

TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR THE LOWER EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND
SERVING SOMERSET, WICOMICO AND WORCESTER COUNTIES

Tri-County Council Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2011

Sheree Sample-Hughes, 3rd Vice Chair, called the meeting of the Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland to order on Thursday, January 6, 2011, at the Hyatt in Cambridge, Maryland at 4:35 p.m.

Voting Members in attendance: Jerry Boston, Randy Laird and Craig Mathies, Somerset County Commissioners; Bob Caldwell, Bob Culver and Matt Holloway, Wicomico County Council; Madison Bunting, Bud Church, Jim Purnell and Virgil Shockley, Worcester County Commissioners; Dennis Williams, Town of Princess Anne; Delegate-Elect Michael McDermott; Delegate-Elect Charles Otto. A quorum was present.

Non-Voting Members in attendance: Cindy Ward, Somerset County Administrator.

Staff in attendance: Mike Pennington and Kristie Eberly.

Guests in attendance: Rachel McCullough, Governor's Office; Cathy Bassett, Delmarva Power; Darl Kolar, EA Engineering.

Old Business

New Facility Update

Mr. Pennington reported that the Tri-County Council purchased the old Powerwave building in Salisbury in 2009. Financing for the project is through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development and Hebron Savings Bank.

The renovations to the building and additions to the property have been divided into four phases. Phase 1 is the renovation of building space occupied by the One Stop Job Market, Tri-County Council Administrative, Economic Development Administration (EDA) and other partner agencies. Phase 2 is the renovation of building space occupied by Shore Transit. Phase 3 is the property sitework. Phase 4 is the Shore Transit maintenance facility.

Bids for Phase 1, which is the renovation of about 2/3 of the building, are due on January 25. This is a re-bid as all of the bids received previously were over the project budget. USDA is funding Phase 1 and their lending rules would not allow us to negotiate with the lowest bidder.

Wor-Wic is planning on moving their adult education program to the building. There is no available space at this time.

Information on the building and the bids is available on the Tri-County Council website.

New Business

Election of 2011 Officers

Mrs. Sample-Hughes reported that the Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of officers for 2011.

Louise Gulyas	Chair
Craig Mathies	1 st Vice Chair
Sheree Sample –Hughes	2 nd Vice Chair
Jim Purnell	3 rd Vice Chair
Jerry Boston	Secretary
Rick Pollitt	Treasurer
	At-Large

Mr. Pennington noted that the At-Large position has been a member of the General Assembly and this person will be chosen after the start of the session. The Executive Board can approve the nomination at their next meeting.

Mr. Church made a motion to close the nominations, which was seconded by Mr. Shockley.

On a motion from Mr. Shockley, seconded by Mr. Church, the Tri-County Council unanimously voted to approve the slate of officers for 2011.

There being no further business, on a motion from Mr. Church, seconded by Mr. Shockley, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.