

**Regular Meeting of County Commissioners**

**Tuesday July 8, 2025 (Legislative Day)**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Commissioners was convened hybrid, in person and virtually at 9:00 a.m. with the following people in attendance:

Reuben B. Collins II, Esq., President, County Commissioner  
Ralph Patterson, II, M.A., Vice President, County Commissioner  
Gilbert O. Bowling, III, County Commissioner  
Thomasina O. Coates, M.S., County Commissioner  
Amanda M. Stewart, Ed.D., County Commissioner  
Deborah Hall, Acting County Administrator  
Wes Adams, County Attorney  
Carol A. DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners

*\*Amanda M. Stewart, Ed.D., County Commissioner, was absent and joined session later this day as noted.*

**Call to Order/Pledge**

Commissioner Collins called the meeting to order and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

A roll call was taken. Commissioners Bowling, Patterson, and Collins were present in person.

*\*Commissioner Coates was present virtually. Commissioner Stewart was absent.*

**Additional Charles County Proclamations for June 2025**

2025-49 Caribbean American Heritage Month

**Charles County Proclamations for July and August 2025**

2025-50 National Parks and Recreation Month

The Commissioners were joined with residents of Caribbean Heritage to receive proclamation 2025-49 Caribbean American Heritage Month; and staff from Department of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism to receive proclamation 2025-50 National Parks and Recreation Month.

**Recognition Silver Telly Award for Camp Stanton- Lee Ann Stone**

The Commissioners recognized Ms. Lee Ann Stone, CCGTV Lead Producer, Media Division, Office of the County Administrator, for receiving the Telly Silver Award for General-History, Non-Broadcast film or video created to inform viewers about important/interesting events or people. The title of her project, "Training for Equality The Story of Camp Stanton."

*\*Break 9:12 a.m. -9:15 a.m.*

**Roll Call**

A roll call was taken. Commissioners Bowling, Patterson, and Collins were present in person. Commissioner Coates was present virtually. *\*Commissioner Stewart was absent.*

**Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Collins took a moment of silence to remember the victims of the Texas flooding, especially the victims from Camp Mystic.

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Commissioner Patterson provided comments on the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Mixtape Concert Series; Highland Neighborhood Association Grand Opening to address housing needs; the inaugural class of the Charles County Student Citizens Academy; the grand opening of Southern Crossing by Lifestyles Inc.; and on Sparks ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis) treatment serving the autism community.

Commissioner Bowling acknowledge the passing of Ronnie Wright who served the County and Community for over thirty (30) years.

**Approval of the Minutes of June 24, 2025**

A motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Coates and passed, with Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Patterson, and Collins present, voting in favor to approve the minutes of June 24, 2025. \**Commissioner Stewart was not present for the vote.*

**Announcement**

Next Scheduled Session(s): July 22-23, 2025.

**Approval Items**

**Budget Amendment(s) and Budget Transfer(s):**

**FY2026 Budget Amendment Increase #28 Carryover Balance of FY2025 Allocated Funds for Commissioners' Summer Youth Program**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Patterson and passed, with Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Patterson, and Collins present, voting in favor to approve FY2026 Budget Amendment Increase #28 for sixty-two thousand six hundred and forty dollars (\$62,640.00). \**Commissioner Stewart was not present for the vote.*

**FY2025 Budget Amendment Increase #740 Grant to Fund Design and Construction Management of Visitors Center Mallows Bay-Potomac River National Marine Sanctuary (MPNMS)**

A motion was made Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Patterson and passed, with Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Patterson, and Collins present, voting in favor to approve FY2025 Budget Amendment Increase #740 for five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00). \**Commissioner Stewart was not present for the vote.*

**FY2025 Budget Amendment Increase #753 Infrastructure Management Additional Invoices for FY2025**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Patterson and passed, with Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Patterson, and Collins present, voting in favor to approve FY2025 Budget Amendment Increase #753 for eighty thousand two hundred and sixty dollars (\$80,260.00). \**Commissioner Stewart was not present for the vote.*

**FY2025 Budget Transfer Request #865 County Administration Office Salary Overrun**

A motion was made Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Patterson and passed, with Commissioners Bowling, Patterson, and Collins present, voting in favor to approve FY2025 Budget Transfer Request #865 for two hundred and forty-one thousand four hundred and thirty dollars (\$241,430.00). \* *Commissioner Coates was opposed. Commissioner Stewart was not present for the vote.* A roll call of the vote was taken: Commissioner Bowling-yes; Commissioner Coates-no;

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Commissioner Stewart-absent; Commissioner Patterson-yes; Commissioner Collins-yes. The motion passed three (3) to one (1) with one (1) absent.

