

WORK SESSION – OCTOBER 13, 2026, 4 P.M.

FOR

**BALTIMORE COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2026, LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 19
OCTOBER 19, 2026 6:00 P.M.**

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BY REQ. = AT REQUEST OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

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The accompanying notes provide analysis of unaudited information obtained from the Administration and other sources; most notes for Administration-submitted agenda items are prepared primarily by the Office of the County Auditor, while most notes for Council-initiated agenda items are prepared primarily by the Office of the Legislative Counsel to the County Council.



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Bill 89-26 (Supplemental Appropriation)**Council District(s) All****Mr. Ertel (By Req.)****Department of Corrections****STATE MOOR ORF Corrections Grant**

The Administration is requesting a supplemental appropriation of State funds totaling \$71,529 (as amended) to the State MOOR [Maryland's Office of Overdose Response] ORF [Opioid Restitution Funding] Corrections Grant Gifts and Grants Fund program. The Department advised that the proposed supplemental appropriation, together with previously appropriated funds, will be used to support positions associated with the Department's Medication for Opiate Use Disorder (MOUD) program. (The Administration has advised that it is requesting an amendment to the bill to correct the amount of the supplemental appropriation.) See Exhibit A.

Fiscal Summary

Funding Source	Supplemental Appropriation	Current Appropriation⁽²⁾	Total Appropriation
County	--	--	--
State ⁽¹⁾	\$ 71,529	\$ 476,863	\$ 548,392
Federal	--	--	--
Other	--	--	--
Total	<u>\$ 71,529</u>	<u>\$ 476,863</u>	<u>\$ 548,392</u>

⁽¹⁾ Maryland's Office of Overdose Response funds. No County matching funds are required.

⁽²⁾ Initial award of funds appropriated in the FY 2025 budget via Bill 7-25 (March 3, 2025 Council meeting).

Analysis

The MOUD program provides timely assessment and access to medication for all incarcerated individuals in need and supports their transition to community care and the re-entry process; the

Department advised that the MOUD program served 1,002 incarcerated individuals in FY 2026.

The Department advised that it will use the proposed \$71,529 supplemental appropriation, together with previously appropriated funds, to support the salary and fringe benefits of 3 full-time Correctional Officers, a full-time Registered Nurse through a contract, and a part-time Nurse Practitioner. The Department advised that although the additional \$71,529 is provided as indirect cost funding, MOOR permits these funds to be applied to eligible program expenses, including the personnel costs associated with delivering the MOUD program.

On March 3, 2025, the Council approved Bill 7-25, which appropriated the initial grant award amount of \$476,863 in the FY 2025 budget. The proposed supplemental appropriation represents additional funding that was made available through Maryland's Office of Opioid Response. Accordingly, this bill appropriates the additional \$71,529 to the FY 2027 program, increasing the total appropriation to the actual \$548,392 grant award.

The grant period is January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026. No County matching funds are required. The Department advised that when the grant funds are no longer available, the Correctional Officer positions will be absorbed into the County's vacant authorized General Fund Operating Budget positions, while the Registered Nurse and Nurse Practitioner positions will be absorbed by the MOUD contractor. (The Department further advised that while it initially planned to also fund a Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS) position with the grant funds, the position is vacant and in recruitment; salary has been reallocated to the Correctional Officer positions, and the CPRS position will not be funded after the grant funds expire.)

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 89-26 will take effect November 1, 2026.

Executive Summary

The Baltimore County Department of Corrections (BCDC) is requesting a supplemental for grant GR- 2149, State MOOR Corrections grant. These funds derive from Maryland State funds made available to Baltimore County through Maryland Opioid Restitution Funding. The State of Maryland, Maryland Office of Overdose Response (MOOR), awarded BCDC grant funds following a competitive application process to aid the expansion of the Department's Medication for Opiate Use Disorder (MOUD) Program, effective January 1st 2025. These funds were approved by Council on March 3, 2025 (Bill No.7.25). Our department is currently performing in the award period for this grant through December 31, 2026.

Two bills and related legislation allowed MOOR to reintroduce administrative expenses/indirect costs back into grant budgets (SB0594/HB0729 and HB300/SB127). As a result, MOOR has proposed to increase our previously awarded funds by 15% total. If approved by council, the acceptance of these proposed indirect costs would increase our department's total award from the previous amount of \$476,863.00 to a total of \$548,392.45, by way of the addition of \$71,529.45 in Indirect Costs.

This grant award has assisted in the expansion and service delivery of Medications to treat Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) program through expansion of necessary supplies and personnel. The offer to accept indirect costs would allow our department to further expand service delivery by adding a 3rd permanent and specially trained Correctional Officer to support the existing program. The department has already been utilizing a 3rd floating Correctional Officer to ensure service delivery. This increase would allow BCDC to fund additional department staff due to higher than anticipated actual fringe charges and additional hours worked to maintain a high-quality program. The MOUD program would continue to address urgent overdose-related needs in our facility and the Baltimore County Community as a whole.

The appropriation is a 100% funding opportunity with no County match.

Prepared by: Department of Corrections

Bill 90-26 (Supplemental Appropriation)**Council District(s) All****Mr. Ertel (By Req.)****Department of Health and Human Services****Child Advocacy – GOCCP STATE**

The Administration is requesting a supplemental appropriation of State funds totaling \$54,000 to the Child Advocacy-GOCCP [Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy] State Grant Gifts and Grants Fund program to increase the appropriation to the actual grant award amount. The Department advised that the proposed supplemental appropriation, together with previously appropriated funds, will be used to support positions associated with the County's Child Advocacy Center (CAC) Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT), as well as for travel and other costs. See Exhibit A.

Fiscal Summary

Funding Source	Supplemental Appropriation	Current Appropriation	Total Appropriation
County	--	--	--
State⁽¹⁾	\$ 54,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 72,000
Federal	--	--	--
Other	--	--	--
Total	<u>\$ 54,000</u>	<u>\$ 18,000</u>	<u>\$ 72,000</u>

⁽¹⁾ Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy funds. No County matching funds are required.

Analysis

The County's CAC program is a collaboration among the Police Department, Department of Health and Human Services, Greater Baltimore Medical Center, and the State's Attorney

dedicated to improving outcomes for child victims of crimes by providing advanced investigative and clinical training.

The Department advised that it will utilize the proposed \$54,000 supplemental appropriation, together with previously appropriated funds, to support the salary and fringe benefits of an existing part-time MDT Facilitator position (\$29,338) and an existing part-time Data Specialist position (\$8,962). Funds will also be utilized for travel costs (\$21,105) and other conference attendance costs (\$12,595).

The FY2027 Adopted Operating Budget included a \$18,000 appropriation to the Child Advocacy-GOCCP Gifts and Grants Fund program based on the estimated amount of the grant award when the Department submitted its budget request to the Office of Budget and Finance. Accordingly, this bill appropriates an additional \$54,000 to the program, increasing the total appropriation to the actual \$72,000 grant award. The grant period is July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The Department advised that no County matching funds are required.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 90-26 will take effect November 1, 2026.

Executive Summary

Child Advocacy Center (CAC) Multi-Disciplinary Team Training and Data Enhancement Program

The Baltimore County Department of Social Services is requesting approval of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$54,000.

PURPOSE

This funding will be used to reduce existing gaps in services and foster collaboration between the Baltimore County Police Department, Baltimore County Social Services, Baltimore County Department of Health, Greater Baltimore Medical Center, and the States Attorney in Baltimore County. The CAC Program provides advanced investigative and clinical training for multidisciplinary team members to improve outcomes for child victims of crime. The Maryland's Children's Alliance, in coordination with the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy is awarding additional supplemental funds to Baltimore County to support the MDT Facilitator's salary and fringe. The MDT Facilitator's role, as defined by the National Children's Alliance, is a critical, non-administrative position that is essential to the core function of the Children's Advocacy Center model. The facilitator assesses, coordinates, and manages the day-to-day activities and information sharing of the Multidisciplinary Team, a core component of the CAC model.

BACKGROUND

Since 1989, the Baltimore County CAC has been providing centralized services for child victims. The Child Advocacy Center is a child-friendly facility, as the CAC co-locates law enforcement, child protection, mental health, medical, and victim advocacy professionals. This multidisciplinary approach ensures coordinated investigations and specialized healing services while holding the offenders accountable. Since 2009, the Child Advocacy Center achieved initial full accreditation by the National Children's Alliance and as of 2025, the Baltimore County CAC successfully secured its most recent five-year national re-accreditation, maintaining a gold standard of care for over 35 years. The CAC serves victims under age 18 where the alleged abuse (sexual molestation, exploitation, or human trafficking) occurred within Baltimore County or involves a local parent/caregiver. The program provides advanced investigative and clinical training for multidisciplinary team members to provide outcomes for child victims of crime. The CAC also funds a special payroll Data Specialist to implement the NCA Trak data reporting framework to track services efficiency.

FISCAL

Funding \$54,000

Funding is awarded through the Maryland Children's Alliance and Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy to the Baltimore County Department of Social Services. The current award is \$72,000, we originally appropriated \$18,000 for this grant. We were awarded \$42,000 in addition to a supplemental for \$30,000, bringing our total award to \$72,000. Requesting an appropriation increase of \$54,000.

Prepared by: Department of Health and Human Services

Bill 91-26**Council District(s) All**

Mr. Ertel (By Req.)

Office of Human Resources

County Executive – Compensation

Bill 91-26 amends the compensation for the County Executive in accordance with the recommendations of the Personnel and Salary Advisory Board (“PSAB”). See Exhibit A.

Section 402(a) of the Baltimore County Charter states that the County Executive “shall devote his full time to the duties of his office and shall be paid an annual salary pursuant to [Charter] Section 405.” Section 405 of the Charter states that “the County Council, by the affirmative vote of a majority plus one of the total number of councilmembers established by this Charter, shall have power to increase or reduce the compensation for the County Executive ...; provided, however, that in no event shall the compensation of the County Executive be increased or reduced during his current term...”

For the term of office beginning December 2026, as provided in §402(a) of the County Charter, Bill 91-26 states that the compensation of the County Executive shall be \$240,000.

The annual salary of the County Executive is currently \$192,000; the proposed salary represents an increase of \$48,000, or 25%. The proposed compensation change would increase FY 2027 salary costs by approximately \$28,000, which the Administration advised can be accommodated within the existing FY 2027 appropriation.

Pursuant to County Code, § 5-1-105, as amended by Bill 40-26, as amended, on October 8, 2026, the Office of Budget and Finance provided an actuarial analysis of the retirement-related fiscal impact of Bills 91-26, 92-26, and 93-26 and Resolution 38-26. The actuary estimates that the proposed compensation changes collectively would increase the Employees’ Retirement System’s actuarial accrued liability by \$957,304 and increase the County’s annual employer retirement system costs by \$133,259 beginning in FY 2029. Over the 10-year period from FY 2029 through FY 2038, the analysis projects approximately \$1.6 million in cumulative additional

employer retirement system costs. The analysis indicates no change in the Retirement System's funded status attributable to the proposed compensation changes. The actuarial analysis does not separately identify the 10-year retirement-related fiscal impacts attributable to the proposed County Executive compensation increase.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 91-26 shall take effect November 1, 2026.

Executive Summary

The second personnel bill for FY2027 does the following: increases the compensation of the County Executive for the term of office to begin December 2026, and generally relating to the compensation of the County Executive.

Prepared by: Office of Human Resources

Bill 92-26**Council District(s) All**

Mr. Ertel

County Council – Compensation

Bill 92-26 amends the compensation for members of the County Council and the Chairman of the Council following recommendations submitted by the Personnel and Salary Advisory Board (“PSAB”), in accordance with State law and County Code.

Section 204 of the Baltimore County Charter states that “compensation and allowances to be paid to members of the County Council shall be set as provided in Section 10-302 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended.” Section 10-302 sets forth that “by ordinance, a county may establish a commission to recommend compensation and allowances for members of the county legislative body.” Accordingly, Section 2-1-102 of the County Code states that the PSAB shall establish the compensation and allowances to be paid to members of the County Council.

Section 10-302 of the Local Government Article requires that the PSAB submit its recommendation for the compensation and allowances for County Councilmembers to the Council within 15 days after the beginning of the fourth year of the term. The County Council may reduce or reject the PSAB’s recommendation, but the Council may not increase any item. Last, any change in the compensation and allowances of Councilmembers shall be enacted by ordinance before the election for the members of the next succeeding Council and take effect only for the members of the next succeeding Council.

