

**County Council of Dorchester County
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2013**

The County Council of Dorchester County met in regular session on February 19, 2013 with the following members present: Present were William V. Nichols, Vice President; Ricky Travers; Rick Price and Tom Bradshaw. Also present were E. Thomas Merryweather, County Attorney, 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)(4) to consider a preliminary matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State; pursuant to §10-508(A)(3) to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; and pursuant §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 Bradshaw led the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

CALL FOR ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

The Council agreed to add to the agenda a request to advertise a request for proposals for real estate firm services to market the Dorchester Regional Technology Park.

OTHER

Councilman Nichols noted that Councilman Newcomb was unable to attend the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- FEBRUARY 5, 2013

The Council approved the minutes of February 5, 2013.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

The Council approved vouchers as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT: CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Councilman Newcomb reported total cash and investments as \$11,979,413.24.

EXECUTIVE SESSION SUMMARY

The County Council of Dorchester County convened in an Executive Session at 4:30 p.m. on February 19, 2013 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)(4) to consider a preliminary matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State; pursuant to §10-508(A)(3) to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; and pursuant §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 above.

Councilman Nichols announced that the Council convened into an Executive Session following a budget work session on February 12, 2013 for the following items: 1) conducted two personnel hearings; 2) discussed a legal item relating to improvements at the Circuit Court House; 3) considered a request for additional funding for relocation of certain County staff; and 4) discussed a request to hire a temporary employee for the Economic Development Office.

Councilman Nichols further announced that the Council convened into an Executive Session at 4:30 p.m. on February 19, 2013 to discuss the following items: 1) discussed the request of the Warden to downgrade a position at the Detention Center-agreed to defer to budget; 2) discussed a matter relating to a position in Economic Development-agreed to hire an individual to fill an Incubator Manager position; 3) denied the request of the Economic Development Director to hire a temporary employee from an employment agency to fill a vacant Administrative Associate, Advanced position by a 4 to 0 vote; 4) approved the request of the Emergency Services Director to fill two vacant 911 Dispatcher positions at the 911 Communications Center by a 4 to 0 vote; 5) conducted follow-up from two personnel hearings held on February 12, 2013; 6) discussed a matter regarding a request for proposals for services relating to an economic development project-agreed to consider in open session; 7) discussed with legal counsel a matter regarding grant funding requirements; 8) approved a request by staff to engage legal counsel to review proposals submitted for an economic development project by a 4 to 0

vote; and 9) discussed with legal counsel a matter relating to a request for proposals for an economic development project-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.

REGULAR SESSION

COMMENDATION-RETIREMENT-GEORGE MANSFIELD

The Council presented a Commendation congratulating George Mansfield on his retirement and recognizing his 14 years of service to Dorchester County.

PROCLAMATION-NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH MONTH

The Council presented a Proclamation declaring February Children's Oral Health Month. Sara Rich, Vice President of the Community Outreach Program for Choptank Community Health System, accepted the proclamation.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION-FORMAL PRESENTATION OF REDISTRICTING PLAN

Pete Macinta, Redistricting Commission Chair, introduced Mike Detmer, Board Member, and explained that he will present the Redistricting Plan on behalf of Commission members. He noted that pursuant to Council's request, the members re-reviewed the draft plan which was presented to the Council on June 5, 2012 and agreed to make no changes to that document.

Mr. Detmer, on behalf of the Committee members, thanked Steve Dodd, Planning and Zoning Director, and Rodney Banks, Assistant Planning and Zoning Director, for their assistance. He formally presented a County redistricting plan, attached.

The Council agreed to hold a public hearing on the Redistricting Plan on Tuesday, March 19, 2013.

In response to a question from Councilman Price, E. Thomas Merryweather, County Attorney, noted that a copy of the proposed Redistricting plan will be available for the public to review at the public hearing. Mr. Banks said residents can also obtain a copy of the plan at the Planning and Zoning Office. Based on an inquiry from Mr. Merryweather, Mr. Banks clarified that all five districts in the proposed plan are contiguous. Mr. Detmer clarified that land was moved from District 1 to District 5 to accomplish that task.

