

**County Council of Dorchester County  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 6, 2022**

The County Council of Dorchester County convened in Open Session at 6:03 p.m. on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022. A roll call of the members was conducted. Present in Room 110 were: Jay L. Newcomb, President; Libby Handley Nagel, Vice President; William V. Nichols; George L. Pfeffer, Jr.; and, Ricky C. Travers. Also present in Room 110 were E. Thomas Merryweather, County Attorney; and Donna F. Lane, Acting County Manager.

**REGULAR SESSION**

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilman Pfeffer led the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

**CALL FOR ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Council approved the minutes of July 18, 2022; August 2, 2022; August 9, 2022 and August 16, 2022.

**APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS**

The Council approved the vouchers as presented.

**FINANCIAL REPORT: CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

Councilman Newcomb reported total cash and investments as \$ 13,422,915.47.

**CLOSED SESSION SUMMARY**

The Council convened into Regular Session on September 6, 2022 at 5:03 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; and §3-305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice. Present in Room 110 were: Jay L. Newcomb, President; Libby Handley Nagel, Vice President; William V. Nichols; George L. Pfeffer, Jr.; and, Ricky C. Travers. Also present in Room 110 was Donna F. Lane, Acting County Manager. Voting in favor of the Closed Session were the present Council Members.

The Council convened into a Closed Session at 5:04 p.m. on September 6, 2022 to discuss the following items pursuant to §3-305(b)(1) and §3-305(b)(7).

- 1- Confirmed the hiring by the Sheriff of an individual to fill a Dog Control Officer vacancy by a 4 to 0 vote;
- 2- Approved the request of the Emergency Services Director to hire an individual to fill the 911 Manager Vacancy by a 5 to 0 vote;
- 3- Approved the request of the Public Works Director to hire an individual as a Motor Equipment Operator II and an individual as a Motor Equipment Operator III by a 5 to 0 vote;
- 4- Approved the request of the Public Works Director to promote an employee to fill a Motor Equipment Operator II and to fill a Motor Equipment Operator IV position in the Highway Division by a 5 to 0 vote;
- 5- Approved the request of a retiree to come back to work for the County through a temp agency by a 5 to 0 vote;
- 6- Discussed the request of the Finance Director to adjust the salary of two specific employees- took no action;
- 7- Approved the request of the Finance Director to fill the Assistant Finance Director position by a 5 to 0 vote and approved his request to fill the Staff Accountant position by a 3 to 2 (abstention) vote;
- 8- Approved the request of the Director of the Department of Corrections to promote an individual to a Sergeant position by a 5 to 0 vote;
- 9- Approved the request of the Tourism Director to hire an individual as an on call Hourly Visitor Center Clerk by a 5 to 0 vote;
- 10- Approved the request of the Acting County Manager to hire an individual to fill an Executive Administrative Specialist position by a 5 to 0 vote;
- 11- Obtained legal advice from County Attorney regarding requirements outlined in a lease for a County property.
- 12- Obtained legal advice from County Attorney regarding a payment in lieu of taxes for certain projects.

Present in Room 110 were: Jay L. Newcomb, President; Libby Handley Nagel, Vice President; William V. Nichols; George L. Pfeffer, Jr.; and Ricky C. Travers. Also present via the conference call was Donna F. Lane, Acting County Manager. E. Thomas Merryweather, County Attorney, joined the meeting late in Room 110.

### **COMMENDATION**

The Council presented a Commendation to the Nause-Waiwash Band of Indians, Inc. for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its Annual Native American Festival.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT/INTRODUCTION-RECREATION AND PARKS DIRECTOR**

Ms. Lane announced the hiring of Duc Trieu as the new Recreation and Parks Director by the County Council who will begin employment on September 12, 2022.

