

August 31, 2021

A meeting of the County Commissioners of Kent County was called to order at 2:01 p.m. with the following present: P. Thomas Mason, President, Ronald H. Fithian, and Robert N. Jacob, Jr. The meeting convened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Mason asked the audience to remain standing for a moment of silence for the family of Don Owens of Betterton, for their loss, also in remembrance of the thirteen United States service members who lost their lives in the line of duty in Kabul, and for the safe removal of Americans and Afghans still in Afghanistan.

Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator, and Thomas N. Yeager, County Attorney, were also in attendance.

CONSENT ITEMS

On motion by Commissioner Fithian and seconded by Commissioner Jacob, the Commissioners unanimously approved the following items:

1. Regular Session Minutes, August 24, 2021
2. Liquor Minutes, August 24, 2021
3. Closed Session Minutes, August 24, 2021

CLOSED SESSION

At 2:03 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Fithian, seconded by Commissioner Jacob, and carried unanimously to go into 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 (8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

LEGAL AND PENDING OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION

Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator; Thomas N. Yeager, County Attorney; Bill Mackey, Director, and Carla Gerber, Deputy Director, Planning, Housing, and Zoning; Sondra M. Blackiston, Clerk/KATE Manager; Sallie Watson, Deputy Clerk II; and Lacey T. Cox, Deputy Clerk I, were in attendance.

Topics to be discussed: To discuss the legal opinion of the County Attorney concerning potential litigation matter.

Reasons for closing: Legal advice from the County Attorney is private to the public, and to shield specific details of potential/ongoing litigation.

Mr. Yeager, Ms. Heller, Mr. Mackey, Ms. Gerber, and the Commissioners engaged in a discussion regarding an ongoing legal matter. Mr. Yeager provided legal advice and a response to the matter.

At 2:55 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Jacob, seconded by Commissioner Fithian, and carried unanimously to adjourn the closed session and reconvene in open session.

OPEN SESSION

Commissioner Fithian summarized the closed session discussion regarding settlement to litigation. Morgnec Road Solar, LLC desires to construct a large solar array project on a property located on Morgnec Road, Chestertown. On motion by Commissioner Fithian and seconded by Commissioner Jacob, the Commissioners unanimously agreed to go on record in continued opposition of the application by Morgnec Road Solar, LLC. As a result of the unanimous vote, the Board plans to use its resources to oppose the application submitted to the Maryland Public Service Commission by Morgnec Road Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to construct a 45.0 MW Solar photovoltaic generating facility, in the action docketed as Case No. 9499.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The procedures for public comment were in effect. No comments were received from citizens.

At 2:59 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Fithian, seconded by Commissioner Jacob, and the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting. The Board is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

WORK SESSION

A work session was held at 3:07 p.m. to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The following attended the work session: Commissioner P. Thomas Mason; Commissioner Ronald H. Fithian; Commissioner Robert N. Jacob, Jr.; Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator; Mike Moulds, Director, Public Works; Rosemary Ramsey Granillo, Director, Kent County Local Management Board; Bill Mackey, Director, Planning, Housing, and Zoning; Jamie Williams, Director, Economic and Tourism Development; and Scott Boone, Director, Information Technology. Ms. Heller offered an overview of ARPA, Kent County's allocated funds, and the County's four (4) main categories eligible for ARPA funding. Departments shared initial funding initiatives. The work session concluded at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sondra M. Blackiston
Clerk/KATE Manager

Approved:

P. Thomas Mason, President
The County Commissioners
of Kent County, Maryland

August 31, 2021

The Board of License Commissioners met today with the following present: P. Thomas Mason, presiding, Ronald H. Fithian, and Robert N. Jacob, Jr.

Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator; and Thomas N. Yeager, County Attorney were also in attendance.

CONSENT ITEM

On motion by Commissioner Fithian and seconded by Commissioner Jacob, the Commissioners unanimously approved Consent Item #3 - Liquor Minutes, August 31, 2021.

There being no further business to claim their attention, the Board adjourned and agreed to meet again on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

Sondra M. Blackiston
Clerk/KATE Manager

Approved:

P. Thomas Mason, President
The County Commissioners
of Kent County, Maryland