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**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
*GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, STATE HOUSE*  
*ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND*

**April 29, 2015**  
**9:30 a.m.**

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# **PRESENT**

## **HONORABLE NANCY KOPP**

Treasurer

## **JEROME KLASMEIER**

Acting Comptroller

## **SHEILA C. MCDONALD**

Secretary, Board of Public Works

## **DAVID BRINKLEY**

Secretary, Department of Budget and Management

## **MARY JO CHILDS**

Procurement Advisor, Board of Public Works

## **MISSY HODGES**

Recording Secretary, Board of Public Works

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TREASURER KOPP: I want to welcome everybody to what will undoubtedly be the briefest meeting of the Board of Public Works at least in human memory. I'm Nancy Kopp, the State Treasurer.

I just want to take note for the record of that fact that the Governor is not here because he is in Baltimore with the Mayor overseeing the restoration of peace in the streets, in the streets of Baltimore. And, and the Comptroller is out of the country. But the Acting Comptroller Jerry Klasmeier, of whom everybody will hear more in two weeks as I understand, or three, the next meeting, is here. And we are, we are here to approve for the next year the State property tax rate.

The recommendation of the Commission on State Debt was made a couple of weeks ago and with the Legislature adjourned and we know how much General Fund is put in the State budget for debt service, and we know we will always pay our debt, we are pleased to see, and I know the Governor is quite pleased to see, that the present rate should be maintained and not increased, the present rate being 11.2 cents per hundred dollars of the full assessed value of real property other than public utilities and 28 cents per hundred dollars of the full assessed value of public utilities. And just to point out to those who are interested, the Commission on State Debt report with all the background material and the covering letter signed by Secretary Brinkley, who is here, and all the

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members of the, of the Commission, is on the Treasurer's website. And with that, Comptroller Klasmeier, would you like to move --

MR. KLASMEIER: Move for adoption.

TREASURER KOPP: The motion has been made, I second it.

All?

MR. KLASMEIER: All in favor?

TREASURER KOPP: All in favor?

MR. KLASMEIER: Aye.

TREASURER KOPP: I don't know what she's doing.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: I assume you have finished the vote?

TREASURER KOPP: No, it's not. We're still in the middle of the vote.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: This is not about that. I wanted to technically withdraw the entire Agenda.

TREASURER KOPP: Could we just finish this vote?

SECRETARY MCDONALD: That's what I was hoping to do, thank you.

TREASURER KOPP: Thank you. All those in favor?

MR. KLASMEIER: Aye.

TREASURER KOPP: Opposed?

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(No response.)

TREASURER KOPP: It's unanimous, thanks to the leadership of the Comptroller.

(Laughter.)

TREASURER KOPP: I'm sorry.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Good morning, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. We would like to withdraw the entire Board of Public Works Agenda in its entirety for April 29th. That is the Secretary's Agenda, the Transportation Agenda, and the General Services Agenda. We are resubmitting for you what you have just approved, which is the only item currently on the April 29th Agenda, Item 1 on the Secretary's Agenda. All of the other items will return to the Board at the May 13th meeting. This was all due, as you said, to the state of declaration of emergency in the State of Maryland. Thank you.

TREASURER KOPP: Thank you. And, and just to reiterate the fact that the, the Governor, who is the third member of the Board of Public Works, is not here because he is with Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake overlooking, overseeing the restoration of, of peace and tranquility in the streets of Baltimore. Mr. Secretary?

MR. BRINKLEY: I, Madam Treasurer and Mr. Comptroller, this literally was just handed to me as I walked in the door and so perhaps it will also

be taken up in two weeks I guess when there are more formalities. But I have a letter that was presented to me and I'd like to just share it with you, if I could?

TREASURER KOPP: Please do.

MR. BRINKLEY: The quote is from Arthur Ashe in the beginning of it. "True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost but urge to serve others at whatever cost." And this is written to Jerry.

Dear Jerry, I'm proud and happy to join former governors, cabinet secretaries, elected officials, and all those who love and respect you in celebrating and honoring your many years of dedicated service to the State of Maryland. Among your colleagues, coworkers and friends you will be remembered for the integrity, loyalty, professionalism, and excellence you demonstrated in your long public service on behalf of the citizens of Maryland. Personally, I thank you for your steadfast friendship, professionalism, and assistance to me and my staff, and in parentheses, and on behalf of our friend William Donald Schaefer I applaud and thank you for your patience, end paren. May your family, friends, and memories of your achievements be among your greatest blessings in retirement. Please accept my congratulations, gratitude, and best wishes for health, happiness, challenge, and reward in the years ahead. Very truly yours, Robert L. Ehrlich, Governor.

(Applause.)

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MR. KLASMEIER: Thank you, Mr. Brinkley.

TREASURER KOPP: And I, I would point out that this is, this is obviously a series of victory laps. There was a very nice mention, celebration at the last Board meeting, and then the Governor was kind enough to host a, what I, it was a lovely luncheon.

MR. KLASMEIER: Yes, ma'am.

TREASURER KOPP: And this very fine letter of, of recognition and appreciation. And then we'll be back again at the next meeting. So Jerry, I don't know how long you can keep going, but it's a pleasure to have it. Would you like to --

MR. KLASMEIER: I just wish I was as good as people think I am, that's all I can say.

(Laughter.)

MR. KLASMEIER: But thank you all.

TREASURER KOPP: Well let me just say, I, I don't want to jump the gun. But I've been working with Jerry since 1974 and, yes, and have learned a great deal, and I really do know how much he can do. So I am looking forward to the next meeting as well as all the others.

MR. KLASMEIER: Thank you, Madam Treasurer. Thank you.

TREASURER KOPP: If there's no other, no other items, and there are not, to come before the Board today, is there a motion to adjourn?

MR. KLASMEIER: So moved.

TREASURER KOPP: Second. All in favor?

MR. KLASMEIER: Say aye.

TREASURER KOPP: Leadership again.

(Whereupon, at 9:36 p.m., the meeting was concluded.)