

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-18

WHEREAS, all members of the Charles County Board of Commissioners are committed to transparency in government.

WHEREAS, transparency at the Commissioner level is paramount to creating transparency in a Commissioner form of government.

WHEREAS, the leadership of our County is neither efficient nor transparent if all commissioners do not have an active role in policy making decisions.

WHEREAS, our form of government dictates and our citizens are best served by a diverse set of leaders, with a diverse set of opinions and ideas from different parts of the County.

WHEREAS, we are committed to upholding the legal form of government where all decisions are made by a majority of the Board of Commissioners.

WHEREAS, there have been credible allegations of past misrepresentations of positions taken and decisions made by the Board.

WHEREAS, We reaffirm our commitment to open government.

WHEREAS, we deem it essential to reassure the citizens of our County that we will honor the elected Commissioner form of government, a government that earns the respect and pride of our citizens and is free of intimidation.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners alone have the power to delegate authority to another Commissioner.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby rescinds any powers previously granted the President of the County Commissioners.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT

1. From this date forward the Commissioner President's sole duty as President is to chair the Board of Commissioner meetings. The remainder of the decision making power rests in the full Board of County Commissioners. Any delegated authority other than ministerial and procedural functions either actual or perceived, any standard operation procedures, policies etc. to the contrary are hereby rendered null and void
2. The County Administrator is hereby directed to advise all Directors in writing that policy decisions and /or decisions having a fiscal impact must be approved by the full Board of County Commissioners.
3. No Commissioner has the authority to make statements for or give testimony n behalf of the Board of Commissioners without the specific approval the full Board.
4. The content of any statements and/or testimony on behalf of the Board of Commissioners must receive prior approval by the full Board prior to such statement and/or testimony.

5. Agendas for Commissioner meeting must be approved by the full Board of Commissioners in the following fashion.
 - a. The proposed agenda shall be approved two weeks in advance of the scheduled meeting.
 - b. The approval of the agenda shall be the first piece of business at the Commissioners meeting held two weeks prior.
 - c. Any amendments to add or subtract from the agenda can be added up to one week prior in front of the full board.
 - d. Emergency items can be added later with the approval of the full board.
 - e. The agenda is prepared by the County Administrator.
6. All correspondence on behalf of the Board of Commissioners must be approved by the full Board of Commissioners.
7. Commissioners are prohibited from using county resources and staff for events unless sanctioned by the Board of Commissioners.
8. The county Attorney, County Administrator, Department Heads and other staff as directed by the Board of Commissioners are instructed that they report to the entire Board of Commissioners. Therefore all policy decisions and legal issues shall be brought before the full Board of Commissioners and not just one Commissioner.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

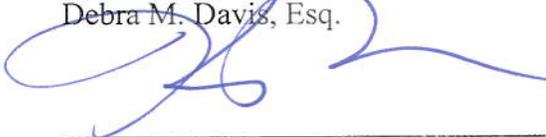
ADOPTED this 10th day of April, 2012.

County Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland


Candice Quinn Kelly, President


Reuben B. Collins, II, Vice President


Debra M. Davis, Esq.


Ken Robinson


Bobby Rucci

ATTEST:


Denise Ferguson, Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am the duly appointed Clerk to the County Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland, and that the foregoing Resolution No. 2012- 18 was duly adopted by the County Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland on this 10th day of April 2012, in public session on a regular meeting day at which meeting a quorum was present.


Denise Ferguson, Clerk