

**County Council of Dorchester County
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2014**

The County Council of Dorchester County met in regular session on December 16, 2014 with the following members present: Ricky C. Travers, President; William V. Nichols, Vice President; Tom Bradshaw; Rick Price and Don B. Satterfield. Also present were E. Thomas Merryweather, County Attorney; Jay L. Newcomb, Acting County Manager; and Donna Lane, Executive Administrative Specialist.

REGULAR SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council adjourned from a Regular Session and convened in a closed Executive Session pursuant to State Government Article pursuant to §10-508(A)(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; pursuant to §10-508(A)(3) to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; pursuant to §10-508(A)(4) to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State; and pursuant to §10-508(A)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

Voting in favor of the closed Executive Session were all Council members.

REGULAR SESSION

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Price led the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

CALL FOR ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

The Council approved the following additions to the agenda: requests to advertise an Environmental Planner position in the Planning and Zoning Department and an Administrative Associate position in the State's Attorney Office and an amendment to the County's FY15 Holiday Schedule.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- DECEMBER 2, 2014

The Council approved the minutes of December 2, 2014.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

The Council approved the vouchers with Councilman Travers abstaining for payments made to Simmons Center Market and Councilman Bradshaw abstaining for mileage reimbursement.

PAYMENT AUTHORIZATIONS-EQUIPMENT FOR 2014 TAHOES

Jay L. Newcomb, Acting County Manager, noted that there are payments to five vendors for the purchase of equipment for Sheriff's Office vehicles that have been withheld, pursuant to prior actions taken by the Council.

In response to a question from Councilman Travers, Mr. Newcomb said it is his understanding that the equipment has been received. Pursuant to an inquiry from Councilman Nichols, E. Thomas Merryweather, County Attorney, said the Attorney General's Office has not contacted the Council regarding Sheriff James Phillips' intention to order Tahoes instead of the Dodge Chargers approved by Council during the FY15 budget process.

Councilman Nichols questioned when new vehicles for the Sheriff's Office will arrive.

Councilman Travers stressed that the invoices, of which some are from July and others are from August, 2014, are for equipment that has already been received. He suggested that Sheriff Phillips be contacted regarding the status of new vehicles.

The Council approved the following payments with Councilmen Nichols and Price opposing: Brekford International Corporation, Check No. 166399, \$4,187.00; Radiotronics, Inc., Check No. 166402, \$1,150.45; Grafix Shoppe, Inc., Check No. 166401, \$1,878.32; General Sales Administration, Check No. 166400, \$19,857.65; and General Sales Administration, Check No. 166809, \$1,340.00.

Mr. Newcomb referenced the Council's October 7, 2014 decision to send correspondence to the dealership from which Tahoes were ordered noting that the County will not pay for any automobile for the Sheriff's Office until the purchase order for said vehicle(s) are approved by the County Council in advance, pursuant to law. Mr. Newcomb questioned whether the Council wanted to take any action regarding these vehicles in light of its decision to purchase the equipment. The Council agreed to discuss this matter at its January 6, 2015 meeting and to ask the Sheriff to provide a status of the new vehicles.

FINANCIAL REPORT: CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Councilman Travers reported total cash and investments as \$13,232,713.75.

EXECUTIVE SESSION SUMMARY

The County Council of Dorchester County convened in an Executive Session at 4:45 p.m. on December 16, 2014 in a closed session at Room 110, County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, Maryland, pursuant to the State Government Article pursuant to §10-508(A)(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; pursuant to §10-508(A)(3) to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; pursuant to §10-508(A)(4) to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or

remain in the State; and pursuant to §10-508(A)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

Motion made, seconded and carried to conduct a closed session pursuant to the above. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative to conduct the closed session for the purposes stated above and to discuss the topics listed below.

Councilman Travers announced that the Council convened into Executive Session at 5:00 p.m. on December 9, 2014 for one legal item and discussed a matter relating to landfill operations.

