



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.	Jamal I. Miller
Terri Bacote-Charles	Henry W. Mosley, CPA
Council Member Derrick Davis	Sherman L. Ragland, II
James R. Estep	Gino Renne
Turkessa Green	John Rogard Tabori
David C. Harrington	Mark E. Tomassoni
Amber Hendricks	David Van Dyke
Thomas Himler	Ron L. Watson, Ph.D.

Council Members and Staff:

Council Member Todd Turner	William M. Hunt
Edwin H. Brown, Jr	Nell W. Johnson
Inez N. Claggett	Catherine A. Lynch
Colette R. Gresham	Aimee Olivo
Alex Hirtle	Howard Stone

Other Attendees:

Josh Ardizo	Ruth Jackson
Valerie Blyther	Brent Johnson
Sarah Cavitt	Susie Remond Moore
Wale Dade	Eric D. Sykes
Tom Dernoga	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.