## **LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

The Council adjourned into Legislative Session.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**BILL NO. 2022-7 AN ACT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND ACTING PURSUANT TO THE LAND USE ARTICLE OF THE MARYLAND ANNOTATED CODE, WHICH ENTRUSTS LOCAL JURISDICTIONS WITH LAND USE PLANNING AUTHORITY TO GUIDE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT AND ACTING PURSUANT TO TITLE 27, CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION FOR THE CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS, SUBTITLE 01, CRITERIA FOR LOCAL CRITICAL AREA PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT, OF THE CODE OF MARYLAND REGULATIONS (COMAR) AND ACTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-1808 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE, PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA TO ADD NEW SECTION 68-8F(10) TO CHAPTER 68 OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY CODE ENTITLED "CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA", PROVIDING THAT COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL FACILITIES, INCLUDING USE AS AN ASSEMBLY TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, AND AS RESTRICTED IN THE TABLE OF PERMITTED USES BY ZONING DISTRICT IN SECTION 155-34(B)(1), ATTACHMENT 1, OF CHAPTER 155 OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY CODE, ARE PERMITTED.**

E. Thomas Merryweather, County Attorney, said a public hearing is being held on legislation to add new Section 68-8F (10) to Chapter 68 of the Dorchester County Code Entitled "Chesapeake Bay Critical Area", providing that community and cultural facilities, including use as an assembly to the general public, and as restricted in the Table Of Permitted Uses By Zoning District in Section 155-34(B) (1), Attachment 1, of Chapter 155 of the Dorchester County Code, are permitted. George Barnett, on behalf of the National Historic Alliance, spoke in support of this legislation, noting that four members of the alliance were also present. Mr. Merryweather noted that no one signed up to speak.

The roll call on Bill No. 2022-7 was: Travers-aye; Pfeffer- aye; Newcomb- aye; Nagel- aye; Nichols- aye.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**BILL NO. 2022-8 AN ACT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND ACTING PURSUANT TO THE LAND USE ARTICLE OF THE MARYLAND ANNOTATED CODE, WHICH ENTRUSTS LOCAL JURISDICTIONS WITH LAND USE PLANNING AUTHORITY TO GUIDE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT, AND PURSUANT TO AN ACT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND TO AMEND 155 ATTACHMENT 1, ENTITLED "TABLE OF PERMITTED USES BY ZONING DISTRICT DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND", OF CHAPTER 155 ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY CODE TO ADD A NEW USE CATEGORY ENTITLED "INSTITUTIONAL COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL FACILITIES", PROVIDING THAT COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL FACILITIES,**

**INCLUDING USE AS AN ASSEMBLY TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ARE PERMITTED IN THE AC-RCA, AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION-RESOURCE CONSERVATION AREA, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.**

Mr. Merryweather said before Council is legislation to amend 155 Attachment 1, Entitled "Table Of Permitted Uses By Zoning District Dorchester County, Maryland", of Chapter 155 entitled "Zoning" of the Dorchester County Code to add a new use category entitled "Institutional Community And Cultural Facilities", providing that community and cultural facilities, including use as an assembly to the general public, are permitted in the AC-RCA, Agricultural Conservation-Resource Conservation Area, subject to certain requirements. Susan Webb, Acting Planning and Zoning Director, confirmed for Mr. Merryweather that the Critical Area Commission has approved this legislation. Mr. Merryweather noted no one signed up to speak.

The roll call on Bill No. 2022-8 was: Nichols- aye; Nagel- aye; Newcomb- aye; Pfeffer- aye; Travers- aye.

