

County Council of Dorchester County
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2018

The County Council of Dorchester County met in regular session on March 20, 2018 with the following members present: Ricky C. Travers, President; Tom C. Bradshaw, Vice President; William V. Nichols; Rick M. Price and Don B. Satterfield. Also present were E. Thomas Merryweather, County Attorney; Jeremy Goldman, County Manager; and Donna Lane, Executive Administrative Specialist.

REGULAR SESSION

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Bradshaw led the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

CALL FOR ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Jeremy Goldman, County Manager, advised that the following items were added after publication of the agenda: Request to Purchase Vehicle-Public Works; Financial Incentive-Real Property Tax Credit-Protenergy Natural Foods, Inc.-Economic Development; and Recommendation-Legal Firm-Litigation-County Manager.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MARCH 20, 2018

The Council approved the minutes of March 20, 2018.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

The Council approved the vouchers as presented with Councilman Travers abstaining for payments made to Simmons Center Market and Councilman Price abstaining for payments made to Hyatt.

FINANCIAL REPORT: CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Councilman Travers reported total cash and investments as \$7,204,358.00.

CLOSED SESSION SUMMARY

The Council convened into Regular Session on March 20, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 110, County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, Maryland 21613 and motioned to adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to Title 3 of the General Provisions Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, pursuant to §3-305(b)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction. Present were: Ricky C. Travers, President; Tom C. Bradshaw, Vice President; William V. Nichols; Rick M. Price and Don B. Satterfield.

Also present were E. Thomas Merryweather, County Attorney; Jeremy Goldman, County Manager; and Donna Lane, Executive Administrative Specialist. Voting in favor of the Closed Session were all of the present Council Members.

The Council convened in a Closed Session on March 20, 2018 at 5:31 p.m. to discuss the following items: 1) approved the request of the Emergency Services Director to change a 911 Dispatcher from full time to on call by a 5 to 0 vote; 2) approved the request of the Emergency Services Director to hire an individual to fill a vacant 911 Dispatcher position by a 5 to 0 vote; 3) confirmed the hiring by the Sheriff of an individual as Court Security by a 5 to 0 vote; 4) approved the request of the Director of Corrections to hire an individual to fill a Classification Lieutenant vacancy and to hire an individual as a Probationary Correction Officer by a 5 to 0 vote; and, 5) agreed to offer an employment contract to the County Manager by a 3 to 2 vote. Present were: Ricky C. Travers, President; Tom C. Bradshaw, Vice President; William V. Nichols; Rick M. Price and Don B. Satterfield. Also present were E. Thomas Merryweather, County Attorney; Jeremy Goldman, County Manager; and Donna Lane, Executive Administrative Specialist. The purpose of the Closed Session is also set forth in the Written Statement of Closing a Meeting Under the Open Meetings Act, which will be provided upon request. Voting in favor of the Closed Session were all of the present Council members.

REGULAR SESSION

COMMENDATION-NATIONAL OUTDOOR SHOW PAGEANT WINNERS

The presented commendations to: Jordan LeCompte for being selected as Miss Outdoors; Evelai Hurley for being selected as Little Miss Outdoors; and, Michael Willey, III for being selected as Little Mister Outdoors.

COMMENDATION -NORTH DORCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR PLAY

The Council presented Commendations to the North Dorchester High School 2018 senior class play cast and crew which also commends the teachers, parents and the community for their support and assistance.

PUBLIC HEARING-ACCEPTANCE OF ROAD-BLUE HERON DRIVE

E. Thomas Merryweather, County Attorney, said a public hearing is being held on the acceptance of Blue Heron Drive, which consists of 395 feet, into the County's road system. There were no public comments. Ryan White, Public Works Director, said: 1) this road is in a development for which action was stalled due to contractual issues; 2) obligations from the contractor have been met; 3) the road now meets the County's specifications; and, 4) he is asking for its acceptance in the County road system. Mr. Merryweather asked if anyone present was opposed to the acceptance of this drive into the County's road system or wanted to speak on this matter. There was no response. The Council accepted Blue Heron Drive into the County's road system.

