department of Education. The motion passed unanimously. (4-0, Commissioner John F. Barr was absent.)

DELIBERATION/DECISION ON ZONING MAP AMENDMENT RZ-17-005

Stephen Goodrich, Director, Planning and Zoning, asked if the Commissioners wished to postpone the discussion of this matter due to only having four Commissioners present. Commissioner Baker requested to discuss the matter and Commissioner Cline stated that he preferred to have all five Commissioners present. The Commissioners proceeded to hear and discuss the rezoning request.

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Jill Baker, Chief Planner, Planning and Zoning, brought forth Zoning Map Amendment application RZ-17-005 from applicant BSM Big Pool, LLC (Contract Purchaser) and Richard and Rhonda Mummert (owner) for Map Amendment RZ-17-005 to the Washington County Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance) for approval or denial by the Commissioners. The subject property consists of two parcels: 11412 Tedrick Drive (+/- 9.73 acres "Mummert Parcel") and 11079 Big Pool Road (+/- 5.15 acres "AC&T Parcel"). The application concerns the request to classify a +/- 2.24-acre portion of the property with the RB District (Rural Business) floating zone, which is permitted in the rural areas for proposed or existing businesses. The Washington County Planning Commission considered the application during its regular meeting on October 2, 2017, and recommended approval of the Map Amendment RZ-17-005.

The Commissioners discussed the specifics of the rezoning request. Commissioner Cline questioned and was advised by Ms. Baker that truck parking is currently limited to eight spaces and the proposed map amendment would allow twenty spaces. Commissioner Keefer stated that he opposed the rezoning request due to the residential uses in the surrounding area, noting that the neighborhood was not commercial in nature. He also cited residents' concerns with environmental impact possibly arising from the expansion and intensification of the use. Commissioner Baker also expressed his opposition to the map amendment. Commissioner Myers noted that he was not in favor of the proposal. He had hoped that the applicant and neighboring property owners could have satisfactorily addressed issues of incompatibility. Commissioner Cline mentioned a concern with the additional parking spaces that would be allowed if the map amendment was approved.

The Commissioners reached a consensus to deny the map amendment and directed staff to prepare a decision and findings of fact to be presented to them for consideration and vote during a future meeting.

BID AWARD (PUR-1386) – GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CHEMICALS FOR VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

Brandi Naugle, Buyer, Purchasing, and John Easterday, Superintendent, Black Rock Golf Course, recommended bid awards for Grounds Maintenance Chemicals for Various County Departments (PUR-1386) to the responsible companies with the lowest responsive bids that met the specifications for each chemical item. The contract primarily provides the needed chemicals for the Black Rock Golf Course, Highway Department, and Department of Water Quality; the City of Hagerstown may also use the contract if desired. The contract term is for one year tentatively commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019. The Commissioners drew lots to award the procurement in the case of tie bids for Items No. 13, 27, 31 and 32 pursuant to Section 2.9 of the Washington County Purchasing Policy.

Item #1: Helena Agri Enterprises, LLC - \$484/gal.; Item #2: Helena Agri Enterprises, LLC - \$36.26/gal.; Item #3: Helena Agri Enterprises, LLC - \$49.75/gal.; Item #4: Helena Agri Enterprises, LLC - \$287/gal.; Item #5: Helena Agri Enterprises, LLC - \$108/gal.;

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Item #6: SiteOne Landscape Supply - \$40/gal.; Item #7: Genesis Turfgrass, Inc. - \$13.28/lb.; Item #8: SiteOne Landscape Supply - \$43.04/gal.; Item #9: Helena Agri Enterprises, LLC - \$41/gal.; Item #10: Genesis Turfgrass, Inc. - \$42/gal.; Item #11: Helena Agri Enterprises, LLC - \$62.75/lb.; Item #12: Genesis Turfgrass, Inc. - \$7.16/lb.; Item #13: SiteOne Landscape Supply - \$417/gal.; Item #14: Genesis Turfgrass, Inc. - \$44.25/gal.; Item #15: Genesis Turfgrass, Inc. - \$329.50/case; Item #16: SiteOne Landscape Supply - \$48.95/gal.; Item #17: Helena Agri Enterprises, LLC - \$44/gal.; Item #18: Helena Agri Enterprises, LLC - \$102/gal.; Item #19: Helena Agri Enterprises, LLC - \$136.75/gal.; Item #20: Helena Agri Enterprises, LLC - \$685/case; Item #21: Helena Agri Enterprises, LLC - \$12/gal.; Item #22: Helena Agri Enterprises, LLC - \$331.27/gal.; Item #23: Genesis Turfgrass, Inc. - \$32.29/gal.; Item #24: Helena Agri Enterprises, LLC - \$22.34/gal.; Item #25: Helena Agri Enterprises, LLC - \$135/gal.; Item #26: Genesis Turfgrass, Inc. - \$16.88/gal.; Item #27: SiteOne Landscape Supply - \$546/gallon; Item #28: Helena Agri Enterprises, LLC - \$555/gallon; Item #29: Helena Agri Enterprises, LLC - \$380/gallon; Item #30: Helena Agri Enterprises, LLC - \$110/gallon; Item #31: Helena Agri Enterprises, LLC - \$29.09/pound; and Item #32: Helena Agri Enterprises, LLC - \$143/gallon.