## INTRODUCTION

**AN ACT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND ACTING PURSUANT TO THE LAND USE ARTICLE OF THE MARYLAND ANNOTATED CODE, WHICH ENTRUSTS LOCAL JURISDICTIONS WITH LAND USE PLANNING AUTHORITY TO GUIDE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT AND PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 155, ENTITLED "ZONING", SECTION 155-5(A) OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY CODE TO ADD CERTAIN DEFINITIONS TO SECTION 155-13 OF CHAPTER 155 AND TO REPEAL AND REENACT THE DEFINITION OF "SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS, UTILITY SCALE", AS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE II, DEFINITIONS OF SECTION 155-13, ENTITLED "TERMS DEFINED" OF CHAPTER 155, AND TO REPEAL AND REENACT SECTION 155-50(LL), ENTITLED "SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS, UTILITY SCALE" OF ARTICLE IX, ENTITLED "SUPPLEMENTARY USE REGULATIONS" OF CHAPTER 155 ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY CODE, PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS AND TO AMEND "TABLE OF PERMITTED USES BY ZONING DISTRICT DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND" OF CHAPTER 155 ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY CODE TO IMPLEMENT THE ACT.**

Mr. Merryweather said before Council is legislation to add certain definitions to Section 155-13 of Chapter 155 and to repeal and reenact the definition of "Solar Energy Systems, Utility Scale", as set forth in Article II definitions of Section 155-13, entitled "Terms Defined" of Chapter 155, and to repeal and reenact Section 155-50(LI), entitled "Solar Energy Systems, Utility Scale" of Article IX, Entitled "Supplementary Use Regulations" of Chapter 155 entitled "Zoning" of the Dorchester County Code, providing for the regulation of Solar Energy Systems and to amend "Table Of Permitted Uses By Zoning District Dorchester County, Maryland" of Chapter 155 Entitled "Zoning" of the Dorchester County Code to implement the Act.

Ms. Webb said currently the County Code has very limited language addressing solar systems. She said the proposed legislation includes definitions and requirements for utility and accessory

structures. Mr. Merryweather emphasized that the current bill does not provide for the grandfathering of utility scale solar projects for pending applications of utility scale solar projects. Pursuant to a query from Councilman Pfeffer, Mr. Merryweather confirmed that if the bill passes as drafted there will be no grandfathering or projects. He said the Council can consider sending this matter back to the appropriate Board/Commission to consider including a grandfathering position or can make the decision to include a grandfathering provision in the legislation. In response to a question posed by Councilman Pfeffer, Ms. Webb advised that both the Board of Appeals and Planning Commission had a meeting to discuss a proposed solar project, which they tabled. Based on this information, Mr. Merryweather said this is an early stage project. Based on questions from Councilman Newcomb, Ms. Webb said the legislation before Council includes the input provided by participants of work sessions regarding solar and four Board Members participated in these meetings.

There was no motion to introduce legislation. Ms. Lane said pursuant to the County Code legislation cannot be considered during the month of November 2022 due to this being an Election Year. Mr. Merryweather concurred.

Councilwoman Nagel made a motion that no new or pending solar projects be approved and/or enacted until solar legislation is passed and based on the Board of Appeals discussions. Councilman Nichols seconded the motion. After a brief discussion regarding the impact a delay will have on pending solar projects, Councilwoman Nagel rescinded her motion and made a motion to establish a moratorium. A discussion ensued regarding: 1) the Public Service Commission's preemption authority; 2) the establishment by the Board of Appeals and Planning Commission of setbacks and screening; and 3) the parameters that were included in the proposed legislation which were as a result of the work sessions. In response to a query from Councilwoman Nagel, Ms. Lane said since none of the solar projects for which the County has entered into Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreements have been constructed, no revenue has been collected. Councilwoman Nagel rescinded her motion. She made a motion to introduce the legislation.

The Council agreed to proceed with publication of the public hearing on this matter with Councilmen Travers and Pfeffer opposing.

## **REGULAR SESSION**

The Council convened into Regular Session.

