

March 24, 2026

A meeting of the County Commissioners of Kent County was called to order at 10:00 a.m., with Ronald H. Fithian presiding, Albert H. Nickerson, and John F. Price. Commissioner Fithian asked everyone to observe a moment of silence in remembrance of Charles “Chuck” August Langenfelder, Jr., for his service to the Kent County Board of Electrical Examiners and the community.

Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator, and G. Robert Mowell, County Attorney, were also present.

CONSENT ITEMS

On a motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously approved 13 consent items as presented.

1. Regular Session Minutes, March 17, 2026
2. Liquor Minutes, March 17, 2026
3. Closed Session Minutes, March 17, 2026
4. Joanne McNamara, Director, Grants and Contracts – Award Acceptance for the Maryland Energy Administration, FY2026 Residential Energy Equity Program, Grant Number 2026-09-331S1, Award Amount: \$151,800.00
5. Scott Boone, Director, Information Technology – Approval to Purchase from SHI International Inc., Pricing Proposal Quotation No. 27225235 for \$30,534.26 for SIEM Solution Subscription, Licenses, and Maintenance and Support
6. Jill Coleman, Director, Parks and Recreation - Reallocation of identified departmental funds to fully fund the purchase of a podium is \$240.00, and pool equipment is \$3,595.00
7. Carla Gerber, Director, Planning, Housing, and Zoning – Approval to transfer departmental funds for \$8,000.00
8. Dan Mattson, Director of Public Works, Roads Division - Request to Reallocate Departmental Funds for \$4,313.00 for an equipment purchase
9. Mr. Mattson, Roads Division – Approval to piggyback with American Paving Fabrics, Inc., for \$359,133.75 for surface treatment, and the reallocation of departmental funds for \$26,374.00
10. Carrie Klein, Deputy Director, Public Works, Request for Relocation of Funds for \$9,470.40 for fuel at the Kent County Detention Center
11. Certificate of Recognition, Kent Soil and Water Conservation District - 2025 Cooperator of the Year Award to Lester C. Jones & Sons, Inc.
12. Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company, Raffle Only, March 24, 2026
13. Eastern Shore Rabbit Rescue and Education Center, Raffle Only, April 4, 2026

PUBLIC HEARINGS – CODE HOME RULE BILL NO. 1-2026 BOATS AND BOATING AND CODE HOME RULE BILL NO. 2-2026 ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT

Two public hearings were conducted. Information about the above-noted legislation and minutes is available on the County’s website. at <https://www.kentcounty.com/government>.

APPOINTMENTS

Kent County State's Attorney: This item was presented later in the meeting due to an unforeseen commitment that arose at the State's Attorney's Office. Joanne McNamara, on behalf of Bryan DiGregory, the State's Attorney, discussed a grant opportunity to reinstate the Kent's Tackling Recidivism with Alternatives, Connections, and Knowledge (TRACK) Program, a recidivism reduction initiative initially established in 2023 but lost due to funding issues. The program was successfully reinstated in FY2026, and the State's Attorney's Office now seeks additional grant funding for FY2027, totaling \$242,655.00. The TRACK Program has enrolled several individuals in Kent County, achieving positive results. None of the participants has been rearrested since its resumption. Discussion took place. On a motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously approved submitting the grant application to continue funding the TRACK recidivism reduction program in FY2027.

Animal Care Shelter for Kent County: Michael Wessel, Executive Director; Eric Reynolds, Director of Animal Services, and Richard Keaveney, Director of Advancement and Strategic Planning, shared an organizational update. Highlights of three years in the new facility, 2025 annual report data, and what the plan is for "long-term sustainability" so that animal control, sheltering, and care services can continue to be provided by a not-for-profit model as opposed to some of the neighboring counties. Each representative provided comments and shared plans. Discussion took place. Further communications are planned to work in partnership on contractual discussions.