He further announced that the Council convened into Executive Session at 4:45 p.m. on December 16, 2014 to discuss the following items: 1) discussed a recommendation to revise a fiscal policy relating to employee expenses-agreed to discuss in open session at future meeting; 2) approved request of the Planning and Zoning Director to fill an Environmental Planner position by a 5 to 0 vote-agreed to consider a request to advertise in regular session; 3) discussed a personnel item relating to general fund expenditures-took no action; 4) confirmed an action taken by the State's Attorney to hire an individual to fill a Criminal Investigator position by a 4 to 0 vote; 5) approved request of State's Attorney to fill an Administrative Associate position by a 5 to 0 vote- agreed to consider a request to advertise in open session; 6) discussed items relating to the purchase of property acquired via tax sale-requested additional information; 7) received information from staff regarding a proposal for a business to located in the State; 8) discussed with legal counsel a matter relating to a County road-requested additional information; 9) discussed a legal item pertaining to a lease for a County property with legal counsel-requested additional information; and 10) discussed with legal counsel a legal matter relating to emergency medical services appropriations-requested additional information.

The above information is being provided to the public pursuant to and in compliance with Section 10-509(b) and (c) of the State Government Article.

ELECTION OF OFFICER-VICE PRESIDENT

The Council elected the following Office by majority: Vice President – Councilman Bradshaw.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

INTRODUCTION

BILL NO. 2015-1 AN ACT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, ACTING PURSUANT TO MD. CODE ANN., LAND USE ARTICLE, TITLE 4 ET. SEQ., GENERAL DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AND ZONING, OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, TO REPEAL CHAPTER 155, SECTION 155-37 OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY CODE, FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, AND TO REENACT CHAPTER 155, SECTION 155-37 OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY CODE, TITLED, FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, TO ADD NEW SECTIONS "A" THROUGH "H", TO REQUIRE COMPREHENSIVE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS FOR ALL

NEW CONSTRUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES, AND SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS OF RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES, INCLUDING MANUFACTURED HOMES, LOCATED WITHIN THE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT DISTRICT.

Mr. Merryweather explained that this legislation, which is scheduled for introduction, is for a zoning ordinance text amendment to the County's Floodplain Ordinance to reflect State and Federal revisions.

The Council agreed to proceed with publication of a public hearing on this matter.

REGULAR SESSION

MANAGERS COMMENTS

TRAVEL REQUEST-EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Council approved the request of Jeremy Goldman, Emergency Services Director, to attend a Federal Emergency Management Agency sponsored class entitled "Hurricane Preparedness for Decision Makers" at the Emergency Management Institute in Miami, Florida from January 12 through January 16, 2015. The Council acknowledged that FEMA will provide 100% reimbursement for the class and \$1,080 for air travel (\$320) and lodging (\$760). The Council further acknowledged that the cost of food (\$600) will be covered through the Emergency Management, 911 Communications Center and Emergency Medical Services FY 15 budgets.

REQUEST TO CHANGE SOLE SOURCE DECISION-HOUSING STUDY-COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Cindy Smith, Grant Monitor, referenced the Council's September 16, 2014 acceptance of a Community Development Block Grant for a substandard Housing Study and approval of a sole source award to subcontract with Salisbury University Center for Housing and Community Life (Salisbury University Center) to conduct the study. She explained that Salisbury University staff have asked that the sole source be changed to Lower Shore Families First, Inc., which will administer the funds. Ms. Smith noted that Salisbury University Center will conduct the study. She explained that the reason she is requesting the sole source is because Salisbury University Center is the only organization that is able to conduct this type of study, which includes traversing every street, scoring and mapping every home in Dorchester County.

The Council approved the request of Ms. Smith to change the sole source to Lower Shore Families First, Inc. and to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with this entity.

GRANT AWARD-FY15 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT-DELMARVA COMMUNITY SERVICES-GRANT MONITOR

The Council approved the request of Ms. Smith to accept a FY15 Emergency Solutions Grant Award for funds in the amount of \$145,000, which consist of \$65,000 in federal funds matched with state funds of \$85,000. The Council acknowledged that Delmarva Community Services (DCS) has identified matching funds for this grant which include \$18,300 in in-kind services and the grant period is October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2016. The Council also agreed to execute a Sub-Recipient Agreement between the Council and DCS to sub grant to this non-profit organization the grant funds, which will be used to provide assistance to individuals and families who are homeless or in jeopardy of homelessness.