Commissioner Myers, seconded by Keefer, moved to award the various contracts for Ground Maintenance for Various County Departments (PUR-1386) as presented. The motion passed unanimously. (4-0, Commissioner Barr was absent.)

PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

President Terry L. Baker convened a public hearing at 11:46 a.m. to obtain public comment regarding the resolution of support authorizing the submission of the County's application for Fiscal Year 2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding of \$51,455 for the Hagerstown YMCA After-School Program in Hancock. Tina Wilson, Senior Grant Manager, Grant Management, advised that the County is required to hold a public hearing to obtain citizens' comments before the submission of an application to the CDBG. The State provides CDBG funds for eligible projects based on meeting one of three national objectives: 1) benefit to persons of low and moderate income, 2) prevention or elimination of slum or blight, or 3) meeting an urgent need that is an immediate threat to community health, safety or welfare. Due to changes in grant funding eligibility, the current provider is unable to continue providing the after-school program during the 2018-19 school year. The loss of this provider leaves a large gap in the ability for children and families to have a stable school environment that will keep the children safe and engaged while their parents are at work. The grant includes \$2,450 in funding for the Office of Grant Management to administer and monitor the grant.

The hearing was opened for public comment and no one present wished to comment. The public hearing was closed at 11:52 a.m. The meeting was opened for discussion by the Commissioners. Commissioner Keefer thanked Maria Rubeling, Executive Director of the Hagerstown YMCA, who was present, for assisting the Town of Hancock when the previous provider discontinued the services.

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Commissioner Keefer, seconded by Cline, moved to approve a resolution of support authorizing the submission of the County's application for Fiscal Year 2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding of \$51,455 for the Hagerstown YMCA After-School Program in Hancock and to accept the award funding. The motion passed unanimously. (4-0, Commissioner Barr was absent.) (Resolution No. RS-2018-12 is recorded among the Acts, Ordinances, and Resolutions of Washington County and the original is in the County Commissioners' Office.)

CONTRACT AWARD – STOP LOSS INSURANCE COVERAGE

Rick Curry, Purchasing Director, Debra Peyton, Deputy Director, Health and Human Services, and Steve Dillman, Senior Vice President of the County's consulting firm, CBIZ Benefits and Insurance Services, Inc., presented the recommendation to award the contract for Stop Loss Insurance (PUR-1391) to the responsive, responsible proposer, Sun Life Financial of Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts, which submitted the lowest price with no special terms for high claimants for a total annual premium of \$769,228 with specific stop loss at \$175,000 per claimant. Ms. Peyton stated that Sun Life does not "laser" any individuals, which is done by many vendors to set a threshold on certain individuals with claims higher than \$175,000.

Commissioner Myers, seconded by Keefer, moved to award the contract for Stop Loss Insurance to the responsive, responsible proposer, Sun Life Financial of Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts, which submitted the lowest price with no special terms for high claimants for a total annual premium of \$769,228 with specific stop loss at \$175,000 per claimant. The motion passed unanimously. (4-0, Commissioner Barr was absent.)

BID RESULTS/AWARD UPDATE – NATURAL GAS SUPPLY SERVICES TO WASHINGTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

Rick Curry, Purchasing Director, Jim Sterling, Public Works Director and Richard Anderson of CQI Associates, LLC, presented a recommendation to enter into the record the results of the contract award made on April 18, 2018 to WGL Energy Services, Inc. of Timonium, Maryland, of the bid for Natural Gas Supply Services at the following rate: Base Bid Price C – All-In Fixed Price to the City Gate for 36 months of service beginning July 1, 2018 at \$0.3957 per therm. On March 13, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners approved entering into a cooperative purchasing effort with Washington County Public Schools (WCPS). The appointed Primary Representative and a Secondary Representative (Alternate) for previous electricity bids acts on behalf of the Board to enter into a contract immediately following the bid opening for natural gas supply services. The bid also included a 12-month period bid of \$0.4175 per therm, a 24-month period bid of \$.4033 per therm and a 36-month period bid of \$0.3957 per therm. The 36-month price option was chosen over the shorter periods based upon anticipated increases of four percent per year for the three-year period bid of \$0.3957 per therm. The County will realize a savings of approximately \$19,200 due to the bid being 11% lower than the rate currently being paid according to Mr. Anderson.