## **REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE-U.S. ARMY CORPS-SECTION 510 PROGRAM**

### Taylors Island-Punch Island Community Association

Deborah SeBour, President, Punch Island Community Association, said they are currently working on a breakwater/barrier project for Taylors Island for which they wish to use U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Army Corps) funding under the Section 510 Program which will pay 75% of projected shoreline protection costs for which a 25% match is required. Ms. Sebour provided

an overview of the restoration project (see attached document). She advised that they are seeking the 25% match from the County, which can apply as needed for available grants through the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. She explained that they have been in contact with the Army Corps which has funding for a program for a Chesapeake Bay Restoration area which will include funds for design to construction. She said they are seeking from the County a letter of intent as a non-federal sponsor. Other individuals spoke about the project including Ms. Connolley from Rauch Engineering. Ms. Sebour said they are hoping that they can obtain funding from the Army Corps of \$11.2 million of the \$15 million project in addition to County and DNR monies. She stated that she is hoping the County can prepare the DNR grants, noting that this entity's grant application deadline is December 31<sup>st</sup> of this year with the money being released in July 2023.

In response to a question from Councilman Newcomb, Ms. Sebour said DNR staff has advised that they may be able to provide 20% of the required 25% match and the County can provide the remaining 5%.

#### Hoopersville-McQuitty

Garry McQuitty, said on behalf of residents of Hoopersville he is seeking Council's assistance with obtaining funding from the 510 Program as well. He explained that he was told that if the County will provide monetary support it can seek a Chesapeake Gateway grant for 20% of the project cost. He referred to the presentation of the Hoopersville Resiliency Study at a May 2022 Council meeting. He said their immediate concern is building up certain areas of the roadway that are currently being inundated with water. He cited his belief that the County's portion of the project will be 5%.

Kyle Walsh, Regulatory Project Manager, Army Corps, said there have not been any projects in this area for which 510 Program funding is being sought. He advised that they are anxious to provide funding toward a project in Dorchester County to strengthen low lying areas.

Pursuant to a query from Councilman Newcomb, Dave Edwards, Public Works Director, said he has spoken to State and Federal representatives regarding Hoopersville Road, noting that the road needs to be raised pursuant to the study. He stated that the study, completed with the County's support, broke down the immediate and long term concerns for Hoopersville.

Ms. Sebour said Punch Island Road floods frequently, noting that a shoreline project was conducted along the road at the tip in 2014. She noted that in addition to protecting County and homeowner infrastructure, the Punch Island Road proposed project would also assist in ensuring that Slaughter Creek and wetlands are not lost.

The Council agreed that Mr. Edwards will coordinate a meeting between the two groups, DNR, the Army Corps and other stakeholders regarding the proposed projects/funding. He stressed the need to obtain confirmation that DNR is willing to provide 20% of the cost of the projects. Mr. McQuitty and Ms. Sebour said they have not received anything from those entities in writing. Mr. Edwards cited his understanding a feasibility study will need to be conducted. Ms. Sebour said that will be included in the project cost. Ms. Connolley said maintenance and a long term plan

will fall on the County after any project is completed. Mr. Edwards explained that the project will need to meet current criteria in that it will have to be sustainable for more than 30 years which is challenging due to tidal waters that impact both areas. He noted that one property owner placed beach berms along his property which has prevented it from eroding. The Council agreed to provide in writing its support of the proposed Taylors Island Breakwater and Living Shoreline Resiliency and the Hoopersville Coastal Resiliency projects.

## **MANAGERS COMMENTS**

### **GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL & PREVENTION GRANT AWARD-SEX OFFENDER COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT-SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

The Council approved the request of Sheriff James Phillips to accept a Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention Grant "Sex Offender Compliance & Enforcement" grant in the amount of \$10,277 with no match, which funds will be used to offset the salary of the Deputy assigned to sex offender monitoring.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF BUREAU JUSTICE ASSISTANCE SUB AWARD-LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT-BODY CAMERAS-SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

The Council acknowledged that: 1) included in the FY22 Capital Budget are funds of \$196,560 for a Body Camera Lease/Purchase; and, 2) in addition to these funds the Bureau of Justice is providing a sub award in the amount of \$86,000. The Council approved Sheriff Phillips' request to accept the sub award and to enter into a lease/purchase agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. at the estimated cost of \$272,151.10.

