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## OPEN AGENDA

August 5, 2025

Call to Order

**Open Session**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Closed Session**

**5:01 p.m.**

**Reconvene into Open Session**

**6:00 p.m.**

**1. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Calls for Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

**3. Financial Report: General Fund Cash on Hand: \$**

**4. Closed Session Summary §3-305(b): (1), (13) & (7)**

**5. Consent Agenda**

**6:01 p.m.**

A. County Council Open Session Minutes – July 15, 2025

B. Accounts Payable Disbursement Report – Week Ending August 1, 2025

C. Eastern Shore Innovation Center License Agreement Recommendation– Economic Development

- Recommendation of Economic Development to enter into an Eastern Shore Innovation Center License Agreement to accept new business

D. Substance Use Disorder Telehealth Services Amendment Request – Corrections

- Request of Corrections to amend its Substance Use Disorder Telehealth Services agreement through the University of Maryland to remove a duplicate service of providing medication as this is provided by WPMed, LLC through a grant, which results in a cost savings of \$160,428.00

E. Letter of Support Recommendation – Federal Highway Administration Apportionment Waiver – Maryland Department of Transportation – Public Works

- Recommendation of Public Works, on behalf of a request of the Maryland Department of Transportation, to provide a letter of support for the Maryland State Highway Administration's waiver request to the Federal Highway Administration to reduce the amount of the Surface Transportation Block Grant Off-System Bridge Fund apportionment to 0% for FY25

F. Request to Advertise for Proposals – Fuel Contract – Public Works

- Request of Public Works to advertise a request for proposals entitled, RFP - Gasoline, #2 Fuel Oil, Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel & Propane, to obtain fuel products for the Highway Division and Solid Waste Department, with a bid deadline of August 25, 2025

G. Request to Apply – State Aid Funds – Public Works

- Request of Public Works to apply for State Aid in the amount of \$550,000.00 to resurface approximately 373,054 square feet of Indiantown Road

H. Grant Submission Request– Department of Natural Resources (DNR) – FY27 Waterway Improvement Fund (WIF) – Public Works

- Request of Public Works to apply for FY27 WIF through DNR for the following projects: 1) Tyler's Cove Phase 3 Construction \$250,000.00, 2) Tyler's Cove Dredge Project \$750,000.00, 3) Elliott Island Timber Jetty Replacement \$500,000.00, and 4) Back Creek Marina Construction \$250,000.00

I. Intradepartmental Budget Transfer Request – Planning & Zoning

- Request of Planning & Zoning to complete a FY2026 intradepartmental budget transfer request of \$47,315.00 from its Contractual Services account to Data Processing for annual costs incurred for permitting software through OpenGov

J. Grant Award Request – Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention & Policy (GOCPP) – FY26 Gun Violence Reduction Grant (GVRG) – Sheriff’s Office

- Request of the Sheriff’s Office to accept a \$5,000.00 FY26 GVRG award, through GOCPP, to fund overtime for deputies to perform to perform conduct operations and investigations to influence reduction in gun violence, with no County match requirement, through June 30, 2026

K. Grant Award Requests – Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) – Airport

- Request of the Airport to accept two grant awards, totaling \$808,408, through the FAA, for the CGE Airport Rehabilitate Runway and Taxiway Design project, with grant matches funded by the FY26 Capital Budget line item entitled, Runway Rehab – Paving/Grading/Lighting Design, and a four-year performance period
  - \$627,908.00 FY25 Airport Improvement Program, with a 5% County match requirement of \$33,048.00
  - \$180,500.00 FY25 Airport Infrastructure, with a 5% County match requirement of \$9,500.00

L. Grant Award Request – Maryland Department of Aging – FY26 Senior Citizens Activities Center Operating Fund (SCOF) – Delmarva Community Services (DCS)

- Request of DCS to accept a \$18,256.00 FY26 SCOF pass-through grant award, through the Maryland Department of Aging, to provide support for programs to senior citizens, with no County match requirement, through June 30, 2026

M. Forest Pest Management Program Participation Request – Maryland Department of Agriculture

- Request to participate in the Forest Pest Management Program through the Maryland Department of Agriculture for identification and control of spongy moth populations at the cost of \$1,440.00

N. County Grounds & Dockage Reservation Request – Choptank Heritage Skipjack Committee

- Request to reserve the County Office Building grounds and dockage on September 26 and 27, 2025 for the 28th Annual Choptank Heritage Skipjack Race

**6. Presentation(s)**

**6:05 p.m.**

- A. Homelessness Outlook for Dorchester County – Moving Dorchester Forward
- B. Thendara 4-H Center Updates – Recreation & Parks – Finance
- C. Program Open Space Funding Recommendations – Recreation & Parks
- D. Departmental Update – Planning & Zoning

**7. Annual Transportation Meeting Discussion**

**6:30 p.m.**

- The first of three discussions will be held pertaining to various state roadway concerns throughout the County, leading up to the annual meeting with Maryland Department of Transportation officials on September 16, 2025

**8. FY26 Maryland General Assembly Legislative Session Discussion**

**6:40 p.m.**

- The first of three discussions will be held regarding proposed legislative initiatives for the Maryland General Assembly's 2026 Legislative Session, leading up to the annual meeting with District 37 Delegates and Senator Johnny Mautz on September 16, 2025

**9. Action Items**

**6:50 p.m.**

A. Bid Award Recommendation – Hoopersville Shoreline Protection – Planning & Zoning – Public Works

- Bid award recommendation of Planning & Zoning, Public Works, Finance, Council’s Office and Friends of the Honga River for the Engineered Design of Shoreline Protection Solutions at Middle Hoopers Island proposal request, funded by two grants totaling \$2.2 million through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, with an in-kind County match funded by Finance Department staff hours

B. Letters of Support Request – Agricultural Deer Cooperator Permit Applications

- Request to provide letters of support for all Agricultural Deer Cooperator Permit applications submitted to Wildlife & Heritage Service, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, including the support of increased nighttime shooting hours, for the 2025-2026 season

C. Community Reinvestment & Repair Funding Recommendations

- Consider the County Manager’s recommendations for distributing Community Reinvestment & Repair Funds, based on a sealed Request for Proposals for which submission requirements were publicly advertised on July 19 & 23, 2025

**D. Poll Confirmations**

- Agreed to advertise a request for proposals, with funding from the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund, to select community-based organizations to provide community-based initiatives intended to benefit low-income communities and disproportionately impacted areas in Dorchester County, by a 4 to 0 vote
- Approved a request of the Chamber of Commerce to hold the Dorchester Goes Purple kick-off event at the County Office Building on September 2, 2025 following the County Council meeting at 7:00 p.m., with pre-event activities from 5:30-7:00 p.m., including acoustical music, ice cream and coffee trucks, dunk tank fundraiser and more, by a 4 to 0 vote
- Approved a loan modification agreement for the 627 Race Street County owned property to extend the maturity date to August 1, 2027, with the County incurring the attorney fees for preparation of the forbearance agreement, of \$1,300.00, which includes two additional one-year extension options, with written notice and payment to the lender of a fee equal to 0.25% of the then outstanding principal loan amount, and the final maturity date of June 30, 2029, by a 4 to 0 vote

**10. County Manager Comments**

**7:00 p.m.**

**11. Council Comments**

**7:05 p.m.**

**12. Public Comments**

**7:10 p.m.**

**13. Adjournment**

**7:15 p.m.**