Since the last review of Council compensation in 2022, Section 204 of the Charter was amended to state “membership on the council shall be considered a full-time position for the purposes of compensation.” This new language was added by Bill 47-24, which also proposed expanding the Council from 7 to 9 districts. This exact language also appears in the relevant Charter sections in Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties and was added to the Charter to reflect the full-time nature of the Councilmember position. The ballot question regarding Council expansion and full-time compensation was approved by a majority of Baltimore County voters at the 2024 general election.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 10-302, the PSAB submitted its recommendations regarding the compensation to be paid to the members of the County Council. The PSAB recommended that the salary for all Councilmembers increase from \$69,000 to \$140,000 and that the salary for the Council Chair increase from \$77,000 to \$150,000. However, Bill 92-26 reflects a lower salary of \$119,750 for all Councilmembers and \$129,750 for the Council Chair. The increases would apply to Councilmembers seated following the general election in November 2026.

Bill 92-26 would increase the annual salary for Councilmembers from \$69,000 to \$119,750, an increase of \$50,750, or approximately 73.6%, and increase the annual salary for the Council Chair from \$77,000 to \$129,750, an increase of \$52,750, or approximately 68.5%. For the nine-member Council, the proposed compensation changes would increase annual salary costs by a total of \$458,750.

The FY 2027 budget as adopted assumed County Council compensation at the levels recommended by the PSAB. Accordingly, the compensation levels proposed by Bill 92-26 are estimated to result in FY 2027 savings of approximately \$106,000 relative to the adopted budget. The FY 2027 cost of the proposed compensation changes, including compensation for all nine Councilmembers who will be seated following the general election in November 2026, is estimated to total approximately \$268,000.

For additional perspective, the Office of the County Auditor analyzed the growth in Councilmember and Council Chair compensation since 2002. Assuming Bill 92-26 is enacted as introduced, Councilmember compensation will have increased from \$45,000 in 2002 to \$119,750 in 2030, and Council Chair compensation will have increased from \$50,000 to \$129,750 over the same period, representing compound annual growth rates of approximately 3.56% and 3.46%, respectively.

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funded status attributable to the proposed compensation changes. Of the \$133,259 annual increase, \$90,375 is attributable to the Council compensation changes proposed by Bill 92-26. The actuarial analysis does not separately identify the 10-year retirement-related fiscal impacts attributable to Bill 92-26.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 92-26 shall take effect November 1, 2026.

Bill 93-26**Council District(s) All**

Mr. Ertel (By Req.)

Office of Human Resources

Personnel Law of Baltimore County

Bill 93-26 implements the changes to the Classification and Compensation Plan as recommended by the Personnel and Salary Advisory Board or required as a result of labor negotiations for FY 2027. The bill also states that the County Executive has approved the recommendations. See Exhibit A.

Section 1 of the bill provides that Pay Schedule VI-P of the Standard Salary Grades for Public Safety Supervisory, Management, and Confidential Employees of the Sheriff's Office are adjusted, effective January 1, 2027. The Administration advised that this pay schedule reflects an additional Year 8 longevity compared to the same schedule enacted in May 2026.

Section 2 of the bill amends the pay grades for three correctional mechanic titles and Senior Trial Counsel. Section 3 of the bill adds the title of Assistant County Attorney Division Chief and assigns the new title to a specific pay schedule and grade.

Section 4 of the bill amends Regulations 6.01.C, 10.01.J.5, 10.02.F.5, and 11.02.B and D of Section IV of the Classification and Compensation Plans to clarify the compensation of employees promoted to Pay Schedule XII as well as to update the rules governing call-back, substitution, and shift differential pay for employees on Pay Schedule V and shift differential pay for employees on Pay Schedule II. Last, Section 5 of the bill increases the compensation of the Associate Judges of the Orphans' Court from \$70,000 to \$100,000, and the Chief Judge from \$75,000 to \$105,625, effective December 7, 2026.

The Office of Budget and Finance advised that the FY 2027 salary cost of the proposed changes totals approximately \$92,000 (including approximately \$88,000 in the General Fund). See Exhibit B for the specific adjustments and associated salary cost impacts, as provided by the Office of

Budget and Finance. The Office of Budget and Finance advised that the FY 2027 budget as adopted reflects the full amount of the bill's salary changes.

Pursuant to County Code, § 5-1-105, as amended by Bill 40-26, as amended, on October 8, 2026, the Office of Budget and Finance provided an actuarial analysis of the retirement-related fiscal impact of Bills 91-26, 92-26, and 93-26 and Resolution 38-26. The actuary estimates that the proposed compensation changes collectively would increase the Employees' Retirement System's actuarial accrued liability by \$957,304 and increase the County's annual employer retirement system costs by \$133,259 beginning in FY 2029. Over the 10-year period from FY 2029 through FY 2038, the analysis projects approximately \$1.6 million in cumulative additional employer retirement system costs. The analysis indicates no change in the Retirement System's funded status attributable to the proposed compensation changes. Of the \$133,259 annual increase, \$35,792 is attributable to the County employee compensation changes proposed by Bill 93-26. The actuarial analysis does not separately identify the 10-year retirement-related fiscal impacts attributable to Bill 93-26.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council and signature by the Executive, Bill 93-26 will take effect December 7, 2026.

Executive Summary

Personnel Bill for Baltimore County Classification & Compensation Plans by adding certain new classifications; amending certain pay grades for certain classifications; amending certain rules and regulations of the Classification and Compensation Plans regarding promotions and premium pay; amending the compensation for the Orphans' Court Judges; and generally relating to the governance and compensation of the personnel of Baltimore County Government.

Prepared by: Office of Human Resources

FY 2027 PERSONNEL ANNUAL REVIEW, BILL 93-26							
I. PAY SCALE ADJUSTMENTS							
PAY SCALE ADJUSTMENTS	EFFECTIVE DATE (ON OR ABOUT)	PAY SCHEDULE	FY 2027 ADJUSTMENT NOTES		FY 2027 GF BUDGET IMPACT		
PUBLIC SAFETY SUPERVISORY, MANAGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES Sheriff	1/1/2027	VIP S	Add Longevity 8		\$ 8,228	\$ 8,228	
			TOTAL		\$ 8,228	\$ 8,228	
II. CLASSIFICATIONS AND GRADES							
REALLOCATION OF PAY GRADE	EFFECTIVE DATE (ON OR ABOUT)	PAY SCHEDULE	CURRENT PAY GRADE	PROPOSED PAY GRADE	FY 2027 GF BUDGET IMPACT	FY 2027 IMPACT (ALL FUNDS)	
01.432 - Senior Trial Counsel	1/1/2027	XIV	EP7	EP8	\$ 26,436	\$ 30,387	
10.110 - Correctional Heating And Air Conditioning Mechanic	1/1/2027	II	H24	H25	\$ 1,841	\$ 1,841	
10.111 - Correctional Maintenance Mechanic I	1/1/2027	II	H17	H20	\$ -	\$ -	
10.112 - Correctional Maintenance Mechanic II	1/1/2027	II	H21	H22	\$ 6,240	\$ 6,240	
					\$ 34,517	\$ 38,468	
III. ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION REVIEW							
CLASSIFICATIONS FOR REVIEW FY 2027	EFFECTIVE DATE (ON OR ABOUT)	PAY SCHEDULE	CURRENT COMPENSATION	PROPOSED COMPENSATION	FY 2027 GF BUDGET IMPACT	FY 2027 IMPACT (ALL FUNDS)	
01.310 - Associate Judge, Orphan's Court	1/1/2027	XIV	\$ 70,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	
01.315 - Chief Judge, Orphans' Court	1/1/2027	XIV	\$ 75,000	\$ 105,625	\$ 15,313	\$ 15,313	
					\$ 45,313	\$ 45,313	
III. ADDITIONAL JOB CLASSIFICATIONS							
NEW JOB CLASSIFICATIONS FOR FY 2027 TITLE	CLASS	JOB CODE	LABOR UNION	PAY SCHEDULE	GRADE	FY 2027 GF BUDGET IMPACT	FY 2027 IMPACT (ALL FUNDS)
Assistant County Attorney Division Chief		01.219		EPP	EP9	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL ALL ADJUSTMENTS							
						FY 2027 GF BUDGET IMPACT	FY 2027 IMPACT (ALL FUNDS)
						\$ 88,058	\$ 92,009

Prepared by: Office of Budget and Finance

Bill 94-26**Council District(s) All**

Mr. Ertel (By Req.)

Executive Office

**Boards, Commissions, Committees, Panels, and Foundations –
Membership Updates**

Bill 94-26 updates the membership for most Baltimore County boards, commissions, committees, panels, and foundations (generally “boards and commissions”) to reflect the Council expansion from 7 to 9 members. See Exhibit A.

Baltimore County currently has over 50 boards and commissions with over 600 individual appointments. These boards and commissions cover a wide range of topics, including: environmental protection; adult guardianship; arts and sciences; plumbing and gasfitting; human relations; police accountability; animal welfare; and veterans’ affairs.

Generally, boards and commissions are “standing” bodies, meaning they are intended to be permanent and were not established only to produce a report and recommendations or for another temporary purpose, such as a work group or task force. Boards and commissions are generally established under one or more of the following authorities:

- State authorities, meaning the Maryland Code, legislation enacted by the General Assembly, or an executive order of the Governor;
- the County Charter;
- the County Code; or
- an executive order of the County Executive.

Of the County’s over 50 boards and commissions, 30 are governed by or established in Article 3, Title 3 of the County Code. Each subtitle in Title 3 sets forth the provisions for a particular board or commission. These provisions generally cover the same topics, including the number of members and their appointment process; term lengths and, if applicable, term limits; mandatory and discretionary powers and duties; frequency of meetings; quorum and rules of procedure for

meetings; selection of a chair and vice-chair; filling a vacancy; and staffing by an agency or department. While many boards and commissions in Article 3, Title 3 contain some individualized provisions, most of these provisions are broadly similar, with small variations in wording. This is most common with provisions detailing procedure and is least common with rules regarding membership size, qualifications, and appointment.

Bill 94-26 updates the membership for all boards and commission in Article 3, Title 3 for which individual Councilmembers directly appoint or recommend the appointment of a board or commission member. For each board or commission, the updates maintain the same balance of Council appointments to Executive appointments. Specifically, the bill updates the membership to the following boards and commissions.

Board or Commission	Current Membership	Proposed Membership
Commission on Aging	15 Total Members 7 Council (recommended) 8 Executive appointments	19 Total Members 9 Council (recommended) 10 Executive
Commission on Arts and Sciences	17 Total Members 7 Council (direct) 10 Executive	21 Total Members 9 Council (direct) 12 Executive
Human Relations Commission	15 Total Members 7 Council (recommended) 8 Executive	19 Total Members 9 Council (recommended) 10 Executive
Landmarks Preservation Commission	15 Total Members 7 Council (direct) 8 Executive	19 Total Members 9 Council (direct) 10 Executive
Commission for Women	21 Total Members 7 Council (direct) 14 Executive	25 Total Members 9 Council (direct) 16 Executive
Commission on Veterans' Affairs	12 Total Members 7 Council (direct) 5 Executive	16 Total Members 9 Council (direct) 7 Executive
Advisory Commission on Environmental Quality	15 Total Members 7 Council (direct) 8 Executive	19 Total Members 9 Council (direct) 10 Executive
Advisory Committee on Animal Services	11 Total Members 7 Council (direct) 4 Executive	15 Total Members 9 Council (direct) 6 Executive
Baltimore County Fair Election Fund Commission	9 Total Members 7 Council (recommended) 2 Executive	13 Total Members 9 Council (recommended) 4 Executive

Police Accountability Board	9 Total Members 7 Council (recommended) 2 Executive	13 Total Members 9 Council (recommended) 4 Executive
Community Reinvestment and Repair Commission	9 Total Members 7 Council (direct) 2 Executive	13 Total Members 9 Council (direct) 4 Executive
Advisory Committee on Public School Capacity	9 Total Members 7 Council (direct) 2 Executive	13 Total Members 9 Council (direct) 4 Executive

In addition to the change in membership, Bill 94-26 establishes that members of the Commission on Aging and the Commission on Arts and Sciences may not serve more than three consecutive terms. Also, in conjunction with the Council, the Administration identified three boards and commissions that are currently defunct or whose purpose has been fulfilled: the Telecommunications Advisory Panel; the Baltimore County Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee; and the Baltimore County Advisory Council on Physical Fitness. Bill 94-26 repeals these three boards and commissions.

Last, Section 6 of the bill addresses a residency issue with board and commission members caused by the simultaneous Council expansion and change in Councilmanic district boundaries in December 2026. The Administration advises that, when the new Council begins on December 7, 2026, a significant percentage of all Council appointees (both recommended and direct) will be living in a different Councilmanic district from the district represented by the Councilmember that made their appointment or recommended their appointment. Generally, when Councilmanic district boundaries have changed due to redistricting, board and commission members that were in the middle of their term when the change occurred have been permitted to continue serving until the end of that term, even if the board or commission member's residence switched from one Councilmanic district to another. However, due to the large number of appointees to which this scenario will apply, a more comprehensive process is needed.