RESOLUTION-COUNTY ACCEPTANCE OF TAX SALE PROPERTY BIDS

The Council adopted a resolution accepting the following bids for properties acquired by the County via tax sale: 1) \$1,000 from Tideland Enterprises LTD/Thomas Harvey for #01-002821, .07 acres N of Indiantown Rd, W/S Marshyhope Creek; 2) \$520 from Jonathan G. Newell for #03-039269, .50 acres S/S Kraft Rd/4809 Kraft Rd; 3) \$20,000 from John D. Kellum for #05-072352, Imps 2.38 acres, S/S Andrews Road/2251 Andrews Rd; and 4) \$250 from Habitat for Humanity Choptank for #07-137524, Lot 17, 2,500 sq. ft., N/S Edgewood Ave.-Add., Cambridge. Mr. Newcomb noted that the Council is in negotiations with several other individuals who submitted bids for other properties.

REQUEST FOR FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT-HURLOCK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

The Council recognized that Ward Higgins, II, on behalf of the Hurlock Volunteer Fire Company, has submitted correspondence to obtain clarification on whether the County has funds to purchase a new ladder truck for the company and if not, for correspondence noting that no funds are available so fire company members may apply for a low interest loan through the State of Maryland. The Council agreed to send correspondence to the fire company that the County is unable to provide funding; however, Council does support its application to the State for funding to purchase this equipment.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR INSTALLATION OF FIBER OPTIC PHONE SERVICE-T-MOBILE CORP-PUBLIC WORKS

Based on the recommendation of Tom Moore, Public Works Director, the Council approved the request of T-Mobile representatives to install fiber optic phone service, including a new vault, to its system through Comcast, which is located on the County's antenna on the grounds of the Health Department.

In response to a question posed by Councilman Travers, Mr. Moore and Mr. Goldman explained that the County is leasing the space on the small tower to T-Mobile and there will be no change in that lease after installation of this service. Mr. Goldman said it is

his understanding that in the future T-Mobile representatives will submit a request to install 4G equipment and at that time the tower will have to be remediated.

REQUEST TO INSTALL STREAM GAGING STATION-U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-PUBLIC WORKS

The Council approved the request of Mr. Moore, on behalf of the U.S. Department of Interior, to install a Stream Gaging Station at Hart Hayward Bridge on Wesley Church Road which will be used to perform a hydrologic study based on concerns about water levels in the nearby marshland owned by the Chesapeake Audubon Society. The Council acknowledged that a non-contact radio sensor will be installed from the guardrail off the west side of the bridge and will not affect the structure of the bridge. The Council also acknowledged that the gage unit will be installed off the shoulder of the road just south of the bridge. Additionally, the Council acknowledged that U.S. Department of Interior staff have been made aware that the sensor should be located as low as possible to ensure that the view from the bridge is not disrupted.

SURPLUS PROPERTY DECLARATION REQUEST-PLANNING AND ZONING

The Council approved the request of Steve Dodd, Planning and Zoning Director, to declare the following property surplus: green sofa, fax machine, two black wire storage shelves, a purple mobile cubicle wall and a black index card file cabinet.

LEASE RENEWAL REQUEST-STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION

The Council agreed to consider the request of Ernest Peterkin, Lease Acquisition Agent, State Department of General Services, to renew the lease between the Council and the State Department of Assessments and Taxation for Room 204 of the County Office Building, which consists of approximately 2,478 net usable square feet of space, for a ten year period. The Council acknowledged that the current lease expires on August 27, 2015 and was for a two year period. The Council agreed to consider this request once a draft lease agreement has been provided by Mr. Peterkin for its review and consideration.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Council made the following appointments:

Board of License Commissioners

District 1	Patti Tieder
District 2	Dwight Cromwell
District 3	Councilman Travers will continue to serve
District 4	Shirley Satterfield
District 5	Councilman Bradshaw will continue to serve

Ethics Commission

District 1 Gene Skinner
District 2 George Ames
District 3 Andrew Pasden
District 4 Cindy Merrick
District 5 David Kreek

