**Dorchester County Council Meeting June 3, 2025, Notes – Submitted by Sharon Smith, CAN**

Present: George Pfeffer (via telephone), President; Mike Detmer, Vice President; Rob Kramer, Jr; William Nichols; Ricky Travers; Jerry Jones, County Manager; Irene Barnes, Administrative Specialist; Charles MacLeod, Attorney

In the physical absence of the Council President the meeting was conducted by the Vice President, Mike Detmer.

The **Open Session** was conducted from 6:00pm until 6:35pm.

The **Consent Agenda**, composed of eleven items, passed without discussion.

Presentation – “Long Lanes” Broadband Expansion Update was presented by a Finance Department member. This is a program to fund the installation of broadband fiber network to homes far removed from densely populated areas. It is funded by the State ($2.4M) and the broadband companies. 299 addresses were approved, and most will be served by Choptank Fiber, a few by Bay County. Completion is targeted for December 31, 2025.

**Legislative Session** –

 Bill 2025-6 To convey a portion of Farm Creek Road and county boat ramp in exchange for an adjacent tract, discussed in earlier county council meetings. Moved and unanimously approved.

 Bill 2025-7 Amendment to clarify the language of the county code regarding the tax credit for shoreline erosion control structures. Moved and unanimously approved.

**Action Items** –

 Bid award for closing one cell of the Beulah Landfill, $6M.

 Lease renewal requests from SDAT and VA for office space in the county office building. County manager directed to research raising their rents.