Section 6 addresses this issue by stating that any board or commission member that is in the middle of their term and was appointed or recommended for appointment by a Councilmember is not disqualified for residency if the change in Councilmanic districts resulted in their residence being in a different district. However, this safe harbor shall apply only until October 1, 2027. Between the start of the new Council term and the October 1 deadline, the Council and Administration will work together to resolve residency issues with the membership of each board and commission. After the October 1 deadline, any board or commission member that must be a

resident of a particular council district must reside in that district or they are considered disqualified as a member of their board or commission.

With the affirmative vote of a majority of the County Council, Bill 94-26 will take effect December 7, 2026.

Executive Summary

This bill adjusts board membership, appointment provisions, and quorum requirements as necessary to reflect the increase in County Council members and districts from seven to nine. It seeks to maintain a consistent “balance of power” as currently exists between appointments made in the County Executive’s discretion, and those controlled by County Council members or districts. The bill addresses sixteen Boards, Commissions, Committees, Advisory Councils, Panels, and Authorities.

Prepared by: Executive Office

Bill 95-26**Council District(s) All**

Mr. Ertel (By Req.)

Executive Office

Council Action Modernization and Procedural Efficiency Act

Bill 95-26 modernizes the County contract procurement process by increasing the contract expenditure and term thresholds that require Council approval, in accordance with Section 715 of the County Charter. The bill also increases the threshold value above which certain personal property is required to be sold in an open market or by contract and generally relates to the approval of contracts. See Exhibit A.

Section 715 of the Baltimore County Charter has for decades required Council approval for service contracts exceeding \$25,000 in value per year or exceeding two years in duration, or such amount or term as may be set by legislative act of the County Council. Even as the cost of services has increased, the Charter-imposed threshold has not been increased to keep pace with modern prices. A majority of service contracts currently executed by the County have terms in excess of two years. Due to the volume of routine contracts that exceed the thresholds stated in Section 715, significant time is required of both the Executive and Legislative Branches to prepare and approve contracts. According to the Administration, the execution of essential and time-sensitive contracts may be delayed due to approval requirements. The bill is intended to increase the threshold, modernize operations, and find efficiencies in the County's procurement process.

Bill 95-26 first amends the purpose of the purchasing title in the Finance article of the County Code to include updating the provisions in Section 715 of the Charter as a purpose. The bill then amends specific thresholds for Council approval.

The contract value threshold under which auction bids may be used as a method of commodity procurement is increased from \$25,000 to \$150,000. In addition, the thresholds for Council approval of contracts for services are increased from a term exceeding 2 years or expenditures exceeding \$25,000 per year to a term exceeding 3 years or expenditures exceeding \$150,000 per year.

The bill also eliminates the existing provisions requiring Council approval specifically for certain deferred or financed purchases and leases or lease-purchases of commodities. The Administration advised that most, if not all, such contracts are expected to require Council approval under the bill's new thresholds based on contract term or annual expenditure.

Next, the bill increases the amount under which the County Purchasing Agent (defined as the Director of the Office of Budget and Finance) may sell obsolete or unusable personal property of the County in an open market sale from \$25,000 to \$100,000. The bill also increases the value range that triggers a requirement for the Purchasing Agent to solicit at least three informal bids for the personal property from \$5,001 - \$25,000 to \$25,000 - \$100,000. Accordingly, the bill increases the value threshold beyond which such personal property must be sold by formal written contract to the highest responsive and responsible bidder from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

Last, the bill authorizes the purchase of commodities and services with an estimated cost of more than \$25,000 to be purchased by methods that are in accordance with Article IX of the Charter, rather than only by formal, written contract from the lowest responsive and responsible bidder as determined by the Purchasing Agent, after public notice inviting proposals. The Administration advised that these methods include requests for proposals, sole source procurements, and cooperative purchasing agreements, as applicable.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 95-26 will take effect December 7, 2026.

Executive Summary

Section 715 of the County Charter provides that certain contracts be approved by the County Council prior to being executed. Specifically, the Charter requires Council approval for service contracts in excess of two years or involving the expenditure of more than \$25,000 per year. These thresholds were set decades ago and have not been recently changed. The County is now a \$5 billion enterprise, and the monetary value of \$25,000 has declined significantly.

Accordingly, the Administration is requesting support for legislation to raise the threshold to three years or \$150,000, and other technical changes regarding procurement procedures generally. These parameters bring Baltimore County closer to peer jurisdictions and will promote more modern, efficient government.

Prepared by: Executive Office

Bill 96-26**Council District(s) All**

Mr. Ertel (By Req.)

Executive Office

**Real Property – Modernization of County Acquisition, Exchange,
Conveyance, and Condemnation**

Bill 96-26 amends various monetary thresholds and procedures related to County real property acquisitions, leases, exchanges, conveyances, and condemnations; updates the approval processes for real estate exchanges; and makes other changes to County real property and related procedures. See Exhibit A.

Under the State Express Powers Act (§ 10-312 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland), a Charter County may provide for the acquisition by purchase, lease, condemnation, or otherwise of property required for public purposes in the county. In addition, a county may provide for the disposal of any real or leasehold county property, if the county property is no longer needed for public use.

Under this State enabling law, Section 715 of the County Charter authorizes the County to make “contracts of lease or contracts for services providing for the payment of funds at a time beyond the fiscal year in which the contracts are made.” However, Section 715 goes on to state that “any contract must be approved by the county council before it is executed if the contract is: (1) for the purchase of real or leasehold property where the purchase price of the property is in excess of \$5,000 or such amount as may be set by legislative act of the county council; [or] (2) for the lease of real or leasehold property in excess of \$25,000 in the aggregate or such amount as may be set by legislative act of the county council.”

Several decades ago, the Council enacted County Code provisions as authorized under Section 715 of the Charter to set rules and procedure around the County acquisition of property. These Code provisions are found in Subtitle 1 of Title 9, Article 3 of the Code. However, the monetary thresholds in these Code provisions have not been updated to keep up with inflation or modern government operations.

Accordingly, Bill 96-26 updates several sections in Subtitle 1, of Title 9, Article 3. First, the bill raises the threshold for Council approval of the acquisition of real or leasehold property to a purchase price of \$100,000 or an aggregate lease payment of \$150,000. The \$100,000 threshold also applies to exchanges of real or leasehold property (previously \$25,000). Specifically, exchanges valued at \$100,000 or less are subject to a 14-day Council review period, during which a Councilmember may call for a vote; exchanges valued above \$100,000 require Council approval.

The bill also establishes a process for the release of an existing County easement when a substitute easement is conveyed to and accepted by the County. An appraisal is not required if the easements are of comparable size and zoning classification; for this purpose, a substitute easement that is at least 80% of the acreage of the existing easement is considered comparable in size. A proposed release is subject to a 14-day Council review period, during which a Councilmember may call for a vote.

Next, the bill updates the name of the county office that handles land valuation and acquisition from the now-defunct County Bureau of Land Acquisition to Real Estate Compliance. The bill also specifies that in most property acquisition or disposition transactions, the value of property or lease must be determined by Real Estate Compliance.

In addition, the bill raises the threshold for condemnation without Council approval from \$5,000 to \$25,000. For property valued at more than \$25,000 but not more than \$100,000, the proposed condemnation is subject to a 14-day Council review period, during which a Councilmember may call for a vote; proposed condemnations valued above \$100,000 require Council approval.

The bill also updates several publication provisions related to the acquisition or disposition of property to be in compliance with State law and modifies publication requirements related to County franchises, including allowing notice to be published on the County's website for three successive weeks rather than in two newspapers and eliminating the publication requirement for franchise renewals and non-substantive or administrative amendments. Throughout the bill, references regarding the County official or entity responsible for certain administrative actions in response to objections to the acquisition or disposition of property are updated from the County Administrative Officer to the Office of Administrative Hearings, to reflect the current procedure.

Bill 96-26 also raises the value thresholds for certain procedures beyond Council approval. Specifically, the threshold for the County to convey property without multiple independent appraisals is raised from \$25,000 to \$100,000. At or below this threshold, one appraisal may be utilized, which may be an internal appraisal completed by Real Estate Compliance appraisal staff. For property valued above \$100,000, the average value of two independent appraisals must be utilized.

The bill also establishes exceptions from certain procedures for transactions involving governmental entities, public service companies, and specified nonprofit or civic organizations, including certain leases of County property to such entities.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 96-26 will take effect December 7, 2026.

Executive Summary

Modernization of County Acquisition, Exchange, Conveyance, and Condemnation

- Permits the acquisition of real property where the purchase price is \$100,000 or less without County Council approval. The threshold is being raised from \$5,000 as set forth in Sec. 715 of the Charter, which allows for an increased amount set by legislative act of the County Council. No other county in Maryland requires County Council approval of acquisitions of real property above a certain dollar amount, except for Harford County, where the threshold is \$100,000 but Council approval is only required if the purchase price exceeds the higher of two appraisals.
- Permits the County to lease real property (i.e., as a tenant) without County Council approval if the aggregate amount of rental payments under the term of the lease is \$150,000 or less. The threshold is being raised from \$25,000 as set forth in Sec. 715 of the Charter, which allows for an increased amount set by legislative act of the County Council.
- Allows the exchange of real property valued at \$100,000 or less via a 14-Day Letter.
- Allows the County to utilize an internal appraisal when selling property that is valued at \$100,000 or less, and requires the average value of two independent appraisals to be used when the value is more than \$100,000.
- Allows the County to lease property (i.e., as a landlord) to other governmental agencies, nonprofits, civic organizations, etc. without requiring payment of market rent or other technical lease requirements.
- Raises the dollar threshold for filing condemnation proceedings without express County Council approval from \$25,000 to \$100,000 (property valued at \$25k-\$100k can be approved via a 14-Day Letter).
- Other technical updates as recommended by the Office of Law.

Prepared by: Executive Office

Bill 97-26**Council District(s) All**

Mr. Ertel (By Req.)

Executive Office

Gifts and Grants – Procedure for Acceptance by the County

Bill 97-26 updates the amounts for the acceptance of certain cash gifts for governmental purposes. The bill also authorizes the Administrative Office to accept gifts and grants for governmental purposes under certain circumstances. See Exhibit A.

From time to time, Baltimore County receives gifts from members of the public to support governmental purposes, accepted through resolutions passed by the County Council. The Administration regularly receives grants for governmental purposes, in excess of funds identified in the current expense budget, which require legislative bills to accept supplemental appropriations to the budget. Such grants have historically been non-controversial and are regularly approved. The Administration advised that the current process for accepting supplemental grants may prolong acceptance and delay implementation.

Bill 97-26 increases from \$5,000 to \$25,000 the threshold applicable to certain monetary gifts for governmental purposes. The bill also establishes a process for the acceptance of certain supplemental operating grants for which an appropriation already exists in the current County expense budget.

Under the process established by the bill, the office or department receiving notice of supplemental grant funds must submit a summary of the grant to the County Administrative Officer, who must forward the summary, with a recommendation to the County Council, Council Secretary, and County Auditor. The supplemental grant is considered approved unless, within 14 days, a Councilmember requests in writing to the County Administrative Officer and Council Secretary that the grant be presented to the Council for approval or disapproval at its next legislative meeting.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 97-26 will take effect December 7, 2026.

Executive Summary

The Administration is requesting support for legislation to modernize and streamline the County's process for accepting gifts and grants. Under current policy and practice, the County requires legislative action to accept gifts, such as donated equipment to an agency, and grants, such as a state or federal grant. Historically, these matters are noncontroversial and routine, approved without opposition. This legislation allows for such gifts and grants to be accepted via the County's 14-day letter process. Under this process, the Administration notifies the Council of the receipt of gifts and grants. If a Councilmember objects in writing to the County Administrative Officer, the item must be brought to a Council Session for approval or disapproval. If there is no objection, the gift or grant may be accepted.

Prepared by: Executive Office

Bill 98-26 (Supplemental Appropriation)

Council District(s) All

Mr. Ertel (By Req.)

Police Department

National Integrated Ballistic Information (NIBIN) Modernization Program

The Administration is requesting a supplemental appropriation of anticipated federal funds totaling \$300,000 to the National Integrated Ballistic Information (NIBIN) Modernization Program Gifts and Grants Fund program. The Department advised that the funds, if awarded, will be used to modernize its ballistic imaging equipment to align with federal standards. See Exhibit A.

Fiscal Summary

Funding Source	Supplemental Appropriation	Current Appropriation	Total Appropriation
County	--	--	--
State	--	--	--
Federal⁽¹⁾	\$ 300,000	--	\$ 300,000
Other	--	--	--
Total	<u>\$ 300,000</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>\$ 300,000</u>

⁽¹⁾ United States Department of Justice funds. No County matching funds are required.

Analysis

The Department advised that it was invited to apply for a United States Department of Justice (DOJ) grant to fund an upgrade and system refresh of its ballistic imaging equipment to align with federal standards. The Department further advised that grant funds will be used to upgrade the Department's existing IBIS BrassTrax H3 system to the IBIS BrassTrax H4 system (including 5

years of system support); the Department advised that the new system offers several technological advancements that will streamline ballistic evidence processing and reduce overall turnaround time. The Department further advised that, without this upgrade, the current system will become non-operational as it will not align with federal standards, restricting the Department's access to ballistic databases necessary for investigative best practices; however, the current system will remain functional until the upgraded system is validated and approved for casework. The Department advised that the timeline for implementing the upgrade is 4-6 months after the grant is awarded, depending on the length of the procurement process.