**Revisions to the County Commissioners' Expense Policy**

(Ms. Jenifer Ellin, Acting Deputy County Administrator, Office of the County Administrator)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Patterson and passed, with Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Patterson, and Collins present, voting in favor to approve changes to the County Commissioner Expense Policy Standard Operating Policy. *\*Commissioner Stewart was not present for the vote.*

**VanGO Facility Construction Grant Application Letter**

(Mr. Jeffry Barnett, Chief of Transit, Mr. Robert Romero, Chief of Transit, and Mr. Jason Groth, Director, Department of Planning and Growth Management)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Patterson and passed, with Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Patterson, and Collins present, voting in favor to approve the VanGO Grant Application Letter. *\*Commissioner Stewart was not present for the vote.*

**Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreements for International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF)**

(Ms. Jenifer Ellin, Acting Deputy County Administrator, Office of the County Administrator; Ms. Alexis Blackwell, Director, and Ms. Megan Donnick, Deputy Director, Department of Human Resources; Mr. Jacob Dyer, Director, Department of Fiscal and Administrative Services)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Patterson and passed, with Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Patterson, and Collins present, voting in favor to approve the agreement between the County Commissioners of Charles County and the Local 4658, International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL-CIO. *\*Commissioner Stewart was not present for the vote.*

*\*At about 10:17 a.m. Commissioner Stewart joined session in person.*

**Briefing: Update on the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG)**

Mr. Clark Mercer, Executive Director, MWCOG, reviewed the activities of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG). Mr. Mercer reviewed the history of The Council of Governments (COG) which was founded in 1957. It is home of the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and the Transportation Planning Board (TPB). COG is developing a region-wide transportation plan that focuses on both short-term and long-term transportation goals. Other programs include support for twenty-eight (28) public safety programs, community planning and services, environmental planning, a unified vision for transit and additional regional needs. He also reviewed COG's revenue sources and membership dues.

The Commissioners present reached a consensus to send the same letter of opposition sent to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to MWCOG's Transportation Planning Board voicing opposition to potential toll lanes on the Woodrow Wilson Bridge.

**Briefing: Animal Control Regulations and Feral Cat Colonies**

Mr. Jeffrey Thomas, Chief of Animal Care and Control, Lieutenant Katy Rosche, Mr. Immanuel Ingram, and Ms. Hannah Neel, Animal Control Officers, Department of Emergency Services, provided

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a briefing on animal control regulations and feral cat colonies in Charles County. They reviewed the guidelines surrounding feral cat colonies and their caretakers and the interaction between Animal Control and the colony caretakers. The Animal Control Regulations were last updated in 2012 and regulate the oversight for Animal Control Operations, the Animal Care Center. Enforcement of nuisance animal complaints, animal bites, aggressive animals, animal cruelty investigations, and rabies prevention. Charles County does not have a sponsored Trap Neuter Release (TNR) Program. The alternatives used are Barn Cat Program and Coordination/referrals to rescue groups with responsible TNR program. Any feral cat colony must have property owner's permission and maintain vaccinations.