In response to an inquiry from Councilman Travers, Jeremy Goldman, County Manager, noted that: 1) the road in question was changed from Sunnyside Drive to Blue Heron Drive; 2) the subdivision was approved several years ago; 3) the acceptance of this road is the remaining item that needed to be addressed; and, 4) there are three lots pending sale.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Council introduced BILL NO. 2018-1 AN ACT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND ACTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-102 AND SECTION 10-206 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND TO REPEAL AND REENACT THE TITLE OF ARTICLE II FROM "BOARD OF ESTIMATES" TO "MISCELLANEOUS" AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 10-9, 10-11, 10-12, 10-14, 10-15, 10-18, 10-19, 10-20, 10-21 AND 10-22 OF CHAPTER 10 "COMMISSIONERS" OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND BEING ARTICLE 10 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF MARYLAND, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF OBSOLETE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY CODE NOW CONTAINED IN THE CHARTER FOR DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND.

Mr. Merryweather advised that Bill No. 2018-1: 1) removes some items from the County Code that involve the County's budgetary process which have been superseded by the Charter and are no longer applicable; and, 2) places those provisions that are still applicable under the title "Miscellaneous." Mr. Goldman explained the changes being made were identified after an advertising conflict was discovered between these sections and the Charter relating to the budget. In response to concerns posed by Councilman Price, Mr. Merryweather explained that some of the items are still applicable; therefore, they will be placed under the "Miscellaneous" title. Based on Councilman Price's concerns, Councilman Travers asked staff to provide him with the sections of the Charter which will be removed and those that will be retained. The Council agreed to proceed with publication of a public hearing on this matter.

AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY UPDATE - JOHNNY SHOCKLEY

Johnny Shockley, Hoopers Island Aquaculture Company, thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak. He provided a copy of the attached documents to each of the Council members and summarized their contents. He referenced the map he provided the Council which showed proposal limits of aquaculture within 1,000 feet of a Yates Bar, noting that legislation to institute these limits has died. He presented information regarding shellfish aquaculture leases and shellfish lease applications, including the amount of bottom leased in the County as well as about Marbidco aquaculture loans and other funding sources.

Mr. Shockley referenced the overview Elizabeth North, Associate Professor and Scientist, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, Horn Point

Laboratory, provided the Council about the OysterFutures Research Program several meetings ago. He cited the purpose of that project: to test a consensus solutions process for the development of fishing regulations and restoration policies. He said he has been working with the Committee that was formed as part of this program for two years which included participating in the development of a computer program to forecast how to manage the Choptank River and the Little Choptank River. He read a quote from Dr. North about the program's goals. He said he will share with the Council the Committee's recommendations in the near future.

Mr. Shockley provided an overview of educational opportunities relating to the aquaculture industry. He advised that he has been working with the Phillips Wharf Environmental Center, a non-profit organization, for the last 4 to 5 five years. He said the founder of the Center has created a curriculum for the fourth grade elementary level which is being currently taught in Talbot County. He said the intent is to encourage youth to pursue a career as a waterman and they are provided information on aquaculture, science, the Chesapeake Bay and environmental issues. He noted that the Talbot County and the Dorchester County Boards of Education are interested in using the curriculum to teach high school students. He explained that the Center is also offering an educational program to waterman on aquaculture leases and how to maintain them. Mr. Shockley said his company has recently agreed to partner with the Department of Natural Resources in its "Work2Live Well" program which provides individuals with skills training on aquaculture, boating and commercial fisheries as well as upland industries. He noted that his company will offer internships and possibly employment opportunities to those who participate in the program.

Mr. Shockley referenced the partnership Hoopers Island Aquaculture Company recently entered into with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to place 10 million oysters in the Bay by year 2025. He said oyster aquaculture was recently declared a best management practice by the EPA so it qualifies for nutrient credit trading. He referred to the Chesapeake Bay Program requirement that each county mitigate a certain amount of nitrogen and phosphorus annually for which those credits can be applied towards. He said those who remove oysters and/or harvest them from the water can also cash in those credits.

Mr. Shockley said this year's dockside value of Maryland's aquaculture industry in 2016 was 60% of its wild fisheries total which broken down is \$6 million for aquaculture and \$10 million for wild fisheries which included a 29 % increase in one year. He advised that this was achieved by using 4% of footprint of public fisheries and 25% of the public fishery workforce. He stressed the need to support the aquaculture industry.