Building Code Appeals Board

Reappointed Steve Marshall and Greg Koski

County Representatives

Councilman Bradshaw	Agricultural Advisory Board Heritage Area Board Clean Chesapeake Coalition Executive Board
Councilman Price	Agricultural Advisory Board Board of Education/County Social Services Board Traffic Safety Committee Local Emergency Planning Committee
Councilman Travers	City/County meetings
Councilman Satterfield	City/County meetings
Councilman Satterfield	Mid Shore Regional Council
Councilman Travers	Mid Shore Regional Council

Electrical Examiners

Lou Koski, Jr effective January 6, 2015

REQUEST TO ADVERTISE - ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER-PLANNING AND ZONING

The Council agreed to advertise an Environmental Planner position in the Planning and Zoning Department.

REQUEST TO ADVERTISE-ADMINISTRATIVE ASSOCIATE-STATE'S ATTORNEY

The Council agreed to advertise an Administrative Associate position in the State's Attorney's Office.

AMENDMENT TO COUNTY FY15 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Council amended the County FY15 Holiday Schedule to include Friday, December 26, 2014 (the day after Christmas) and Friday, January 2, 2015 (New Year's).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bruce Coulson, a Dorchester County resident, thanked Mr. Moore and Public Works staff for cleaning the ditch on Bay Shore Road and for paving the road surface. He said it was paved today. Mr. Moore explained that grant funds obtained from the State Highway Administration for pothole and other road repairs were used for this work. He explained that this funding was also used to make repairs to Steele's Neck Road and on Drawbridge Road. Mr. Coulson wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Donald Gray, resident, expressed concern about potholes on Jenkins Creek Road which are located on the left side of entrance off of Sandy Hill Road. He also referenced the Council's prior approval to place reflectors on a certain section of Elliott's Island Road and questioned when they will be installed.

Councilman Bradshaw explained that the reflectors were lost during shipping and have just arrived at the Public Works Department. He further explained that he has to show Mr. Moore where the reflectors need to be placed and will hopefully be able to do so tomorrow.

In response to a question from Councilman Travers, Mr. Moore said he is not sure if the portion of the Jenkins Creek Creek Mr. Gray is referring to is owned by the City of Cambridge or the County. Terry Wheatley, resident, explained that she has received conflicting information on which jurisdiction owns the road. Mr. Moore advised that he will view the area Mr. Gray referenced and obtain further information on which entity owns that portion of the road.

Wendell Foxwell, resident, referenced a newspaper article in which it was noted that the Sheriff's Office was over budget. He questioned what, if any, corrective action Council will take to address this matter and to ensure that it does not happen in future budget years.

In response to a question from Councilman Travers, Mr. Willey expressed his belief that the Sheriff's Office is currently not over budget, noting that there are approximately six remaining in FY15.

Based on an inquiry from Mr. Foxwell, Councilman Travers explained that the payment vouchers that Council approved earlier are for equipment that was purchased in July and August for vehicles. In response to another inquiry from Mr. Foxwell, Councilmen Travers, Satterfield and Nichols individually listed some of the types of equipment that was purchased, including radios, computers, lights and security equipment.

Councilman Bradshaw said it is his understanding that as a result of reductions in Homeland Security and other state and federal funding, the duties of the Sheriff's Office

have increased. He noted that pursuant to federal requirements, certain equipment needs to be purchased by local law enforcement agencies, including, but not limited to, hazmat gear and gas masks. He explained that some of these items are designed specifically for the individual who will be wearing them. Councilman Bradshaw said it is his understanding that Sheriff Phillips used local labor to construct a locker for a vehicle to reduce costs. He commended the Sheriff for patronizing local businesses.

Mr. Foxwell expressed his understanding and concern, pursuant to the newspaper article he referred to earlier in the meeting, that Sheriff Phillips has not responded to certain e-mails. In response to a question from Councilman Travers, Robert Willey, Assistant Finance Director, confirmed that the Sheriff did not answer his e-mails.