**Briefing: Affordable Housing PILOT Workgroup**

Ms. Jenifer Ellin, Acting Deputy County Administrator, Office of the County Administrator; Ms. Cathy Thompson, Assistant Chief of Planning, Mr. Joel Binkley, Planning Supervisor, and Mr. Jason Groth, Director, Department of Planning and Growth Management; Ms. Dina Barclay, Director, Department of Community Services, and Ms. Rita Wood, Chief of Housing Authority, Department of Community Services; Mr. Jacob Dyer, Director, Department of Fiscal and Administrative Services; and Mr. Mark Thompson, Chief of Commercial Development, Department of Economic Development, joined the Commissioners to provide an update and review of the Affordable Housing PILOT Workgroup. The group developed a standardize series of criteria for projects to qualify for affordable housing PILOTs (Payments in Lieu of Taxes). An Affordable Housing PILOT would support the development of affordable housing in Charles County through a competitive annual application process. The standardized procedure is based on available funding: Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) informs the public of the availability of funds for specific projects or programs and includes project criteria and deadlines.

**Charles County Departmental Highlights Departmental Highlights: Office of the County Attorney, Department of Economic Development, and Department of Community Services**

Mr. Wes Adams, County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney for Charles County, Ms. Dina Barclay, Director, Department of Community Services, and Ms. Michelle Frye, Acting Director, joined the Commissioners to provide a presentation outlining some of their department highlights and activities. The County Attorney's Office has processed over one hundred and thirty-five (135) Public Information Act (PIA) requests since January 1, 2025; has handled eight hundred and ten (810) assignments over the past year, including requests for opinions, contract reviews, and land acquisitions; and is also involved in various class-action lawsuits focused on opioids and chemical contaminants impacting the environment. Nearly nine million dollars (\$9,000,000.00) has been recovered for the County through litigation efforts. The Department of Community Services is supporting the community through the Maryland Governor's Office for Children ENOUGH (Engaging, Neighborhoods, Organizations, Unions, Governments, Households) Grant Program, which provides funds to eligible communities to plan and advance strategies that reduce child poverty and increase economic mobility, and the Local Management Board Capacity Building Grant. The grant supports local communities through the Local Management Board's regional infrastructure. The Department of Economic Development launched a new Sister City Partnership between the County and Matola, Mozambique to foster cultural exchange, educational collaboration, and economic development opportunities.

**Closed Session**

At 12:14 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Bowling, and passed with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to move into Close Session where all or a

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portion of this session may be closed pursuant to Section 3-305 (b)(3)(7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to review and receive updates on five (5) potential land acquisitions; to review a contract and receive legal advice on a County Matter. The reason for moving into closed session is to keep legal advice, strategies, and negotiations confidential.

**Summary Closed Session Items**

At about 12:27 p.m., the Commissioners went into closed session.

**3-305(b)(7) Discuss a Contract**

Present: Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Stewart, Patterson and Collins, Deborah Hall, Wes Adams, Carol DeSoto, Jenifer Ellin, and Danielle Mitchell.

Staff reviewed a potential contract renewal and concerns.

The Commissioners present reached a consensus related to follow up conversations and future tasks.

**3-305(b)(3)(7) Update on a Potential Land Acquisition**

Present: Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Stewart, Patterson and Collins, Deborah Hall, Wes Adams, Carol DeSoto, Jenifer Ellin, Danielle Mitchell, Sarah Guy, and Victoria Rickett.

Staff provided an update on a potential property.

The Commissioners present reached a consensus to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) and to give staff negotiating authority up to the specified amount.

**3-305(b)(3)(7) Update on a Potential Land Transfer**

Present: Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Stewart, Patterson and Collins, Deborah Hall, Wes Adams, Carol DeSoto, Jenifer Ellin, Danielle Mitchell, Sarah Guy, Victoria Rickett, Michelle Frye, Mark Thompson.

Staff provided an update on the studies performed on this property.

The Commissioners present reached a consensus to give staff negotiating authority up to the specified amount and conditions for a specific economic purpose.

**3-305(b)(3)(7) Update on a Potential Land Acquisition/Transfer**

Present: Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Stewart, Patterson and Collins, Deborah Hall, Wes Adams, Carol DeSoto, Jenifer Ellin, Danielle Mitchell, Sarah Guy, Victoria Rickett.

Staff reviewed the request from the Maryland State Highway Administration related to a specific roadway.

The Commissioners present reached a consensus to enter into an options contract. Official action will take place in open session on July 22, 2025 under Approval Items.