The Department advised that the County has not yet received notice of a grant award in response to its grant application. The Department further advised the grant period is 5 years following the award's start date, which will be established after the grant is awarded. The Department also advised that no County matching funds are required.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 98-26 will take effect November 15, 2026.

Executive Summary

The Baltimore County Police Department (BCoPD) requests Council approval to appropriate a \$300,000 National Integrated Ballistic Information (NIBIN) Modernization Program grant award from the Department of Justice (DOJ). This grant was not included in the FY 2027 budget request.

Baltimore County-Forensics was part of a selected group of Forensic Laboratories across the nation which were invited to apply for a National Integrated Ballistic Information Modernization Program upgrade and system refresh. BCoPD, and all others on the list of qualifying labs nationally, were unaware of this grant opportunity until it was set forth by the DOJ in early July 2026.

Without this upgrade, our current system will become non-operational as it will not align with current DOJ Bureau for Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) standards restricting our access to ballistic databases necessary for investigative best practices. This grant will provide new equipment, and five years of support for the equipment.

Prepared by: Police Department

Bill 99-26 (Supplemental Appropriation)

Council District(s) All

Mr. Ertel (By Req.)

Department of Health and Human Services

Woodlawn School Based Wellness Centers

The Administration is requesting a supplemental appropriation of State funds totaling \$53,805 to the Woodlawn School-Based Wellness Centers Grant Gifts and Grants Fund program to increase the appropriation to the actual grant award amount. The Department advised that the proposed supplemental appropriation, together with previously appropriated funds, will be used to support positions associated with the Woodlawn School-Based Wellness Centers, as well as for software, mileage, and supplies. See Exhibit A.

Fiscal Summary

Funding Source	Supplemental Appropriation	Current Appropriation	Total Appropriation
County	--	--	--
State⁽¹⁾	\$ 53,805	\$ 619,381	\$ 673,186
Federal	--	--	--
Other	--	--	--
Total	<u>\$ 53,805</u>	<u>\$ 619,381</u>	<u>\$ 673,186</u>

⁽¹⁾ Maryland Department of Health funds passed through Baltimore County Public Schools. No County matching funds are required.

Analysis

The Department advised that the County's Woodlawn School-Based Wellness Centers program is co-administered by the Department of Health and Baltimore County Public Schools; the mission

of the program is to offer school-based health care services for students with unmet health needs (i.e., disease prevention, treatment, and linkage to community resources).

The Department advised that it will utilize the proposed supplemental appropriation, together with previously appropriated funds, to support the salary, fringe benefits, uniforms, and travel costs for 4.0 FTE Nurse Practitioner positions (\$620,732). Funds will also be utilized to support a medical resident serving the Woodlawn School-Based Wellness Centers program (\$28,200) and software licenses and subscriptions, as well as medical and operational supplies (\$24,254).

The FY2027 Adopted Operating Budget included a \$619,381 appropriation to the Woodlawn School-Based Wellness Centers program based on the estimated amount of the grant award when the Department submitted its budget request to the Office of Budget and Finance. Accordingly, this bill appropriates an additional \$53,805 to the program, increasing the total appropriation to the actual \$673,186 grant award. The grant period is July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The Department advised that no County matching funds are required.

The Department advised that the State increased FY 2027 funding due to the addition of three School-Based Health Center sites and a new funding formula that accounts for the County's 16 total sites.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 99-26 will take effect November 15, 2026.

Executive Summary

Supplemental Appropriation

GR-1170 Woodlawn School-Based Wellness Centers

The Baltimore County Department of Health and Human Services is requesting a \$53,805.00 supplemental appropriation to our Woodlawn School-Based Wellness Centers (GR-1170) grant. The additional funds will be used for software, overtime, medical supplies, and operational supplies. These investments will allow us to engage in more community outreach by: covering staff overtime for after school events, modernizing our enrollment process, and expanding services provided. We anticipate an increase in the number of clients served as a result.

The School-Based Wellness Centers program in Baltimore County is co-administered by Baltimore County Public Schools (administrative sponsor) and Baltimore County Department of Health (clinical sponsor). The SBHC Program is within the Bureau of Clinical Services at the BCDH. The mission of the SBHC program is to offer school-based health care services for students with unmet health needs, including disease prevention, treatment, and linkage to community resources.

During FY2026, the Maryland Department of Health increased the FY2027 funding allocated to the Baltimore County School-Based Health Center (SBHC) program due to 3 new SBHC sites opening in FY2027 and a new funding formula that accounts for the total number of sites (now 16 total). The current award is \$673,186.00 and we previously received approval for \$619,381.00. The supplemental appropriation request is for \$53,805.00.

Prepared by: Department of Health and Human Services

Bill 100-26

Council District(s) All

Mr. Ertel (By Req.)

Administrative Office

Personal Property Tax Credits for Eligible Maritime Manufacturing Property

Bill 100-26 establishes a personal property tax credit for eligible maritime manufacturing property. See Exhibit A.

Background

In December 2025, the Baltimore County Council passed and the County Executive approved legislation establishing real and personal property tax credits to promote the development of marine terminals that handle container cargo. In passing Bill 88-25, the County Council found that marine terminals generate significant economic benefits, including by creating jobs and attracting businesses that benefit from the logistics and supply chain advantages of being located near a container terminal. The bill states that marine terminals (“ports”) also support maritime manufacturing because some manufacturing processes require access to, or location in, marine waters due to the nature of the activity; they also attract supporting businesses and suppliers to the region that benefit from the logistics and supply chain gained by their proximity to a port.

Baltimore County has a rich history of marine manufacturing dating back to the colonial era. During World War II, the Sparrows Point Shipyard built ships for the U.S. Maritime Commission’s Emergency Shipbuilding Program, including the well-known Liberty ships, and helped to rebuild the British Merchant Navy, and at the height of World War II, Bethlehem Steel employed approximately 36,000 people in its Sparrows Point facilities.

The bill states that the development of a port in Eastern Baltimore County provides the County with a unique opportunity to reclaim the County’s historical place in maritime manufacturing, which will generate significant economic benefits, including by creating direct, high-paying jobs and inducing capital investment. The bill further states that maritime manufacturing attracts significant federal and private funding to the County and the State, which supports additional economic prosperity. According to the bill, maritime manufacturing sites can also be hubs for innovation

through investments in research and development that benefit the County and the nation as a whole since many of the maritime manufacturing processes relate to the United States Armed Services.

The bill states that innovations in maritime manufacturing provide significant local opportunities for partnerships with students in the County's public schools, community colleges, and the State's universities. The bill further states that, accordingly, promoting the potential for development of maritime manufacturing sites in the County will yield the potential for the significant economic benefits that follow such operations.

Maritime Manufacturing Property Tax Credit

Bill 100-26 establishes a property tax credit of 100% against all County personal property taxes imposed on eligible maritime manufacturing property used in connection with manufacturing operations at a maritime site in the foreign trade zone, pursuant to § 9-231 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The property tax credit lasts for 30 years from the date that a taxpayer first claims the credit.

Under the bill, "manufacturing operations" is defined as "activities to support the development and production of maritime goods and services" and the "foreign trade zone" is defined as "the entire area designated as Foreign-Trade Zone No. 74 under federal law."

The bill also defines "eligible maritime manufacturing property." The bill establishes nine categories of eligible machinery and equipment that are necessary for the safe, secure, and efficient manufacturing of maritime goods. They are as follows:

- general cranes, ship to shore cranes, cranes to load and unload components used in the manufacturing process, mobile cranes, gantry cranes, including rail-mounted gantry cranes to load and unload components from railcars within the maritime site, and harbor cranes;
- material handling equipment, manned, controlled, and autonomous vehicles, associated trailers, self-propelled modular transporter (SPMT) systems and similar transporters, railcars and forklifts that may be used to move manufacturing components within the maritime site, and other specialized material handling equipment;
- waterfront infrastructure and equipment, dry docks, floating dry docks and barges, and other infrastructure associated with the waterfront;
- specialized information technology servers, computers, and hardware associated with information technology related to maritime manufacturing;

- software used to enable and control the manufacturing of maritime goods;
- mills, jigs, fixtures, lathes, specialized vehicles, and equipment that is necessary to facilitate maritime manufacturing;
- signage;
- welding systems, whether vertical, horizontal, or otherwise, blast and paint or coat systems, and relevant toolings, such as hand tools and consumables; and
- other manufacturing equipment that is related to maritime manufacturing.

A taxpayer that claims a maritime manufacturing property tax credit must provide, upon the request of the Director of the Office of Budget and Finance, an itemized list of the eligible maritime manufacturing property for which the taxpayer claims is subject to the credit. The itemized list is subject to Title 13, Subtitle 2 of the Tax-General Article and Title 4, Subtitle 3 of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Within 6 months of the approval of an application for a maritime manufacturing property tax credit, the applicant and the County must begin a negotiation, in good faith, to enter into a reporting agreement. The tax credit may not be claimed until after a reporting agreement has been approved and executed by the County and the applicant. The reporting agreement must include the following:

- at least one development and planning update to be provided to the County at least one year prior to the tax year the applicant anticipates the maritime manufacturing site to be operational;
- any equipment that may be eligible maritime manufacturing property that does not fall under one of the categories of eligible maritime manufacturing property; and
- a yearly report requirement, following commencement of the tax credit, on the valuation of all personal property for which a maritime manufacturing property tax credit is granted and the applicant's tax savings from the credit.

The Administration has advised that Bill 100-26 is intended to serve as an economic development incentive. While the bill's fiscal and economic impacts are challenging to predict, based on assumptions and information provided by the Administration, the Administration estimates that the potential impacts of Bill 100-26 could include:

- a stream of foregone personal property tax revenues, totaling up to \$210 million over 30 years, assuming an investment of \$970 million in machinery and equipment subject to the credit and applying a generic depreciation schedule. The Administration noted that this

amount depends on how the State assesses and classifies the personal property and what equipment comes on and off-line during the lifecycle.

- A stream of increased real property tax revenues, totaling up to \$476 million over 30 years, gross of any adjustments/incentives. The Administration noted that this estimate is dependent on State assessments of the property, as well as any other credits that may apply, such as the enterprise zone tax credit, and assumes a property value of \$1.1 billion at full buildout with a modest assessment increase every three years.
- Additional income tax revenue totaling an estimated \$6 million annually, assuming 60% of the expected workforce resides in the County and employees have an average salary of \$98,000 per year.

The Administration further advised that it assumes the contemplated development would not occur in the absence of the tax credit; therefore, it does not consider the estimated personal property tax revenue associated with the potential investment to represent revenue the County would otherwise receive. Additionally, the Administration anticipates that there will be ancillary economic benefits associated with this incentive, including appreciation in nearby housing and business values, local spending generated by the additional workforce, and income tax collections from construction build-out.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 100-26 will take effect 14 days from the date of its enactment.

Executive Summary

This legislation establishes a personal property tax credit for eligible maritime manufacturing property in order to promote the potential for development of maritime manufacturing in the County. Specifically, the bill creates a personal property tax credit for certain maritime manufacturing property, using the authority in § 9-231 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

State Maritime Manufacturing Personal Property Tax Credit

Under § 9-231 of the State Tax-Property Article the governing body of a county or municipal corporation may grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county or municipal property tax imposed on personal property, other than operating personal property of a public utility, if the personal property is located in a foreign trade zone that is within that county or municipal corporation. A “foreign trade zone” means the entire area designated as foreign-trade zone no. 74 under federal law.

County-Eligible Maritime manufacturing Personal Property Tax Credit

This legislation establishes a property tax credit of 100% against all County personal property tax imposed on maritime manufacturing equipment used in connection with maritime manufacturing in the foreign trade zone. “Maritime manufacturing property” means the specialized machinery necessary for the safe, secure, and efficient manufacturing of maritime goods, including:

- General cranes, ship to shore cranes, cranes to load and unload components used in the manufacturing process, mobile cranes, gantry cranes including rail-mounted gantry cranes to load and unload components from railcars within the maritime site, and harbor cranes;
- Manned, controlled and autonomous vehicles, associated trailers, self-propelled modular transporter systems, and similar transporters, railcars and forklifts that may be used to move manufacturing components within the maritime site;
- Waterfront infrastructure and equipment, dry docks, floating dry docks and barges, and other infrastructure associated with the waterfront;
- Specialized information technology servers, computers, hardware, and software associated with information technology related to maritime manufacturing;
- Mills, jigs, fixtures, lathes, specialized vehicles, and equipment that is necessary to facilitate maritime manufacturing;
- Welding systems, whether vertical, horizontal, or otherwise, blast and paint or coat systems, and relevant toolings, such as hand tools and consumables.