### **APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE-CAMBRIDGE WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT, INC. (CWDI)**

The Council reappointed Jeff Powell as one of the two County representatives on Cambridge Waterfront Development, Inc. for a four year term. The Council recognized that Councilmen Travers and Pfeffer will meet with Matt Leonard, Executive Director, CWDI and Mr. Powell this Thursday regarding identifying individual (s) who may be interested in serving as the second County representative, which will be submitted to the Council for its review and consideration.

### **REQUEST TO AMEND MEDICAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR INMATES-DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

The Council approved the request of Kenneth Rodgers, Director of Department of Corrections to amend the Medical Service Contract with Wellpath for inmate medical services to reflect a 4% increase for their services.

**SOLE SOURCE REQUEST-INTERFACE UPGRADE TO PHONE SYSTEM-GIS SUPPORT SERVICES-EMERGENCY SERVICES**

The Council approved the request of Dozia Rahilly, Emergency Services Director, to sole source with Carousel Industries for interfaces for the 911 Vesta phone system to the 911 telephone logger recorder, which are related to the Next Generation 911 (NG911) upgrade at the cost of \$6,163.00 which will be fully funded by the Maryland 911 Board.

The Council also approved Ms. Rahilly's request to sole source with Mission Critical Partners for GIS support services for up to six months to handle all the roles and support that the previous county GIS person was providing; not only for the day-to-day items such as new street and address point entry but the special critical project preparing, updating, and validating for the NG911 transition at a cost up to \$51,420 which will be fully funded by the Maryland 911 Board.

**CAMERA SYSTEM DISCUSSION-EMERGENCY SERVICES**

The Council agreed to Information Technology staff seeking quotes for a camera system for two rooms in the City of Cambridge Public Safety Complex which are used by County Emergency Medical Services providers and more specifically, one room in which a Knox Box is located and another in which there is a medical storage area. The Council acknowledged that pursuant to legal counsel there cannot be an audio component to the camera system.

**EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION APPROVAL REQUEST-LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Based on the request of Nancy Shockley, Local Management Board Director, the Council approved the below Emergency Rental Assistance Program Applications:

Beverly Robinson	\$2,000
Blackwater Land Company	\$2,400
Cambridge Property Management	\$1,798
Carlton Court	\$4,835
Cherokee Rentals	\$3,600
Choptank Property Management	\$2,109
Ed James	\$4,520
Harmony Utility Company	\$4,200
John & Bernie LLC	\$2,142
JKL Holding	\$3,400
John Knox	\$3,300
Laverne Elvey	\$6,960
Powell Property Management	\$2,298
Southside Landing	\$2,529
Sunny Apartments	\$11,255
Woods Road Meadows	\$8,638

Councilman Travers left the meeting.



#### SELECTION OF LEGAL COUNSEL-COMPLAINT-U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

The Council agreed to hire Patrick Thomas, Special Legal Counsel, to represent Dorchester County which has been named as a party defendant in a complaint filed in the U.S. District Court for the District Court of Maryland on a host of claims related to the 2022 election. The Council acknowledged that pursuant to Warren Baskerville, Claims Analyst, Local Government Insurance Trust (the County's insurer) the County can hire an attorney and LGIT will pay defense cost up to \$50,000 per policy year.

Councilman Travers rejoined the meeting.

#### REQUEST TO SOLE SOURCE-GOLDEN HILL-SECRETARY TRANSFER STATION PAVING-PUBLIC WORKS

The Council approved the request of Dave Edwards, Public Works Director, to sole source with Russell Paving Co, Inc. to pave the Golden Hill and Secretary Transfer Stations at the cost of \$149,684 using FY22 Capital Funds allocated for this purpose. Mr. Edwards listed the following reasons for sole source with Russell Paving Co, Inc. which included: 1) reducing costs for material from the plant as other entities pay marked up price; and, 2) the County's receipt of royalties from this company pursuant to a lease for the blacktop plant to this entity. He also noted that some of the larger contracting firms will not use material unless it is from their plant. Based on a question posed by Terri Robbins, resident, Mr. Edwards said the Golden Hill Transfer Station is 28,000 square foot, the Secretary Transfer Station is 29,000 square foot and each will be paved to a two inch thickness.