The Council expressed appreciation to the Commission members for their hard work and dedication in reviewing the current County Redistricting District Map and providing a proposed Redistricting plan.

FY14 ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN-DELMARVA COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Council approved the request of Santo Grande, President/CEO, Delmarva Community Services, to submit a grant application to the Maryland Transit Administration for FY 2014 annual transportation plan funds for operating from the Mass Transit Administration and the Federal Transit Administration from the following programs: 1) the Statewide Specialized Transportation Assistance Program in the amount of \$123,337 (State and Federal) with a \$56,716 local cash match for a total of \$180,053; 2) Section 5311 Operating Assistance funding in the amount of \$447,536 (State and Federal) with a \$134,737 local match for a total of \$582,273; and 4) the Americans with Disabilities Act (State) in the amount of \$57,926 in operating funds with a local match of \$7,321 for a total of \$65,247. The Council acknowledged that the local match for operating funds of \$198,774 is supported, in part, by Dorchester County budget appropriations and that Delmarva Community Services will provide the remaining funds.

The Council also approved the request of Mr. Grande to submit a FY14 Maryland Transit Administration grant application for capital transportation funding from the Mass Transit Administration and the Federal Transit Administration in the amount of \$755,577 (Federal and State) with an \$83,954 local cash match for a total of \$839,531. The Council acknowledged that the request for capital funding is for the expansion of the maintenance shop, preventive maintenance costs, the replacement of two vehicles, for the senior transit facility and the purchase of a heavy duty lift, a heavy duty tire changer and tablets. The Council agreed to consider providing funding for capital projects for Delmarva Community Services during the FY14 budget process.

In response to a question from Councilman Price, Mr. Grande said the proposed FY14 operating budget for Delmarva Community Services is flat funded, however the capital budget is slightly higher due to the inclusion of the expansion of the maintenance shop. Based on an inquiry from Councilman Travers, Mr. Grande explained that the expansion project will be completed in phases.

In response to inquiries from Councilman Price, Mr. Grande said ridership is low during the middle of the day, noting that there is increased ridership in the early morning and late evening hours. He noted that the average per mile trip for each rider is seven miles.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY UPDATE-HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAM

Pat Ingram, Program Manager, Habitat for Humanity Choptank, provided an update on the organization's home ownership program. She explained that in order to qualify to purchase a home through Habitat an individual must make between \$28,500 and \$48,500 annually, have \$1,000 or less in debt and work 300 to 400 hours for Habitat. She said 58 homes have been constructed by Habitat in Dorchester County and Talbot County and are owner occupied with a total annual property tax income of approximately \$53,000.

Ms. Ingram introduced the newest home owner, Michelle Friend, whose home at 439 High Street, Cambridge will be dedicated on Saturday March 9, 2013 at 9 a.m. Ms. Friend invited the Council to take part in the dedication of her new home, noting that she has been a Dorchester County resident for nine years. She expressed her appreciation to the Habitat for Humanity Choptank Board members for assisting her during her search for a new job and during the building process.

In response to a question from Councilman Price, David DeLuca, a Habitat for Humanity Choptank Board Member, explained that they have purchased two properties in Hurlock with the intention of constructing homes on those parcels of land.

Based on a question from Councilman Nichols, Mr. DeLuca said the average mortgage payment for an individual who purchases a home through Habitat for Humanity Choptank is \$525 per month at no interest.

LETTER OF SUPPORT REQUEST-MARYLAND HERITAGE AREA AUTHORITY GRANT APPLICATION-CAMBRIDGE MAIN STREET

The Council approved the request of Mari Stanley, Executive Director, Cambridge Main Street, Inc., for a letter of support for the organization's FY14 grant application to the Maryland Heritage Area Authority for \$12,000 to develop a Cambridge visitor's guide phone application. The Council acknowledged that no County funding commitment is required and that Cambridge Main Street will provide the 50% match.

REQUEST TO HOLD MARATHON "CRAB RUN"/HEART OF CHESAPEAKE BICYCLE RIDE-YMCA

The Council approved the request of Dee MacDonald, CEO, Dorchester YMCA, and agreed to support the organization's fifth annual Crab Run 5k/Half Marathon on Saturday, April 6, 2013. The Council acknowledged that YMCA staff is working with the City of Cambridge Police Department, Sheriff's Office and the County Emergency Services Director to secure appropriate coverage for event. The Council acknowledged that the City of Cambridge Council agreed to support this event in January 2013.

