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OPEN SESSION AGENDA

Legislative Day No. 11

September 1, 2026

Call to Order

Open Session

4:00 p.m.

Closed Session

4:01 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 – August 18, 2026

B. Accounts Payable Disbursement Report – Week Ending August 28, 2026

C. Request to Advertise Bid No. 2026-12 – Ramp Pavement Repair – Airport

- Request of the Airport to advertise Bid No. 2026-12, to request proposals for milling and overlay of a section of ramp at the Cambridge-Dorchester Regional Airport measuring approximately 20,400 square feet, with a bid deadline of September 23, 2026

D. Grant Submission Requests – Waterway Improvement Fund (WIF) – Department of Natural Resources (DNR) – Public Works – Finance

- Request of Finance, on behalf of Public Works, to submit two WIF grant applications, through the DNR, with no match requirements, for the following repairs:
 1. Ragged Point boat ramp and marina – up to \$500,000
 2. Elliott Island boat ramp and select bulkhead – up to \$500,000

6. Commendation(s)

A. 80th Annual Camper-Fisher Family Reunion

7. Proclamation(s)

A. Suicide Prevention – Month of September

B. Dorchester Goes Purple – Month of September

8. Presentation(s)

A. Campaign Updates – Dorchester Goes Purple Committee

B. Department Updates – Human Resources

C. Department Updates – Planning & Zoning

9. Discussion(s)

A. Annual Transportation Meeting Topics

- The second 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 October 20, 2026

B. Maryland General Assembly 2027 Legislative Session Initiatives

- The second of three discussions will be held regarding proposed legislative initiatives for the Maryland General Assembly's 2027 Legislative Session, leading up to the annual meeting with District 37 Legislators on October 20, 2026

Adjourn into Legislative Session

10. Legislative Public Hearing(s)

Note: Proposed legislative bills can be found on the County website under Public Hearings

A. Bill No. 2026-10 – Zoning Amendment – Table of Permitted Uses by Zoning District 6:05 p.m. – Unclassified

- To provide an opportunity for public comments, prior to consideration of Bill No. 2026-10, to amend Chapter 155, Zoning, Attachment 1, Table of Permitted Uses by Zoning District, to repeal the Unclassified category, which provided that non-commercial personal storage uses are permitted in B-1 Neighborhood Business, B-2 General Business, I-1 Light Industrial, and I-2 Heavy Industrial zoning districts

B. Bill No. 2026-11 – County Council Compensation 6:06 p.m.

- To provide an opportunity for public comments, prior to consideration of Bill No. 2026-11, to amend Chapter 10-Commissioners, §10-2-Compensation, of the Dorchester County Code, to increase the annual salaries of the members of the County Council (from \$16,000 to \$21,000) and the President of the County Council (from \$17,000 to \$22,000); providing that in accordance with Article III, Section 35 of the Maryland Constitution and Md. Code Ann., Local Gov't § 10-302, such salary increases shall not apply to sitting members during their current term of office and shall take effect at the beginning of the following term of office

Reconvene into Open Session

11. Public Hearing(s)

A. Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation 6:07 p.m.

- To provide an opportunity for public comments prior to consideration of a request of Planning & Zoning to approve the 2027-2028 Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation easement cycle applications and rankings

12. Resolution(s)

A. Proposed Resolution Request(s) – Policy Amendments

- Request to post the following proposed resolutions within County departments for 10-calendar days to obtain employee comments prior to consideration of the policy amendments on September 15, 2026:
 1. Inclement Weather/Emergency Closure: To establish clear and consistent procedures for the operation of Dorchester County government offices during periods of inclement weather or emergency situations
 2. Vehicle Use: To define the purposes for which County vehicles may be used and under what circumstances private vehicles may be used for County business
 3. Thendara Camp & Range: To provide a concise, county-compliant policy to govern use of the Thendara facility for 4-H archery, shooting, and related recreational activities, including approved rental use
 4. Public Information Act: To comply with the Maryland Public Information Act (MPIA) by providing the public with access to records maintained by Dorchester County in the transaction of public business
 5. Progressive Disciplinary Action: To address deficient employee conduct or performance, including violations of County rules, laws, policies, or procedures, and to encourage compliance with the County's expectations

13. Action Items

6:50 p.m.

A. Request to Introduce – Distribution Plan – Community Reinvestment & Repair Fund (CRRF) Committee

- Request of the CRRF Committee to introduce the proposed Distribution Plan that outlines how the County's share of the Cannabis taxes will be reinvested into the community, prior to consideration after a Public Hearing on September 15, 2026

B. Poll Confirmation(s)

- Consideration of the Council to confirm the following decision(s) in the interim of meetings, via poll:
 1. Approved the request of Finance, on behalf of the Sheriff's Office, acknowledging the deadline of August 28, 2026 and no match requirements, to:

- a. Accept a \$156,595 FY27 Court Security Officer Grant Support Program award, through the Maryland Administrative Office of the Courts, to fund 2,064 overtime hours for deputies to serve as court security officers for court proceedings, by a 4 to 0 vote;
- b. Submit a \$84,388 FY27 School Resource Officer Adequate Coverage grant application, through the Maryland Center for School Safety, to fund overtime hours for deputies to serve as school resource officers at eight targeted schools, by a 4 to 0 vote; and,
- c. Submit a \$9,500 FY27 State Aid for Police Protection Communication Encryption grant application, through the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention & Policy, to purchase equipment to enhance communication cybersecurity, by a 4 to 0 vote.

14. County Manager Comments

6:55 p.m.

15. Deputy County Manager Comments

7:00 p.m.

16. Council Comments

7:05 p.m.

17. Public Comments

7:10 p.m.

Adjournment

7:15 p.m.