

**Tri-County Council**  
For the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland  
Serving Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties

Tri-County Council Meeting Minutes  
December 8, 2016

John Hall, Chair, called the meeting of the Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland to order on Thursday, December 8, 2016, at the Hyatt in Cambridge at 11:15 a.m.

Voting Members in attendance: Jerry Boston and Charles Fisher, Somerset County; Bob Culver and Larry Dodd, Wicomico County; Chip Bertino, Jim Bunting, Bud Church, Ted Elder, Merrill Lockfaw, Joe Mitrecic, Diana Purnell Worcester County; Dennis Williams, Town of Princess Anne.

Non-Voting Members in attendance: Doug Taylor, Somerset County

Mr. Taylor had Mr. Rex Simpkin's proxy.

A quorum was present.

Staff in attendance: Mike Pennington and Kristie Eberly

On a motion from Mr. Mitrecic, seconded by Mr. Dodd, the minutes for the June 22, 2016, and September 21, 2016, meetings were approved as written.

**Old Business**

**A. Discussion – 2017 Legislative Session Items – John Hall**

Mr. Hall started a discussion about potential items for the 2017 Legislative Session that could or would impact the region and if the Tri-County Council should or should not support them. Items discussed included tax credits for sprinkler systems and payment in lieu of taxes for state owned land.

Mr. Hall asked the TCC members to continue to discuss this at the county level and to give the items to Executive Board members for discussion at their January meeting.

**New Business**

**A. 2017 Election of Officers – John Hall**

As a member of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Taylor presented the 2017 Tri-County Council Executive Board nominations.

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Chair	Merrill Lockfaw
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair	Randy Laird
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair	Larry Dodd
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair	Joe Mitrecic
Secretary	Rex Simpkins
Treasurer	John Cannon
At-Large	Senator Jim Mathias

On a motion by Mr. Church, seconded by Mr. Boston, the Tri-County Council unanimously voted to approve the nominations for the 2017 Executive Board members as presented.

**Other Business**

Mr. Hall noted that there was one nominee for the 2016 Citizenship Award. He asked that any other nominations be sent to the Tri-County Council office by the end of the year.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Mitrecic, seconded by Mr. Dodd, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.