Based on a question from Ms. Wheatley, Mr. Newcomb said the cost of the equipment purchase was approximately \$28,000 and it is his belief that it is for four vehicles. Councilman Bradshaw also expressed his belief the equipment is for four vehicles, noting his understanding that the Sheriff is piggybacking on several state contracts, including Maryland, in order to achieve a savings.

In response to an inquiry from Ms. Wheatley Mr. Newcomb said new Chevrolet Tahoes cost approximately \$32,000 each. Mr. Willey said the cost varies depending on whether the vehicle is two wheel or four wheel drive. Councilman Travers expressed his belief that the difference between the cost of a Chevrolet Tahoe and a Dodge Charger is minimal. Mr. Newcomb said it cost approximately an additional \$3,500 to purchase a Chevrolet Tahoe versus a Dodge Charger.

Mr. Gray expressed concern about the amount of property foreclosures that have occurred in the County and throughout State and questioned who pays the real property taxes after the properties are foreclosed upon. Mr. Willey said the individual and/or company who forecloses on a property is responsible for paying the taxes and after two years of non-payment the property goes to tax sale. Mr. Merryweather noted that it has been his experience that banks or mortgage companies usually pay the taxes prior to the property being sold at tax sale.

James Chaney, resident, referenced a request his lawyer submitted for the reimbursement of building excise tax he paid for four properties. He expressed concern that no action has been taken on his request. Mr. Merryweather explained that the Council was waiting for information prior to reviewing his request in executive session, which information he received earlier today. He said once the information has been reviewed he will be in touch with Mr. Chaney's attorney.

Ms. Smith and Mr. Goldman thanked the Council for giving County employees the day after Christmas and the day after New Year's Eve.

COUNCIL'S COMMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Nichols wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Price said residents have asked him to share their concerns with Council about sole sourcing instead of advertising for proposals. He stated that residents also expressed their belief and concern, after a recent public hearing on the proposed vertical expansion of the landfill, that sufficient advance notice is not provided to the public prior to hearings and Council meetings. He explained that one individual noted that several years ago Council meeting agendas were advertised on Fridays in the local newspaper. Councilman Price made a motion for the appropriate County staff to explore options on increasing the amount of time Council agendas are advertised in advance of meetings.

Councilman Travers said certain guidelines must be followed when submitting agenda items. Mr. Newcomb explained that the deadline to submit items is the Thursday before a Council meeting by 4 p.m. He further explained that once agendas are finalized they are distributed to local media outlets which are often unable to advertise due to their deadlines. He said agendas are also uploaded to the County's website. Mr. Newcomb noted that the Council receives the agenda after 4 p.m. on the Friday before the meeting. Mr. Coulson said he receives the Council's regular session agendas via e-mail. In response to a question from Councilman Price, Mr. Newcomb confirmed that individuals can ask to be placed on a list to receive the Council's regular session agendas via e-mail.

Ms. Smith said the Daily Banner deadline for the Friday edition is Wednesday at 4 p.m. She questioned whether the agenda deadline can be changed to Wednesday in order to be able to meet that deadline.

Mr. Newcomb said the Council adopted the agenda deadlines years ago in order to provide Department Heads ample opportunity to submit items and County staff to obtain any additional information Council may need prior to distribution. Councilman Travers said agendas can be amended the day before or the day of the meeting.

Councilman Travers expressed his belief that a majority of comments from residents regarding advance advertising were related to the public hearing that was conducted on the proposed vertical expansion of the landfill which was advertised by the Maryland Department of Environment and not the County.

Mr. Goldman suggested updating agendas on social media outlets which will appear instantaneously.

Mr. Newcomb said some items are added to the regular session agenda based on decisions made in executive whereas others are last minute additions. He explained that at 5:30 p.m. the Council made a decision in executive to add an item to this open agenda. He noted that there have been a very limited amount of additions to the Council's agendas in the past two years. He said the public is welcome to attend Council meetings.

The motion for the appropriate County staff to explore options on increasing the amount of time Council agendas are advertised in advance died due to the lack of a majority.

Councilman Nichols said the Council changed that agenda deadline 19 years ago. He stressed that the Council is cognizant of the need to keep residents updated, noting that the public can attend open meetings. He expressed his understanding that Dorchester

County is the only county except one that reads a summary of actions taken in executive session in open session. Mr. Newcomb explained that several years ago the Council agreed to hold executive session prior to regular session instead of after meetings in order to be able to provide that summary to the public.

