

**A Public Hearing
will be held on Bill 22-2
Tuesday, April 5, 2022
at 10:30 A.M.**

in the
County Commissioners Meeting Room
Room 1101 - Government Center
One West Market Street
Snow Hill, Maryland 21863

This is only a fair summary of the bill. A full copy of the bill is posted on the Legislative Bulletin Board in the main hall of the Worcester County Government Center outside Room 1103, is available for public inspection in Room 1103 of the Worcester County Government Center. A full copy of the bill is also available on the County Website at www.co.worcester.md.us

THE WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**Notice of Introduction of Bill 22-2
Worcester County Commissioners**

Take Notice that Bill 22-2 entitled AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND TO BORROW ON ITS FULL FAITH AND CREDIT, AND TO ISSUE AND SELL ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS THEREFOR, AT ONE TIME OR FROM TIME TO TIME, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$33,590,000, TO PROVIDE FINANCING TO REFUND IN WHOLE OR IN PART THE THEN-OUTSTANDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS, 2014 SERIES, INCLUDING PAYMENT OF RELATED COSTS AND COSTS OF ISSUANCE OF SUCH REFUNDING BONDS was introduced by Commissioners Bertino, Bunting, Church, Elder, Mitrecic, Nordstrom, and Purnell on February 15th, 2022.

A fair summary of the bill is as follows:

APPENDIX “WW”

BOND AUTHORIZATION FOR REFUNDING IN WHOLE OR IN PART THE THEN-
OUTSTANDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND
CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS, 2014 SERIES

§ 1. Financing a portion of the cost of refunding in whole or in part the then-outstanding County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland Consolidated Public Improvement Bonds, 2014 Series.

(a) Recitals

(1) Pursuant to Sections 19-501 to 19-510, inclusive, of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as replaced, supplemented or amended (the “Act”), County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland (the “County”) may borrow money for any public purpose and may evidence the borrowing by the issuance and sale of its general obligation bonds.

(2) Pursuant to Section 19-207 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as replaced, supplemented or amended (the “Refunding Act”), the County may borrow money to refund its outstanding bonds.

(3) Pursuant to the Act, the Refunding Act, Section 11-401 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as replaced, supplemented or amended, Sections 9-601 to 9-699, inclusive, of the Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as replaced, supplemented or amended, Section 19-101 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as replaced, supplemented or amended, Section PW-5-204 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland, Appendix II (Bill No. 13-4) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland, a Resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Worcester County (the “Board”) on March 4, 2014, as supplemented by Supplemental Resolutions adopted by the Board on March 11, 2014 and March 18, 2014, the County, on April 3, 2014, issued its County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland Consolidated Public Improvement Bonds, 2014 Series in the aggregate principal amount of \$48,300,000 (the “2014 Bonds”).

(4) The Board has determined to authorize the County to borrow \$33,590,000 by the issuance of bonds, and to apply the proceeds of the Bonds to finance the cost of refunding in whole or in part the then-outstanding 2014 Bonds.

- (b) The Board, acting pursuant to the Act and the Refunding Act, hereby determines and declares that:
- (1) The Board recognizes that between now and the date of final maturity of the 2014 Bonds, the County may have an opportunity or a need to refund in whole or in part the then-outstanding 2014 Bonds and to thereby achieve one or more purposes of the Refunding Act.
 - (2) The 2014 Bonds are outstanding in the approximate aggregate principal amount of \$25,835,000. The Board has determined to authorize the issuance of the Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding 130% of the currently outstanding aggregate principal amount of the 2014 Bonds.
 - (3) The funds proposed to be borrowed to finance the cost of refunding the then-outstanding 2014 Bonds can be provided at the lowest annual interest cost and costs of issuance by the issuance of general obligation bonds by the County.
 - (4) Use of the proceeds of the Bonds by the County to finance the cost of refunding the then-outstanding 2014 Bonds is a proper public purpose financed by the issuance of the Bonds pursuant to the Act and the Refunding Act.
- (c) Authorizes the County to borrow up to \$33,590,000 by issuance of bonds.
- (d) Provides that the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds shall be applied for the public purpose of financing the cost of refunding in whole or in part the then-outstanding 2014 Bonds.
- (e) Provides that the County shall levy annual property taxes sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds due each year.
- (f) Provides that prior to the issuance and sale of any of the Bonds, the County shall adopt one or more resolutions in accordance with Section 19-504 of the Act, which resolution shall describe the amount, purpose, and form of the bonds and other matters relating to the issuance of the bonds.
- (g) Provides that the bonds shall constitute a pledge of the full faith and credit of the county.
- (h) Provides the bonds may be sold either at private sale or at public sale as determined by the County Commissioners.
- (i) Provides the bonds and shall be exempt from certain provisions of Sections 19-205 and 19-206 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.
- (j) Provides the County may enter into agreements to enhance the marketability of the bonds.
- (k) Provides the signature of any officer whose signature appears on any Bond is still valid even if that officer ceases to be such officer before delivery.
- (l) Provides that upon deliver of the bonds to the purchaser, payment shall be made to the Finance Officer of the County
- (m) Authorizes the issuance of interim certificates or temporary bonds
- (n) Provides that the authorities set forth in this law are supplemental to existing authorities.
- (o) The County shall seek funds for repayment of the Bonds through such grant sources as the Board may, from time to time, deem desirable and appropriate.
- (p) Provides severability provisions.