The Council also agreed to support the organization's Heart of Chesapeake Bicycle Ride to be held on Sunday, August 4, 2013. The Council acknowledged that the City Council has also agreed to support this event and that no assistance is being requested from City or County emergency personnel.

MANAGERS COMMENTS

NOISE VARIANCE REQUEST-JUNE 2013 WEDDING-ANN MCGUIRE

The Council approved the written request of Ann McGuire, resident, for a noise ordinance variance for her daughter's wedding to be held on June 1, 2013 at 5378 Cassons Neck Road, Cambridge from 6 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.

REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO RELOCATE-SOIL CONSERVATION

Dale Brown, Soil Conservation Director, recognized that the Council, during its February 12, 2013 budget work session, agreed to provide \$10,000 annually for ten years for office space for three County Soil Conservation employees at an office building located on Cedar Street. Mr. Brown, on behalf of the Dorchester County Soil Conservation District Board accepted the offer. He thanked the Council for its support of the Soil Conservation Office.

Wes Messick, Chairman, Dorchester Council Soil Conservation District Board, explained that after the United States Services Administration staff announced that the National Resource Conservation Service and the Farm Service Agency were going to relocate, the members made the decision to also move based on the close working relationship with the Federal agencies. He explained that the cost per square feet to rent the new space is \$24.76 and that the following entities will also provide funding for the Soil Conservation District Office: Farm Service Agency, National Resources Conservation Service, the Soil Conservation District and the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Brown said it is their intention to move into the new facility by July 1, 2013.

BID AWARD-PROPERTY MAINTENANCE-PLANNING AND ZONING

The Council approved the request of Gene Harper, Zoning Inspector, to award to J&L Services, Inc., the lowest bidder, a contract for contractual services to conduct property clean-up under the County's Property Maintenance Code at the cost of \$848.60 for an eight hour clean up which includes the following rates: heavy equipment operator at \$45 per hour (\$360); manual laborer at \$17.95 per hour (\$143.60); roll off dumpster (\$235) and vehicle tow (\$110).

BOARD APPOINTMENT-BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS

Based on the recommendation of Steve Dodd, Planning and Zoning Director, the Council agreed to appoint Greg Koski to the Board of Building Appeals to replace Tracey Wright, a Middle Department Inspection Agency employee, the County's contractor for building code enforcement, to avoid a potential conflict of interest.

CHESAPEAKE BAY GATETWAYS NETWORK GRANT APPLICATION-VIENNA WATER ACCESS SITE-TOURISM

The Council approved the request of Amanda Fenstermaker, Tourism Director, to submit an initial Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network Grant application for \$50,000 with a local match of \$50,000 for a total cost of \$100,000 for the implementation of a water access site in Vienna, Maryland for kayak and small paddle craft adjacent to the Captain John Smith Center. The Council acknowledged that Ms. Fenstermaker intends to seek funding through the Maryland Heritage Area Authority in the FY14 grant round to cover the 50%

local match. The Council recognized that the State of Maryland has purchased the property on which the Old Nanticoke Inn is located which will be deeded to the Town of Vienna to be utilized as the Captain John Smith Center.

REQUEST TO OBTAIN APPRAISAL/INSURE AND INSTALL OIL PAINTING-TOURISM

The Council approved the request of Ms. Fenstermaker for authorization to install an original painting of the Choptank River Lighthouse titled "Jewel of the Choptank" in the Visitors Center which is valued at \$100,000 and to obtain an independent out of County appraisal in order to obtain coverage through Local Government Insurance Trust, the County's insurer. The Council recognized that the proposed annual cost to insure the painting is \$80 subject to an independent appraisal. The Council acknowledged that the cost for the appraisal and annual insurance fee will be provided from the Tourism Department budget.

