

April 14, 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 for the unrest happening around the world and hopes that we all return to the good life we are accustomed to.

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

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

On a motion by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners, by unanimous vote, approved twelve consent items as presented:

1. Regular Session Minutes, April 7, 2026
2. Liquor Minutes, April 7, 2026
3. Public Hearing Minutes, April 7, 2026
4. Closed Session Minutes, April 7, 2026
5. Joanne McNamara, Director, Grants and Contracts – Maryland Community Development Block Grant Program, Certification of Compliance with Violence Against Women Act
6. April Bitter, Project Manager, Information Technology (IT), GSA Multiple Schedule Contract #47QTCA20D00B5 with Verizon Wireless for a one-year term – IT Lines up to 80 lines with a maximum spend of \$47,500.00
7. Ms. Bitter, GSA Multiple Schedule Contract #47QTCA20D00B5 with Verizon Wireless for a one-year term – Department Phones, such as State's Attorney, Narcotics, and Library
8. Dennis Hickman, Sheriff, Kent County Sheriff's Office - Grant Application for Sex Offender and Compliance Enforcement in Maryland (SOCM) FY2027
9. Sheriff Hickman – Grant Application for Kent County Body Armor Program BARM Local Law Enforcement FY2027
10. Amy Lynn Ferris (Upper Shore Aging), Raffle Only, April 15 – May 18, 2026
11. Main Street Rock Hall, Raffle Only, April 15 - May 24, 2026
12. Upper Shore Aging, Inc., Raffle Only, April 28, 2026

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

April 12-18, 2026, is National Public Safety Communications Week: Pete Landon, Director of the Office of Emergency Services (OES), shared that National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week honors the 9-1-1 professionals who serve as the critical link between our community and emergency responders. In Kent County, 9-1-1 Specialists manage emergency calls, coordinate responses, and provide lifesaving guidance, often without public visibility. This proclamation recognizes their essential role, highlights their professionalism, and shows the County's appreciation for the dedicated individuals who protect the community every day.

Commissioner Fithian read the proclamation and presented it to Mr. Landon, Julissa Wright, 9-1-1 Specialist, and Brad Russum, the Chief of Communications.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Maryland Health Care For All Coalition: Catherine Kirk Robbins, President, and Dr. Andrew York, Executive Director of the Prescription Drug Affordability Board (PDAB), shared that the Coalition is making presentations across the state to local governing bodies to brief them on the progress of Maryland's first-in-the-nation PDAB. Its mission is to ensure that all Marylanders have access to quality, affordable health care coverage.

ShoreRivers: Annie Richards, Chester Riverkeeper, and Zack Kelleher, Sassafras Riverkeeper, provided a presentation of the organization and its ongoing work monitoring bacteria levels in the Chester River, Sassafras River, and Bayside creeks throughout Kent County. This program delivers an important public service by regularly testing local waterways and sharing timely, easy-to-understand results so residents can make informed decisions about recreation and water use. The monitoring improves public health, increases transparency, and strengthens the understanding of countywide water quality. ShoreRivers currently provides this work at an estimated annual cost of \$12,000.00, and Ms. Richards and Mr. Kelleher asked the Commissioners whether they would consider supporting this program and the organization's efforts to continue this work. The organization is also pursuing Tier 3 certification through the Maryland Department of the Environment, positioning it to help administer the Healthy Beaches Program as early as 2027. This program protects public health by monitoring water quality at coastal beaches from Memorial Day to Labor Day. It tests for bacteria, issues health advisories, and offers an online map to check for safe swimming conditions. Discussion took place. Commissioner Fithian suggested that the request be discussed during an upcoming budget work session. Commissioners Nickerson and Price also commented on the request. Commissioner Price shared his support for the request.

This request was revisited later in the meeting. Commissioner Price restated his support for ShoreRivers' funding request. Commissioner Price put forth a motion to approve \$12,000.00 in contingency funds for this year to support ShoreRivers' testing of the sites they have outlined. Discussion occurred. The motion failed to receive a second. The request will be included in the budget work session process.