**3-305(b)(3)(7) Update on a Potential Land Acquisition/Abandonment**

Present: Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Stewart, Patterson and Collins, Deborah Hall, Wes Adams, Carol DeSoto, Jenifer Ellin, Danielle Mitchell, Sarah Guy, Victoria Rickett.

Staff reviewed the partial abandonment of land the County no longer needs to the owner from whom the original dedication to the County was granted.

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The Commissioners present reached a consensus to this request. Official Action took place later this day under Additional Approval Items- Resolution 2025-13 Partial Road Abandonment of a Portion of Mattawoman Drive, Waldorf.

**3-305(b)(3)(7) Update on a Potential Land Acquisition**

Present: Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Stewart, Patterson and Collins, Deborah Hall, Wes Adams, Carol DeSoto, Jenifer Ellin, Sarah Guy, Victoria Rickett, Frances Sherman, and James Sizemore.

Staff reviewed potential land acquisitions and potential uses.

The Commissioners present reached a consensus to give staff negotiating authority up to the specified amounts.

*\*At about 1:43 p.m. Commissioner Stewart left closed session in person and at about 1:44 p.m. she rejoined session virtually.*

**3-305(b)(7) Receive Legal Advice on a County Matter**

Present: Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Stewart, Patterson and Collins, Deborah Hall, Wes Adams, Carol DeSoto, Jenifer Ellin, and James Sizemore.

Commissioner Bowling asked for legal advice on what the County can do related to a matter from a specific area that could impact the County. The Commissioners and staff discussed options.

At 1:55 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Patterson and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to end this closed session.

At about 3:31 p.m. the Commissioners returned to open session.

**Roll Call**

A roll call was taken. Commissioners Bowling, Patterson, and Collins were present in person. Commissioner Coates was present virtually. *\*Commissioner Stewart was absent.*

**Additional Approval Items**

Resolution 2025-13 Partial Road Abandonment of a Portion of Mattawoman Drive, Waldorf  
(Ms. Sarah Guy, Chief of Property Acquisition, Department of Planning and Growth Management)

A motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Patterson, and Collins present, voting in favor to approve Resolution 2025-13. *\*Commissioner Stewart was not present for the vote.*

**Charles County Boards and Commissions Annual Update**

*Briefing: Annual Update from the Homeowners Association Dispute Review Board*  
*Briefing: Annual Update from the Nuisance Abatement Hearing Board*

Staff and members of the Homeowners Association Dispute Review Board and the Nuisance Abatement Hearing Board provided an overview of their 2024 Annual Reports.

*\*At about 3:58 p.m. Commissioner Stewart joined session in person.*

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**Briefing: Update on the Public Engagement Findings for the Sports and Wellness Complex**

Ms. Kelli Beavers, Director, Mr. Sam Drury, Deputy Director, Mr. Ben Yeckley, Planning Supervisor, Department of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism; and Mr. Aaron Smith, Vice President, A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc., briefed the Commissioners on the findings from the public engagement for the Sports and Wellness Complex. The Department of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism held a series of community meetings between January and May, as well as an online and paper survey. A vast majority of responses to the project were positive. Additional meetings showcased concepts for the future facility's amenities and provided an open forum discussion on various elements of the facility. Phase One Top Aquatic Elements: Competition Pool, Warm Water Aqua Therapy, Leisure Pool, Water Slides, Splash Pad. Top Indoor Alternative Uses: Workout Room, Youth/Teen Spaces, classroom/Meeting Space, Party Rooms, Technology Center. They provided a cost estimate for each phase and outlined the next steps.

**Work Session: Establishing Term Limits for Charles County Commissioners**

Mr. Wes Adams, County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney for Charles County, reviewed options to include in draft legislation related to term limits for Charles County Commissioners. He reviewed each for the Commissioners to decide what will be included in the draft legislation:

**Beginning with all persons elected for the Board of County Commissioners term that commenced on:**

<i>Commissioner Coates</i>	<i>December 2018</i>
<i>Commissioner Bowling</i>	<i>December 2022</i>
<i>Commissioner Collins</i>	<i>December 2022</i>
<i>Commissioner Patterson</i>	<i>December 2018</i>
<i>Commissioner Stewart</i>	<i>December 2022</i>

The majority vote was for December 2022.

