

Regular Meeting of County Commissioners
Wednesday April 22, 2026

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Commissioners was convened in hybrid format, in person and virtually, at 1:26 p.m. with the following people in attendance:

Reuben B. Collins II, Esq., President, County Commissioner
Gilbert O. Bowling, III, County Commissioner
Amanda Stewart Ed.D., County Commissioner
Deborah Hall, Acting County Administrator
Wes Adams, County Attorney
John Adelodun, Assistant Clerk to the Commissioners

**Ralph Patterson, II, M.A., Vice President, County Commissioner was absent and joined session later this day as noted.*

** Thomasina O. Coates, M.S., County Commissioner, was absent.*

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, Stewart and Collins were present in person.

**Commissioners Coates and Patterson were absent.*

Update: Goals and Objectives- Economic Development

Mr. Jim Chandler, Director, and Mr. Mark Thompson, Chief of Commercial Development, Department of Economic Development provided an update on the Goal and Objective on Economic Development using the information directly from the Charles County Website found under Charles County Commissioners, Goals and Objectives. This website provides up-to-date data for residents to review on all the County's Goals and Objectives. The review included information on strategic goals this year, 2026 with the focus on the Western Charles County Technology Corridor and the ongoing master plan for the Maryland Airport. This briefing also highlighted a transition in business services as the America Rescue Act Plan (ARPA) funded Business Growth Advantage Program (BGAP) which is preparing for its final graduation in May, to make way for new initiatives like the Launchpad pilot and the International Trade Cohort.

FY2027 Budget Work Session: County Agencies Funding and Departmental Budgets

Mr. Jacob Dyer, Acting Director, Ms. Samantha Chiriaco, Chief of Budget, and Ms. TaTanya Bowman, Assistant Chief of Budget, Ms. Kelli Scherer, Budget Analyst II, Department of Fiscal and Administrative Services; and the Charles County Department of Social Services, Charles County Health Department, Charles County Charitable Trust, Charles County Election Board, Charles County Circuit Court, Charles County State's Attorney, Charles County Sheriff's Office, joined the Commissioners to review the proposed FY2027 General Fund, County agencies funding and Departmental budgets.

The proposed FY2027 General Fund Budget is Six hundred and forty-one million eight hundred and twenty-six thousand five hundred dollars (\$641,826,500.00). This is an increase of about eight percent (8%) over last year's budget. The proposed budget includes no property or income tax rate increases.

**At about 2:59 p.m. Commissioner Patterson joined session virtually*

**** TO BE RESCHEDULED ** Discussion: Cost of DMV (District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia) Soldiers Semi-Pro Basketball Home Games at St. Charles High School**

Commissioners' New Business

There was no new Commissioners' business.

At 3:05 p.m., 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 adjourn. **Commissioner Coates was not present for the vote.*

John Adelodun, Assistant Clerk to the Commissioners

Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President