Councilman Travers noted that aquaculture is a growing industry which has created other industries and thanked Mr. Shockley for the information he provided.

MANAGERS COMMENTS

REQUEST TO ADVERTISE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS-CRUSHED STONE-PUBLIC WORKS

The Council approved the request of Ryan White, Public Works Director, to advertise a request for proposals for the supplying of crushed stone from May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION GRANT FUNDING REQUEST-DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Mr. Goldman noted that the Council was partially briefed during the March 15, 2018 budget work session about the request of Joseph Hughes, Director of Corrections, seeking authorization to accept grant funding through the Maryland Department of Health Behavioral Health Administration from the Opioid Command Center. He said if Council approves his request, there will be an impact to the current fiscal year and future fiscal year's budget.

Mr. Hughes explained that funding is being sought for two purposes. He said the first is for the training of officers to conduct drug and alcohol assessments and interventions. He stressed that there is a large need for intervention, noting that 80% of the individuals coming into the facility are testing positive for drugs. He advised that the second purpose is to develop a re-entry program under which a Case Manager will work with pre-release individuals to develop a plan to address their needs. He noted that the Case Manager will follow them for three months after release. He said the goal is to reduce the recidivism rate which is currently 75%.

The Council approved Mr. Hughes' request.

EXTENSION REQUEST-MEDICAL SERVICES-DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

The Council approved the request of Director Hughes, to choose option one to include a mental health enhancement and extend the medical services contract for detainees with CCS (Correct Care Solutions) for five additional one-year periods, beginning July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023 with fixed annual increases of 2.8%, consistent with the preceding five-year average annual increase of Medical Care Services Consumer Price Index.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

Emergency Services

The Council approved the requests of Anna Sierra, Emergency Services Director, for authorization to:

- send Lt. Gregory Fries to the ImageTrend Conference in St. Paul, MN in July 2018 which provides training on the new Elite platform and quality assurance/quality improvement training at cost of \$1,637 for conference registration, hotel, flight and meals, using FY18 and FY19 budget funding.

- to send two 911 Lieutenants to the NCIC/METERS Train the Trainer Course from August 26 to August 31, 2018 at the cost of \$1,068 with lodging costs being covered by this year's budget and the meals/travel being covered under next year's budget.
- for her and Steve Garvin to travel to Ocean City to attend the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Emergency Management Symposium May 28 to June 1, 2018 at the cost of \$1,107 using Homeland Security/Emergency Management Planning Grant funding.

Department of Corrections

The Council approved the request of Director Hughes to attend the Maryland Correctional Administration Association Conference (MCAA) and Training in Ocean City from June 3 to June 5, 2018 with the following senior staff at the cost of \$1,800 from the Department's mileage and conference line item: Major Steve Mills, Captain Robert Fitzgerald and Lt. Harold Moore. The Council acknowledged that Major Mills provides security for the conference so MCAA pays for his lodging.

SURPLUS PROPERTY DECLARATION REQUESTS

Planning and Zoning

The Council agreed to declare an office chair in the Planning and Zoning Department as surplus property.

Department of Emergency Services

The Council approved the request of Ms. Sierra to declare as surplus property a desk from the Emergency Management Office, which is in poor condition and will be replaced.

LETTER OF SUPPORT REQUEST-EROSION STUDY-PLANNING AND ZONING

The Council approved the request of Brian Soper, Environmental Planner, on behalf of Steve Dodd, Planning and Zoning Director for a letter of support for a project entitled "Shore Erosion Rates along Dorchester County's Coast" to be completed by the Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative at Salisbury, Maryland. Councilman Bradshaw said there is a website that provides historic shoreline erosion which is not user friendly; therefore, he wholeheartedly supports this project for the production and sharing of this type of information. Councilman Satterfield noted that he is a member of the Critical Area Commission and opined that the information garnered will assist the decision making process on the State level.