**Number of terms:**

<i>Commissioner Bowling</i>	<i>Four (4) terms</i>
<i>Commissioner Coates</i>	<i>Two (2) terms</i>
<i>Commissioner Stewart</i>	<i>Three (3) terms</i>
<i>Commissioner Patterson</i>	<i>Two (2) terms</i>
<i>Commissioner Collins</i>	<i>Two (2) terms</i>

The majority vote was for two (2) terms.

**Consecutive or Non-Consecutive terms:**

<i>Commissioner Patterson</i>	<i>non-consecutive</i>
<i>Commissioner Coates</i>	<i>non-consecutive</i>
<i>Commissioner Bowling</i>	<i>consecutive</i>
<i>Commissioner Stewart</i>	<i>non-consecutive</i>
<i>Commissioner Collins</i>	<i>consecutive</i>

The majority vote was for non-consecutive.

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**Equal or Separate Terms for Commissioner President:**

<i>Commissioner Coates</i>	<i>Equal</i>
<i>Commissioner Bowling</i>	<i>Separate</i>
<i>Commissioner Collins</i>	<i>Equal</i>
<i>Commissioner Stewart</i>	<i>Separate</i>
<i>Commissioner Patterson</i>	<i>Equal</i>

*The majority vote was for equal terms.*

**In the event that a vacancy occurs on the Board of County Commissioners, the following provisions shall apply in determining the number of terms the appointee may serve:**

The Consensus of all the Commissioners was less than two (2) years remaining in the term they are appointed to fill; the appointee shall not be deemed to have served one of the two terms they are permitted to serve under this provision.

The final draft Bill will be presented on July 22, 2025.

**Commissioners' New Business**

Commissioner Bowling will be submitting an agenda request to discuss property tax credits for seniors. Commissioner Collins would like an impact of reductions across the board with details on revenue loss. Commissioner Stewart requested that it be wholistic and review outside jurisdictions as well.

*\*At about 5:14 p.m. Commissioner Coates left session.*

**Commissioners' Public Comment Session**

Commissioners held an open session to receive public comments on any issue. This agenda item was added for the Commissioners to listen and provide feedback, twice each month during their regular meetings.

There were six (6) people who provided comments in person and no people who provided virtual comments. Any written comments received were added to the website for the public to view.

**Summary of Public Comments**

**In Person:**

- Speaker expressed regarding unresolved builder issue
- Speaker advocates for adoption of a new method to manage community cats
- Speaker has concerns about ongoing water crisis in Charles County
- Speaker expressed disappointment over Term Limit discussion
- Speaker recommends simple and straightforward years of service for Board of County Commissioners and also advocates for affordable housing
- Speaker expressed frustration with the state of government and a lack of communication from elected officials

**Commissioner's Responses**

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**Commissioner Bowling:** Acknowledged that speaker brought similar concerns before the Board last summer and noted significant amendments to Docket 90 but he voted against them. He noted that while Lennar has made some improvements in newer developments, it was largely due to pressure from the Commissioners. He expressed interest in understanding why the County is not currently supporting a TNR program and asked staff to explore whether cost is a limiting factor, noting that resources are still required whether cats are euthanized or returned to the community and committed to looking further into the matter and was encouraged by the ongoing discussions. He confirmed that serious discussions are taking place regarding La Plata's water supply and that some of these conversations are currently confidential due to legal negotiations, but emphasized that the issue is being actively addressed and is not being ignored. He anticipated a robust discussion on affordable housing after the summer break and stressed the need to balance support for affordable housing with caution not to price out other groups in the community. He recognized the reality and lasting impact of racism and historical injustices and expressed empathy and a commitment to legislating with cultural awareness and respect. He acknowledged there are many differing opinions among the Board regarding term limits and that he does not fully agree with the current draft bill, and believes no Commissioner fully does either, but he supported sending it to a public hearing, emphasizing that ultimately the voters not legislation should decide who represents them.