REQUEST TO RELINQUISH CLAIMS-MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION-BESTPITCH FERRY BOAT RAMP FACILITIES-PUBLIC WORKS

The Council approved the request of Tom Moore, Public Works Director, to accept the State of Maryland's determination that the land that has been occupied by the Bestpitch Ferry Boat Ramp facility is privately owned and not owned by the State of Maryland and to relinquish any claims to the County maintenance and operation of that facility. The Council acknowledged that County signage will be removed from the ramp and an "End County Maintenance" sign will be installed at the entrance of the parking area. The Council further acknowledged that County staff will discuss with Department of Natural Resource representatives other ways to use the \$99,000 in State funds already committed to Bestpitch for another County facility.

In response to a question from Councilman Bradshaw, Mr. Moore said the interpretive tourism signage currently located at this facility will be moved to the boat ramp owned by the Department of Natural Resources that is located on the west side of the river.

REQUEST TO AMEND CONTRACT-GEOSYNTEC CONSULTANTS-NEW BEULAH SEDIMENT & EROSION CONTROL PLAN-LANDFILL/PW

The Council approved the request of Mr. Moore to amend the Master Professional Services Agreement contract between the Council and Geosyntec Consultants to include work for the required update of the New Beulah Sediment and Erosion Control Plan in the amount of \$5,445 which will be funded under the contractual line item of the FY13 Solid Waste Operating Budget. The Council acknowledged that the Maryland Department of Environment Sediment and Erosion Control Permit for New Beulah is due for renewal at the end of March.

**REQUEST TO DECLARE SURPLUS AND POST ON ELECTRONIC AUCTION
SITES-JOHN DEERE ROAD GRADER-HIGHWAY/PUBLIC WORKS**

The Council approved the request of Mr. Moore to declare a John Deere Road Grader, which is inoperable and for which repairs are in excess of the value of the equipment, as surplus property. The Council also approved his request to post the sale of the grader on electronic auction sites. The Council acknowledged that newer equipment is available which can be used in lieu of the Grader.

**MARYLAND AVIATION ADMINISTRATION-AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN
UPDATE-ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW-AIRPORT/PUBLIC WORKS**

The Council approved the request of Mr. Moore to accept a Maryland Aviation Administration Grant Award of \$4,278 for the update of the Airport Layout Plan which represents 5% of the total project cost of \$85,570 with 90% being provided through a Federal Aviation Administration Grant and 5% being provided by the County as a local share.

BID AWARD-CONTRACT FOR TOWING SERVICES-PUBLIC WORKS

The Council approved the request of Mr. Moore to award the bid for towing services on an "as needed" basis to the lowest bidder, Jess Jrs. and Son, LLC for a three year period with an anticipated total bid amount of \$9,820 over the contract duration. The Council directed that Mr. Moore notify Department Heads of the availability of these services.

**REQUEST TO RESCIND REQUEST TO TRANSFER FY13 RENTAL ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM-LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD**

The Council approved the request of Nancy Shockley, Local Management Board Director, to rescind Council's January 22, 2013 decision to transfer the Rental Assistance Program to Delmarva Community Services in order to maintain oversight and in light of the fact that COMAR regulations do not allow the transfer of this program to a non-profit organization.

**REQUEST TO SOLE SOURCE AND EXPEND PROGRAM OPEN SPACE FUNDS-
DORCHESTER COUNTY POOL SLIDE-RECREATION & PARKS**

The Council approved the request of Scott Eberspacher, Recreation and Parks Director, to sole source and expend Program Open Space funds to purchase a tube slide from Miracle Recreation for \$8,990, which project was approved by the Council as part of the current FY13 Capital Budget and was recently approved by the Maryland Board of Public Works.

**SENATE BILL 830 TRANSPORTATION FINANCING ACT/SENATE BILL 799
ENERGY-LANDFILL DIVISION-MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE PORTFOLIO
STANDARD**

Based on a motion made by Councilman Price, the Council agreed to send a letter in opposition to the Senate Bill 830 entitled "Transportation Financing Act" which: 1) authorizes the governing body of a county to impose an additional tax on specified motor fuel up to 5 cents for each gallon sold in County; 2) allows the State to impose an additional tax if a County imposes a motor fuel tax rate less than 5 cents a tax; and 3) establishes a sales and use tax to be applied to the motor fuel tax. The Council members expressed their belief that the passage of this legislation will negatively impact residents and the local economy, citing concerns about rising fuel and other costs.

