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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Calvert County Senators and Delegation

Re: Amending HB893/SB442 – Calvert County Bond Authority Request

Senators and Delegation:

The Board seeks bond authority in the amount of \$28,183,000; \$15M more than currently reflected in HB893 and SB442. This level of bond funding will support the projects identified within the attached and fulfill this Board's commitment to advance the replacement facility for the Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Department once they have completed their community outreach.

As has been tradition in Calvert, the Board of County Commissioners seek authority for a complete project; then only sell bonds based upon that authority to fund the progress of approved projects. This programmatic technique ensures projects that are started have the financial capacity to attain completion. Not selling bonds until the funds are required for the foreseeable 18-month future ensures that principle and interest are not paid on loans before the funds are needed. This model can create a perception of underutilized bond authority. However, this model is also a part of the network of fiscal procedures that earned the County AAA bond ratings from all three rating agencies. Thank you for your continued support of local initiatives for the benefit of our community.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Earl F. Hance

Handwritten signature of Steven R. Weems in blue ink.

Steven R. Weems, Vice President

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Kelly D. McConkey

Attachment as noted above.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CALVERT COUNTY
2022 LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS**

LEGISLATIVE REQUEST FORM

PLEASE RETURN TO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

By submitting this form, you are asking the Board of County Commissioners to support your request for State legislation.

Requesting County Commissioner or Department: Finance & Budget

Contact Person: Veronica Atkinson, Capital Projects Analyst

Extension: x2286

Describe the Need(s) or Reason(s) for Legislative Action: Finance & Budget requests bonding authority for Calvert County for capital projects starting FY 2023

Per *Section IV, Debt Limits, Calvert County Debt Policy*, the County periodically requests authorization from the General Assembly, which specifies a "not to exceed" principal amount of bonds that can be issued pursuant to that authorization.

The County has a Debt Affordability Model that it uses to determine the amount of new debt the County can afford to support. The model is driven by revenue and growth assumptions with established standards controlling the amount of new debt to be issued over the life of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The County uses the following guidelines in deciding how much additional General Obligation Debt may be issued in the six-year CIP period:

1. The ratio of General Fund Debt Service to General Fund Revenue; 9.5%;
2. The ratio of General Fund Debt to Assessed Value of Taxable Real Property; 1.8%; and
3. Other standards as may be appropriate.

Legislative Reference/Citation: (example: Annotated Code, Local Government Article, §3-301)

- Section 31, Article 31 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.
- Resolution 37-09, Calvert County, *Pertaining to the Adoption of a Debt Policy*
- Resolution 48-13, Calvert County, *Pertaining to the Amendment of the Debt Policy for Calvert County, Maryland*
- Resolution 12-19, Calvert County, *A Resolution for the Purpose of Adopting the Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets for Fiscal Year 2020 and Levying Taxes*

Please State Specific Language Requested (below or on a separate sheet, if necessary):

Request of **\$28,183,000** of Bond authority for the following projects:

Project	FY2023	Remainder of Project	Total Bonding Authority	Planned Issuance Year	Bond Terms Years
General Fund:					
Calvert Pines Senior Center Renovations	1,458,000	-	1,458,000	FY23	15 Years
Breezy Shoreline Restoration	2,250,000	-	2,250,000	FY22 - FY24	15 Years
Lower Marlboro Culvert	75,000	850,000	925,000	FY23	15 Years
Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad Fire Department	-	-	15,000,000	FY23	15 Years
Storm Drainage (Piping)	1,000,000	6,000,000	7,000,000	FY23- FY28	15 Years
Total General Fund	\$ 4,783,000	\$ 6,850,000	\$ 26,633,000		
Enterprise Funds:					
<i>Fund 2 Water & Sewer:</i>					
West Prince Frederick Storage tank	1,400,000	-	1,400,000	FY23	25 years
Total Water & Sewer - Fund 2	\$ 1,400,000	\$ -	\$ 1,400,000		
Issuance Costs	150,000	-	150,000		
TOTAL BOND AUTHORITY REQUEST	\$ 6,333,000	\$ 6,850,000	\$ 28,183,000		

Calvert Pines Senior Center Renovations – The construction includes the enclosure of the centers atrium to create additional office spaces as well as the improvement of aged building systems.

Breezy Point Shoreline Restoration – Over the year storms have eroded the shoreline of the Chesapeake Bay along the southern area of the park at Breezy Point Beach. The repairs include the stabilization of the shoreline and rebuilding of the beach.

Lower Marlboro Culvert– Twin 108” culverts under the Lower Marlboro Road near the intersection of Mill Branch and Lower Marlboro need to be replaced based on current conditions of the culverts.

Solomons Fire Department –(New Facility) Planning and Construction for a 36,000 sq./ft. +/- . This new facility will provide room for the existing and future expansion for the Fire-Rescue and EMS services.

Storm Drainage (Piping) – This project is to design and repair or replace the existing storm drainage systems around the county.

West Prince Frederick Storage Tank – Install a new 100,000 water tank at the end of Stafford Road to accommodate the recommended water flow requirements.

If you need any assistance, please contact the County Attorney’s Office at Ext. 2566 or John.Norris@CalvertCountyMD.gov.