A taxpayer claiming a maritime manufacturing personal property tax credit must provide to the Director of Budget and Finance, upon request, an itemized list of the equipment for which the taxpayer claimed the credit.

Bill 100-26 is intended to serve as an economic development incentive and is expected to attract significant investment to Baltimore County. The Administration notes that in the absence of this incentive, there would not be any revenue increase or foregone revenue. Further, the Administration anticipates that a maritime manufacturing facility will create thousands of new jobs, in addition to indirect and induced economic benefits.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 100-26 will take effect 14 days from the date of its enactment.

Prepared by: Administration

Bill 101-26**Council District(s) All**

Mr. Ertel (By Req.)

Police Department

Improper Out-of-State Registration - Enforcement

Bill 101-26 establishes an enforcement framework in Baltimore County relating to improperly registered motor vehicles and authorizes certain County employees and agents to take possession of certain out-of-state registration plates displayed on parked motor vehicles under certain circumstances. The bill also authorizes the County Attorney to bring certain civil actions relating to the enforcement of motor vehicle registration requirements in Baltimore County.

The bill states that Baltimore County has a compelling interest in ensuring that motor vehicles are registered and operated in compliance with Maryland law. In addition, law enforcement agencies have identified improperly registered vehicles as a significant impediment to the enforcement of traffic laws and the collection of administrative penalties for traffic safety violations.

The bill also states that motor vehicles that are improperly registered in another jurisdiction may cause significant costs for the community, including raising insurance premiums for Maryland drivers and contributing to uncompensated losses from vehicle crashes. Improperly registered vehicles evade Maryland's emissions testing requirements and can avoid payment of speeding and parking violations issued in this State. Improper out-of-state registration deprives the State and the County of titling and registration revenue that funds essential public services, including emergency medical services.

Immobilization of a Vehicle with a Boot

Under current County law, the Chief of Police may impound a vehicle for unpaid parking citations if a vehicle has three unpaid citations, and the impoundment for non-payment may not occur within 30 days after the deadline for paying the third of the three citations. The Administration advises that, in some circumstances, the use of a boot instead of towing and impounding motor vehicles may be more cost-effective for the County and for vehicle owners. A "boot" is defined as "a device

that is attached to a motor vehicle to immobilize the vehicle and prevent its operation, or the act of attaching such a device to a motor vehicle.”

Bill 101-26 authorizes a police officer or other County employee or agent designated by the County Administrative Officer to use a boot to immobilize a motor vehicle. To defray the costs of immobilizing a motor vehicle with a boot, the County Administrative Officer may adopt and amend a schedule of reasonable charges to be paid by the owner of an immobilized vehicle before the boot may be removed. These charges must be paid in addition to any other fine or penalty imposed for the violation of any traffic or vehicle law or regulation. If an owner fails to pay the required charges for boot removal within 10 calendar days after the boot is affixed, the Chief of Police may take possession of and remove the vehicle. Last, the County may boot a motor vehicle by means of County equipment or by contract in accordance with the purchasing provisions of the County Code.

Current State Law – Out-of-State Registration

Unless otherwise exempt, each motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer driven on a State highway must be registered with the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA). Registration is not required for a vehicle owned by a new resident of the State during the first 60 days of residency if the vehicle displays a valid out-of-state registration. If a motor vehicle required to be registered is not registered, State law prohibits a person from parking the unregistered motor vehicle on any public alley, street, or highway or on private property used by the public in general, including parking lots of shopping centers, condominiums, apartments, or town house developments. Also, a person may not drive or attempt to drive a vehicle on any highway in the State without a valid registration as required by the MVA. Under State law, a person who has not properly registered a vehicle is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a maximum fine of \$500. Also, the MVA may take possession of any certificate of title, registration card, permit, license, or registration plate that has been issued by another jurisdiction but is being illegally used or displayed.

Individuals meeting specified criteria are exempt from Maryland vehicle registration requirements. However, these individuals may be required to, or may choose to, obtain a nonresident permit, which allows a licensed driver to maintain and operate a vehicle registered out of state. Generally, the nonresident permit must be displayed on the windshield of the nonresident's exempt vehicle in the place and manner described by the MVA. Examples of these individuals include students enrolled in Maryland colleges and universities, active-duty military, and temporary employees. If a nonresident temporarily maintains or occupies a dwelling in the State for a period of more than 30 days, but not more than one year, the nonresident must obtain a nonresident permit from the

MVA, in lieu of registration, within 10 days immediately following the 30-day period. A nonresident permit is generally valid for up to one year. However, a nonresident who is a student enrolled in an accredited school, college, or university of the State or of a bordering state must obtain a nonresident permit from the MVA, in lieu of registration, within 30 days of maintaining or occupying a dwelling in Maryland. A nonresident permit issued to a student is valid for up to one year but may be renewed annually in accordance with the nonresident's eligibility for the exemption.

Authority to Take Possession of a Registration Plate

During its 2026 session, the General Assembly passed SB 111, which, among other provisions, amended § 26–301 of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, enabling local jurisdictions to pass local ordinances on the enforcement of improper vehicle registration.

Under the authority of SB 111, Bill 101-26 authorizes a police officer or other County employee or agent designated by the County Administrative Officer to take possession of a registration plate that has been issued by another jurisdiction but is being displayed on a parked vehicle if the registered owner of the vehicle has been a resident of Maryland for more than 60 days and at least one of the following has occurred:

- the owner has failed to comply with 2 or more traffic citations issued in Maryland, including citations generated by automated traffic enforcement systems;
- the owner's license or privilege to drive in Maryland is suspended for failure to pay child support; or
- the vehicle's registration has, at any point, been suspended for a period of 6 months or more due to a lapse in required insurance coverage.

In addition to taking improper registration plates, Bill 101-26 authorizes a police officer or other County employee or agent designated by the County Administrative Officer to impound a motor vehicle by towing and removal or immobilize a motor vehicle by booting if the County has obtained a court order under § 26-301 of the Transportation Article. The County may obtain such a court order because of the owner's failure to either properly register and display valid Maryland registration plates or to satisfy the MVA that the motor vehicle is not subject to registration in Maryland. A motor vehicle impounded or immobilized under this process may not be released until the owner has paid the charges and any fines or penalties assessed by the County.

The Administration advised that it does not anticipate additional costs associated with enforcement of the bill's out-of-state registration provisions and that the Police Department and Office of Law can perform the associated enforcement activities using existing resources. The

Administration further advised that it has not yet determined whether or when it will implement the bill's authorization to immobilize vehicles using boots and advises that it will evaluate the costs and benefits before doing so. The Administration anticipates that enhanced enforcement of Maryland vehicle registration requirements may result in additional collections of outstanding automated enforcement citations; however, the amount of any additional revenue is unknown.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 101-26 will take effect immediately from the date of its enactment.

Bill 102-26**Council District(s) All**

Mr. Young

Zoning Regulations – Mixed-Use Overlay District

Bill 102-26 removes certain restrictions and modifies certain requirements regarding townhomes and residential uses in the Mixed Use (M.U.) District.

Currently, at least 25% of the gross floor area within an overall mixed-use development in the M.U. District shall be developed for nonresidential use, which may include amenities in an apartment building. Bill 102-26 would reduce that percentage to 20%. In addition, the bill would permit certain amounts of open space to count towards this percentage. Specifically, if the total residential open space provided by a mixed-use development exceeds the total amount of open space required under § 32-6-108 of the County Code and the residential open space is improved with one or more amenities, such as a walking path, the excess may be applied to the required percentage of nonresidential gross floor area.

The bill also modifies a restriction on certain types of residential uses. Currently, single-family attached, duplex dwellings, group homes, and alternative site design dwellings are permitted in the M.U. District, but may not constitute more than 50% of all proposed residential units. Bill 102-26 removes this 50% restriction and states that the gross floor area for these uses shall include only living space and exclude floor space used for off-street parking or accessory equipment, including heating, cooling, ventilation, and air circulation.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 102-26 will take effect 14 days after its enactment.

Bill 103-26

Council District(s) All

Mr. Crandell

Zoning Regulations – Uses Permitted in the Resource Conservation – Critical Area (R.C. 20 and R.C. 50) Zones – VFW Post

Bill 103-26 permits a VFW Post, alone or in combination with an existing tavern, in the Resource Conservation (R.C.) 20 Zone by-right and the R.C. 50 Zone by special exception.

While the Zoning Regulations do not specifically define a VFW Post, the use is similar to the uses devoted to civic, social, recreational, and educational activities, which are permitted in several zones. Bill 103-26 permits a VFW Post as an institutional, public, or quasi-public use category, which includes schools, day cares, streets, public utilities (including cables for telephones or electricity and wireless telecom towers), transit facilities, research institutes, and volunteer fire companies.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 103-26 will take effect 14 days after its enactment.

Mr. Mangione

**Zoning Regulations – Uses Permitted in the Business, Roadside (B.R.) Zone –
Car Wash**

Bill 104-26 requires car washes in certain areas of the Business, Roadside (B.R.) Zone be located on a property that is assigned with an Automotive Services (A.S.) Overlay District.

The Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) define a car wash as “an area of land and/or a structure with machine or hand-operated facilities used for the cleaning, washing, polishing or waxing of motor vehicles as a principal or accessory use.” Currently, car washes are permitted in the B.R. Zone by special exception. Section 419 of the BCZR sets forth specific regulations for car wash uses. Section 419.1 states that roll-over, full-service and self-service car washes are permitted by special exception in the A.S. District (as well as other Overlay Districts, including Commercial, Rural (C.R.), Commercial, Community Core (C.C.C.), or Industrial, Major (I.M.)).

The A.S. Overlay District was first established by the County Council in Bill 172-93. As stated in the “Statements of legislative intent for districts” set forth in Section 259.2.B of the BCZR, “the A.S. District may be applied within the urban-rural demarcation line (URDL) to certain parcels of land zoned [Business Local] [(B.L.)], [Business Major] [(B.M.)] or B.R., which are appropriate for uses dominated by the parking and servicing of automobiles or characterized by frequent parking turnover, such as fuel service stations and car wash operations.

An Overlay District superimposes an additional set of regulations or requirements over an existing Zone. The District can refine or limit the uses in the underlying Zone. In order to clarify the Council’s intent with regard to a car wash use in the Hunt Valley/Timonium Master Plan area, Bill 104-26 requires that a car wash in the B.R. Zone must also be located on a property that is assigned with an A.S. Overlay District.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 104-26 will take effect 14 days after its enactment and will apply to any petition, project, or development that has not received final, non-appealable approval as of October 5, 2026, which is the date of introduction of Bill 104-26 by the County Council.

Bill 105-26

Council District(s) 3

Mr. Mangione

**Zoning Regulations – Uses Permitted in the Business, Light (B.L.) Zone –
Service Garage**

Bill 105-26 permits certain service garages in specific areas of the Business, Light (B.L.) Zone to sell used motor vehicles as an ancillary use.

The Baltimore County Zoning Regulations define a “service garage” as “a garage, other than a residential garage, where motor-driven vehicles are stored, equipped for operation, repaired or kept for remuneration, hire or sale.” Currently, service garages are permitted in the B.L. Zone by special exception. Bill 105-26 modifies the use such that a service garage that is located in the B.L. Zone and in the Hunt Valley/Timonium Master Plan area may sell used motor vehicles as an ancillary use, provided the service garage is assigned with the Automotive Service (A.S.) overlay district.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 105-26 will take effect 14 days after its enactment.

Bill 106-26

Council District(s) 5

Mr. Marks

Zoning Regulations – Energy Storage Devices – Landscaping Requirements

Bill 106-26 establishes certain landscaping requirements for energy storage devices located adjacent to or within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. The Baltimore County Zoning Regulations define an energy storage device as “a resource capable of absorbing electrical energy, storing it for a period of time, and delivering the energy for use at a later time as needed.” An energy storage device is not considered a utility transmission facility. An energy storage device consists of the system of structures, wires, insulators, and associated hardware that carries electrical energy to and from the electric power system. If located in the Resource Conservation (R.C.) 5 zone, the site of an energy storage device shall be a minimum of 30 acres and located within one half-mile of a transmission line. An energy storage device is only permitted east of Pulaski Highway (Route 40) or south of Liberty Road.

Under Section 443.1.E. of the Zoning Regulations, a landscaping buffer must be provided around the perimeter of any portion of a property containing a building or structure used as an energy storage device adjoining a property zoned or used for residential uses. However, landscaping is not required within areas which are already vegetated or when landscaping would conflict with other regulations, such as those applicable to wetlands and the preservation of natural habitat.

Bill 106-26 adds an additional requirement that, in areas adjacent to or within the Critical Area, an energy storage device must be shielded with a berm which must include dense landscaping that, at the time of planting, is sufficiently tall to screen from view the building in which the energy storage device is located.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 106-26 will take effect 14 days after its enactment.

