

June 6, 2019

The regular meeting of the County Commissioners of Allegany County was held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Allegany Room 100, 701 Kelly Road, Cumberland, at 5:00 p.m. on the above date. The following were present: Commissioner Jacob C. Shade; Commissioner Creade V. Brodie, Jr.; Commissioner David J. Caporale; County Administrator Brandon S. Butler; and County Attorney William M. Rudd. The following business was transacted:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jimmy Pyles, Director of Emergency Services for Allegany County.

MOTION

There were no additions or deletions to the Agenda.

MOTION

Upon Motion by Commissioner Caporale, seconded by Commissioner Brodie, and Motion carried, the Commissioners approved the Minutes of the May 30, 2019, public business meeting.

PRESENTATION

Item 1 – Annual Professional Baseball Recognition – Steven G. Bazarnic, Athletic Director and Head Baseball Coach, Allegany College of Maryland, Cumberland, Maryland.

On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, Commissioner Shade welcomed Steven G. Bazarnic as well as everyone in attendance at this evening's meeting. Commissioner Shade explained that the Commissioners have been observing the Annual Professional Baseball Recognition for approximately six or seven years now. He provided some details about Coach Bazarnic's career, which included his exemplary collegiate career at Penn State University, followed by his move to Allegany County in 1971 to join the faculty at Allegany Community College and become the College's first head baseball coach. Commissioner Shade added that Coach Bazarnic currently serves as Allegany College of Maryland's Athletic Director.

Following Commissioner Shade's remarks, a video "look-back" at Coach Bazarnic's impact on Allegany County and Allegany College of Maryland (formerly Allegany Community College) was presented. A round of applause followed.

Commissioner Brodie then called Coach Bazarnic forward, and Commissioner Shade read and presented Coach Bazarnic with an official Proclamation of Monday, June 10, 2019 as Steve Bazarnic Day in Allegany County. Next, Mr. Mark Widmyer read and presented Coach Bazarnic with a Citation from the Governor's Office, signed by Maryland Governor Larry J. Hogan, Lt. Governor Boyd J. Rutherford, and Secretary of State John C. Wobensmith. A round of applause followed the presentation of each Citation.

Coach Steve Bazarnic then made brief remarks. He commented that he was very fortunate to come to Cumberland a long time ago, and added that it has "been a great ride", including the players as well as the support he has had. He thanked the County Commissioners for the honor and especially thanked Bretta Reinhart, April Hixon, and David Jones for doing all the background work. Coach Bazarnic further commented that it was hard to believe that it has been 48 years since he and his wife Cathy came to Allegany County, and that they have loved the people, the area, and the College. He pointed out that many people have contributed to the success of the baseball program at Allegany College, and that without their help and support it would not have happened. He added that in honoring him, the Commissioners honor everybody who had a part in it. Coach Bazarnic stated that it has always been "us and we, not I and me".

Coach Bazarnic acknowledged his wife, Cathy Bazarnic, in the audience, and acknowledged his daughter, Christie, who was not able to be present. He expressed his appreciation for the community of Allegany College of Maryland/Allegany Community College, including the administrators, faculty, support staff, and department personnel, in particular maintenance and transportation, remarking on how good they have all been to him and his family. Coach Bazarnic thanked current ACM President Dr. Cynthia Bambara. He then credited his players throughout his coaching career at ACM for all of their efforts, and shared memories of some of the games played, and also acknowledged his assistant coaches, some present at this evening's meeting. He also thanked the City of Cumberland Parks and Recreation Department for keeping the baseball field maintained, and the local media.

Commissioner Shade told Coach Bazarnic that he didn't think there was anyone more deserving of the honor of having a day named after him than he was, and noted that this evening was by far the biggest crowd at one of these ceremonies. He pointed out that Coach Bazarnic now joins Senator J. Glenn Beall, a baseball advocate, as well as baseball greats Lefty Grove, Bobby Robertson, Leo

Mazzone, and Sam Perlozzo on the (Commissioners meeting room) wall, along with Bucky Shriver, honored for his work in remembering the late Lefty Grove. Commissioner Shade extended a special thanks to ACM President Dr. Cynthia Bambara and to the former players of Coach Bazarnic present at this meeting.