MICHAEL SUTTON, DIRECTOR, HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. Sutton explained the need for funding to replace an outdated, non-operational fingerprint system used for pre-employment and alcoholic beverage license background checks. Quotes were obtained from IDEMIA for \$10,013.00 and HID for \$12,043.69; other vendors were either unavailable or unable to meet Maryland's requirements. The Human Resources (HR) department recommended purchasing the IDEMIA LiveScan System. Discussion took place. On a motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously approved the request to allow Human Resources to purchase the fingerprinting machine needed for new hires and to authorize \$10,013.00 in contingency funds to make the purchase.

DAN MATTSON, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Fleet Management: Mr. Mattson reviewed recent discussions with Sheriff Dennis Hickman and Lieutenant Scott Duhamell of the Kent County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) regarding vehicle replacement needs scheduled for Fiscal Year 2027. Sheriff Hickman joined the discussion. KCSO recently contacted a local dealership regarding the availability of patrol vehicles that meet their operational specifications. The dealership has indicated that vehicles are available that meet the KCSO's required specifications. Due to ongoing difficulties in locating law-enforcement-ready vehicles, this represents a limited opportunity to secure suitable replacements. Although the vehicles are currently available, they would still need to be sent to an outfitter for installation of the required law enforcement equipment. Based on the anticipated timeline for outfitting, the vehicles would not be ready for delivery until after July 1, 2026, the start of FY2027. The County partners

with Enterprise Fleet Management through a vehicle lease program. Staff has consulted with its Enterprise representative, who agrees that if the County does not secure these vehicles now, it may be difficult to obtain comparable vehicles later in the fiscal year due to supply constraints. The financial impact was not submitted in advance of the meeting; however, approximate costs were discussed, and actual expenses will be reflected in the fiscal year when the vehicles arrive. Discussion took place. On a motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously approved authorizing staff to proceed with the pre-procurement of five (5) Sheriff's Office patrol vehicles that have been located in Berlin for the FY2027 budget, and to authorize the County Administrator to sign any paperwork that needs to be signed.

Kent County Citizens' Academy: Sheriff Hickman received a surprise Certificate of Recognition for his dedication and hard work in completing the Kent County Citizens' Academy. The spring cohort concluded on March 17, 2026, wrapping up a short-term educational program designed to deepen residents' understanding of local government and inspire stronger civic engagement. Serving both as a presenter and a participant, Sheriff Hickman contributed his law enforcement expertise while fully engaging in the academy experience.

Grounds / Parks and Recreation: Mr. Mattson, joined by Jill Coleman, Director, Parks and Recreation, explained the FY2027 Program Open Space (POS) projects. In Spring 2025, the County submitted POS grant applications for Worton Park improvements, and the Maryland Board of Public Works approved funding on October 1, 2025. POS/Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will cover about 90% of costs, with the County providing the 10% match. Funding supports ongoing restroom and concession stand upgrades, as well as early-moving work on the new dog park, prompting a FY2026 match request. The concession/restroom project totals \$10,717.50 with a \$1,071.75 County match, and the dog park/dugout project totals \$97,689.00 with a \$9,769.00 County match. For this reason, approval of the County's required match is being requested in FY2026 rather than the start of FY2027 on July 1. Discussion took place. On a motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously approved allocating contingency funds in the amount of \$10,840.75 for the Worton Park Program Open Space projects.

Grounds/Maintenance: Mr. Mattson and Ms. Coleman explained that the maintenance team identified a failure in the radiator for the Kohler generator serving the Community Center. The radiator has been temporarily patched and is currently holding, but there is no reliable estimate of how long the repair will last. The generator is critical to the facility's ability to operate during emergencies. The Community Center functions as both an emergency shelter and a cooling center, making dependable backup power essential and delaying replacement until the next fiscal cycle could create unnecessary risk. A replacement radiator has been quoted. Labor for installation will be performed by County staff, so the requested funding is solely for the equipment. The department does not have funds to cover this expense. Discussion took place. On a motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously approved to utilize contingency funds in the amount of \$3,798.16 to purchase the new generator needed for Parks and Recreation.