Councilman Travers expressed concern that pursuant to the proposed legislation State representatives can impose an additional tax if a county sets a rate less than 5 cents per gallon and utilize the revenue generated from the increase for any purpose.

Councilman Nichols noted that the draft legislation places the burden on County governments to raise motor fuel taxes to garner funds for road repairs and maintenance while the State continues to utilize highway user revenues that were historically distributed to local jurisdictions.

The Council agreed to send a letter in opposition to Senate Bill 799 entitled "Landfill Division-Municipal Solid Waste Portfolio Standards" which will increase recycling percentages for local jurisdictions starting in 2015 and imposes monetary penalties. The Council recognized that the recycling percentage last year was 19.8% and that Mr. Moore has contacted local business owners and reminded them that they must submit recycling information to County staff.

SCHEDULING OF ADDITIONAL BUDGET WORKSESSION

The Council agreed to schedule an additional budget work session on February 28, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

REQUEST TO ADVERTISE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS-REAL ESTATE SERVICES-MARKETING-DORCHESER REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY PARK

The Council approved the request of Keasha Haythe, Economic Development Director, to proceed with the publication of the advertisement staff prepared to seek proposals for the services of a real estate firm to partner with the County to market the Dorchester Regional Technology Park.

COUNCIL'S CORRESPONDENCE/TELEPHONE POLL CONFIRMATIONS

Council's Correspondence

Councilman Nichols noted that the Council agreed to send the following letters of opposition: 1) to Senate Bill 151 "Hospitals-Outpatient Services-Off Site Facility-Rate Regulation" to permit deregulation of facility rates for digestive disease services if Shore

Health Systems notifies the Health Services Cost Review Commission of the transfer of a majority share in the Shore Health Digestive Health Center by June 1, 2013 due to concerns that those services will be removed from Dorchester General Hospital by a 5 to 0 vote; 2) to Senate Bill 281 entitled "Firearm Safety Act of 2013" to implement various gun control measures by a 5 to 0 vote, based on Council's belief that alternative methods to ensure public safety while maintaining the integrity and protection of the United States Constitution for all law abiding Americans should be considered.; 3) to Senate Bill 576 entitled "Community Cleanup and Greening Act of 2013" which will require a store to charge and collect a certain fee for each disposable carryout bag based on concerns regarding the financial impact this legislation will have on local businesses and consumers by a 5 to 0 vote.

Telephone Poll Confirmations

He stated that in the interim between meetings Council, by means of a poll, approved, by a 5 to 0 vote, the following requests of the Public Works Director: 1) to execute a change order to the contract with John W. Tieder, Inc. for the emergency generator replacement project for the factory installation of an emergency power circuit breaker and an additional circuit breaker at the cost of \$3,016.14. Council acknowledged that the additional cost will be covered through a Homeland Security grant; and 2) to execute Change Order No. 3 to the contract with American Infrastructure in the amount of \$24,417.50 to backfill the shoulders on Wildlife Drive for stabilization, for which Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge will be responsible for the costs for this work. He said Council also approved, by a 5 to 0 vote, the request of Valerie Brown to use Spring Valley including the staging area and electrical outlets on Saturday, February 16, 2013 during the hours of 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for a community Zip Code Day event.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Les Simering, a Dorchester County resident, noted that a public hearing was held in the House Ways and Means Committee on House Bill 69 "Dorchester County-Restriction on Sunday Gaming-Repeal" last week which will allow volunteer fire companies and other qualified organizations to hold gaming events or carnivals on Sundays. He said he may ask Council to consider submitting a bill during the 2014 legislative session to streamline the process for volunteer fire companies and other qualified organizations to obtain authorization to hold "Texas Hold-Em" events.

Mr. Simering advised that a dinner is being held by the Republican Central Committee members on March 2, 2013 at which several individuals will speak regarding certain legislative items, including Carroll County Commissioner Richard Rothschild who will address the Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012 which was passed during the 2012 legislative session as well as PlanMaryland.