### **MICHAEL SUTTON, DIRECTOR, HUMAN RESOURCES**

Mr. Sutton and Carla Gerber, Director of Planning, Housing, and Zoning (PHZ), discussed the proposed restructuring of the department. Ms. Gerber provided a summary of how the restructuring could benefit the department and improve efficiency. PHZ recommends restructuring its staffing by replacing the vacant Deputy Director position with a Senior Planner and converting one Associate Planner position into a Planning Specialist. These changes follow recent vacancies and a reassessment of the department's workload and operational needs. Under the proposal, the Administrative Specialist II would supervise the Permitting and Planning Specialist positions and

manage front-office operations, improve service delivery, and strengthen internal oversight. With expanded planning support, the Deputy Director role is no longer necessary, and a title and grade change to Development Services Manager, Grade 6, is recommended in the FY2027 budget. The Senior Planner, proposed as an exempt Grade 8 position, would be better positioned to oversee the Associate Planner. Human Resources also recommends reclassifying both the Permit Specialist and Planning Specialist from Grade 4 to Grade 5, as their responsibilities align more closely with Grade 5 roles, while remaining non-exempt positions. Supporting documentation was provided for the Commissioners' review. Discussion took place. On motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously approved the recommended department restructure and the proposed grade changes.

Mr. Sutton discussed a hiring recommendation of an internal candidate to fill the Permits Specialist vacancy for PHZ. On motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously approved a conditional offer of employment to the recommended candidate.

Mr. Sutton discussed a hiring recommendation of an internal candidate to fill the Planning Specialist vacancy in PHZ. On motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously approved a conditional offer of employment to the recommended candidate.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Before Ms. Gerber departed the meeting, Commissioner Fithian asked whether she would stay to answer some questions from a couple of audience members. Pat Byrne and Michael Hanlon, both of Colonel Leonard Road, Rock Hall, raised questions and concerns regarding the current solar panel projects throughout the County. Ms. Gerber answered these questions accordingly. A lengthy discussion took place. Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator, and G. Robert Mowell, County Attorney, described the County's prior efforts to intervene in various solar projects. Commissioner Price put forth a motion to draft letters to the Governor, the Public Service Commission, Speaker of the House, and the Senate President, Senators, and Delegates to amend the legislation that passed mandating certain acreage is not working for the Eastern Shore, to allow local consideration of how these projects are handled, and local input. Shelley Heller, County Administrator, suggested drafting a letter for presentation at a future meeting for approval and signature. The Commissioners were agreeable to the suggestion; therefore, the motion did not receive a second. Once the letter is formally accepted, the Commissioners stated that the letter will be posted on the County's website.

### **DAN MATTSON, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS**

Water and Wastewater Division: Mr. Mattson and Mike Moulds, Water and Wastewater Consultant, explained that at the start of FY2026, the Board approved \$2,971,500.00 for twelve capital projects. Several projects were completed under budget, while others experienced delays due to design, permitting, and equipment lead times. On February 24, 2026, the division received

approval to reallocate FY2026 capital funds to complete remaining projects, expand the scope of select projects, and fund four projects initially planned with remaining FY2025 funds. Mr. Mattson was also authorized to make further reallocations as needed. Since then, Public Works and Water and Wastewater (WWW) have advanced both the original FY2026 projects and the four additional projects, achieving significant savings through cost reductions and design changes. With available funding remaining, Public Works identified two FY2027 projects that can be completed within the FY2026 budget: \$25,000.00 for Worton Water Treatment Plant piping repairs and \$88,140.00 for a compact excavator. The excavator is now recommended for purchase solely by the division to better meet emergency and short-notice operational needs, with shared-use arrangements still under consideration. Mr. Mattson requested approval to fund these two projects, totaling \$113,140.00, and sought continued authorization to reallocate WWW capital funds as needed to meet contractual requirements, with all FY2026 projects expected to be completed within available budgets. Discussion took place. On motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously approved the reallocation of FY2026 funding for Water and Wastewater Capital Projects as requested and authorized the Public Works Director to further reallocate these funds as needed for the designated projects to meet contractual requirements, which also reduces the department's FY2027 budget.