BID AWARD-ON CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES-AIRPORT

The Council approved the request of Amber Hulsey, Airport Director, to award the bid for On-Call Engineering Services for the Airport to AECOM and to enter into a five year contract with the company.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING-REVITALIZATION

Mr. Goldman stated that there is a request before Council to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Cambridge concerning the development of the Cambridge Waterfront. He said it is a non-binding agreement with a focus on joint cooperative efforts between the City and County to revitalize the area. He said both entities' legal counsel have reviewed and approved the MOU. The Council agreed to enter into the MOU with Councilman Price abstaining due to a potential conflict of interest.

POLL CONFIRMATIONS

The Council confirmed its following actions, in the interim between meetings, by means of a poll:

- agreed to send a letter in support, based on the request of Ms. M. Farrell McCoy, Volunteer Staff, for the grant application of Historic Cambridge, Inc. to the Maryland Historical Trust for capital funds to stabilize the historic Wallace Building by a 3 to 2 (2 no answer) vote;
- approved the submission of a Special Projects grant to the Administrative Office of the Courts for funding for bilingual directional electronic signage for the Circuit Court House and to sole source with Daily Enterprise IT Solution Provider for an electronic display in the amount of \$7,001 and with Mid Shore Graphics for braille placards in the amount of \$696. There is no match and if no funding is provided, the project will not be undertaken. Approved by a 4 to 1 (1 no answer);
- agreed to send a letter in support, based on the request of Mary Jane Marine, for the grant application of the Town of Vienna, to the Maryland Historical Trust for funds to refurbish the Custom House by a 4 to 1 vote (1 no answer);
- agreed to send a letter in support of Senate Bill 710 entitled "Bond Bill-Maces Lane Community Center" which authorizes the creation of a state debt not to exceed \$250,000, which proceeds will be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Good Shepherd Association for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, site improvement and capital equipping of the Maces Lane Community Center by a 4 to 1 vote (1 no answer);

- agreed to send a letter in support of the grant application of the Town of East New Market to Preservation Maryland for funds to purchase signage and lighting for a heritage center at the Trading Post building by a 5 to 0 vote;
- agreed to declare the following vehicle which was previously used by the Sheriff's Office as surplus property that will be sent to auction by a 4 to 1 vote (1 no answer) : 2008 Ford, VIN# 2PAFP71V48X124261;
- agreed to send a letter of support for Senate Bill 67 "Department of Commerce-Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund-Renaming and Restructuring," which will rebrand the program as Advantage Maryland and add funding so a new economy business, such as cybersecurity and research and development, can obtain working capital to cover operating costs by a 4 to 1 (1 no answer).

REQUEST TO PURCHASE VEHICLE-PUBLIC WORKS

Ryan White, Public Works Director, presented his request to purchase a 2 ton, 4x4, Dodge dump body pick up which will replace unit 203, a 6 wheel dump truck. He noted that the current State contract does not include the purchase of this mid-size vehicle. He said three quotes were obtained from local vendors. The Council approved Mr. White's request to sole source with Fred Frederick in Easton, at the cost of \$59,878 plus \$1,337 for the emergency light package for a total \$61,215.

FINANCIAL INCENTIVE-REAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT-PROENERGY NATURAL FOODS, INC.-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Goldman said before Council is a request for a financial incentive for Protenergy Natural Foods, Inc. Jeff Trice, Economic Development Director, explained that a 10% match of \$8,750 from the County is required for a Loan from the Department of Commerce under the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Fund to Protenergy Natural Goods Inc. for its expansion project. In response to questions from Councilman Bradshaw and Mr. Goldman, Mr. Trice said this is a \$30 million expansion project and between 20 and 50 jobs will be created. Pursuant to an inquiry from Mr. Merryweather, Mr. Trice explained that Commerce staff are waiting for the resolution and strategic growth certification before Council tonight before proceeding with the loan closure. Mr. Trice noted that the project is already in process. Mr. Merryweather advised that when the loan is closed, local legislation must be enacted to implement the property tax credit.

The Council adopted a resolution to support the loan to the company which notes that the County's match for the loan will be in the form of a real property tax credit over a five year period. The Council also authorized Councilman Travers to sign the Smart Growth Certification.

