



## **BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON ADDRESSING PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY'S STRUCTURAL DEFICIT**

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2015**  
**MINUTES**

The following Blue Ribbon Commission members were present at 10:04 a.m.

Blue Ribbon Commission Members:

Earl Adams, Jr.  
Terri Bacote-Charles  
Council Member Derrick Davis  
James R. Estep  
Turkessa Green  
David C. Harrington  
Amber Hendricks  
Thomas Himler

Jamal I. Miller  
Henry W. Mosley, CPA  
Sherman L. Ragland, II  
Gino Renne  
John Rogard Tabori  
Mark E. Tomassoni  
David Van Dyke  
Ron L. Watson, Ph.D.

Council Members and Staff:

Council Member Todd Turner  
Edwin H. Brown, Jr  
Inez N. Claggett  
Colette R. Gresham  
Alex Hirtle

William M. Hunt  
Nell W. Johnson  
Catherine A. Lynch  
Aimee Olivo  
Howard Stone

Other Attendees:

Josh Ardizo  
Valerie Blyther  
Sarah Cavitt  
Wale Dade  
Tom Dernoga

Ruth Jackson  
Brent Johnson  
Susie Remond Moore  
Eric D. Sykes  
Keitha Williams

#### OPENING REMARKS/INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS:

Chair Earl Adams, Jr. opened the meeting at 10:04 a.m. The Chair welcomed everyone and asked all Blue Ribbon Commission members, staff and invited attendees to introduce themselves.

#### RULES OF THE ROAD/FUTURE MEETINGS:

Chair Adams went over the background and purpose of CR-26-2015 and gave an overview of the Commission's functions/expectations. He informed the Blue Ribbon Commission that all communication to the public should go through him as Chair of the Commission. The months of September - December will focus on the problem and the state of the County's financial condition including the budget challenges and legislative restraints placed on the County. The winter and spring will focus on the solution.

The Commission discussed future meeting dates and times. The third Monday of each month at 10 a.m. was the general consensus amongst the members. Chair Adams stated there will be three (3) public meetings in the evening to occur in the North, Central and South parts of the County. The first public meeting will take place in the South portion of the County at Harmony Hall. Date and time to be determine. Council Member Davis recommended that the Central public meeting occur last. An email will be sent out with a skeletal outline of the next 10 months.

#### OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET PRESENTATION:

The Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") briefed the Blue Ribbon Commission on the state of the County's fiscal condition (see handout). The Commission requested information as it relates to discretionary funds v. mandatory funds; the mix of houses in the County by permit type; what are grant programs v. County programs and what are other jurisdictions in the region doing from a fiscal standpoint.

#### BRIEFING FROM OFFICE OF AUDITS AND INVESTIGATIONS:

Commission Member Dave Van Dyke gave the Blue Ribbon Commission an overview of the County Council's budget process (see handout). The overview consisted of the general fund budget history from FY' 02 to FY '16, the FY '16 approved operating budget revenues and expenditures and the FY '16-'21 approved Capital Improvement Program expenditures.

The Blue Ribbon Commission discussed the policy dimensions they have to explore and the need to create new structures and policies to address the structural deficit. The next meeting will focus on the legislative restraints the County faces and its impact on the County's fiscal condition.

Meeting adjourned - 11:49 a.m.

Next Meeting: October 19, 2015 at 10 a.m.