Millington Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP): Mr. Mattson reported that the division is preparing a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) loan request for the construction of the Millington Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility. USDA reviewed the Initial Feasibility Study and issued comments requiring updates. Because KCI Technologies, Inc., completed the original study and is involved in the project design, a proposal is requested from KCI to prepare the revisions. The work is being assigned under the County's new IDIQ Master Agreement with KCI, avoiding the need for separate procurements. Mr. Mattson noted that this task is a necessary continuation of the ongoing design work for the facility. Work Assignment No. 1 in the amount of \$30,000.00 is submitted for approval. Funding for this work is available from the Upper Shore Regional Council economic development grant. Discussion took place. On motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously approve Work Assignment No. 1 to support a request for project funding from USDA.

Millington WWTP Design: Mr. Mattson explained that, as part of the design approval process for the regional WWTP and the conveyance system connecting the existing Millington plant to the new facility, the County must meet environmental protection requirements from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Army Corps of Engineers, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. With KCI's design work now defining the areas of excavation and construction, particularly for the WWTP outfall and the river force main crossing, a Wetland Delineation Study is required. The division requested a proposal from KCI, the design engineer of record, to prepare and submit the delineation report for regulatory review. This work assignment is a necessary extension of the ongoing design project. Discussion took place. On motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously approved Work Assignment No. 2 with KCI Engineering in the amount of \$33,700.00 under an existing IDIQ Master Agreement dated April 2, 2026, with funding from the Upper Shore Regional Council economic development grant.

Mr. Mattson also provided an update on the Village of Kennedyville.

**G. ROBERT MOWELL, COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Resolution 2026-05 to Purchase Property for Use as the Discharge Site for the New County Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility in Millington: Mr. Mowell explained that the County funded a Preliminary Engineering Report prepared by KCI Technologies to identify a plan for replacing the Millington WWTP to reduce flood risk, improve treatment quality, and expand wastewater capacity for economic development. The report recommended construction of a new County Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility with a capacity of 350,000 gallons per day, providing approximately 245,000 gallons per day in new capacity. The project requires the purchase of land for the discharge of treated water, and the County has identified a 29,500-square-foot property known as Lot 34 & Lot 35 Plat 1 S/S River Road, River's Edge, as a suitable discharge site. The owners, Daniel Bahr Jr. and Carol Bahr, have agreed to sell the property to the County for \$78,500.00. The resolution further specifies that the Commissioners agreed to execute a Purchase Agreement for the property and directed the County Administrator or her designees to proceed to settlement. On motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously approve the adoption of Resolution 2026-05 as presented.

Resolution 2026-06 to Purchase Property for Use as the Site for the New County Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility in Millington: Mr. Mowell further explained that the plan for replacing the Millington Wastewater Treatment Plant is to reduce flood risk, improve treatment quality, and expand wastewater capacity to support economic development in the 301 corridor and the Town of Millington. The above-noted report recommended the construction of a new County Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility with a capacity of 350,000 gallons per day, providing approximately 245,000 gallons per day of additional capacity. The project requires the purchase of land for the facility, and the County has identified approximately 6.6 acres of property located on River Road in Millington as a suitable site for subdivision. The owner, Millington Crossing Associates 1, LLC, has agreed to sell the property to the County for \$174,149.00. The resolution further specifies that the Commissioners agreed to execute a Purchase Agreement for the property and directed the County Administrator or her designees to proceed to settlement. On motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously approve the adoption of Resolution 2026-06 as presented.

Resolution 2026-07 Authorizing The Warden to Provide For The Custody, Safekeeping, and Transportation Of Incarcerated Individuals In Kent County: Mr. Mowell described that on March 4, 2025, the Sheriff of Kent County was designated as having responsibility for the custody, safekeeping, and transportation of incarcerated individuals at the Kent County Detention Center. The County Commissioners for Kent County have hired a Warden to oversee these responsibilities, and the proposed resolution transfers that authority back to the Warden. On motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously approved the adoption of Resolution 2026-07, Authorizing the Warden to Provide for the Custody, Safekeeping, and Transportation of Incarcerated Individuals in Kent County.

## **LETTERS OR DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNATURE**

Real Estate Purchase Agreement: This Real Estate Purchase Agreement is made and entered into by and between Kent County, Maryland, a body corporate and politic (the "Buyer" or "County"), and Daniel William Bahr, Jr., and Carol A. Bahr (the "Sellers") in the amount of \$78,500.00. The agreement was submitted for signature.