ACTION AGENDA

Item 2 – Budget Amendment for the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad – Board of County Commissioners to approve a supplementary appropriation to the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad to be disbursed from funds the organization would otherwise receive with the passage of the Fiscal Year 2020 budget effective July 1, 2019 – Brandon S. Butler, County Administrator, and John L. Garner, Executive Director, Western Maryland Scenic Railroad. County Administrator Brandon Butler explained that this Item was a budget amendment for the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad as pointed out and discussed at length earlier today in the Commissioners public work session. Mr. Butler further explained that there is major track maintenance that needs to occur in preparation for the steam engine which will be operational by the end of July 2019. He went on to say that this appropriation will provide some TLC for the track line that goes from Frostburg to Cumberland, including an estimated 1,200 ties at a cost of about \$90,000, along with weed spraying and bridge inspections, for a total cost of \$150,000. Administrator Butler told the Commissioners that the City of Frostburg and the City of Cumberland will also participate in paying for the repairs, and he asked the Commissioners for their approval of a budget amendment of \$45,000 to take care of the County's share. He explained that the Cities of Frostburg and Cumberland will both be taking further action with their Mayors and Councils to contribute \$22,500 each, and that the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad is looking to a public/private partnership to pick up the remaining \$60,000 in repair costs.

Upon Motion made by Commissioner Brodie, seconded by Commissioner Caporale, and duly carried, the Board of County Commissioners approved a supplementary appropriation to the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad to be disbursed from funds the organization would otherwise receive with the passage of the Fiscal Year 2020 budget effective July 1, 2019.

Commissioner Caporale pointed out that the Commissioners will try to make sure that this work coincides with the steam engine coming on line.

CONSENT AGENDA

As recommended by the County Administrator

Upon Motion by Commissioner Caporale, seconded by Commissioner Brodie, and Motion carried, the Consent Agenda as recommended by the County Administrator is adopted.

Item 3 – Senior Care System Annual Plan – Board of County Commissioners authorized the County Administrator to sign the Maryland Office on Aging Senior Care System Annual Plan Review and Approval Sign-off for Fiscal Year 2020. The Allegany County Health Department serves as the lead agency for the Senior Care Program at the request of the County Commissioners and administers the grant funds received from the Office on Aging.

Item 4 – Allegany County Adult Guardianship Review Board – Board of County Commissioners approved the appointments of Lisa Monahan and Lee Ann Eversole to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board to fill the remaining terms of Mary Rosser and Jade Washington. Their terms will expire on June 30, 2020.

County Administrator announced that on June 11, 2019, there will be an Allegany County Public Schools parent and student event for the launch of the Apprenticeship Maryland Youth Apprenticeship Program, to be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Career and Technical Center auditorium. He reminded the Commissioners that this is a very important event, and that Allegany County Government, in partnership with Allegany County Public Schools, has been very instrumental in getting this youth apprenticeship initiative here into Allegany County. Administrator Butler also pointed out that Allegany County Government is one of the eligible employers of that program, and that there are now about ten different employers who are providing opportunities for students this Fall as part of the Youth Apprenticeship initiative.

Commissioners' statements, comments, recognition –

Commissioner David J. Caporale thanked Coach Bazarnic for his years of service to the community and to baseball in our area.

Commissioner Creade V. Brodie, Jr. brought up that today, June 6, 2019, is the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Landing. He remarked that this event shaped the United States into what it is today, and that the men involved are still owed a debt that can never be repaid.

Commissioner Jacob C. Shade agreed, along with Commissioner Caporale, and pointed out that he (Commissioner Shade) was actually wearing a Churchill V for Victory pin this evening that his friend, the late Jeff Hutter, gave him. He remarked that there are not too many (WWII) veterans left, with the youngest ones now in their 90s. Commissioner Shade mentioned the article in the Cumberland Times-News about veteran Floyd Wigfield. He commented on the great importance of continuing to teach history and our heritage, including the sacrifices that so many men have made and continue to make today for our country and for the entire world.

Constituents – In order of sign-up sheet –

Kenneth Wilmont, 513 Fort Avenue, Cumberland, announced that this coming Saturday would be a big day at his church: The Strawberry Fest at Murley's Branch United Methodist Church in Flintstone. He explained that this event is held every year, and everyone is invited. Mr. Wilmont added that the event is held from 4 to 7, is all you can eat, and cost is a donation.

Reminders/Upcoming Meetings –

Next Public Business Meeting – Thursday, June 20, 2019

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come to the attention of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Jacob C. Shade, President

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Attest:

Cynthia A. Young
Recording Secretary