RECOMMENDATION-LEGAL FIRM-LITIGATION-COUNTY MANAGER

Mr. Goldman said, at Council's request, he interviewed three legal firms to engage in a lawsuit to recover costs resulting from the opioid epidemic. He noted that the Council has a recommendation and justification for its review and consideration. The Council approved Mr. Goldman's recommendation to choose Fears Nachawati Law Firm for a federal lawsuit, which is a group action that will be heard in Ohio.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alton Hooper, resident, said he recently read newspaper article about the identification of the Dorchester Center for the Arts (DCA) as a new early voting site. He expressed concern that this was the first notice he viewed about identification of a new site. He questioned the reason the County Office Building is not being used for this purpose, based on his concerns about access and parking to the DCA. Mr. Goldman stated that a hazard was identified during the last early voting event. He explained that exit doors were blocked as well as the stairwell in the County Office Building. He said early voting was allowed to continue with the understanding that this would not be permitted in the future. He advised that he offered the Elections Board the opportunity to use Room 110 minus the furniture. He noted that the Elections Board selected the new location. He stressed that the County Council is not in control of that Board. He said Michael Detmer, Board President, and Gwendolyn Dales, who runs the Dorchester County Election's Office, is present.

President Detmer said they chose a new location that met State regulations, which included increase space requirements due to the large volume of voters at the last early voting event. He explained that the Board vetted over 21 sites in the County, including Room 110. He said those meetings were appropriately advertised and open to the public. He noted that neither Room 110 nor the lobby of the County Office Building qualified as potential locations pursuant to the State space and security requirements. He invited Mr. Hooper and any interested parties to attend the next Elections Board meeting to express their concerns so adjustments can be made to ensure individuals with special needs can vote.

Mr. Hooper reiterated his concerns, noting his understanding that the County Office Building is larger than DCA. Mr. Detmer referred to the State regulations which include the layout of a room, parking and accessibility. He said the Board determined that the new location met those requirements. In response to a question from Councilman Travers, Mr. Detmer said the next Board meeting will be held on April 10, 2018 at 2 p.m. Councilman Travers asked Mr. Detmer to have the State criteria available at that meeting. Ms. Dales advised that the upstairs room at DCA is 2,600 square feet whereas Room 110 is less than 1,000 and the lobby is about 1,200 with the stairs. She noted that the parking at the County Office Building is also shared space and if Court is in session it may be full. She said she will seek the City of Cambridge's assistance in blocking off parking along the street in front of DCA, noting that there is also a parking area at the rear. Mr. Hooper noted that his mother who uses a walker and son, who is handicapped, need

appropriate access to the new site. Ms. Dales noted that there was an elevator at DCA. In response to a question from Mr. Hooper, Mr. Detmer said the early voting center cannot be split into two areas – Room 110 and the lobby. Mr. Hooper reiterated his concerns about the new location including accessibility and his perceived lack of public outreach.

Bill Windsor, resident said he was not aware of the new site until after it was publicized in a newspaper. He questioned whether a local high school or fire house can be used as an early voting center. Mr. Detmer noted that since early voting lasts for eight days as well as space and population distance requirements those facilities were not an option. He said the State approved the new location and the deadline to secure a site has passed.

Mr. Windsor expressed concern that the location identified may have been without public input. Mr. Detmer noted that part of the public outreach was the article in the paper about the new site. He asked the public to either attend the Board meetings or contact the Election's Office by phone or email or submit concerns in writing so adjustments can be made to accommodate those with special needs.

Terry Wheatley, resident and member of the Democratic Central Committee, said the committee members were not asked for advice about the change or venue nor were they aware other sites were being considered. She expressed concern about the amount of people the elevator at DCA can hold, limited parking and lack of publicity. In response to her query, Mr. Detmer said he will provide her a list of the 21 sites the Board considered. He expressed his belief that DCA will be able to accommodate voters and seniors. He invited Ms. Wheatley to attend the next Board meeting.

Mr. Windsor expressed his understanding that an Election's Office has up to and including 30 days prior to actual voting to change a voting location.

Donald Gray, resident, also expressed concern about the location of early voting including the condition of High Street. He expressed his belief the County and public should have some say in the location.

Ms. Wheatley, referring to the Executive Summary read by Councilman Travers at the beginning of the meeting, questioned whether the agreement offered to the County Manager is public record. Councilman Travers said that was a personnel matter for which clarification has to be obtained from legal counsel.