Water and Wastewater Division: Mr. Mattson reported that the department previously submitted an amendment to the County Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan for the 301 Corridor

to align service areas in Millington with the new Unified Development Ordinance and zoning maps. Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) provided comments that staff is addressing with the Department of Planning and Zoning and the Town of Millington, including adjustments to Priority Planning Area mapping. To expedite service approval for the proposed Everton Warehouse project, and at MDE's suggestion, the department is proposing a separate amendment for that site. The property at Map 31, Parcel 6, is already within the Mixed-Use Development Zoning District and the Priority Funding Area and can be served by existing water and sewer capacity. This approach allows the amendment to move forward while broader MDE comments are addressed. The department recommends approval to schedule the hearing in anticipation of MDE approval. Discussion took place. On a motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously approved the advertisement of a public hearing for comments on the amendment of the Kent County Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan to extend public water and sewer service to Map 31 Parcel 6 for the Everton Warehouse Project.

Water and Wastewater Division: Mr. Mattson discussed a project. The Tolchester Heights Pump Station, built in 1995, has deteriorated due to corrosion and now requires expedited replacement. Although \$525,000.00 was budgeted in FY2026 for a Gorman-Rupp station, the recent pump failure requires immediate action. To avoid delays in design work and MDE permitting, the department recommends installing a replacement Smith and Loveless station that has performed reliably. Freemire and Associates, the sole regional representative, submitted a proposal of \$202,846.00 for demolition and installation in accordance with proposal number 2026-2574-JJW. The remaining funds will be used to line the wet well and to plan a future chemical feed system to reduce corrosion. With \$525,000.00 already approved, the proposal results in savings of \$322,154.00; the Department recommends approval. Discussion took place. On a motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously approved the proposal as presented.

SHELLEY L. HELLER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Request for Waiver of Penalty/Interest Fees: Ms. Heller reported that a citizen, on behalf of a family member, is requesting a waiver of penalty and/or interest fees for property taxes associated with a property on Philosophers Terrace, Chestertown. It is common practice to deny any request that is not the County's fault. These fees were accumulated because the responsible party did not file the proper change of address form with the State, so the Finance Office could not make the change accordingly. Email correspondences were attached for review, along with backup information from the Finance Office staff. Discussion took place. On a motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously denied the request for the waiver of penalty/interest fees.

Historical Society of Kent County: Ms. Heller, on behalf of Maria Wood, Executive Director of the Historical Society of Kent County, requested a letter of support for a grant they are applying for through the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority. The proposed project will help preserve and improve access to the Historical Society of Kent County's archival collections. The documentation and draft letter of support were provided. On a motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously approved the support letter as submitted.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Hearing Notice: Chestertown–Kent County Enterprise Zone Redesignation Application. A public hearing is scheduled for April 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.; the public notice has been duly advertised.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS

The Commissioners received a copy of the final ARPA Spend Plan report.

CONTINGENCY FUND

The FY2026 Contingency Fund balance as of March 17, 2026, is \$227,800.00. The use of Fund Balance was \$94,826.00.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Price provided remarks regarding his recent tour of the Kent County Public Library’s Chestertown branch, during which he observed the condition of the roof and guttering. He also reported on his visit to Kent County Public Schools and commended the 90.5 WKHS student-run public radio station. Additionally, he noted a recent communication from Annie Richards, Chester Riverkeeper with ShoreRivers, who conveyed her interest in presenting an update to the Commissioners. Commissioners Fithian and Nickerson also offered related comments.

Commissioner Fithian requested the status of efforts to convene a meeting with all interested stakeholders regarding the proposed Millington Senior Village project. Staff is working to finalize a date. Commissioner Fithian shared an ongoing concern about the need to review proposed costs and funding for the new middle school project. Ms. Heller shared that conversations are ongoing with Pat Merritt, Chief Finance Officer, Office of Finance, and the staff of the Board of Education. The Commissioners agree that timely updates are essential and that more details are needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The procedures for public comment were in place. No comments were offered.