Bill 107-26

Council District(s) 3

Mr. Mangione

Baltimore County Final Landmarks List – Eden Derry

Article 32, Title 7 of the Baltimore County Code establishes a system of historic and architectural preservation for Baltimore County. The law authorizes the creation of a Landmarks Preservation Commission and sets forth the procedure to be followed for the creation of historic districts and for the compilation and maintenance of a Historic Landmarks List.

The Historic Landmarks List currently includes 401 properties. The law authorizes placement of historic “structures” and historic environmental settings on the list. A structure is defined as any man-made or natural combination of materials to form stable constructions including, but not limited to, buildings, bridges, towers, walls, trees, and rock formations.

Periodically, after reviewing structures for eligibility and conducting a public hearing, the Landmarks Preservation Commission approves additional structures for placement on a preliminary landmarks list. Each list of proposed structures is then sent to the County Executive for review before being forwarded to the County Council for consideration. The Council may approve the list, in whole or in part, for adoption as additions to the Final Landmarks List.

The Landmarks Preservation Commission recommended new structures and settings for addition to the list. The County Executive reviewed the recommended additions to the list submitted by the Commission, and the recommendations were sent to the County Council. Thereafter, the Department of Planning notified the property owners of the required public hearing, which the Council subsequently held on September 22, 2026.

Bill 107-26 proposes to amend the Final Landmarks List by adding the “Eden Derry” (McCullough-Johnson Farm) House, Barn, Corncrib, Springhouse, Machine Shed, Frame Aux Building, and Privy and Setting (5.64 acres), 19241 Middletown Road, Parkton.

Upon passage by the County Council, Bill 107-26 will take effect 45 days from the date of its enactment.

Bill 108-26**Council District(s) 4**

Mr. Jones

Property Tax Credit – OT Zone of Owings Mills

Bill 108-26 clarifies the number of units and percentages of affordable units needed to qualify for a revitalization tax credit for properties within a State designated transit-oriented development located in a certain area and within the Woodlawn Commercial Revitalization District.

At this time, the Metro Centre at Owings Mills is the only State-designated transit-oriented development in Baltimore County. This mixed-use development features commercial/retail, office, and residential components and also includes, as a centerpiece, a public library and a branch of the Community College of Baltimore County, which represent a multi-million-dollar investment by Baltimore County.

With the passage of Bill 61-25, the Council incentivized the intensification, particularly in the form of additional residential units, of the State-designated transit-oriented development at the Metro Centre by expanding the time for which a revitalization property tax credit can continue. The tax credit may continue for 30 years for qualified improvements to a residential building located on a qualifying property under two circumstances:

- 10% of the total number of units are affordable units. Affordability shall be calculated based on 60% of the area median income (Baltimore-Columbia-Towson) as determined annually by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and rent for those units shall not exceed 30% of annual income. In order to qualify for this tax credit, rent for the affordable units shall remain at 60% of the area median income (Baltimore-Columbia-Towson) for the duration of the tax credit; and
- any other residential building or a building for senior housing, assisted living, life care, continuing care, or elderly housing, that is at least 60 feet in height. This tax credit may be not granted unless the building has been constructed and has received a use and occupancy permit.

Bill 108-26 clarifies the percentages to state that:

- at least 10% of the total number of units are affordable units; and
- Affordability is calculated based on 60% or less of the area median income.

From a fiscal impact perspective, the bill does not change the amount or duration of the tax credit; however, by modifying the affordable housing eligibility criteria, it may affect the number of properties that are eligible to receive the credit.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 108-26 will take effect 14 days after its enactment.

FM-2 (Contract)

Council District(s) All

Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability

Natural Gas Supply Services

The Administration is requesting approval of a contract with Constellation NewEnergy – Gas Division, LLC to provide natural gas supply and delivery services for the County. The contract commences March 1, 2027, continues for 1 year, and will renew automatically for nine additional 1-year periods. The contract provides that compensation may not exceed the amount appropriated for these services for the entire contract term. The Department advised that estimated compensation for supply and delivery services (excluding the actual natural gas purchased) totals \$8,344 for the initial 1-year term and \$83,440 for the entire 10-year term, including the renewal periods. See Exhibit A.

Fiscal Summary

Funding Source	Initial Term	Total Compensation	Notes
County ⁽¹⁾	\$ 8,344	\$ 83,440	(1) General Fund Operating Budget.
State	--	--	(2) Department's estimate for the initial 1-year term.
Federal	--	--	(3) Department's estimate for the entire 10-year term.
Other	--	--	
Total	<u>\$ 8,344</u> ⁽²⁾	<u>\$ 83,440</u> ⁽³⁾	

Analysis

The contractor will provide natural gas supply and delivery services for the County. The County participates in a consortium comprised of governmental and nonprofit entities known as the Baltimore Regional Cooperative Purchasing Committee (BRCPC). The BRCPC's natural gas purchasing strategy treats all of its natural gas accounts as one wholesale account; forward price commitments are purchased over time to achieve price stability. The BRCPC contracts with an

independent energy advisory consultant (Enel X Advisory Services, LLC – 9 year and 10-month contract approved by the Council on December 18, 2023) to assist in developing and executing its risk management and purchasing strategies. The energy consultant works closely with the contractor, directing both forward price commitment purchases and purchases on the daily market.

The County will compensate the contractor on a cost-plus arrangement, meaning that the contractor's service fee reflects solely their charge to service the portfolio. The County will pay a \$0.03 per Dekatherm (Dth) service fee and thirty-day average Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) as of the day of billing calculations each month as a carrying charge on gas storage for monthly metered accounts. The \$0.03 per Dth service fee is \$0.02 (40%) less than the \$0.05 per Dth service fee under the County's existing contract.

The contract commences March 1, 2027, continues for 1 year, and will renew automatically for nine additional 1-year periods on the same terms and conditions, unless the County provides 60 days' prior written notice of non-renewal. The contract provides that compensation may not exceed the amount appropriated for these services for the entire contract term. The Department advised that estimated compensation totals \$8,344 for the initial one-year term and \$83,440 for the entire 10-year term, including the renewal periods, assuming that the County uses the Department's estimate of 159,284 Dth per year, resulting in service fees of approximately \$4,779 per year, and spends \$3,565 per year on gas storage. The Department advised that the estimated storage cost is based on prior charges under the existing contract because future storage charges cannot be determined at this time; actual storage charges under the new contract will vary based on prevailing interest rates. There is no price escalation provision in the contract; the bid documents indicate that the quoted prices must remain firm for the period covered by the contract. The County may also terminate the agreement by providing 30 days' prior written notice. The contract provides that, upon termination for any reason or notice of non-renewal, the contractor may liquidate the County's outstanding natural gas purchases. The difference between the market value and contract value of each terminated transaction would be payable to the County or the contractor, as applicable; in other words, upon termination or non-renewal, the County could incur costs if the market value of natural gas has declined since the purchase commitment was made.

The County awarded the contract through a competitive procurement process based on qualifications, value, and experience from two proposals received. Baltimore County served as the lead entity for this cooperative procurement, which included 21 participating entities, including

Baltimore County Public Schools, the Community College of Baltimore County, the Baltimore County Revenue Authority, and the Baltimore County Public Libraries; these entities will enter into separate cooperative agreements with the contractor for similar services. According to the bid documents, there is not an M/WBE participation requirement.

On January 17, 2017, the Council approved a similar 10-year contract (which commenced March 1, 2017) with Constellation NewEnergy – Gas Division, LLC. The contract expires February 28, 2027. The Department advised that, as of September 30, 2026, the County has paid the contractor \$9,340,169 for service fees and the carrying charge on gas storage, plus the actual natural gas purchased. The Department further advised that the amount of service fees and the carrying charge on gas storage paid to Constellation NewEnergy – Gas Division, LLC under the contract has totaled approximately \$116,510.

County Charter, Section 715, requires that “any contract must be approved by the County Council before it is executed if the contract is...for services for a term in excess of two years or involving the expenditure of more than \$25,000 per year....”

Executive Summary

Natural Gas Supply Services Term Contract

Baltimore County is a member entity of the cooperative purchasing committee of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, Inc., the Baltimore Regional Cooperative Purchasing Committee (“BRCPC”).

The members have executed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to govern a natural gas procurement program. This includes the establishment of an energy board that meets every two months to oversee the program.

Baltimore County acted as the lead entity on behalf of all BRCPC entities in a process to select and award a natural gas supply services contract, with participation of multiple entities in the selection and award process. Constellation NewEnergy Gas Division has been selected for award based on technical qualifications, competitive price/technical proposal, experience, and evaluation committee consensus through formalized weighted scoring.

The Contractor shall provide the following services to the County and BRCPC:

- Firm delivery of natural gas supply and firm transportation of such natural gas to all of BRCPC facilities that are served through the BGE accounts provided.
- Enroll/unenroll accounts as required by each participating jurisdiction.
- Create and manage a dedicated BRCPC DRS account pool and BRCPC Daily Metered pool behind the local gas utility (BGE) and utilize both pools to meet BGE balancing requirements and minimize costs.
- Manage nominations, BGE storage and balancing requirements in coordination with BRCPC’s energy consultant.
- Basis: Provide fixed rate pricing offers by month for terms up to three (3) years for designated quantities anytime during the contract term.
- Commodity purchases: Ability to enter into forward fixed price commitments for periods up to three (3) years beyond the current fiscal year anytime during the contract term based on NYMEX prices

The Contractor service fee shall be quoted on a per dekatherm basis on quantities delivered to the local utility (BGE). The natural gas supply services contract will be a cost plus arrangement; therefore, the Contractor’s service fee reflects solely the Contractor’s charge to service the portfolio. The price should exclude all transportation, BGE balance and storage fees, and risk premiums associated with volumetric and pricing risk as that will be assumed by the portfolio and not the Contractor.

This agreement shall be effective on March 1, 2027 and shall continue through the period of one (1) year (hereinafter defined as the “Initial Term”) at which time the County may exercise its option to renew, unless the Agreement is terminated.

Prepared by: Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability

FM-4 (7 Contracts)

Council District(s) All

Department of Public Works and Transportation

Snow Removal and Deicing Services

The Administration is requesting approval of seven contracts, with M&N Professional Concrete Contractors, Inc., Gradeline Construction Company, Inc., CMT General Services, LLC, Cuttin' It Close Services, LLC, GA Mechanical, Inc., Machado Construction Company, Inc., and Upskal, LLC to provide on-call snow removal and de-icing services. Each contract commences upon Council approval, continues through April 30, 2027, and will renew automatically for four additional 1-year periods with the option to extend initial term or any renewal term an additional 120 days. (November 1 through April 30 constitutes a snow season.) The contracts provide that compensation may not exceed the amount appropriated for these services for the entire contract term. The contract amounts are not reasonably estimable at this time. The FY 2027 budget for the Storm Emergencies Program totals \$6.1 million, including \$2.8 million for contractual snow removal services. See Exhibit A.

Fiscal Summary

Funding Source	Initial Term	Combined Total Compensation
County ⁽¹⁾	*	*
State	--	--
Federal	--	--
Other	--	--
Total	* ⁽²⁾	* ⁽³⁾

⁽¹⁾ General Fund Operating Budget.

⁽²⁾ The hourly rates range from \$115 to \$195, depending on the contractor and the type of equipment provided.

⁽³⁾ Compensation may not exceed the amount appropriated for these services for the entire term. The contract amounts are not reasonably estimable at this time.

Analysis

In accordance with the Department's snow removal plan, responsibility for most Priority 1 routes (i.e., roads with traffic volumes of at least 10,000 vehicles per day) is assigned to contractors, allowing the County to focus its efforts on subdivision streets more quickly. The Office of Budget and Finance, Purchasing Division advised that the County currently has 39 snow removal contractors that provide approximately 177 trucks and 45 pieces of equipment, excluding the proposed contracts on this agenda.

The proposed seven contractors will provide the following:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Hourly Rate per Vehicle</u>
CMT General Services, LLC	1 four-wheel drive pick-up truck with plow and spreader	\$115
Machado Construction Company, Inc.	5 single-axle dump trucks with plows and spreaders	\$175
Upskal, LLC	11 tri-axle dump trucks with plows and spreaders	\$195
Cuttin' It Close Services, LLC	5 one-ton pick-up trucks with plows and spreaders	\$135
GA Mechanical, Inc.	2 single-axle dump trucks with plows and spreaders and 2 loaders with plows	\$175/\$190
Gradeline Construction Company, Inc.	1 single-axle dump truck with plow and spreader and 2 tri-axle dump trucks with plows and spreaders	\$175/\$195
M&N Professional Concrete Contractors, Inc.	2 four-wheel drive pick-up trucks with plows and spreaders	\$115

Each contractor will be paid based on the actual hours the equipment is in service, including up to 2 hours for travel time (1 hour each to and from the County highway shop). Each contractor

will be paid at a rate of 4 hours per vehicle for the required annual inspection. Additionally, the minimum work shift is 4 hours. The County will provide all rock salt for spreading on the road surfaces.