COUNCIL'S COMMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Nichols recognized the concerns of those present regarding the new location for early voting. He commended Mr. Detmer and Ms. Dales for their hard work and dedication. He said he received 56 calls from citizens concerned with ingress and egress to the new site, the timing of the announcement and preserving citizens' right to vote. He stressed the importance of advertising the new location various ways, since many of the older residents do not have internet access. Councilman Nichols expressed hope that if

necessary, adjustments can be made to accommodate those with special needs. Mr. Detmer said the change only affects early voting. He explained that the local elections office recently conducted a review of all voting precincts to verify their compliance with State regulations. He pointed out the availability of absentee voting. He ensured the public that the office staff and the Board members are committed to ensuring that the right to vote is preserved. He thanked the Council for allowing a discussion regarding this matter during its meeting and those who made comments. He asked the Council and public to spread the word about the new location.

Councilman Satterfield noted that the Council, Board of Elections and other entities must be transparent and decisions, such as the location, must be made available to citizens. He referenced the shooting incident at a Maryland school. He asked the public to report anything suspicious. He thanked law enforcement and emergency responders. He encouraged citizens to remain indoors during the inclement weather that is expected to occur tomorrow. He said not being on the roads allows Highway personnel to clear roads. He thanked Mr. Shockley for the information he provided regarding the aquaculture industry.

Councilman Price said he also received multiple telephone calls regarding early voting site including issues regarding the release of the new location as well as parking and access to the building. He noted that he will attend the April 10th Board of Elections meeting. He said he hopes the Board members take the comments made at this meeting into consideration and make any necessary changes to accommodate individuals who are unable to vote at DCA. Councilman Price made a motion to send correspondence to the Elections Board regarding the citizens' request for the reconsideration of the new site and to encourage the members to address concerns about access. Councilman Bradshaw seconded the motion for discussion. In response to a question from Councilman Satterfield, Councilman Travers confirmed that the Council does not have any authority over the Elections Board. Ms. Dales queried as to whether the Board should reconsider holding early voting at the County Office Building. She expressed her preference for that facility to be used during early voting. Mr. Detmer said that it is not a possibility due to square footage and other State requirements. In response to a question from Councilman Travers, Ms. Dales confirmed that due to the State's space regulations the County Office Building is not a viable option. Mr. Goldman referred to his offer to remove furniture from Room 110. Mr. Detmer reiterated that the square footage is too low to meet State regulations. The Council agreed to send the correspondence.

Councilman Price advised that this Thursday there is a Maryland Department of Environment public hearing at the Hurlock American Legion at 6 p.m. on the changes proposed for the landfill for horizontal expansion. He said at today's Social Services Board meeting it was announced that Dorchester County is one of two locations in the State selected as a pilot site for a two generation task force on poverty that is being led by the Lieutenant Governor. He noted that it is being coordinated through Delmarva Community Services.

Councilman Bradshaw recollected that the larger machines used for Elections when he was a youth, noting that one of the locations utilized for voting was about 300 square feet. He referenced the recent school shooting. He expressed sorrow for the students who were exposed to violence as a result of another's actions. He commended the officer for his actions in stopping the assailant.

Councilman Travers said there is documentary movie that has been made about Dorchester County called "High Tide in Dorchester," which shows how much land may be lost, according to certain calculations. He said it will be shown on public television in April. Rebecca White, Executive Assistant, advised that it will also be shown at the National Environmental Film Festival in Washington Thursday night.

Councilman Travers announced that: 1) the next Council meeting will be held on April 3, 2018; 2) members of the Council will attend a Department of Natural Resources meeting regarding Aquaculture Leasing at the Madison Volunteer Fire Company on Friday, March 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in Church Creek, Maryland; and, 3) the Council will meet in Closed Session to conduct a personnel hearing on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 110 of the County Office Building, Cambridge, Maryland.

With no further business to discuss, the Council adjourned.

ATTEST:




Jeremy Goldman
County Manager

DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL:



Ricky C. Travers, President




Tom C. Bradshaw, Vice President



William V. Nichols



Rick M. Price



Don B. Satterfield

Approved the 20th day of March, 2018.