

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY**  
Health and Public Services (HAPS) Building  
403 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 111  
Denton, MD 21629

**Minutes**  
**February 14, 2023**

Present: President J. Travis Breeding; Vice President Larry C. Porter, Commissioner N. Franklin Bartz, III.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

Commissioners Meeting Convened, Invocation by Rev. Doug Morley – Greater Impact Church Greensboro

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Katheleen Freeman, Director of Planning & Codes – Departmental Update:** Ms. Freeman presented the Commissioners with a breakdown of the divisions within her department. She discussed the specifics of all three divisions within the department: the Planning Division, the Codes, Division and the Developmental Review Division. Ms. Freeman then discussed the roles of each of her staff members. The Commissioners discussed current practices and enforcement options with Ms. Freeman regarding properties within the County.

**Kaleigh Leager, Executive Assistant to the County Commissioners - 2023 Maryland State Legislative Session Update:** Ms. Leager presented the legislative bills of concern to the Commissioners that will impact the Caroline County in either a negative or positive way. Ms. Leager then asked the Commissioners for their feedback and if they wanted to submit any testimony on these pieces of legislation. The Commissioner directed Ms. Leager to submit written testimony on behalf of the Board.

**Consent Agenda: All three Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the consent agenda.**

- Minutes – January 17, 2023 – Joint Meeting with the Caroline County Board of Education
- [Purchase Order #2023-288](#) – Stryker Sales Corporation – LifePak CR2 Defibrillators – EMS Division - \$82,851.84
- [Purchase Order #2023-310](#) & [Contract – Fesco Emergency Sales – Ambulance Upfit - \\$583,110.00](#)
- [Memorandum of Agreement – First State Inspection Agency – Planning & Codes Contract Renewal](#)

**Action Items: Commissioner Breeding recused himself for this item’s discussion and vote. Commissioner Porter and Bartz unanimously voted to approve the action item.**

- [Purchase Order #2023-296](#) & [Piggyback Contract – Mid-Atlantic Asphalt, Inc. –](#)

Marydel Park Renovations - \$100,380.70

**County Administrators Report – Jeremy Goldman:** Mr. Goldman wished everyone a Happy Valentine’s Day. In addition, he wanted to give aa shoutout to the multi-agency cooperation with yesterday’s bomb-threat at Walmart.

**County Commissioners Open Discussion:** Commissioner Breeding stated he had the idea to potentially reach out to our non-profit partners to have a memorandum of agreement for trash pickup services with our current Department of Public Works paid positions. Commissioner Bartz stated he and Commissioner Breeding were able to tour the Preston EMS station last week. Commissioner Bartz and Commissioner Porter attended the QAHVFC event this past weekend. Commissioner Porter stated that he received an email that LabCorp is no longer going to be providing services outside of their main location in Easton. Commissioner Porter stated that they have canceled their contracts for offsite services. Commissioner Breeding stated that during the campaign process, he spoke with Del. Ghrist about youth sports and athletics. Commissioner Breeding stated he looked at the Lockerman baseball fields and took note of how dilapidated they were. Commissioner Breeding stated that his thoughts were to sell the Lockerman property and relocate a full-size baseball field to another location in the County. Commissioner Breeding suggested the Double Hills Road property. In closing, Commissioner Breeding mentioned that he reached out to the 4H Board about the possible 40 acres behind the 4H Park.

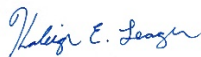
Mr. Goldman mentioned the solar project involving the County and the Board of Education (BOE) to lower the energy costs for the BOE and possibly provide additional revenue for the County. Mr. Goldman closed his remarks by stating he would run the numbers and report back to the Board.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

Commissioner Bartz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Porter seconded. All three Commissioners voted to adjourn the meeting.

**Closed Session: Section (1) General Provisions Art . 3-305(b): “To discuss appointment to a County Board.”**

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.



Kaleigh Leager  
Executive Assistant to the County Commissioners