

# COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY

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## OPEN SESSION AGENDA

April 7, 2026

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 – Operating Cash on Hand (Allocated & Unallocated): \$**

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

**5. Consent Agenda**

**6:01 p.m.**

A. County Council Open Session Minutes – March 17, 2026

B. Accounts Payable Disbursement Report – Week Ending April 3, 2026

C. Notice of Intent Request – Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM) Grant

- Request of Finance to submit a Notice of Intent to MDEM for its consideration to accept a proposed project to repair a deteriorating bulkhead at the Wingate Marina, funded by the FY27 Public Works Operating Budget, contingent on future budget approval

D. Annual Housing Bond Allocation Request – Department of Housing & Community Development

- Request of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to transfer Dorchester County's 2026 tax-exempt housing bond allocation of \$1,569,976 to the Community Development Administration (CDA) for the CDA Maryland Mortgage Program

E. Letter of Support Request – House Bill 892 – Burial Sites Preservation Board

- Request of the Burial Sites Preservation Board to provide a letter of support for House Bill 892 (cross-filed Senate Bill 233) entitled, Business Regulation - Cemeteries - Actions for Sale, Transfer, or Alternate Use, for the purpose of authorizing certain persons to bring an action when the owner of a property that includes a cemetery proposes the sale, transfer, or alternate use of all or part of a certain cemetery; and requiring a court to take certain actions under certain circumstances

F. Letter of Support Request – House Bill 893 – Burial Sites Preservation Board

- Request of the Burial Sites Preservation Board to provide a letter of support for House Bill 893 (cross-filed Senate Bill 234) entitled, Business Regulation - Abandoned Cemeteries - Acquisition and Disposition, for the purpose of authorizing a governmental unit to acquire property on which an abandoned cemetery is located under certain circumstances and for a certain purpose; requiring a governmental unit that acquires property under the Act to make a certain effort to contact certain persons for a certain purpose; authorizing a person or organization to bring an action to request the Court to transfer property acquired under the Act to the person or organization; etc.

G. FY26 Intradepartmental Budget Transfer Requests

- Request of the following departments to complete FY26 Intradepartmental Budget transfers:
  - Council's Office
  - Corrections
  - Sheriff's Office

E. Eastern Shore Innovation Center License Extension Agreement – Economic Development

- Recommendation of Economic Development to extend an Eastern Shore Innovation Center License Agreement

**6. Proclamation(s)**

- A. Public Safety Telecommunicators Week of April 12, 2026

**7. Presentation(s)**

- A. FY 2027 Annual Transportation Plan (ATP) – Delmarva Community Services (DCS)
- Request of DCS to submit a FY27 ATP grant application for operating and capital funding, with a local match of \$385,531, intended for the Maryland Transit Administration Program, contingent on future budget approvals

**8. Resolution(s)**

- A. Resolution – Transfer of Correctional Officers to the Correctional Officer’s Pension System (CORS)
- Request to post a proposed Resolution to become a participating governmental unit in CORS, which is operated and maintained by the Board of Trustees for the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System for eligible Correctional personnel throughout the State of Maryland, and withdraw eligible Officers from the EPS and transfer them, effective on July 1, 2026, to the CORS
- B. Resolution – Transfer of Eligible Emergency Services Personnel into the Law Enforcement Employee’s Pension System (LEOPS)
- Request to post a proposed Resolution to withdraw eligible emergency services personnel from the Employees’ Pension System (EPS) and transfer them to the LEOPS, operated and maintained by the Board of Trustees for the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System, effective on July 1, 2026
- C. Resolution – Pickup - Mandatory Employee Contributions – CORS – LEOPS
- Request to post a proposed Resolution to affirm that the County will pick-up contributions to CORS, LEOPS and EPS, as required by the state
- D. Resolution No. 690 – Removal of Overtime Threshold – Sheriff’s Office
- To consider amending the Dorchester County Personnel Rules & Regulations to remove law enforcement personnel within the Sheriff’s Office from the hours in excess of 171 in a 28-day work cycle