Each contract commences upon Council approval, continues through April 30, 2027, and will renew automatically for four additional 1-year periods with the option to extend initial term or any renewal term an additional 120 days on the same terms and conditions, unless the County provides notice of non-renewal. (November 1 through April 30 constitutes a snow season.) The contracts provide that compensation may not exceed the amount appropriated for these services for the entire contract term. The contract amounts are not reasonably estimable at this time due to the unpredictable nature and timing of snowfalls. The County may terminate the agreements by providing 30 days prior written notice.

The FY 2027 budget for the Storm Emergencies Program totals \$6.1 million, including \$2.8 million for contractual snow removal services. The Purchasing Division advised that FY 2026 snow removal expenditures totaled approximately \$13,420,887, including \$6,286,159 for contractual services.

The contracts provide that pricing is based on similar contracts established by the State of Maryland; hourly rates may be changed at the beginning of each snow season based on the State rates in effect at that time. The contracts provide for minimum payment guarantees for snow and ice removal operations in the amount of \$3,000 for each Class V vehicle and \$1,500 for each Class I-IV vehicle; the Purchasing Division previously advised that the State's contracts also include minimum annual guarantees. The contracts include additional incentive payments to the contractors after the snow season ends in the amount of \$750 per class V or larger vehicle (e.g., single-axle, tandem axle, or tri-axle dump truck) and \$500 per Class I-IV vehicle (e.g., one-ton pick-up or small-axle truck) if the contractors were available and present for all snow events.

The County awarded the contracts through a solicitation process. The Department advised that there is not an M/WBE participation requirement.

County Charter, Section 715, requires that "any contract must be approved by the County Council before it is executed if the contract is...for services for a term in excess of two years or involving the expenditure of more than \$25,000 per year...."

Executive Summary

Snow Removal and Deicing Services, On-Call

CMT General Services
Cuttin' It Close Services, LLC
GA Mechanical, Inc.
Gradeline Construction Company, Inc.
M&N Professional Concrete Contractors, Inc.
Machado Construction Company, Inc.
Upskal, LLC

Purpose – The Contractors hereunder shall provide and Baltimore County Government shall purchase snow removal and deicing services for County roadways. Work will be overseen by the Bureau of Highways.

Scope of Contract – The Contractors shall provide snow removal services which the County may require during the Term. The County reserves the right to order such services as may be required during the Term, and it also reserves the right not to order any services, if it is found that such services are not required by the County during the Term. The Contractors shall equip each vehicle with a snow plow and salt spreader and, with the exception of road salt, other materials and supplies required to adequately perform snow removal services, as per specifications.

Contract Value \$ - The contracts do not specify a contract capacity. The capacity is tied to the total annual County Council appropriation for snow removal and road salt application operations through 4/30/2031.

Term – One (1) year, with up to four (4) one-year renewals through 4/30/2031. A “snow season” is defined as the period beginning November 1 and ending on April 30 of the following calendar year.

Vendor Selection method – #B-10000517, Snow Removal and Deicing Services, On-Call, Closed 7/31/2026.

MBE/WBE – 0%

Prepared by: Department of Public Works and Transportation/Office of Budget and Finance,
Purchasing Division

FM-6 (Contract Amendment)

Council District(s) All

Office of Information Technology

Emergency Medical Services Transport Billing Services

The Administration is requesting approval of an amendment a contract with Digitech Computer, LLC to continue to provide billing and collection services for emergency medical transports provided by the County's Fire Department and volunteer fire companies as well as to perform Emergency Services Transporter Supplemental Payment Program (ESPP) and Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System (MGADCS) services for the County. The proposed amendment extends the contract for 1 year, from October 29, 2026 to October 28, 2027, or until the date upon which a new agreement is executed, whichever occurs first. The Office advised that the proposed amendment increases the estimated compensation by \$1,718,953, from \$4,010,891 to \$5,729,844, for the entire 3-year and 4-month term, including the renewal and extension periods. The contract commenced July 1, 2024. See Exhibit A.

Fiscal Summary

Funding Source	Contract Amendment	Current Estimated Compensation	Amended Estimated Compensation
County ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1,718,953	\$ 4,010,891	\$ 5,729,844
State	--	--	--
Federal	--	--	--
Other	--	--	--
Total	<u>\$ 1,718,953</u>	<u>\$ 4,010,891</u>	<u>\$ 5,729,844</u> ⁽²⁾

⁽¹⁾ General Fund Operating Budget.

⁽²⁾ Office's estimate for the entire 3-year and 4-month term.

Analysis

The contractor currently provides billing and collection services for emergency medical transports provided by the County's Fire Department and volunteer fire companies. Specifically, the contractor provides administrative functions and handles all correspondence related to billing for EMS transport fees through private health insurance companies, Medicaid, and Medicare. The contractor will continue to be responsible for the ongoing support of the program, including reviewing rates, policies, and procedures with County officials, and ensuring the County is in compliance with government and third-party regulations and guidelines. County residents who are uninsured or whose private insurance company does not cover the entire cost of an ambulatory trip are not responsible for payment. Non-County residents are billed for the portion of the fees not covered by their insurance.

The Office advised that the County bills ambulatory transports at \$700 per trip for Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) 1 and \$750 per trip for ALS 2. The contractor determines the billing level based on the information the County or the respective hospital provides. In addition, the County bills the private insurance company, Medicare, or Medicaid \$10 per mile of transport. The contractor receives 3.95% of the amount collected per transport for the entire term of the contract. In addition to providing EMS billing services, the contractor provides consultation and submission of both the ESPP and MGADCS reports. The contractor receives 12% of the ESPP funding received by the County each year and a flat fee of \$35,000 for managing the MGADCS program. The Office advised the contractor received approximately \$1.0 million in FY 2026 for the FY 2024 service period, as well as a flat fee of \$35,000 for managing the MGADCS program.

On August 5, 2024, the Council approved the original 2-year and 4-month contract (effective July 1, 2024) with compensation not to exceed the amount appropriated for these services for the entire contract term. The proposed amendment extends the contract for 1 year, from October 29, 2026 to October 28, 2027, or until the date upon which a new agreement is executed, whichever occurs first. All other terms and conditions remain the same. The Office advised that the County and Digitech Computer, LLC are actively negotiating requirements, terms, and conditions of a new agreement for similar services, and additional time is needed to complete the negotiation and execution of a new agreement. The Office further advised that the amendment is necessary to maintain uninterrupted services. Either party may terminate the agreement by providing 90 days

prior written notice. According to the County's financial system, as of September 28, 2026, expenditures under the contract totaled \$3,867,645.

The Fire Department previously advised that the contract was designated as a noncompetitive 902(f) award secured in the best interest of the County. The Office further advised that if the County is unable to bill for EMS transports, it stands to lose approximately \$3 million per month in revenue, and insurance companies have strict guidelines regarding timely filing of claims. (The FY 2027 Adopted Operating Budget includes \$37.0 million in projected EMS fee revenues for both FY 2026 and FY 2027.) The Office advised that there is not an M/WBE participation requirement.

County Charter, Section 715, requires that "any contract must be approved by the County Council before it is executed if the contract is...for services for a term in excess of two years or involving the expenditure of more than \$25,000 per year...."

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Summary – This fiscal matter seeks approval for an amendment to the existing contract with Digitech Computer, LLC to extend the current term for EMS Billing to provide time to finalizing the negotiation of the requirements, terms and conditions of a new Agreement.

History – Baltimore County Fire Department has been billing for EMS transports since 2015. At that time, Baltimore County had a contract with Change Healthcare Optum. On February 21, 2024, Change Healthcare Optum experienced a cybersecurity event which has prevented them from conducting EMS billing services. The County issued an emergency contract with Digitech Computer, LLC for EMS Billing that was approved by Council on August 5, 2024.

Purpose – Baltimore County receives approximately 3 million dollars in revenue, monthly, for EMS transports. If unable to bill for EMS transports, Baltimore County stands to lose a significant amount of revenue. Furthermore, insurance companies have strict guidelines regarding timely filing.

Fiscal Impact – This contract covers EMS Billing Services at a fee of 3.95% of the Net Collected Revenue, Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program (ESPP) Program Management at a fee of 12% of the ESPP funding received by the County for each reporting period and Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System (GADCS) Reporting Program Management at a flat fee of \$35,000.00. This amendment will add a one-year renewal option to the existing agreement that currently expires on October 28, 2026. Funds will be encumbered by Purchase Order if needed, and shall not exceed the sum of the County Council approved appropriation during the entire term, including renewals thereof. All work performed through these Agreements will be requested and overseen by the Fire Department.

Prepared by: Office of Information Technology

MB-2 (Res. 35-26) Donation**Council District 5**

Mr. Ertel (By Req.)

Department of Recreation and Parks

Accept Donation of Services, Goods and Materials – Honeygo Regional Veterans Memorial, Inc.

This resolution authorizes the County to accept a donation valued at \$252,908, comprised of \$205,186 in construction services and \$47,722 in maintenance and repair services, from Honeygo Regional Veterans Memorial, Inc. (HRVM) for a permanent veterans memorial at Gough Park to honor Perry Hall residents who served in major U.S. conflicts. The resolution also approves an associated Right of Entry, Construction, and Maintenance Agreement that formalizes construction provisions and maintenance responsibilities for the memorial. See Exhibit A.

The Right of Entry, Construction, and Maintenance Agreement with HRVM, which is effective upon its execution and continues through December 31, 2041, enables HRVM and its contractors to construct and maintain the memorial. The agreement states that HRVM will be responsible for all costs with respect to the design, approval, permitting, and construction of the memorial. The agreement further provides that the County will have the right to review and approve all plans and specifications for the memorial; the Department advised that the design has been approved by the Department of Recreation & Parks, Property Management, and the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability. The agreement further states that HRVM will complete the construction of the memorial no later than 1 year from commencement of the agreement; if the County deems that the memorial as constructed is not acceptable, HRVM shall be responsible for corrections and modifications and the associated costs. The agreement provides that HRVM is responsible for maintenance and maintenance costs through December 31, 2041 or another mutually agreed upon date. The County may terminate the agreement by providing 30 days prior written notice.

The Department advised that HRVM will contract Bry's Lawn Care and Landscaping, LLC to construct the memorial and that work is anticipated to be completed between late fall 2026 and

early spring 2027. The Department further advised that HRVM will select a contractor to maintain the memorial, with the review and approval of the Department and Property Management.

The Department advised that no additional costs to the County are anticipated through the term of the agreement, and no County matching funds are required to receive the donation authorized by this resolution. The Department further advised that design services were provided pro-bono by a qualified consultant at no cost to the County or HRVM. The Department also advised that upon expiration of the agreement, maintenance of the memorial plaza will become part of the County's overall site maintenance of Gough Park.

The County's financial system indicates that as of October 1, 2026, the County currently has two contracts with Bry's Lawn Care and Landscaping, LLC.

County Charter, Section 306, vests in the County Council the power to accept gifts.

This resolution shall take effect from the date of its passage by the County Council.

Executive Summary

The Honeygo Regional Veterans Memorial Project is a community-driven effort led by the Perry Hall Improvement Association and Honeygo Regional Veterans Memorial, Inc. (HRVM) to construct a permanent memorial at Gough Park, honoring Perry Hall residents who served in major U.S. conflicts. HRVM has designed the memorial and will construct it through the proposed Agreement, based on a design reviewed and approved by County agencies including Recreation and Parks, Property Management, and Environmental Protection and Sustainability. Work will be performed by contractors of HRVM.

The estimated donation value is \$252,908, which equates to the funding available to HRVM for the project. Funds derive from fundraising by the organization, developer contributions provided in conjunction with nearby development projects, and a \$32,000 State capital grant secured by HRVM. The estimated value of park improvements to be constructed by contractors hired by HRVM is \$205,186. The memorial plaza to be constructed will be donated to Baltimore County.

The remaining \$47,722 of the donation amount is expected to be in the form of maintenance, upkeep, and any needed repairs, per the associated Agreement that will be executed after approval of the Resolution, and will be in effect through December 31, 2041. Under the Agreement, all maintenance shall be the responsibility of HRVM.

The purpose of this Resolution is to:

- Approve the non-cash donation of construction services, the resulting memorial plaza, and maintenance and upkeep services by HRVM over a period of fifteen years; and
- The related Agreement that formalizes this contribution.

Prepared by: Department of Recreation and Parks

MB-5 (Res. 38-26)

Council District(s) All

Mr. Ertel (By Req.)

Office of Human Resources

Annual Compensation – County Administrative Officer

Resolution 38-26 would increase the annual compensation for the County Administrative Officer in accordance with the recommendations of the Personnel and Salary Advisory Board (“PSAB”).