CLOSED SESSION

G. Robert Mowell, County Attorney, read a statement regarding the proposed agenda items of a closed session, including the topics and reasons for the session. At 11:29 a.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, and carried unanimously to go into a closed session. The meeting was closed under the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article §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 this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; (3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal

advice, and (8) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation. There were five matters discussed.

Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator; G. Robert Mowell, County Attorney; Sondra M. Blackiston, Clerk/KATE Manager; and Lacey Townsend, Deputy Clerk II, were also in attendance.

MATTER NO. 1: PERSONNEL

At 11:30 a.m., Michael Sutton, Director, and Jennifer White, HR Business Partner, Human Resources, joined the closed session.

Topic to be discussed: Applicants for the position of Chief Financial Officer for Kent County.

Reason for closing: The discussion of the qualifications of specific individuals should be safeguarded.

Mr. Sutton shared that recruitment for the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) position produced a qualified candidate pool. Each identified candidate and their qualifications were discussed, and potential next steps were considered. Mr. Sutton encouraged feedback, and an additional discussion occurred. The Board had no further comments or questions.

At 11:43 a.m., Mr. Sutton and Ms. White departed the closed session. All other persons remained.

MATTER NO. 2: LEGAL ADVICE AND LITIGATION

At 11:44 a.m., Dan Mattson, Director of Public Works, joined the closed session.

Topic to be discussed: Authority to initiate litigation before the Circuit Court for Kent County for violations related to public sewer.

Reason for closing: Legal advice from the County Attorney is privileged and should not be disseminated to the public. The details of potential litigation should be closed to the public because discussing legal strategy and potential claims in public would harm the government's position, revealing weaknesses, negotiating tactics, and sensitive details that could prejudice the case.

Mr. Mowell reminded the Commissioners that on January 13, 2026, he received authorization to send a letter to property owners in the Galena Sewer Collection Service Area who had not yet connected to the Public Sewer System. Since then, all but one property owner had made progress towards connecting. Documentation was provided, along with a recent development. The Commissioners had no further questions at this time.

MATTER NO. 3: ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY AND LEGAL ADVICE

Topic to be discussed: Property transactions related to the Millington Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Reason for closing: Legal advice from the County Attorney is privileged as is meant to shield specific details concerning the acquisition of real property and negotiations related thereto, and information provided by staff regarding the matter should be shielded because it relates to the acquisition of real property.

Mr. Mattson and Mr. Mowell reviewed updates regarding property transactions for the Millington Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). Discussion took place.

At 12:01 p.m., Mr. Mattson departed the closed session. All other persons remained.

MATTER NO. 4: LEGAL ADVICE AND LITIGATION

Topic to be discussed: Discovery responses for pending litigation.

Reason for closing: Legal advice from the County Attorney is privileged and should not be disseminated to the public. The details of potential litigation should be closed to the public because discussing legal strategy and potential claims in public would harm the government's position, revealing weaknesses, negotiating tactics, and sensitive details that could prejudice the case.

Mr. Mowell explained that discovery is proceeding in the lawsuit involving structures constructed without permits that failed to pass percolation tests. The Department of Planning, Housing, and Zoning (PHZ) and Mr. Mowell prepared responses to specific documents. Mr. Mowell offered the Commissioners the opportunity to ask any questions. Discussion took place, and the Board raised no further questions.

MATTER NO. 5: LEGAL ADVICE AND LITIGATION

Topic to be discussed: Authority to initiate litigation before the Circuit Court for Kent County for violations of the Unified Development Ordinance.

Reason for closing: Legal advice from the County Attorney is privileged and should not be disseminated to the public. The details of potential litigation should be closed to the public because discussing legal strategy and potential claims in public would harm the government's position, revealing weaknesses, negotiating tactics, and sensitive details that could prejudice the case.

