

# COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY

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## OPEN SESSION AGENDA

April 21, 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)**

**5. Consent Agenda**

**6:01 p.m.**

A. County Council Open Session Minutes – April 7, 2026 – April 14, 2026

B. Accounts Payable Disbursement Report – Week Ending April 17, 2026

C. Eastern Shore Innovation Center (ESIC) License Agreement Addendum – Economic Development

- Recommendation of Economic Development to amend its ESIC License Agreement to prohibit Licensees from using the Innovation Center address as a registered (resident) agent address

D. Recommendation to Amend – Forest Conservation Easement Agreement – Planning & Zoning

- Recommendation of Planning & Zoning, on behalf of the requestors, to amend an existing Forest Conservation Easement to better match the existing and proposed use of the land

E. Grant Amendment Request – FY26 Operating Grant Agreement – Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) – Delmarva Community Services (DCS)

- Request of Finance, on behalf of DCS, to amend its FY26 Operating Grant Agreement, through MDOT, to allow DCS to increase their Indirect Cost Rate billed to MDOT from 10% to 15%, with no match increase

F. Grant Award Request – Professional & Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program – Maryland Department of Health (MDH)

- Request of Finance, on behalf of the Dorchester County Volunteer Firefighters Association, to accept a \$26,368 Professional & Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program grant award, through MDH, to fund cancer screening tests to 71 high-risk firefighters within the County, with no match requirement and a grant period of May 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026

G. Request to Proceed – Mace’s Lane Tower Memorandum of Understanding Agreement (MOUA)

- Request to proceed with executing a MOUA with Maryland Department of Information Technology relating to a communications tower on Mace’s Lane

H. Intradepartmental Budget Transfer Request

- Request of the following departments to complete a FY26 intradepartmental budget transfer request
  - Tourism
  - Emergency Medical Services

**6. Commendation(s)**

A. Early Excellence Educator of the Year

**7. Proclamation(s)**

A. Work Zone Awareness Week of April 20, 2026

B. Correctional Officers Week of May 4, 2026

C. Sexual Assault Awareness Month – April 2026

D. Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month – May 2026

**8. Presentation(s)**

A. Maryland 250 – Tourism

**9. Resolutions**

A. Resolution No. 691 – Transfer of Eligible Emergency Services Personnel into the Law Enforcement Employee’s Pension System (LEOPS)

- Consideration of the Council to adopt Resolution No. 691 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 July 1, 2026

B. Resolution No. 692 – Transfer of Correctional Officers to the Correctional Officer’s Pension System (CORS)

- Consideration of the Council to adopt Resolution No. 692 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 July 1, 2026, to the CORS

C. Resolution No. 693 – Pickup – Mandatory Employee Contributions – CORS – LEOPS

- Consideration of the Council to adopt Resolution No. 693 to affirm that the County will pick-up contributions to CORS, LEOPS and EPS, as required by the state

D. Proposed Resolution – Elected Officials Retirement

- Request to post a proposed Resolution within County departments for 10-business days to amend the Dorchester County Personnel Rules & Regulations concerning the benefit eligibility of elected council members and eligible elected officials having to serve four full terms in office

**10. Action Items**

**6:45 p.m.**

A. Request to Proceed – Pool Pump Replacement – Recreation & Parks

- Request of Recreation & Parks to proceed replacing a pool pump, funded by its FY26 Operating Budget

B. Zoning Amendment Discussion – Planning & Zoning

- To discuss recommendations of Planning & Zoning to amend the Chapter 155, Attachment 2, Density, Lot Size and Bulk Regulations Table, and Chapter 150.55 Supplementary Use

C. County Property Tax Exemption Request – Habitat for Humanity Choptank

- Request of Habitat for Humanity Choptank, a tax-exempt charitable organization, to grant a County property tax exemption on 27 properties for the tax year 2026-2027

D. Board Appointments

- Consideration of the Council to appoint individuals to fill several board vacancies

E. Poll Confirmation(s)

- Consideration of the Council to confirm its decision(s) in the interim of meetings, via poll, to:
  1. Amend a Roots for Resilience grant application to \$3,145,000, through the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, for the shoreline protection program on Wharf Road, to include the shoreline on the southern side of the marina, with no match requirement and a grant period of July 1, 2026 to August 2029, by a 3 to 0 vote
  2. Submit a \$11,156 Sex Offender Compliance & Monitoring grant application, through the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention & Policy, to fund a portion of a deputy’s salary to monitor sex offenders, with no match requirement and a grant period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, by a 3 to 0 vote
  3. Proceed with an emergency purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet truck for Animal Control, due to engine failure of an old vehicle, at the cost of \$42,421 funded by the FY26 Contingency Budget, which was a proposed \$55,000 FY27 Capital Budget request, by a 5 to 0 vote

**11. County Manager Comments**

**6:55 p.m.**

**12. Council Comments**

**7:00 p.m.**

**13. Public Comments**

**7:05 p.m.**

**Adjournment**

**7:10 p.m.**