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OPEN SESSION AGENDA

Legislative Day No. 9

July 21, 2026

Call to Order

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. Consent Agenda

6:01 p.m.

A. County Council Open Session Minutes – July 7, 2026

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

C. Colocation & Facility Access Agreement Request – Choptank Fiber – 911 Communications Division

- Request of the 911 Communications Division to enter into a Colocation & Facility Access Agreement with Choptank Fiber to establish the terms under which the County will provide Choptank with access to space within the communications shelter located at the 911 Center

D. Event Request – Paws in the Pool – Recreation & Parks

- Request of Recreation & Parks to host the fourth annual "Paws in the Pool" event at the County pool on August 23, 2026 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., to benefit Baywater Animal Rescue

E. Event Request – Cambridge Creek Music Festival – County Office Building – Radio Chesapeake

- Request of Radio Chesapeake to use the parking lot and lawn at the County Office Building for its Cambridge Creek Music Festival on May 15, 2027, including a live band performing on the Nathan of Dorchester Skipjack, vendors, contingent on approvals of the City of Cambridge and Department of Natural Resources

Adjourn from Open Session

5. Convene into Legislative Session

A. Public Hearing – Bill No. 2026-6– Critical Area Map

6:05 p.m.

- To provide an opportunity for public comments regarding proposed Bill No. 2026-6, prior to consideration of amending the Dorchester County Critical Area Program and its associated Official Zoning Maps, as required by the State of Maryland Critical Area Commission every 10-years, to maintain compliance with current laws and regulations

B. Public Hearing – Bill No. 2026-7 – Critical Area Definitions

6:06 p.m.

- To provide an opportunity for public comments regarding proposed Bill No. 2026-7, prior to consideration of amending Chapter 68 (Chesapeake Bay Critical Area) of the Dorchester County Code by amending the definition of "Critical Area" for consistency with Maryland Code Annotated, Natural Resources §8-1807, which the current definition is based on 1972 wetland maps

Reconvene into Open Session

6. Resolutions

A. Resolution No. 702 – Code of Conduct

- To consider Resolution No. 702, to amend and readopt a personnel directive policy regarding promoting ethical, respectful conduct to support efficient County operations and quality service

B. Resolution No. 703 – Safety

- To consider Resolution No. 703, to amend and readopt a standard operating procedure regarding work-related accidents, injuries and illnesses

C. Resolution No. 705 – Substance Abuse & Drug Testing

- To consider Resolution No. 705, to amend and readopt a personnel directive regarding maintaining a safe, secure, and drug-free workplace

Note: Resolution No. 704-Social Media and Resolution No. 706-Uniform & Dress Code were not included to provide additional time to review employee feedback

7. Action Items

6:15 p.m.

A. Request to Piggyback – Sourcewell Contract – Skid Steer Purchase – Public Works

- Request of Public Works to piggyback on a Sourcewell Contract to purchase a skid steer, funded by the FY27 Capital Budget: Skid Steer

B. Request to Piggyback – Sourcewell Contract – Trailer Purchase – Public Works

- Request of Public Works to piggyback on a Sourcewell contract to purchase a trailer, funded by the FY27 Capital Budget: 25-ton Equipment Trailer

C. Request to Piggyback – Sourcewell Contract – Mulcher Attachment Purchase – Public Works

- Request of Public Works to piggyback on a Sourcewell contract to purchase a HM210 Mulcher Attachment for the Cat 308 mini excavator, funded by the FY27 Capital Budget: Forestry Mulching Head for Excavator

D. Request to Confirm – Transportation Van Pre-Order – Corrections

- Request of Corrections to confirm the pre-order of a Ford Transit, which secured production of the replacement of a 2003 transportation van, with a 12-week delivery period, funded by the FY27 Capital Budget: Replacement Passenger Van

E. Bid Award Recommendation – Lobbying Representative Services – Council’s Office

- Recommendation of the Council’s Office to award Bid No. 2026-7 for professional lobbying services to represent Dorchester County, funded by the FY27 Contingency Fund

F. County Council Compensation Discussion

- Recommendation of the Council’s Office to review and discuss Council compensation, including salary and benefits, due to recent changes among other counties

G. Poll Confirmation(s)

- Consideration of the Council to confirm the following decision(s) in the interim of meetings, via poll:
 1. Approved a request of the Richardson Maritime Museum, on the evening of July 7, 2026, to provide a letter of support for its From Hidden Collections to Public Discovery: Phase II Mini Grant application, through the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, acknowledging the deadline of July 10, 2026, by a 3 to 0 vote
 2. Withdrew a prior approval at its July 7, 2026 to submit a letter of opposition to the Federal Government regarding proposed changes to its grant processes and regulations, by a 5 to 0 vote

8. County Manager Comments

6:35 p.m.

9. Deputy County Manager Comments

6:40 p.m.

10. Council Comments

6:50 p.m.

11. Public Comments

6:55 p.m.

Adjournment

7:00 p.m.