**Commissioner Stewart:** Highlighted that affordable housing, tax credits, and term limits will be key topics for continued discussion. She clarified that Attorney Adams provided legal information and held one-on-one meetings with Commissioners related to term limits and if anyone was unprepared, it was a matter of personal responsibility. Stewart acknowledged community concerns about Lennar and noted that she has attempted to hold the company accountable through Docket 90 and recalled past efforts to strengthen guidelines, particularly during amendments made around 2016 or 2017, which resulted in some improvements but believes that meaningful, large-scale change may require legal action beyond what the Board can enforce and encouraged affected homeowners to consider organizing and seeking legal counsel, possibly pursuing a class action lawsuit.

**Commissioner Patterson:** Expressed empathy with the frustration of attempts to contact federal delegation and encouraged persistence urging residents to keep reaching out to state and federal representatives to demand accountability and hold all levels of government accountable. He clarified that the term limits discussion is still in progress and will be followed by a public hearing and that the current conversations are foundational and that the next phase will delve into the specifics of the bill and encouraged the public to participate in the upcoming hearing to help shape the final version. He voiced strong support for implementing a TNR program in Charles County. He recognized the concerns of poor construction and maintenance by Lennar and will work with the Commissioners to determine actions that can be taken.

**Commissioner Collins:** thanked residents for attending the meeting and affirmed that the Board of County Commissioners welcomes public input during meetings and town halls and emphasized that this is the proper forum for residents to raise concerns and that the Board is listening carefully and taking recurring themes seriously. He clarified that the term limit discussion is the beginning of a legislative process, and a formal bill will be introduced, followed by a public hearing where residents will have the opportunity to provide feedback and encouraged the public to stay engaged as the process

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moves forward toward a final vote. He acknowledged the repeated concerns about water issues and the Boards limited ability to speak publicly due to ongoing negotiations with the Town of La Plata. He emphasized that all levels of government, including federal and state officials, have a responsibility to respond to constituents and that he was committed to sharing relevant federal level updates. He appreciated the education value of the Feral Cat Colonies and expressed interest in learning more to help guide future discussions.

*\*Break 5:48 p.m. - 6:06 p.m.*

**Roll Call**

A roll call was taken. Commissioners Bowling, Patterson, and Collins were present in person. Commissioner Stewart was present virtually. *\*Commissioner Coates was absent.*

**Public Hearing: Proposed Bill 2025-(05) Industrial Development Authority**

The Commissioners conducted an in person then virtual public hearing on proposed Bill 2025-05 Industrial Development Authority. Ms. Danielle Mitchell, Assistant Deputy County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney for Charles County; Mr. Jacob Dyer, Director, Department of Fiscal and Administrative Services; and Ms. Michelle Frye, Acting Director, Department of Economic Development, joined the Commissioners to review the proposed Bill. Ms. Mitchell provided an overview of this Bill and explained that this Bill would authorize the County to establish an Industrial Development Authority.

There was one person (1) who provided comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Stewart and passed, with Commissioners Bowling, Stewart, Patterson, and Collins present, voting in favor to keep the record open until July 18, 2025. *\*Commissioner Coates was not present for the vote.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Patterson and passed, with Commissioners Bowling, Stewart, Patterson, and Collins present, voting in favor to close this public hearing. *\*Commissioner Coates was not present for the vote.*

*\*Break 6:21 p.m. – 6:35 p.m.*

**Roll Call**

A roll call was taken. Commissioners Bowling, Stewart, Patterson, and Collins were present in person. *\*Commissioner Coates was absent.*

**Board of County Commissioners Quarterly Town Hall Meeting District 2**

The Commissioners held an in-person town hall meeting in the government building for District 2. They were joined by staff from each department.

There were nine (9) people who asked questions or provided comments in-person.

Each Commissioner was given the opportunity to respond or asked staff to provide more information on the comments/questions shared by the public.

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At 7:57 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Bowling, Stewart, Patterson, and Collins present, voting in favor to adjourn. \**Commissioners Coates was not present for the vote.*

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Carol A. DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners

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Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President