



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

**MAY 16, 2016**  
**MINUTES**

The following Blue Ribbon Commission members were present at 10:35 a.m.

Blue Ribbon Commission Members:

Henry Mosley  
Amber Hendricks  
Turkessa Green  
Mark Tomassoni  
James R. Estep  
Desiree Callender

Jamal Miller  
John Rogard Tabori  
David Van Dyke  
Sherman Ragland  
Ron Watson  
Tom Himler

Council Members and Staff:

Howard W. Stone  
Colette R. Gresham  
Maurice Simpson, Jr.  
Matt Dernoga

Other Attendees:

Guy Andes

OPENING REMARKS/REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Per the request of Chair Earl Adams, Jr., Commissioner Mosley served as Chair in his absence and called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. The Commission reviewed and approved the minutes from the April 28th meeting with Commissioner Ragland abstaining. Commissioner Mosley welcomed everyone and asked Commissioner Himler to briefly discuss the meeting with the bond rating agencies. The final reports with the County's bond ratings will be available May 24<sup>th</sup> and staff will present them to the Commission at the next meeting.

WORKING SESSION:

The Commission discussed ideas to formulate an outline for the final report. The outline should contain a recap of the County's finances, the existing limitations, any possible remedies and recommendations and future actions/sustainability. There was a request to have the last public hearing moved from a possible date in June to September to allow for more discussion amongst the Commissioners and

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providing for more notice to the public. The Commission discussed fiscal zoning and how that system limits revenue and expenditures in certain categories. The next meeting should provide an update on revenue and expenditures in light of the upcoming bond rating reports as well as the potential deficit in the County, discuss the hard data on money in the County as compared to other counties, the marketing study on tourism and its quantitative impact, and further review of the financial information presented by Lester Guthorn.

Meeting adjourned - 12:09 p.m.

Next Meeting – TBD