

**Open Work Session**

**Appointment of Deputy Director of Emergency Services**

**December 17, 2019**

Mr. Bob Culver, County Executive, and Mr. Dave Fitzgerald, Emergency Management Coordinator, came before Council. Mr. Culver said he thinks Mr. Fitzgerald is familiar with Council because everybody knows him. He then asked Mr. Fitzgerald how long he has been with the County, to which Mr. Fitzgerald responded, six years. Mr. Culver said, prior to that, he was the Director of the Humane Society, so he has been a longtime participant in Wicomico County Government, and at the fire station down in Berlin, so they feel his assets will be very well suited as Deputy Director. He said Mr. Shipley has talked about retirement within the next year, so they are trying to bring those qualified people on board who can take over, and they feel very strongly that Mr. Fitzgerald has those qualities.

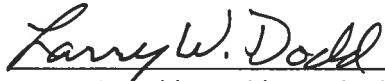
Mr. McCain asked what Mr. Fitzgerald's hometown is, to which Mr. Fitzgerald responded, Delmar. Mr. Dodd said he thought it was Pittsville for some reason, to which Mr. Fitzgerald responded, he owned a farm in Pittsville for ten years, and he was the Town Commission President for ten years.

Mrs. Hurley said Mr. Fitzgerald has a lot of training on his resume. She then asked if that is training the County provided, or if he has acquired it through his career, to which Mr. Fitzgerald responded, his career in Worcester County provided him the opportunity. He explained, his title there was Emergency Management Planner, but during his course of employment there he had much more authority when their Director was out for some period of time with some family emergencies, so most of that was acquired through Worcester County, and through his volunteer career. He said Mr. Shipley and Mr. Culver have also allowed him some learning opportunities to go to MACO and get additional learning opportunities here in Wicomico County. Mrs. Hurley said it looks like he has a lot of experience.

Mr. Dodd asked what the next step is, to which Mrs. Hurley responded, this will also come back in the form of a Resolution for Council's consideration. Mr. Dodd asked if that will be at the next meeting, to which Mrs. Hurley responded, yes, at the next meeting. There was no further discussion.

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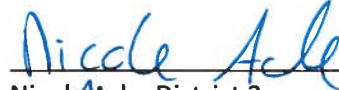
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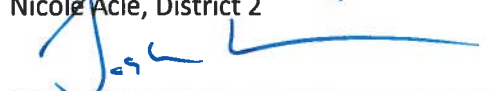
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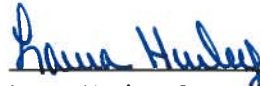
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