

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

2023 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No. : October 10, 2023

Bill No.: 1549

Expiration Date: December 14, 2023

Introduced by: Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, Mr. Stepp

AN EMERGENCY BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1244 AND 1479 FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF WORK OF THE CAPITAL PROJECT TO REPLACE THE ROOF OF THE SOUTH WING OF THE TALBOT COUNTY COURTHOUSE TO ALSO INCLUDE REPLACING THE ROOF OF THE NORTH WING OF THE TALBOT COUNTY COURTHOUSE WITHOUT INCREASING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE APPROPRIATION THEREFOR

By the Council: October 10, 2023

Introduced, read the first time, and ordered posted, with Public Hearing scheduled on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

By Order: _____


Secretary

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WHEREAS, pursuant to § 620 of the Charter of Talbot County (the “Charter”), no obligations of Talbot County, Maryland (the “County”) may be authorized in any fiscal year for or on account of any capital project not included in the County budget as finally enacted for that year; but upon receipt of a recommendation in writing from the County Manager, the County Council of Talbot County (the “County Council”) may, after public hearing and with the affirmative vote of four-fifths of the entire County Council, amend the County budget in accordance with the recommendation without increasing the total amount of the appropriation therefor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 213(b) of the Charter, the County Council is authorized to introduce and pass emergency bills affecting public health, safety, or welfare, provided that such bills shall be plainly designated as emergency bills and contain, after the enacting clause, a declaration stating that an emergency exists and describing the claimed emergency in clear and specific terms; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 213(d) of the Charter, an emergency bill may only be passed by an affirmative vote of at least four-fifths of the County Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 214 of the Charter, an emergency bill shall take effect on the date of its passage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND that:

SECTION ONE: The County Council has determined that an emergency exists due to the identification of leaks and deteriorated condition of the slate roof of the North Wing of the Talbot County Courthouse (the “North Wing”), making it hazardous to repair and causing further damage to the roof and building. The repairs need to commence as soon as possible to prevent damage to the structure of the North Wing and eliminate the hazard presented by the brittle roof slates. The Director of Facilities Maintenance has requested the County Council take prompt action to extend the scope of the roof replacement of the South Wing of the Talbot County Courthouse (the “South Wing”) to also include replacement of the roof on the North Wing. Delaying the completion of the repairs an additional sixty (60) days would jeopardize the condition of the infrastructure and lead to further deterioration of the slates, extending and increasing the hazard they present, as colder temperatures and weather conditions of winter approach.

SECTION TWO: Pursuant to Bill Nos. 1244 and 1479, the County Council authorized the expenditure of up to \$595,000 in funding from the Capital Projects Fund for

the replacement of the slate roof on the South Wing. Such work is nearly complete, and the contractor engaged by the County is able to also replace the slate roof on the North Wing without exceeding the authorized expenditure of \$595,000.

SECTION THREE: The replacement of the slate roof on the North Wing is hereby authorized as a capital project. The scope of work includes, but is not limited to, removal and replacement of all, or sections of, the slate roofing system at the North Wing. Approval of this capital project includes authorization to expend funds, not to exceed the total amount of the appropriation, for all incidental and customary costs and charges associated with and reasonably necessary for design, engineering, construction and completion of the project.

SECTION FOUR: The County Council is hereby authorized to expend up to \$595,000 in funding from the Capital Projects Fund for this project, such amount consisting of the amount authorized under Bill No. 1479. No new expenditures are authorized hereunder.

SECTION FIVE: The level of funding in the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 will remain unchanged, as follows:

	<u>Existing Appropriation</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Amended Appropriation</u>
CAPITAL PROJECTS			
Roof Replacement at the Talbot County Courthouse South Wing & North Wing	\$595,000	\$0	\$595,000
TOTAL	\$595,000	\$0	\$595,000
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
Local Funds	\$595,000	\$0	\$595,000
TOTAL	\$595,000		\$595,000

SECTION SIX: This Bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and Notice of time, date, and place of hearing, and Title of Bill No. 1549 having been published, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

ENACTED: November 14, 2023

By Order *Susan W. Moran*
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

Callahan	-	Aye
Stepp	-	Aye
Leshar	-	Aye
Mielke	-	Aye
Haythe	-	Aye

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 14, 2023