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Commissioner Myers, seconded by Keefer, moved to enter into the record the results of the contract award made on April 18, 2018 to WGL Energy Services, Inc. of Timonium, Maryland, of the bid for Natural Gas Supply Services at the following rate: Base Bid Price C – All-In Fixed Price to the City Gate for 36 months of service beginning July 1, 2018 at \$0.3957 per therm. The motion passed unanimously. (4-0, Commissioner Barr was absent.)

RESOLUTION TO CONVEY EASEMENT TO MARYAND HISTORIC TRUST – FORT RITCHIE

Jim Sterling advised the Commissioners of the proposal by the Maryland Historic Trust (MHT) to acquire a historic easement at Fort Ritchie. The MHT has an existing historic preservation covenant on the grounds. Prior to the County's acquisition of the property from the former PenMar Development Corporation, the MHT agreed to reduce the area covered by the historic preservation covenant in exchange for the conveyance of a historic preservation easement over the parade grounds and the historic buildings on those grounds. The easement will provide enhanced protection of the core historic components of the former fort while allowing for greater flexibility for redevelopment efforts on the remainder of the property. The easement includes all pertinent historic structures and will enable the County and the MHT to further the preservation and conservation of Fort Ritchie and its historic architectural, aesthetic and cultural characters. The Commissioners discussed the proposal.

Commissioner Myers, seconded by Keefer, moved to approve the execution of a resolution in a form approved by the County Attorney authorizing the conveyance of an easement to the Maryland Historic Trust for Fort Ritchie as presented. The motion passed unanimously. (4-0, Commissioner Barr was absent.)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASE OF PORTABLE RADIOS

Rick Curry requested approval to authorize by Resolution the Intergovernmental Cooperative purchase and programming of twenty-three (23) P25 portable radios for the Washington County Sheriff's Department for \$104,494.75 and three (3) P25 portable radios for the Washington County Health Department for \$12,897.30 from Tactical Public Safety, LLC and to utilize another jurisdiction's contract pricing awarded by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (Contract #18-009). A committee formed several years ago evaluated the County's radio communication needs and plan to standardize the radio equipment used on the County's radio network. Standardizing helps cut costs by eliminating duplicated efforts and allowing all users to take advantage of economies of scale when purchasing equipment. The procurement replaces many aging existing portable radios with the P25 portable radios. The County may "piggy-back" on another governmental jurisdiction's contract to eliminate Washington County's bid process and obtain overall better pricing due to economies of scale offered by the subject contract.

Commissioner Myers, seconded by Keefer, moved to authorize by Resolution the Intergovernmental Cooperative purchase and programming of twenty-three (23) P25 portable radios for the Washington County Sheriff's Department for \$104,494.75 and

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three (3) P25 portable radios for the Washington County Health Department for \$12,897.30 from Tactical Public Safety, LLC and to utilize another jurisdiction's contract pricing awarded by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (Contract #18-009) as presented. The motion passed unanimously. (4-0, Commissioner Barr was absent.) (Resolution No. RS-2018-13 is recorded among the Acts, Ordinances, and Resolutions of Washington County and the original is in the County Commissioners' Office.)

Commissioner Keefer commented that a Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association member should serve on the committee that decides on issues such as these. President Baker discussed the suggestion. Rob Slocum advised that a County staff member would make a presentation on that subject during a future meeting.

**PAUL F. AND PATRICIA B. MILLER CONSERVATION RESERVE
ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM/RURAL LEGACY PROGRAM EASEMENT**

Eric Seifarth, Rural Preservation Administrator, Planning and Zoning, recommended approval of the Paul F. and Patricia B. Miller Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and Rural Legacy Program (RLP) projects, paid for 100% by the State of Maryland, for \$191,269.84 for 55.37 CREP easement acres and \$73,770 for 24.59 RLP easement acres and to adopt ordinances approving the purchases. Mr. Seifarth stated that the property is located at 17816 Spielman Road, Fairplay and will consist of both a CREP easement and an RLP easement. These easements will protect approximately 26 acres of woodland, 29 acres of pastureland and 23 acres of cropland, as well as buffer over 3,000 feet of Marsh Run and its tributaries. The farm is located in the Priority Preservation Area and is adjacent to the historic village of Fairplay. It contains a historic house that is surrounded by other historic properties. All seven development rights will be extinguished with these easements.

