



Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland

Open Session Minutes

October 26, 2021

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 Jeffrey A. Cline called the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland, to order at 8:33 a.m. at 100 West Washington Street, Hagerstown, Maryland, with the following members present: Vice-President Terry L. Baker, Commissioner Wayne K. Keefer, Commissioner Randall E. Wagner, and Commissioner Charles A. Burkett.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Wagner, seconded by Commissioner Baker, moved to convene in closed session at 8:33 a.m. 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, in accordance with Sections 3-305(b) (4), (7), and (8) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The motion passed unanimously.

In closed session, the Commissioners discussed a business development update concerning a particular prospective organization; and a legal issue and dispute that could ripen into litigation.

Present during closed session were Commissioners Jeffrey A. Cline, Terry L. Baker, Wayne K. Keefer, Randall E. Wagner, and Charles A. Burkett; also, present were John M. Martirano, County Administrator; Kirk C. Downey, County Attorney, and Krista L. Hart, County Clerk. Additionally, the following staff member was present at times: Jill Baker, Director, Planning and Zoning; Susan Grimes, Director, Business Development; Kendall Desaulniers, Deputy County Attorney; Mark Bradshaw, Director, Environmental Management; Dave Hays, Director, Emergency Services; Sheriff Doug Mullendore; Brian Albert, Assistant Director, 911 Communications; and Captain Dan Dushanko.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Keefer, moved to reconvene in open session at 10:01 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

JOINT MEETING WITH THE CITY OF HAGERSTOWN MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCILMEMBERS

The Board of County Commissioners welcomed the City of Hagerstown Mayor and Town Councilmembers for a joint session discussion.

Dave Hays, Director, Emergency Services; Brian Albert, Assistant Director, 911 Communications; and Sheriff Mullendore, provided a presentation on the 911 Communications Center, to include payment and staffing.

Mayor Emily Keller requested additional discussion on the matter of the Tax Differential for the City of Hagerstown prior to discussing the 911 Communications Center. Councilmember Bruchey will forward additional information on said matter, via email to Commissioners.

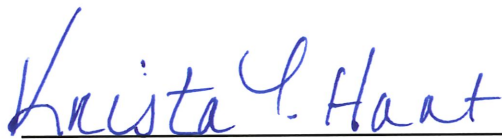
Mayor Keller requested the Board consider premium pay for firefighters who volunteered for the County and did not receive the premium pay for COVID-19. Additionally, she touched on the letter of support request from Senator Corderman for the City of Hagerstown's burn facility; Mayor Keller requested that the Commissioners reconsider the matter.

Commissioner Keefer requested support for the Doleman Black Heritage Museum funding request of the General Assembly. The Commissioner's and the City of Hagerstown Mayor and Town Councilmembers reached a consensus to support.

Commissioner Wagner asked the City of Hagerstown Mayor and Town Councilmembers to reconsider the support request for a helicopter at the Veterans War Memorial.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wagner, seconded by Commissioner Burkett, moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.



Krista L. Hart, *County Clerk*