Agreement For Temporary And Permanent Access, Right-Of-Way, And Preliminary Site Work: This Agreement for Temporary and Permanent Access, Right-of-Way, and Preliminary Site Work ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between Millington Crossing Associates 1, LLC, a New Jersey limited liability company authorized to do business in Maryland ("MCA-1"), Millington Crossing Associates 2, LLC, a Maryland limited liability company ("MCA-2"), Richardson Properties Corp., a Pennsylvania corporation ("RPC"), and Kent County, Maryland, a body corporate and politic of the State of Maryland ("County"). The agreement was submitted for signature.

Ms. McNamara - Opioid Restitution Fund Small Grant Award Contracts: On March 3, 2026, Commissioners approved recommendations for the following small grant awards of \$4,000.00 or less from the Opioid Restitution Fund for allowable activities related to opioid mitigation, prevention, and treatment. Two agreements were submitted for signature for Kent County Health Department (\$4,000.00), Oral Health Initiative at A.F. Whitsitt Center, and Choptank Tolomato Legacy Project (\$3,977.00), A.F. Whitsitt Mural Project.

## **SHELLEY L. HELLER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

Funding Request: Ms. Heller reported that the Commissioners have requested the preparation of an Annual Report for public distribution. Several companies can research content and design a publication that highlights the County's priorities and projects from the past year. Printing estimates are not yet finalized, as the number of required copies is still unknown, though a digital version will also be made available on the County's website. Ms. Heller requested an allocation to cover both content development and printing, with an anticipated release shortly after the close of the fiscal year. Discussion took place. On motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously approved the allocation of \$10,000.00 from contingency funds for the design and publication of a County Annual Report.

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

Renewal of Memorandums of Understanding (MOU's) for E24-0010-25K and E25-0073-25K Security Goods and Services for the Circuit Court for Kent: The Administrative Office of the Courts is exercising Option #2 of MOU E24-0010-25K and Option #1 of MOU E25-0073-25K. Both renewal terms are from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. Both are concerning previously approved security enhancement projects for the Kent County Courthouse.

Maryland Department of the Environment: A Sewage Sludge Utilization Permit Application has been submitted to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to apply

sewage sludge on the Ronald-Clayton Co., LLC Property (KT 9) in Kent County. Please be advised that MDE has initiated the processing of this permit application. The correspondence was provided for review. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commissioners' Office.

Kent County Health Department: A notice was received regarding Tax Map: 36 Parcel: 250 Lot: Fairlee Road/Watertower Road, Well Tag# KE-24-0096. A well permit for the above-mentioned property has been issued. Per COMAR 26.04.04.30, a water supply well may not be put into service until a Certificate of Potability (COP) has been granted by this Health Department. The COP completes the well-permitting process and requires water sampling for issuance of this certificate.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED**

The procedures for public comment were in effect. Melinda Bookwalter, of West Edge Road, Millington, concerning a failing septic system on the property address given. Ms. Bookwalter referenced a document submitted to the office prior to the meeting. Mr. Mattson joined the discussion. Ms. Bookwalter is requesting a sewer allocation. Currently, the County is over the Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs) capacity.

Commissioner Fithian spoke with the developer of the properties with EDU reservations located in Millington, who agreed to transfer one EDU from those properties to Melinda Bookwalter, of West Edge Road, Millington. Mr. Mowell suggested that if the Board is inclined to take a position, they should consider a motion to amend the agenda to include this item, make a motion to make this allocation, and then incorporate that into an agreement with the seller. Further discussion continued. Mr. Mowell offered an update on a purchase agreement. Mr. Mowell and Mr. Mattson will work towards resolving the matter as discussed.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

G. Robert Mowell, County Attorney, read a statement regarding the proposed closed session agenda item, including the topics and reasons for the session. At 11:54 p.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)(7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; and (b)(8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation. One matter was discussed.

Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator; G. Robert Mowell, County Attorney; Dan Mattson, Director, Public Works; Mike Moulds, Water and Wastewater Consultant; and Sondra M. Blackiston, Clerk, were also in attendance.

### **MATTER NO. 1: LEGAL ADVICE AND PENDING OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION**

Topic to be discussed: The potential recapture of unused Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs) from the current Millington Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP).

