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## OPEN AGENDA September 16, 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) & (3)**
  5. **Consent Agenda** 6:01 p.m.
    - A. County Council Open Session Minutes – September 3, 2025
    - B. Accounts Payable Disbursement Report – Week Ending September 12, 2025
    - C. Letter of Request – Payment in Lieu of Taxes Review & Adjustment (PILOT) – Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge – Planning & Zoning
      - Request of Planning & Zoning to submit a letter to U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service requesting for review and reconsideration of the PILOT and/or Refuge Revenue Sharing payments currently provided for federally owned lands within Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge
    - D. Community of Hope Dorchester Partnership Agreement Request– Moving Dorchester Forward
      - Request of Moving Dorchester Forward to enter into a Community of Hope Dorchester Partnership Agreement to collaborate with community members and leaders through the ENOUGH program to improve outcomes for children, youth, and families to eliminate childhood poverty and advance economic opportunity within the County
    - E. Maryland Heritage Area Authority (MHAA) Grant Confirmation and Award Requests – Tourism
      - Request of Tourism to confirm and accept the following grant awards through MHAA
        - \$100,000 FY26 Management Grant with a 100% match funded by the FY26 Operating Budget
        - \$25,000 FY26 Block Grant, with a 100% match funded by the FY26 Operating Budget
        - \$50,000 FY26 Marketing Grant, with a 100% match funded by the FY26 Operating Budget
  6. **Proclamation(s)** 6:03 p.m.
    - A. Suicide Prevention – Month of September – For All Seasons
  7. **Presentation(s)** 6:04 p.m.
    - A. Summer Reading Program – Dorchester County Public Library
  8. **Public Hearing – Bobtown Road Farm Lease** 6:06 p.m.
  9. **Annual Transportation Meeting with Maryland Department of Transportation Officials** 6:25 p.m.
    - Annual meeting with Maryland Department of Transportation officials to discussion various state roadway concerns throughout the County
  10. **Maryland General Assembly 2026 Legislative Session Meeting with Legislators** 6:55 p.m.
    - Annual meeting with District 37 Delegates and Senator Johnny Mautz to discuss proposed legislative initiatives for the Maryland General Assembly 2026 Legislative Session
  11. **Action Items** 7:25 p.m.
    - A. Request to Lease Excavator – Trade-In Current Unit – Public Works

- Request of Public Works to lease an excavator from the lowest bidder, with a \$1 buyout at the end of the 5-year term, with the initial payment being funded by the Contingency Fund and an offset by trading in a John Deere 270
- B. Request to Proceed – Fire Pump & Controller Replacement – Circuit Court – Public Works
  - Request of Public Works to proceed with an urgent replacement of a fire pump and controller at the Circuit Courthouse, funded by the Courthouse Maintenance FY26 Operating Budget
- C. FY2027 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) – Board of Education
  - Request of the Board of Education to conceptually approve its FY27 CIP for planning purposes only, including a local share request of \$602,500, contingent upon the FY27 County budget
    - Cambridge South Dorchester HVAC - \$127,500
    - Maces Lane Middle Roof and HVAC - \$475,000
- D. Poll Confirmations
  - Submit a letter of opposition for the draft Addendum III to Amendment 7 of the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Striped Bass, by a 4 to 0 vote
  - Approve the request of the Sheriff’s Office to submit a \$20,000.00 SFY2026 Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant application, through the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention & Policy, for overtime to attend various community events, with no match requirement and a performance period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, by a 4 to 0 vote
  - Allow Choptank Heritage skipjack Race to dock one boat along the County bulkhead from September 15 to 27, 2025, by a 4 to 0 vote

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| <b>12. County Manager Comments</b> | <b>7:30 p.m.</b> |
| <b>13. Council Comments</b>        | <b>7:35 p.m.</b> |
| <b>14. Public Comments</b>         | <b>7:40 p.m.</b> |
| <b>15. Adjournment</b>             | <b>7:45 p.m.</b> |