

**Open Work Session Minutes**  
**Letters of Support for Various State Legislative Topics**  
**January 5, 2016**

Mr. Cannon explained that there are five letters stapled together. The first letter pertains to sprinkler fire suppression systems, but is more in line of supporting local autonomy and allowing each individual jurisdiction to make those decisions instead of the State making those decisions for us. Mr. Kilmer asked if the letter should be more of a broad letter instead of just referencing a particular house bill. He said perhaps the letter should just mention local control over this type of thing. There could be different permutations during the legislative process. We could say we support local control over this, and it would be even fine to say we support other building issues. Mr. Cannon said that is a good point; we could send out two letters. Delegate Chris Adams came before Council requesting our support, and we owe him an answer one way or another. Mr. Cannon said we could certainly send out a more generic letter. The letter drafted was originally a more generic letter, and he specifically asked for it to be targeted toward Delegate Adams' bill. Mr. Cannon said for now we will work on sending a letter to Delegate Adams and then we can work on drafting the second letter. There being no further discussion, on motion of Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Kilmer, the sprinkler system support letter will be sent to Delegate Adams. Councilman Davis voted in opposition.

Mr. Cannon continued, he said the second letter is to Delegate Anderton regarding BAT technology for septic tanks. The BAT technology was issued a while ago and is rather stringent on Wicomico County as a whole, as well as other counties when talking about trying to develop a new housing industry. There being no further discussion, on motion by Mr. Dodd and seconded by Mr. Hall, the support letter on BAT septic systems technology will be sent to Delegate Anderton.

Mr. Cannon said the third letter is to Delegate Anderton regarding Arthur W. Perdue Stadium. Mr. Davis asked if the letter is for money, to which Mr. Cannon responded, yes, this is to remind them they made the commitment and we would like for them to follow through on it. There being no further discussion, on motion by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Dodd, the support letter regarding Arthur W. Perdue Stadium will be sent to Delegate Anderton.

Mr. Cannon continued, he said the next letter pertains to the return of Highway User Revenue. There being no discussion, on motion by Mr. Dodd and seconded by Mr. Hall, the support letter regarding Highway User Revenue will be sent to Delegate Anderton.

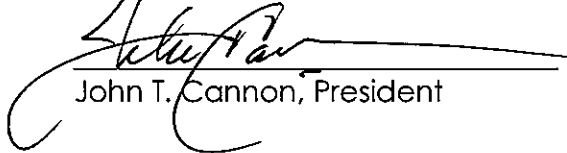
Mr. Joe Holloway asked why are the letters only being sent to Delegate Adams and Delegate Anderton, to which Mr. Cannon explained that Delegate Anderton is the Chair for the Wicomico County Delegation, and the letter to Delegate Adams is to support his house bill.

Mr. Cannon said the last letter pertains to the school funding formulas, specifically the CADE formula. He said the CADE formula has not been followed as it should be and Wor-Wic Community College has suffered because of that. This letter is requesting for them to reconsider how their formula is working, so we can see more funding for the local community college. There being no further discussion, on motion by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Dodd, the support letter regarding school funding formulas will be sent to Delegate Anderton.

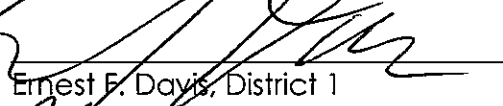
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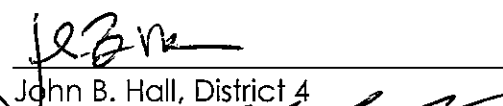
  
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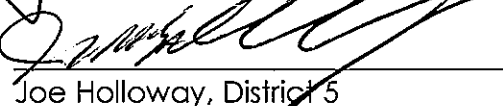
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