Mr. Mowell sought permission to file a lawsuit for injunctive relief on a property with continuing ordinance violations. Notice has been given to bring the property into compliance, but no corrective action has been taken. Documentation was provided for review.

At 12:04 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Nickerson; the Commissioners unanimously adjourned the closed session and reconvened in open session.

OPEN SESSION

Upon returning to the open session, Commissioner Price summarized the five closed-session discussions.

Matter No. 1: Personnel - A personnel matter was discussed. On a motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously authorized the HR staff to move forward with a conditional offer of employment for the open CFO position, as discussed. Part of the discussion impacted funding. On a motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously agreed to use contingency funds of \$38,500.00 for a finder's fee to be paid.

Matter No. 2: Legal Advice and Litigation - The discussion provided the Commissioners with sufficient information that this issue had been addressed. No action taken or needed.

Matter No. 3 Acquisition of Real Property and Legal Advice - A discussion concerning land acquisition took place, and staff were instructed to proceed as discussed.

Matter No. 4: Legal Advice and Litigation - A pending legal matter was discussed, and the Commissioners authorized the County Attorney to proceed.

Matter No. 5: Legal Advice and Litigation - A discussion took place regarding a legal matter concerning an ordinance violation, and the Commissioners instructed the County Attorney to proceed as discussed.

At 12:06 p.m., on a motion made by Commissioner Nickerson and seconded by Commissioner Price, the Commissioners unanimously approved adjourning the meeting. The Board is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sondra M. Blackiston
Clerk

Approved:

Ronald H. Fithian, President,
The County Commissioners
of Kent County, Maryland

March 24, 2026

PUBLIC HEARINGS

County Commissioners Ronald H. Fithian, Albert Nickerson, and John F. Price were in attendance, as were Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator, and G. Robert Mowell, County Attorney.

On a motion by Commissioner Price, and seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously agreed to open the public hearings.

G. Robert Mowell, County Attorney, read the protocols for the public hearings and the public hearing notices into the record. The public hearings were duly advertised. The rules for a public hearing were in effect.

CODE HOME RULE BILL NO. 1-2026 BOATS AND BOATING

The first of two public hearings commenced at 10:08 a.m. in the County Commissioners' Hearing Room, R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr., Kent County Government Center, 400 High Street, Chestertown, MD. A public hearing to discuss Code Home Rule Bill No. 1-2026, Boats and Boating, AN ACT concerning Chapter 68 Boats and Boating, Section 68-15 Enforcement, 68-16 Violations and Penalties, 68-18 Additional Remedies, and 68-19 Appeals. For the purpose of designating the appropriate authority to issue municipal ordinance violation civil citations and establishing the procedure by which they are enforced. By repealing Chapter 68 Boats and Boating, Section 68-15 Enforcement, 68-16 Violations and Penalties, 68-18 Additional Remedies, and 68-19 Appeals and reenacting with amendments Chapter 68 Boats and Boating, Section 68-15 Enforcement, 68-16 Violations and Penalties, 68-18 Additional Remedies, and 68-19 Appeals.

Mr. Mowell provided a brief overview of the bill and stated that the public comment period would stay open until the close of business on Friday, March 27, 2026. Discussion took place. Dan Mattson, Director of Public Works, offered support for the proposed legislation and provided additional background information.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / WRITTEN COMMENTS

Citizens were invited to sign the testimony log and comment during the public hearing. No comments were made, either spoken or written, before or during the hearing.

Mr. Mowell proceeded to the next scheduled public hearing.