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. Mattson and Mr. Moulds reported that the recently executed Sewer Allocation Agreement with the Town of Millington recognizes 73,000 gallons per day (GPD) of existing wastewater flow at the Millington WWTP and commits an additional 22,750 GPD for priority projects, bringing total usage to 95,750 GPD, or 91.2% of the plant's 105,000 GPD capacity in the Millington Service Area. Additional documentation was provided during the closed session discussion, and the Commissioners were asked to review it. During the meeting, an extended discussion involving Mr. Mowell and Mr. Mattson took place. Mr. Mowell provided additional legal guidance, while Mr. Mattson offered feedback and confirmed the general direction and intent of the conversation.

At 12:31 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 matter discussed in closed session.

**MATTER NO. 1: LEGAL ADVICE AND PENDING OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION:** A discussion took place with the County Attorney and the Public Works Director, dealing with the consideration of recapturing EDUs, and staff was told to proceed as discussed. Commissioner Price put forth a motion as summarized above, which was seconded by Commissioner Nickerson and carried unanimously.

At 12:32 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 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

### **FY2027 BUDGET WORK SESSION HELD ON APRIL 14, 2026**

A budget work session was held on April 14, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., with the following present: Commissioner Ronald H. Fithian, Commissioner John F. Price, and Commissioner Albert H. Nickerson. Also in attendance were Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator; G. Robert Mowell, County Attorney; Pat Merritt, Chief Finance Officer; Bob Gast, Chief Finance Officer; Jeanne Edwards, Senior Accountant, Office of Finance; Dan Mattson, Director, Public Works; and Joanne McNamara, Director of Grants and Contracts.

Budget requests were presented by Mike Gibson, Maintenance and Facilities Coordinator, and Marisa Pisapia, Town Administrator, Town of Galena; Natale Hagan, Executive Director; Chris Wamsley, Chief Operations Officer; Annie Woodall, Chief Public Officer, Kent County

Public Library; and Paul R. Rickert, Area Extension Director, Upper Cluster for University of Maryland Extension.

Ms. Merritt shared the general fund overview, and the Commissioners reviewed allocations, capital projects, the proposed cost of the new middle school, debt, and Chesapeake College's Queen Anne's Technical building. A short break took place during the budget work session, which concluded at 3:21 p.m.

**SPECIAL WORK SESSION HELD ON APRIL 14, 2026**

A special work session was held on April 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Ronald H. Fithian, John F. Price, and Albert H. Nickerson. Also attending were Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator; G. Robert Mowell, County Attorney; and Town of Chestertown representatives, including Mayor Meghan Efland and Councilmembers Sheila Austrian, Stephen Lozar, Andre DeMattia, and Chad Rooney. The group met to discuss opportunities for enhanced collaboration. The session concluded at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sondra M. Blackiston  
Clerk

Approved:

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

April 14, 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, Bonnie S. Pearsall, Inspector, Kent Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement, 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, April 7, 2026.

### **SPECIAL CLASS C LICENSE**

Maryland Ducks Unlimited has submitted a Special Class C (Per Diem) liquor license application to sell beer only for a Sporting Clay Fund Raiser, Chesapeake Classic on April 24, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 13003 Turners Creek Road, Kennedyville. No comments were received either in support of or in opposition to the application. 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 Maryland Ducks Unlimited.

### **BONNIE S. PEARSALL, INSPECTOR, KENT ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT (KATE)**

2026 Alcoholic Beverage License Renewals: Inspector Pearsall explained that all county-issued Alcoholic Beverage Licenses expire annually at the end of April. A memorandum was provided for review. Sixty renewal applications have been received. Two establishments are currently on hold with the Maryland Comptroller's Office (Deep Blue at Kitty Knight and Kitchen at the Imperial). These establishments are working diligently to correct the issues so they can be removed from the hold list. Five establishments have not submitted renewal applications. Two establishments will not be renewing their licenses (Ford's Seafood and Phat Daddy's Barbecue and Catering). Staff recommends approval of the sixty renewal applications received, each of which meets the renewal processing requirements. On a motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Nickerson, the Commissioners unanimously approved the sixty renewal applications as presented.

At 12:32 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 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS  
OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

Sondra M. Blackiston  
Clerk/KATE Manager

Approved:

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