Councilman Price shared with Council residents' concerns that the last update of the County's Comprehensive Plan was in 1996 and encouraged Steve Dodd, Planning and Zoning Director, to consider adding the cost to update the plan in his FY16 budget request. Mr. Newcomb expressed his understanding that Mr. Dodd has placed \$70,000 in prior budgets for this update, which Council did not approve. In response to an inquiry from Councilman Price, Ms. Smith explained that funding to cover some of the comprehensive plan update may be available because the the plan involves environmental and flood issues. She said she will work with Mr. Dodd to identify possible funding opportunities.

Councilman Price said Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Bradshaw advised that the Executive Board of the Clean Chesapeake Coalition met last night. He explained that the coalition's focus this year will be on seeking legislation to designate power dredging for oysters as a best management practice. He noted that because a large section of the bottom of waterways have been placed in sanctuaries by the State, watermen have a limited area in which to harvest oysters and are realizing a lower harvest. Councilman Bradshaw expressed his belief that land placed in sanctuaries should be re-opened so that watermen can work the oyster beds in those area which will uncover and clean oysters which have been silted over and create an area for larva to set. Councilman Bradshaw explained that the members of the Clean Chesapeake Coalition are meeting with Governor Elect Larry Hogan this afternoon and will discuss this legislative initiative. Councilman Bradshaw said they will also speak to him regarding the possible amendment of the State's Watershed Implementation Plan based on the science and factorial material the coalition has shared with the public and governmental agencies. He noted that the agricultural community has reach 130% of its 2017 Chesapeake Bay water quality improvement milestone.

Councilman Bradshaw explained that he received an e-mail from a Delmarva Poultry Industry member in which she advised that the federal government's Trillion Dollar Omnibus Bill: 1) requires the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to withdraw a new rue defining how the Clean Water Act pertains to certain agricultural conservation practices; 2) prevents the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from regulating farm ponds and irrigation ditches under the Clean Water Act; and 3) removes the requirement that farmers obtain a permit for emissions for their cattle due to flatulence.

He wished everyone a Merryweather Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Councilman Satterfield said he attended a Delmarva Poultry Industry meeting yesterday and the information he received at that event will be copied and shared with the other Council members. He said he hopes everyone has a safe and happy holiday and that motorists remain mindful of potential weather changes when traveling.

Councilman Travers encouraged the Council members and the public to remember the true meaning of Christmas and to enjoy their time with family and friends during the holiday season.

Based on a motion made by Councilman Satterfield, the Council agreed to re-designate Room 110 in the Council Office Building, which is known as the Council's meeting room, as the M. Jane Baynard County Meeting Room, and to place a plaque at the entrance. The Council agreed to invite her family during the dedication, which will be held in January 2015.

Councilman Bradshaw asked the Council and the public to keep former Delegate Rudolph Cane, who recently suffered a stroke, in their thoughts and prayers.



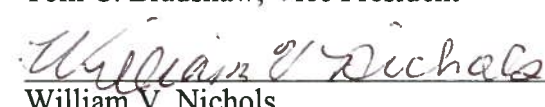
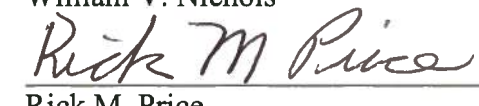
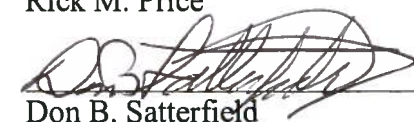
Councilman Travers announced that the next meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2015 and that Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session during that meeting. He also read into the record a public notice announcing that members of the Council will be attending an orientation session hosted by the State Highway Administration for elected State and County officials within the lower Eastern Shore on Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the State Highway District One Headquarters, Salisbury, Maryland. He said members of the Council will also attend the upcoming Maryland Association of Counties Winter Conference which will be advertised.

With no further business to discuss, the Council adjourned.

ATTEST:


Jay L. Newcomb
Acting 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 6th January, 2015.