**9. Action Items**

**6:35 p.m.**

- A. Sole Source Request – Lighting Replacement – Willis Street Office –Recreation & Parks
- Request of Recreation & Parks to sole source the replacement of current lighting at the Willis Street office, with LED retrofit fixtures, funded by FY26 Operating Budget
- B. Request to Purchase – Ford F-150 Pickup Trucks – Public Works
- Request of Public Works to purchase four 2026 Ford F-150 pickup trucks to upgrade the current fleet, funded by the FY26 Capital Budget
- C. Bid Award Recommendation – Bid No. 2026-03– Recreation & Parks
- Bid award recommendation of Recreation & Parks for the proposal request entitled, Pool Services, for Comprehensive Outdoor Pool Operations and Maintenance Services, funded through the FY26 and FY27 Operating Budgets, contingent on future budget approval
- D. Bid Award Recommendation – Bid No. 2026-04 – Recreation & Parks
- Bid award recommendation of Recreation & Parks, for the proposal request, Bid No. 2026-04, entitled Field Grading, Installation of Irrigation System, and Grass Seeding for the School St. multipurpose athletic field, funded through the Local Parks & Playground Infrastructure Program
- E. FY26 Interdepartmental Budget Transfer Requests
- Request of the following departments to complete FY26 Interdepartmental Budget transfers:
    - Planning and Zoning
    - Public Works
    - Recreation & Parks
    - Finance
    - Economic Development
- F. Advisory Board Appointments - Dorchester County Social Services
- Recommendation of the Department of Social Services to appoint members to the Dorchester County Social Services Board, to serve three year terms commencing on April 1, 2026

**G. Board Appointments**

- Consideration of the Council to fill the following board vacancies:
  - Non- District
    - Agricultural Land Preservation Board (2 expiring positions)
    - Burial Sites Preservation Board (1 expiring position)
    - Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board (Gubernatorial Appointment – need two additional nominees)
  - District (D)
    - Board of Zoning Appeals (1 vacancy – D2)
    - Planning Commission (1 expiring position – D2)

**Poll Confirmation(s)**

- Consideration of the Council to confirm its decision in the interim of meetings, via poll, to:
  - Approved the request of Finance to accept a \$1,076,242 FY26 Local Government Energy Modernization Grant award, through the Maryland Energy Administration, to fund energy efficient and renewable energy projects, by a 5 to 0 vote.
  - Approved the request of Finance, on behalf of the Sheriff’s Office, to submit a \$13,500 FY27 Police Recruitment and Retention (PRAR) grant application to improve the ability to hire capable and qualified candidates through radio and social media advertisement, as well as to hire a consultant to develop an online application process, by a 4 to 0 vote.
  - Approved the request of the Applegarth Tubman Medicine Hill Preservation & Education Foundation to provide a letter of support for its Maryland Historical Trust 2026 Capital Grant for funding towards the rehabilitation and repairs of two structures, flood protection and an interpretive plant to guide future work to preserve Medicine Hill, by a 3 to 0 vote.
  - Approved the request of Finance and Water & Wastewater Services, in partnership with the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center, to provide a letter of support of a Small Watershed Grants Program Planning and Technical Assistance grant application, through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), which will assist the County in the inventory, assessment, and prioritization of Bermed Infiltration Ponds located within flood-prone and ecologically sensitive areas, with a \$4,500 in-kind contribution of staff time, by a 4 to 0 vote.
  - Approved the request of Finance, on behalf of Public Works, to submit a \$1,500,000 pre-proposal application to NFWF for the design and required approvals of a living shoreline and marsh restoration along the northern shore of Middle Hoopers Island by a 3 to 0 vote.
  - Approved the request of Finance, on behalf of the Circuit Court, to submit a \$471,746.66 FY27 Family Services Grant application through the Maryland Administrative Office at the Courts, to fund family services programs at the Circuit Court by a 4 to 0.

**10. County Manager Comments**

**6:55 p.m.**

**11. Council Comments**

**7:00 p.m.**

**12. Public Comments**

**7:05 p.m.**

**Adjournment**

**7:10 p.m.**