Based on concerns expressed by Jerome Harris, a Dorchester County resident, Mr. Moore said he will have staff view the ditches along Old Route 50 which run by Mr. Harris'

home to determine if cleaning those ditches can be done in conjunction with a project that is being performed near that location in order to maximize resources.

The Council approved the request of Jerilyn Gibbs, President, Baywater Animal Rescue, to execute a letter of support for the organization's grant application to the Citizens' Institute for Rural Design for \$35,000 to obtain national expertise and technical support for the planning, execution and follow-up of a workshop for the organization's animal shelter and community destination project with no County commitment.

COUNCIL'S COMMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Bradshaw advised Council that he and Charles MacLeod, Special Legal Counsel, spoke with the Wicomico County Council members earlier in the day regarding the mission of the Clean Chesapeake Coalition.

Councilman Bradshaw noted that the Cecil County Commissioners are holding a public meeting tonight with the Governor Martin O' Malley's Bay Cabinet which consists of the Secretaries of Environment, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Planning. Based on his motion, the Council agreed to accept Governor Martin O'Malley's January 2013 written invitation to meet with the Bay Cabinet, to discuss the most effective and least expensive pollution control measures to improve the water quality and health of the Chesapeake Bay.

Councilman Bradshaw noted that a hearing will be held by the Wicomico County Commissioners at the Wicomico Civic Center regarding the possible development of a map of the county into different "tiers" which are to be defined by water and sewer planned sewer service, land use, comprehensive plan designation and zoning as required by the Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012. He said he will be attending that meeting.

Councilman Price noted that during today's Social Services Board meeting information was provided regarding the State of Maryland Energy Assistance Program which runs from July 1st through June 30th. He said since the program commenced this year 2,451 households county-wide are receiving this type of assistance which is consistent with previous years.

Councilman Price suggested that a discussion regarding the possibility of offering citizens an opportunity to participate in a survey to obtain information from them to assist in preparing the current and future budgets be placed on the February 28th budget work session agenda.

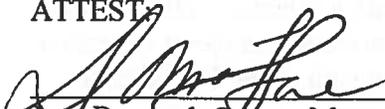
Councilman Travers said he spoke to Senator Richard Colburn about the Council members' unsuccessful efforts to schedule a meeting with Shore Health representatives regarding the continuation of health services at Dorchester General Hospital once a new regional medical center is constructed in Talbot County. He said Senator Colburn noted that is a possibility that either a roundtable session or meeting will be held regarding

Shore Health Systems' pursuit of a Certificate of Need to construct a new regional medical center in Talbot County, Maryland. He explained that Senator Colburn asked for a list of the Council members' concerns which led to their decision to seek interested party status through the Maryland Health Commission to garner rights to participate in proceedings regarding the University of Maryland Medical System's application for a Certificate of Need to construct a new regional medical facility. The Council members compiled the following list of concerns: 1) that current services being offered at Dorchester General Hospital continue to be offered at that facility; 2) DGH will be reduced to an emergency room facility only; 3) urology and orthopedic services are no longer available at Dorchester General Hospital; and 4) plans are being made to transfer digestive disease services, including colonoscopy procedures from DGH to another medical facility.

Councilman Nichols noted that the next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2013.

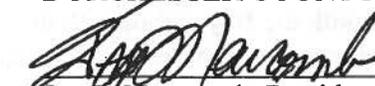
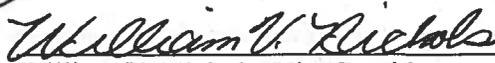
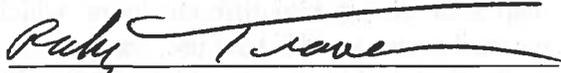
With no further business to discuss, the Council adjourned.

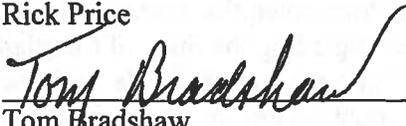
ATTEST:


Jane Baynard, County Manager

Donna Flane
Executive Administrative Specialist

DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL:


Jay L. Newcomb, President

William V. Nichols, Vice President

Ricky Travers

Rick Price

Tom Bradshaw

Approved the 5th day of March, 2013.