

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

The County Council of Dorchester County convened in Open Session in Room 110 of the County Office Building at 6:00 p.m. on the 6th day of December 2022. A roll call of the members was conducted. Present in Room 110 were: George L. Pfeffer, Jr., President; Mike Detmer, Vice President; Rob Kramer, Jr.; William V. Nichols; Ricky C. Travers. Also present in Room 110 was Donna F. Lane, Acting County Manager; Irene Barnes, Executive Administrative Specialist and E. Thomas Merryweather, County Attorney.

REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER BY E. THOMAS MERRYWEATHER, COUNTY ATTORNEY

E. Thomas Merryweather, County Attorney, called the meeting to order.

OATH OF OFFICE

Amy Craig, Clerk of the Circuit Court, presided over a Swearing-In Ceremony for the Dorchester County Council Members.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President	George L. Pfeffer, Jr.
Vice President	Mike Detmer

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 DISBURSEMENTS

The Council approved the vouchers as presented, with Councilman Detmer abstaining from *Star Democrat*.

FINANCIAL REPORT: CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Councilman Pfeffer reported total cash and investments as \$34,211,183.12

MANAGERS COMMENTS

THIRD/FOURTH QUARTER FY 2022-FY 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Council adopted the FY 22-23 County Council Third and Fourth Quarterly Meeting Schedule.

FY24 BUDGET ADOPTION SCHEDULE

The Council adopted the FY24 Budget Adoption Schedule.

OTHER/PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Travers announced that E. Thomas Merryweather, County Attorney will be retiring and commended him for his 13 Council term as County Attorney. Councilman Travers motioned to advertise a request for proposals for a County Attorney, which was seconded by Councilman Nichols. Councilman Pfeffer asked about using MacLeod Group, however Councilman Travers mentioned they are already on retainer. Mr. Merryweather noted he will be retiring effective December 31, 2022, but will be accessible if needed. The Council agreed to utilize Mr. Merryweather until December 31st and MacLeod Group afterwards, if necessary. Councilman Nichols and Councilman Travers discussed their time together representing Dorchester County with Mr. Merryweather and noted their gratitude. Councilman Kramer wished Mr. Merryweather good luck with his retirement. Councilman Travers stated that he is looking forward to new beginnings. Councilman Detmer said he is thankful to be a part of the Council. Councilman Pfeffer thanked Merryweather for his guidance throughout the years and thanked the staff for attending the meeting. Councilman Pfeffer advised that he is looking forward to the next four years, emphasizing that everyone needs to work together as a team for the betterment of the citizens of the County.

Councilman Pfeffer gave the floor to the public for comments. Commissioner Spuddy Cephas, City of Cambridge thanked and congratulated the Council on behalf of the City of Cambridge.

ADJOURNMENT


With no further business to discuss, the Council adjourned.

ATTEST:



Donna F. Lane
Acting County Manager

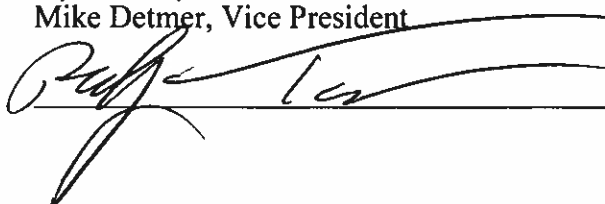
THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF DORCHESTER COUNTY:



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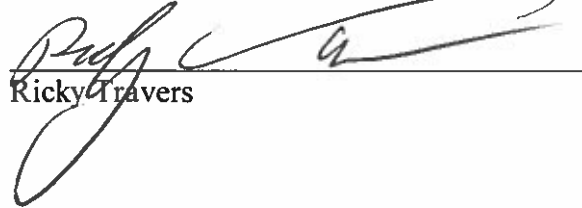




Rob Kramer, Jr.



William V. Nichols



Ricky Travers

Approved the 20th day of December, 2022.