Commissioner Myers, seconded by Keefer, moved to approve the Paul F. and Patricia B. Miller Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and Rural Legacy Program (RLP) projects, paid for 100% by the State of Maryland, for \$191,269.84 for 55.37 CREP easement acres and \$73,770 for 24.59 RLP easement acres, to adopt ordinances approving the purchase of the easements and to authorize the execution of the necessary documentation to finalize the easement purchases. The motion passed unanimously. (4-0, Commissioner Barr was absent.) (Ordinance Nos. ORD-2018-14 and ORD-2018-15 are recorded among the Acts, Ordinances, and Resolutions of Washington County and the originals are in the County Commissioners' Office.)

**INTENT TO CONVEY REAL PROPERTY – 22930 FEDERAL LOOKOUT,
SMITHSBURG**

Susan Small, Business Leader, Business Development, requested the adoption of an ordinance declaring property located at 22930 Federal Lookout, Smithsburg, Maryland, as surplus property and the approval to convey the same and authorize the execution of the necessary documentation to finalize the conveyance. Ms. Small stated that the property

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was transferred from the Washington County Board of Education to the Board of County Commissioners, after which it was listed for sale and sold for \$300,000 to Triple Y, LLC. The buyer has completed the study period and approval of the conveyance by the Maryland Board of Public Works is pending but anticipated.

Commissioner Cline, seconded by Myers, moved to adopt an ordinance declaring property located at 22930 Federal Lookout, Smithsburg, Maryland, as surplus property and to convey the same and authorize the execution of the necessary documentation to finalize the conveyance. The motion passed unanimously. (4-0, Commissioner Barr was absent.) (Ordinance No. ORD-2018-16 is recorded among the Acts, Ordinances, and Resolutions of Washington County and the original is in the County Commissioners' Office.)

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE MARYLAND THEATRE ASSOCIATION'S DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE LOAN

Susan Buchanan, Director of Grant Management, requested approval of a Resolution of Support for The Maryland Theatre Association's Department of Commerce \$2 million repayable loan offered through the Department of Commerce's Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority Fund (MEDAAF) program. The Theatre has requested and received approval for a \$2 million loan through the MEDAAF program which will be used for its expansion, a component of the Hagerstown Urban Improvement Project (UIP). A resolution of support and endorsement from the County is required for the MEDAAF loan. There is no fiscal impact to the County.

Commissioner Keefer, seconded by Myers, moved to approve a resolution of support for The Maryland Theatre Association's Department of Commerce MEDAAF loan as presented. The motion passed unanimously. (4-0, Commissioner Barr was absent.) (Resolution No. RS-2018-14 is recorded among the Acts, Ordinances, and Resolutions of Washington County and the original is in the County Commissioners' Office.)

RECESS

The Commissioners recessed at 12:18 p.m.

JOINT MEETING WITH THE CITY OF HAGERSTOWN MAYOR AND COUNCIL

A joint meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland, and the City of Hagerstown Mayor and Council was held at City Hall, 1 East Franklin Street, Hagerstown. The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Terry L. Baker, Jeffrey A. Cline, Wayne K. Keefer and LeRoy E. Myers, Jr. Commissioner John F. Barr was absent. Hagerstown Mayor Robert E. Bruchey, II was present as well as City Council Members Kristin Aleshire, Austin Heffernan, Emily Keller, Shelley McIntire and Lewis Metzner.

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Fire Services Allocation

Council Member Kristin Aleshire discussed a chart of funding allocations by the City of Hagerstown for fire and rescue companies. The City expends 17.5% of its budget for those services. He also stated that the City is the only County municipality contributing to 9-1-1 operations. County Administrator Rob Slocum described the Call Taker positions at the 9-1-1 Center where two are dedicated to City dispatching. The group discussed City and County contributions toward services and the crossover response to calls provided by both entities. Mayor Bruchey commented that the City would also like to address why the City's companies are considered ineligible for County ladder testing, maintenance, fuel, hose testing, insurance, etc.

Tax Differential

The parties discussed the tax differential method now used by the County to credit municipalities for services already provided and the difficulty of figuring how they are calculated. The Mayor and City Council would like to revisit the current method and have staff develop statistics regarding the value of services provided.

Tax Sale Properties

City Council members discussed working together to make blighted properties and/or those with tax liens valuable again through some form of tax credit. Many properties listed for tax sale do not receive bids due to outstanding liens that exceed the value of the home. The City and County plan to collaborate to consider incentives such as the waiver of taxes, interest, fees and fines owed so that the properties may again become viable and return to the tax rolls.

ADJOURNMENT

The joint meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.


Robert J. Slocum, County Administrator


John M. Martirano, County Attorney


Vicki C. Lumm, County Clerk