CODE HOME RULE BILL NO. 2-2026 ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT

The second public hearing commenced at 10:12 a.m. A public hearing to discuss AN ACT amending Chapter 3 Administration of Government, Section 3-2 Terms, compensation,

and Compensation Review Commission. For the purpose of increasing the compensation of the next Board of County Commissioners for Kent County, as a result of a 2025 Resolution enacted by the Compensation Review Commission, suggesting a phased increase in salary over four years, and establishing a commencement date for the terms of the County Commissioners. By repealing Chapter 3 Administration of Government, Section 3-2 Terms, compensation, and Compensation Review Commission, Subsection A Term and Subsection B Compensation, and reenacting Chapter 3 Administration of Government, Section 3-2 Terms, compensation, and Compensation Review Commission, Subsection A Term and Subsection B Compensation, with amendments.

Mr. Mowell provided a brief overview of the bill and stated that the public comment period would stay open until the close of business on Friday, March 27, 2026. Discussion took place.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / WRITTEN COMMENTS

Citizens were invited to sign the testimony log and comment during the public hearing. No comments were made, either spoken or written, before or during the hearing.

On a motion by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously agreed to close the public hearing at 10:14 a.m. and return to regular session. The legislative bills are scheduled to be considered for a vote on Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Sondra M. Blackiston
Clerk/ KATE Manager

Approved:

Ronald H. Fithian, President
The County Commissioners
of Kent County, Maryland

March 24, 2026

The Board of License Commissioners met today with the following present: Ronald H. Fithian, presiding, Albert H. Nickerson, and John F. Price.

Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator, and G. Robert Mowell, County Attorney, were also present.

CONSENT ITEM

On a motion made by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously approved Consent Item #2 - Liquor Minutes, March 17, 2026.

SPECIAL CLASS C LICENSE

Sultana Education Foundation (SEF) submitted an application to sell beer and wine during a First Friday/Community Gathering/Fundraiser event, on April 3, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 200 S. Cross Street, Chestertown. On a motion by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously approved the Special Class C (Per Diem) liquor license application for the Sultana Education Foundation.

SEF submitted an application to sell beer and wine during a Turtle Party community event on April 25, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Harwood Nature Center Building, 301 S. Mill Street, Chestertown. On a motion by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously approved the Special Class C (Per Diem) liquor license application for the Sultana Education Foundation.

The Kent Soil and Water Conservation District (KSWCD) submitted an application to sell beer, wine, and liquor during their annual Cooperator's Dinner and Scholarship Fundraising event on April 10, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at 32545 Galena Sassafras Road, Galena. On a motion by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously approved the Special Class C (Per Diem) liquor license application for Kent Soil & Water Conservation District.

Washington College Ducks Unlimited submitted an application to sell beer only for a Sporting Clays Tournament on April 12, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 13003 Turners Creek Road, Kennedyville. On a motion by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously approved the Special Class C (Per Diem) liquor license application for Washington College Ducks Unlimited.

Community Volunteer Fire Company of Millington has applied for a Beer, Wine, and Liquor Special Class C Multiple Event License to cover twelve (12) events for the 2026 calendar year. On a motion by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously approved the Multiple Event Special Class C (Per Diem) liquor license application for the Community Volunteer Fire Company of Millington.

Each application was provided for review. No comments were received either in support of or in opposition to any of the applications presented for approval.

For Your Information - License Update: On March 24, 2026, Bonnie S. Pearsall, Inspector, Kent Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement, submitted a memorandum regarding Trackside Bar and Grill, LLC. The applicant has met all contingencies applied at its hearing and was cleared for the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license. License No. 4922 was issued on March 5, 2026, for a pro-rated amount of \$333.34. Due to the timing of the license issuance, which expires on April 30, 2026, the license will be processed as a renewal for the upcoming licensing cycle. This transaction will be recorded in the monthly report of retail license activity required by the Comptroller of Maryland, Field Enforcement Division.

At 12:06 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Nickerson, seconded by Commissioner Price, and the Commissioners unanimously approved adjourning the meeting. The Board is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

Sondra M. Blackiston
Clerk/KATE Manager

Approved:

Ronald H. Fithian, President
The County Commissioners
of Kent County, Maryland