#### BID AWARD REQUEST-LANDFILL CELL CONSTRUCTION-PUBLIC WORKS

The Council approved the request of Mr. Edwards to award the Landfill Cell Construction bid to Allan Myers, the lowest bidder, at the cost of \$7,325,000 which will be funded by the FY23 allocation for this project in the Landfill Enterprise Fund of \$6 million with the remaining being funded in FY24 as the contractor will have 270 working days to complete this portion of the construction project. The Council acknowledged that the County's Landfill Consultant, Geosyntec concurs with this bid award to Allan Myers. Pursuant to a query from Councilman Pfeffer, Mr. Edwards said he is satisfied with the contractor's bid. He stated that the overall project cost is between \$11 million to \$12 million based on a question posed by Councilman Newcomb.

#### PROJECT ADDENDUM REQUEST-CIRCUIT COURT ROOF SNOW GUARDS/REQUEST TO USE TRANSFER FUNDS-PUBLIC WORKS

The Council approved the request of Mr. Edwards to approve an addendum to the scope of work for the Courthouse Roofing project to include the installation of snow guards at the cost \$53,481 using Transfer Tax Funds.

## POLL CONFIRMATION

The Council confirmed its decision in the interim between meetings, via a poll, to amend the letter of support for Rural Maryland Economic Development Fund Grant Applications to incorporate the remaining funds into the proposed Woods Road project by a 5 to 0 vote.

## OTHER

Pursuant to a question posed by Kathy Abbott, resident, Councilman Newcomb said the meeting between the Dorchester County Sanitary District, LLC/Sanitary Commission regarding McKeil #1 Berm Infiltration Pond to be held on September 23, 2022 is open to the public.

Councilman Nichols cited concerns that the Town of Secretary did not wish to pursue a Rural Maryland Economic Development Fund grant to the Twin Cities Wastewater Treatment Plant project. He suggested using the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds designated for this project to improve some County roads which are being washed away, particularly since the Town may have to rebid the project due to not having sufficient funds to move forward with it prior to the end of September 2022. Councilman Pfeffer expressed his understanding that the Town was unable to prepare the application for the Rural Maryland Economic Development Fund monies in the required timeframe. Councilman Nichols referenced his understanding that Susan Banks, Economic Development Director, and Ms. Lane volunteered to assist them with this task. Councilman Nichols made a motion to reallocate the ARPA funds of \$500,000 to road repairs which was seconded by Councilman Pfeffer for discussion. Councilman Pfeffer said the Town officials reported to State and Federal agencies that the Council agreed to provide funding for its project, which may result in them receiving additional funding from the United States Department of Agriculture. Councilman Nichols said he was advised that funding would not be forthcoming for the project prior to the project's notice to proceed deadline. Councilman Travers cited concerns about re-allocating the funds if they can be leveraged for additional funding for the Town's project. In response to an inquiry by Councilman Nichols, Councilman Pfeffer said the Town's share of the project was the purchase of meters and other items. Councilman Nichols rescinded the motion and Councilman Pfeffer rescinded his second of the motion. The Council agreed to send a letter to the Town of Secretary seeking clarification on funding which was opposed by Councilmen Pfeffer and Travers.

## ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Council adjourned.

ATTEST:



Donna F. Lane, Acting County Manager

THE COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF DORCHESTER COUNTY:



Jay L. Newcomb, President



Libby Handley Nagel, Vice President



William V. Nichols



George L. Pfeffer, Jr.



Ricky C. Travers

Approved the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.