Section 403(a) of the Baltimore County Charter states that the County Administrative Officer “shall devote his full time to the duties of his office, and shall be paid an annual salary pursuant to Section 405 of this Charter.” Section 405 of the Charter states that “the County Council, by the affirmative vote of a majority plus one of the total number of councilmembers established by this Charter, shall have power to increase or reduce the compensation for the ... County Administrative Officer; provided, however, that in no event shall...the compensation of the County Administrative Officer be reduced during his current term.”

The PSAB has recently made a recommendation to increase the compensation to be paid to the County Administrative Officer to \$310,721 for the term of office beginning June 2027, following the election of a County Executive, as provided in §402(a) of the County Charter. Resolution 38-26 amends the compensation for the County Administrative Officer in accordance with the PSAB recommendation.

The annual salary of the County Administrative Officer is currently \$263,000; the proposed salary represents an increase of \$47,721, or 18.1%. The proposed compensation change would increase FY 2027 salary costs by approximately \$4,000, which the Administration advised can be accommodated within the existing FY 2027 appropriation.

Pursuant to County Code, § 5-1-105, as amended by Bill 40-26, as amended, on October 8, 2026, the Office of Budget and Finance provided an actuarial analysis of the retirement-related fiscal impact of Bills 91-26, 92-26, and 93-26 and Resolution 38-26. The actuary estimates that the proposed compensation changes collectively would increase the Employees’ Retirement System’s actuarial accrued liability by \$957,304 and increase the County’s annual employer

retirement system costs by \$133,259 beginning in FY 2029. Over the 10-year period from FY 2029 through FY 2038, the analysis projects approximately \$1.6 million in cumulative additional employer retirement system costs. The analysis indicates no change in the Retirement System's funded status attributable to the proposed compensation changes. The actuarial analysis does not separately identify the 10-year retirement-related fiscal impacts attributable to the proposed County Administrative Officer compensation increase.

This resolution shall take effect from the date of its passage by the County Council and shall be effective if passed by five members of the County Council.

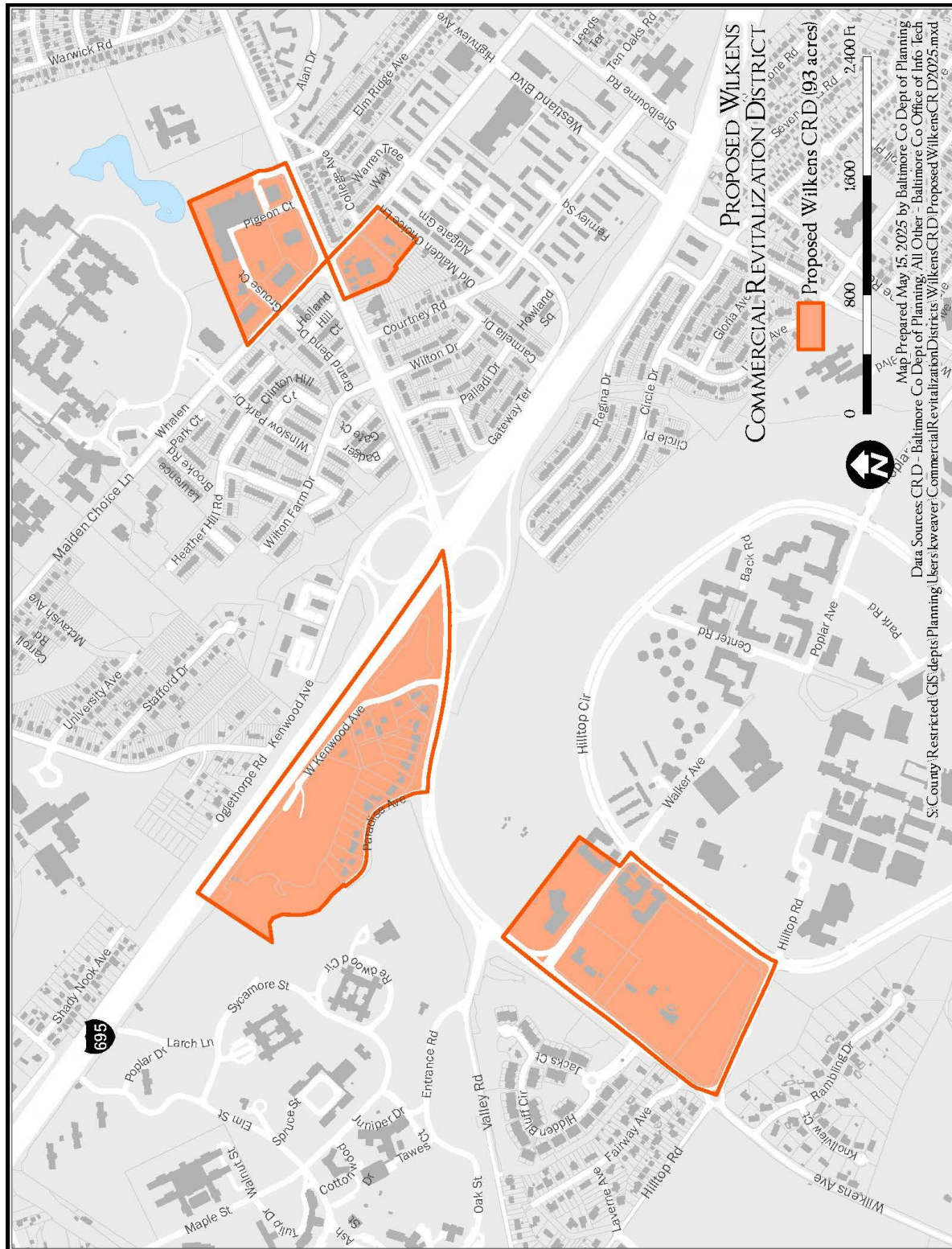
Mr. Young

Establish the Wilkens Avenue Commercial Revitalization District

Resolution 39-26 establishes the Wilkens Avenue Commercial Revitalization District as the 25th officially designated Commercial Revitalization District in Baltimore County. See Exhibit A.

Commercial Revitalization Districts provide incentives to property owners and businesses in the districts to improve the exteriors of existing buildings and to develop and redevelop underused properties. Each district is assigned a planner from the Department of Planning who works closely with the business and property owners, business associations, and the local communities to provide a range of tools aimed at maintaining the health and vitality of neighborhood commercial areas. These tools include “Architect on Call” services, the Building Improvement Loan Program, the Commercial Revitalization Action Grant, and potential property tax credits.

Resolution 39-26 shall take effect from the date of its passage by the County Council.



Mr. Marks

Encouraging the USCG – Vertical Clearance of AMTRAK Bridge

Resolution 40-26 encourages the United States Coast Guard to mandate that the vertical clearance of the proposed AMTRAK bridge over the Gunpowder River, detailed in Preliminary Public Notice D05PPN-03-2026, be a minimum of 25 feet or a design that would support the highest reasonable clearance above the mean high water.

The resolution states that the proposed project is to replace the existing AMTRAK Gunpowder River Rail drawbridge at mile 78.86 in Chase, MD (fixed in closed position) that has 12 feet of vertical clearance with a fixed bridge in the same vicinity that has 15 feet of vertical clearance. The resolution further states that a 15-foot vertical clearance will continue to limit the size of the boats which can travel from the Chesapeake Bay into one of the many marinas on the shorelines of Harford and Baltimore Counties, while a vertical clearance of 25 feet would better allow Harford and Baltimore Counties to address the future economic, public safety, and recreational boating needs of the region in the decades ahead.

The resolution further requests that the Coast Guard also mandate that the vertical clearance of the proposed AMTRAK bridge over the Bush River located at mile 6.8 in Edgewood, MD, detailed in the Preliminary Public Notice D05PPN-02-2026, be at a minimum a 30-foot clearance above the mean high water (closed bridge) and the continuation of the bridge operating as an open bridge.

Resolution 40-26 shall take effect from the date of its passage by the County Council.

BALTIMORE COUNTY COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE AGENDA
APPENDIX A

**BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

TO: County Administrative Officer **DATE:** 9/14/26

FROM: Kevin D. Reed, Director **COUNCIL MEETING**
Office of Budget & Finance **DATE:** 10/19/26

SUBJECT: Public Recordation of Announcement
of Non-Competitive Commodity Awards Charter Sec. 902(f)

Whenever a commodity Supplier Contract / Purchase Order over \$25,000 is awarded by a process other than a formal competitive bid, a copy of the Supplier Contract / Purchase Order must be provided to the Administrative Office for placement on the County Council agenda for announcement at the next session following the award of the Supplier Contract / Purchase Order. The announcement shall be recorded in the minutes of the County Council meeting, and shall be available for inspection by the public. In compliance with this procedure, supporting documentation of the awards are included and will be forwarded to the County Council.

Award Document

PO 10037099 Mid Atlantic Rescue Systems, Inc.

This Purchase Order is for the purchase of APEX Long Struts, X-Drives, jacks, batteries and training through Mid Atlantic Rescue Systems, Inc.

As detailed in the Sole Source Justification signed by Chief Joseph Dixon, the APEX X-Strut system provides a pin-free design, strong lifting capacity, extended reach, and integrated features that support effective rescue operations. These units are from the same manufacturer as the department's current equipment, which has reached the end of its service life. This continuity increases operator familiarization and reduces training time on basic operation, allowing personnel to focus more quickly on advanced applications of the struts. The units are also compatible with existing accessories and components currently utilized by the rescue teams, allowing for seamless integration without the need for additional specialized fittings or retraining on new interfaces. This makes the system the most suitable choice to meet operational needs while maintaining continuity in the department's equipment ecosystem.

Award Total: \$97,526.68
Award Date: 9/11/26

PO 10038243 Omega Engineering, Inc.

This Purchase Order is for the purchase of the Omega FD-411 Ultrasonic Doppler Flowmeter required for the sewage pumping stations through Omega Engineering, Inc.

As detailed in the 902(f) Justification signed by Lauren Buckler, the County requires a flow meter that has two input signals, live data tracking and high rate of accuracy. Omega Engineering, Inc.'s Omega FD-411 Ultrasonic Doppler

Flowmeter is the only one the County has found that meets the requirement. The doppler flowmeters are needed at five pumping stations dealing with failing parts. Failure to record and report the data from the Omega FD-411 Ultrasonic Doppler flowmeter to the State of Maryland results in fines.

Award Total: \$38,231.66

Award Date: 9/11/26

SCON 10003993 EconoVue, Inc.

This Supplier Contract is for the purchase of a license to a web based Geographical Information System and Data Visualization Platform through EconoVue, Inc.

As detailed in the Sole Source Justification signed by Chris Martin, EconoVue, Inc. is a proprietary, patented, and exclusively licensed economic-analytics and employer-engagement platform that has direct access to Dun & Bradstreet's data cloud for workforce development boards with a unique information platform.

Award Total for 4 Years and 6 Months: \$179,059.20

Award Date: 9/11/26

SCON 10004089 Biddle Consulting Group, Inc.

This Supplier Contract is for the purchase of annual maintenance on the CritiCall proprietary software through Biddle Consulting Group, Inc. This software is used to screen applicants for candidates for the 911 Center's Training Academy. Biddle is the sole provider of their software, maintenance and upgrades. The software has been licensed to the County and in continual use since 2002.

As detailed in the Sole Source Justification signed by Tammy Price, Biddle software is the only one that meets the 911 Center's operational and testing requirements. Biddle's CritiCall/TestGenius software is designed specifically for public safety applicant testing.

Maintaining continuity with existing system is essential to ensure compatibility with historic testing data, preserving established operation processes and avoiding disruptions to critical eligibility and hiring assessments.

The 911 Numbers Board reimburses the County for the cost of the yearly software licenses.

Award Total for 5 Years: \$67,397.00

Award Date: 9/14/26

SCON 10004104 Agilent Technologies, Inc.

This Supplier Contract is for the purchase of on-site preventive maintenance, unlimited on-site repair visits to include parts, labor and travel through Agilent Technologies, Inc. The Bureau of Utilities' E and R Division depends on an integrated analytical system comprised of an Agilent 5977A GC/MS, and Agilent 7890B GC to perform critical EPA Method 524.2 and other regulatory VOC

analyses. These tests are essential for drinking water, wastewater, industrial user monitoring, community water systems, and landfill compliance programs.

As detailed in the Sole Source Justification signed by Lauren Buckler, to ensure uninterrupted operation, regulatory adherence, and protection of public health, the Agilent CrossLab Silver Extended Service Agreement is required. Agilent is the only manufacturer-authorized provider capable of delivering comprehensive preventive maintenance, proprietary software and firmware updates, technical support, and system-wide repair services for the GC/MS components. Without this service agreement, the laboratory risks extended downtime, sample loss due to strict 14-day holding times, missed regulatory deadlines, and potential impacts to environmental and public health compliance.

Award Total for 3 Years: \$58,662.36

Award Date: 9/14/26

cc: J. Benjamin Jr.,
T. Bostwick,
Elizabeth J. Irwin, Acting County Auditor